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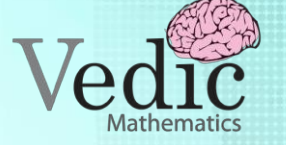
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## Today in History on 10 SEP

### ➤ 2002- European country Switzerland became a member of the United Nations.

On 10 September 2002, Switzerland became a member of the United Nations (UN), a significant step after its long history of neutrality. The decision was taken after a public referendum in which voters supported UN membership by a narrow majority. Switzerland was the first country in the world to hold a referendum to become a member of the UN and it was an important opportunity for the country to play an active role in international relations.

admission into the League under agreements that came into effect on 14 September 1926. The condition for Germany to join the League of Nations was that the Locarno Treaties must first be completed. These treaties ensured peace between Germany and France, which allowed Germany to enter the League of Nations.



### ➤ 1974- African country Guinea gained independence from Portugal.

In 1974, Guinea-Bissau, an African colony of the Portuguese Republic, gained its independence from Portugal, which was formally acknowledged on September 10, 1974. This was a significant event for Portugal, leading to the Carnation Revolution on April 25, 1974, and the end of Europe's longest dictatorship, after which Portugal granted independence to all its colonies in Africa.



### ➤ 1926- Germany joins the League of Nations.

In 1926, Germany joined the League of Nations. This happened under the Weimar Republic of Germany and the way was paved by the Locarno Conferences of October 1925, which resulted in Germany's





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### ➤ 1966- Parliament approves the creation of Punjab and Haryana.

The Punjab Reorganisation Act was passed by the Indian Parliament in September 1966, separating some territory from the state of Punjab, most of which formed the new state of Haryana. Chandigarh was established as a union territory of India on 1 November 1966. It is the joint capital of the states of Punjab and Haryana. Chandigarh was created following the reorganisation of Punjab, which split the state into Punjab and Haryana.



### ➤ 1847- The first theater opened in Hawaii.

In 1847, Thespian, Honolulu's first dedicated theater, opened on King and Maunakea Streets,

marking the beginning of Hawaii's theatrical history, which continued with the opening of the Royal Hawaiian in 1848. These early venues, and others like them, were part of a rich theatrical tradition in Hawaii that dates back to the mid-nineteenth century.



## Important NEWS on 10 SEP

### ➤ India's Coal Imports Fall 16.4% in July Amid Low Demand

India's coal imports fell sharply by 16.4% in July 2025, totaling 21.08 million tonnes (MT), compared to 25.23 MT in the same month last year. The drop is attributed to sluggish demand during the monsoon season and ample domestic stock levels, according to data released by mjunction services, a joint venture between Tata Steel and SAIL. This decline is part of a broader trend, with total coal imports for the April-July period of the fiscal year also showing a decrease, underscoring shifting dynamics in India's energy supply chain.





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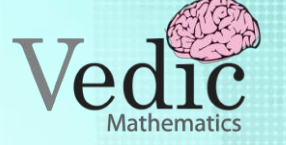
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### ➤ India Unveils \$125 Billion Plan for High-Speed Road Network

In one of its most ambitious infrastructure plans to date, India will invest ₹11 lakh crore (\$125 billion) to expand its high-speed road network fivefold by 2033. The project, spearheaded by the Ministry for Road Transport and Highways, aims to build 17,000 km of access-controlled expressways, slashing logistics costs and enhancing economic connectivity across the country.



### ➤ David Lammy Appointed UK Deputy Prime Minister

On September 2025, British Foreign Secretary David Lammy was appointed Deputy Prime Minister,

Justice Secretary, and Lord Chancellor, following the sudden resignation of Angela Rayner amid a tax scandal. Rayner's exit triggered a dramatic government overhaul led by Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, marking a pivotal moment in UK politics.



### ➤ Japan PM Shigeru Ishiba Resigns After Election Defeat

In a significant political development, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba announced his resignation on September, 2025, just weeks after his party's historic electoral defeat in the July polls. Ishiba's departure as President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) comes less than a year after he took office, plunging Japan into a phase of renewed political uncertainty.





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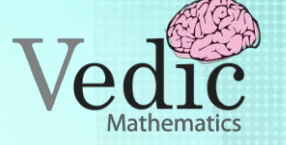
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### ➤ Bhupender Gupta Appointed CMD of NHPC Amid Green Push

In a pivotal leadership move in India's energy sector, Bhupender Gupta has been appointed the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NHPC Limited, one of India's top hydropower PSUs. Approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), his appointment signifies a strategic step toward bolstering NHPC's expansion into clean and renewable energy. This change in leadership comes at a time when India is accelerating its transition towards sustainable power generation, making this development especially important for current affairs aspirants.



not only added a fourth Grand Slam title to her name but also marked a turning point in a year filled with close calls and emotional challenges.



### ➤ Tamil Nadu in NIRF 2025

Tamil Nadu at the forefront with the highest number of colleges in the Top 100. 17 institutions among the top 100 in the overall category. 33 colleges ranked among the top 100 in the college category. 10 among the top 50 in the State Public University category.



### ➤ Sabalenka Clinches Back-to-Back US Open Titles in 2025

In a powerful and emotionally charged performance, Aryna Sabalenka made tennis history by defending her title at the 2025 US Open, becoming the first woman since Serena Williams to achieve this feat. Her straight-sets victory over Amanda Anisimova

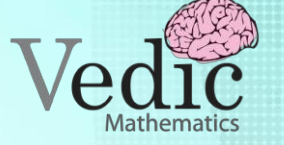
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#### Current affairs MCQS on 10 SEP

Q.1. As per the strategy released recently by NITI Aayog, India aims to double the pulses production by which year?

- a) 2030
- b) 2047
- c) 2035
- d) 2050

Answer: b) 2047

To lead India towards self-sufficiency in agriculture, NITI Aayog has released a comprehensive strategy for pulses. The report aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses by 2030 and double the production by 2047. This roadmap integrates technological, ecological and socio-economic interventions to make the pulses sector a pillar of India's food and nutrition security.

Q.2. Recently, three advanced material technologies developed by which laboratory of DRDO were transferred to industry partners?

- a) Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), Hyderabad
- b) Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru
- c) Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune
- d) Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS), Bengaluru

Answer: a) Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), Hyderabad

To strengthen India's self-reliance in defence production, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has transferred three of its advanced material technologies to industry partners. These technologies have been developed by the Hyderabad-based Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL) and will be used in missile systems, defence-grade steel production and naval shipbuilding.

Q.3. Recently, Justice Shri Chandrasekhar took oath as the Chief Justice of which High Court?

- a) Madras High Court
- b) Allahabad High Court
- c) Bombay High Court
- d) Calcutta High Court

Answer: c) Bombay High Court

Justice Mr Chandrasekhar was formally sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan administered the oath to him at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. The appointment marks a significant





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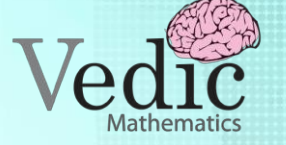
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change in the judiciary of one of India's most prominent High Courts.

**Q.4. Recently V.O. Who inaugurated the Green Hydrogen Pilot Project in Tuticorin Port on the birth anniversary of Chidambaranar?**

- a) Sarbananda Sonowal
- b) Bhupendra Yadav
- c) R. Of. Singh/R. K Singh
- d) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer:a) Sarbananda Sonowal**

On the occasion of freedom fighter V.O. Chidambaranar's birth anniversary, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a landmark green hydrogen pilot project and laid the foundation stone for several infrastructure projects at V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. The move is a significant milestone towards India's green maritime future and port-led economic growth.

**Q.5. Recently Singapore formally supported which plan, which India is going to implement in the Strait of Malacca?**

- a) Indo-Pacific Economic Framework
- b) Maritime Data Sharing Initiative
- c) Patrol Plan
- d) Joint Naval Exercise

**Answer:c) Patrol Plan**

Strategic cooperation between India and Singapore has taken a new direction. During the meeting between Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, Singapore formally supported India's plan to patrol the Strait of Malacca. This move is being seen as important towards deepening partnership and ensuring maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

**Q.6. How many old laws have been repealed under the new Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, recently implemented by the Government of India?**

- a) Three
- b) Four
- c) Five
- d) Two

**Answer:b) Four**

Four old laws have been repealed under the new Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 of the Government of India. These laws are: Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920; Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939; Foreigners Act, 1946; and Immigration (Carriers Liability) Act, 2000. These four old and obsolete laws have been abolished under the new Act.

**Q.7. Recently, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) of the Government of India has recommended to count whom separately for the first time in the upcoming census in 2025?**

- a) Scheduled Castes (SCs)
- b) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)
- c) Other Backward Classes (OBCs)
- d) Religious Minorities

**Answer:b) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) had last month written to the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (RGI), urging that 'Very Vulnerable Tribal Groups' (PVTGs) be counted separately in the upcoming census.

**Q.8. Recently, the Japanese company ATL has started the first phase of Asia's largest lithium-ion battery manufacturing unit in which state?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Gujarat
- d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer:a) Haryana**

Japanese company ATL has launched the first phase of Asia's largest lithium-ion battery manufacturing unit at Industrial Model Township (IMT) in Haryana's Nuh district. The prestigious project was inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.





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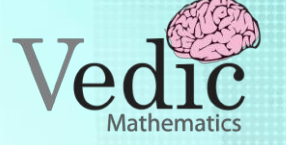
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Set up with an investment of about Rs 3,000 crore, the plant has the potential to establish Haryana as a leading player on the global map of clean energy and electronics manufacturing.

**Q.9. Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar recently inaugurated which conference, which aims to highlight the manuscript traditions and mathematical contributions of South Asia?**

- a) BHASHA Summit
- b) SANSKRITI Summit
- c) SAMHITA Conference
- d) VEDANG Conference

**Answer:c) SAMHITA Conference**

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the SAMHITA Conference in New Delhi, which aims to highlight the manuscript traditions and mathematical contributions of South Asia on the global stage. This conference is not only an effort to honour Indian knowledge traditions but also an important step towards strengthening India's intellectual self-reliance on the global stage.

**Q. 10. According to the recently released SRS (Sample Registration Survey) 2023 report, what is the total fertility rate (TFR) of India?**

- a) 1.9
- b) 2.0
- c) 2.1
- d) 2.8

**Answer:a) 1.9**

According to the Sample Registration Survey 2023, India's total fertility rate (TFR) is expected to decline from 2.0 in 2021-22 to 1.9 in 2023. Bihar recorded the highest TFR of 2.8 and Delhi the lowest at 1.2. 18 states and union territories have TFR below the replacement level of 2.1. These figures are released by the Registrar General of India.

**Q.11. The satellite Ofek-19, recently launched successfully by Israel, is equipped with which technology?**

- a) Optical Imaging Technology

b) Infrared Scanning Technology

c) Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Technology

d) Thermal Mapping Technology

**Answer:c) Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) Technology**

Israel's recently launched satellite, Ofek-19, is equipped with synthetic aperture radar (SAR) technology. This advanced technology gives the satellite the ability to conduct surveillance at all times in all weather conditions, whether it is cloudy or in complete darkness.

**Q. 12. What was the main theme of the 27th Saras Ajeevika Mela held recently in New Delhi?**

- a) "Creating Lakhpati Didi: Making Rural Women Successful Entrepreneurs and Pioneers of Vocal for Local"
- b) "Reliance and Innovation of Rural India"
- c) "Sustainable Development and Women Leadership"
- d) "Crafts and Loom Based Self-Reliance"

**Answer:a) "Creating Lakhpati Didi: Making Rural Women Successful Entrepreneurs and Pioneers of Vocal for Local"**

The 27th Saras Ajeevika Mela began in New Delhi. The fair provides an important platform to rural women to showcase and sell their products. More than 400 rural women associated with self-help groups from all states and union territories of the country will participate in the fair. The theme of the fair this year is 'Nirman Lakhpati Didi - Empowering rural women to become successful entrepreneurs and champions of Vocal for Local'. For the first time, the fair will be led entirely by Lakhpati Didis. The Saras Mela will go on till September 22.

**Q.13. Recently, which state has declared itself to be the most literate state of the country by achieving 99.02% literacy rate?**

- a) Mizoram
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Tripura
- d) Lakshadweep





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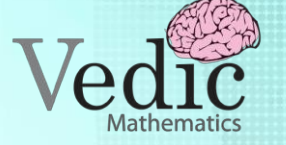
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#### Answer:b) Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh was declared a "fully literate state". Before Himachal Pradesh, only three other states, Tripura, Mizoram and Goa, and one union territory, Ladakh, were declared fully literate states. Announcing the achievement, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said, "The literacy rate of the state has reached 99.30 per cent, which is much higher than the national standard of 95 per cent. From a minimum literacy rate of about seven per cent to becoming a fully literate state, the journey has been full of challenges. Nevertheless, the state has steadily moved ahead with the goal of providing quality education."

**Q.14. Which institute discovered that the protein p47 acts as a "mechanical chaperone", enhancing the stability of proteins under mechanical stress?**

- a) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- b) S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata
- c) National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune
- d) Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad

#### Answer:b) S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS), Kolkata

Researchers at the S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS) have discovered a new role of the protein p47 as a "mechanical chaperone". P47 is a cofactor protein known to assist p97 in protein traffic, disintegration and membrane fusion. The study showed that p47 enhances the mechanical efficiency of protein extraction from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) to the cytoplasm.

**Q.15. Acanthamoeba, which has recently emerged as a public health concern in Kerala, is what type of organism?**

- a) Free-living amoeba
- b) Bacteria
- c) Virus
- d) Fungi

#### Answer:a) Free-living amoeba

Acanthamoeba, a free-living amoeba, has now become a public health concern in Kerala, causing eye (keratitis) and brain infections (amoebic meningoencephalitis). Acanthamoeba is a free-living amoeba found in water, soil, dust, swimming pools, hot tubs and drinking water systems. It may also be present in humidifiers and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. It causes infections in the brain, skin, eyes and sinuses. It enters the body through cuts, wounds, inhalation or use of contact lenses.

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