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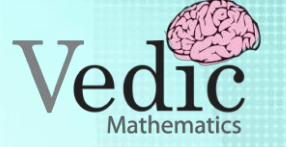
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Today in History on 19 SEP

➤ 1755: Military treaty between Britain and Russia.

In the year 1755, a military treaty was signed between Britain and Russia. Treaty of Saint Petersburg (1755), Great Britain promises subsidies to the Russian Empire on the eve of the Seven Years' War. Treaty of Saint Petersburg (1762), ends the Seven Years' War between Prussia and Russia after the accession of Tsar Peter III.

and fanaticism were not there, human society would have been far more advanced. In the same speech, he further said, communalism, fanaticism and its terrible descendant dogmatism have been holding the earth in their grip for a long time. They have filled the earth with violence.



➤ 1957: The United States conducted its first underground nuclear test in the Nevada desert.

In the year 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test in the Nevada desert. Known as Rainier, Rainier is a reservation of the United States Department of Energy located in the southeastern part of Nye County, Nevada, about 65 miles (105 km) northwest of the city of Las Vegas.



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➤ 1982: Scott Fahlman became the first person to use online messaging.

In the year 1982, Scott Fahlman became the first person to use online messaging. The historic day was September 19, 1982. "We had local email and we had the possibility to email some other universities over a primitive network," Scott explained. "But it was just text, using only the American English alphabet, so we didn't have much to work with."



Important NEWS on 19 SEP

➤ Amit Shah Inaugurates India's Largest Sports Complex in Ahmedabad

On September 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's largest and most technologically advanced sports complex at Naranpura in Ahmedabad. The inauguration marks a milestone in India's journey toward becoming a global sporting powerhouse, aligning with the government's vision of making India a top sports nation by 2047.



➤ 2006: Military coup in Thailand, General Surayud becomes Prime Minister.

Military coup in Thailand in the year 2006, General Surayud becomes Prime Minister. The 2006 Thai coup occurred on 19 September 2006, when the Royal Thai Army staged a coup against the elected caretaker government of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. The coup, which was Thailand's first non-constitutional change of government in fifteen years since the 1991 Thai coup



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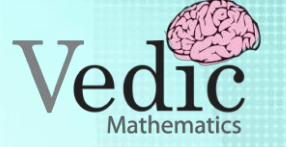
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➤ Aadhaar Users Get Priority in IRCTC Booking from Oct 1

Beginning October 1, 2025, Indian Railways will implement a major change in its online ticket booking system. The first 15 minutes of general reserved ticket booking on the IRCTC website and mobile app will be exclusively open to Aadhaar-authenticated user IDs. This step aims to curb ticket fraud and block the activities of touts who exploit the online system by using fake user IDs to hoard tickets, especially during high-demand windows.



➤ Carlos Felipe Jaramillo Appointed World Bank VP for EAP

On September 2025, the World Bank Group appointed Carlos Felipe Jaramillo as Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region. The appointment marks a significant shift in the Bank's regional operations, with Singapore now designated as the regional hub—reflecting the institution's broader decentralization strategy to improve client services and on-the-ground support.



➤ US, South Korea, Japan Launch Freedom Edge Military Exercise

On September, 2025, the United States, South Korea, and Japan kicked off their joint air and naval exercise "Freedom Edge" near South Korea's Jeju Island. The large-scale drill is aimed at boosting trilateral defense cooperation against North Korea's advancing nuclear and missile threats. While the allies emphasize deterrence, Pyongyang has denounced the move as a provocation.



➤ Giri and Vaishali Win 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss Titles

At the 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss and Women's Grand Swiss, held on September 2025 in Samarkand,





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Uzbekistan, GM Anish Giri and GM Vaishali Rameshbabu emerged as champions. Their victories not only brought them trophies and top prize money but also qualification to the prestigious 2026 Candidates Tournaments, which determine the next challengers for the World Chess Championship.



➤ Cashew Board - Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu government has constituted a Cashew Board with its headquarters in Cuddalore. The board has been set up to protect the welfare of producers and workers and to boost cashew production and exports. Tamil Nadu ranks fifth in cashew production in India and is the second-largest exporter of cashew nuts. The crop is cultivated on 2.09 lakh acres in the state, and 43,460 metric tonnes of cashew nuts have been produced this year.



➤ Samuel Umtiti Retires from Football at Age 31

On September 2025, Samuel Umtiti, the 2018 FIFA World Cup-winning French defender, officially announced his retirement from professional football at the age of 31. Once regarded as one of the finest centre-backs in Europe, Umtiti's career was tragically derailed by chronic knee injuries that restricted his playing time and eventually forced an early exit from the sport.





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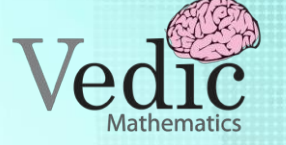
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Current affairs MCQS on 19 SEP

Q.1. What is the name of the second anti-submarine warfare ship (ASW Shallow Water Craft) recently handed over to the Indian Navy?

- (a) Arnala
- (b) Lakshadweep
- (c) Androth
- (d) Kavaratti

Answer: (c) Androth

The Indian Navy has received its second anti-submarine warfare (ASW) warship, "Androth." Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited, a defense public sector undertaking, has handed over the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) warship "Androth" to the Indian Navy. The acquisition of the anti-submarine warfare (ASW) warship "Androth" will significantly enhance the Navy's capabilities.

Q.2. Where will India host the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in 2027?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Kochi

Answer: (a) Chennai

India will host the fifth Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in Chennai in 2027, further strengthening its leading role in international maritime cooperation. The announcement in this regard was made during the fourth CGGS held in Rome, Italy, where representatives from 115 countries and international organizations unanimously supported India's proposal. The 2027 summit will coincide with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), making the event of both national importance and global relevance.

Q.3. What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation on a year-on-year basis in August 2025?

- (a) -0.58%
- (b) 0.52%





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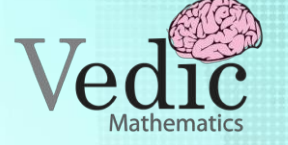
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(c) 0.30%

(d) 2.07%

Answer:(b) 0.52%

India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation turned positive at 0.52% in August 2025, a significant improvement from -0.58% recorded in the same month last year (August 2024). According to commerce ministry data, the increase was mainly due to higher prices of food products, mineral oils, crude petroleum, natural gas and manufactured metals.

Q.4. Under which program is the agricultural roadmap for the 2025-26 Rabi crop season in India being finalized?

- (a) National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Abhiyan 2025
- (b) Vikasit Bharat Abhiyan 2025
- (c) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- (d) Green Revolution Mission

Answer:(a) National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Abhiyan 2025

India's agriculture roadmap for the upcoming Rabi crop season (2025-26) is being formulated at the National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Abhiyaan 2025. The conference began in New Delhi. The two-day event is being chaired by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The program is part of the Vikassheel Krishi Sankalp Abhiyaan (Phase-2), which aims to modernize Indian agriculture through technology, policy reforms, and farmer-centric strategies.

Q.5. India recently defeated which country 3-1 in the Davis Cup 2025 World Group I tie to qualify for the 2026 qualifiers?

- (a) France
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Germany
- (d) Spain

Answer:(b) Switzerland

India scripted a remarkable chapter in its tennis history by defeating ninth-seeded Switzerland 3-1 in

a Davis Cup 2025 World Group I tie at the Swiss Tennis Arena in Biel. The victory not only secured India a place in the 2026 Davis Cup Qualifiers but also ended a 32-year wait for a win on foreign soil against a European nation.

Q.6. Which two sites were recently added to the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites?

- (a) Tirumala Hills and Erra Matti Dibbalu
- (b) Mahabalipuram and Elephanta Caves
- (c) Konark Sun Temple and Ajanta Caves
- (d) Sanchi Stupa and Hampi Group of Monuments

Answer:(a) Tirumala Hills and Erra Matti Dibbalu

UNESCO recently added seven natural and cultural heritage sites from India to its tentative list, including the Erra Matti Dibbalu (Red Sand Dunes) and the Tirumala Hills in Andhra Pradesh. This inclusion is the first step towards their recognition as World Heritage Sites.

Q.7. Who recently inaugurated the fifth All India Official Language Conference held in Gandhinagar on Hindi Diwas 2025?

- (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- (b) President Draupadi Murmu
- (c) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- (d) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer:(c) Union Home Minister Amit Shah

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the fifth All India Official Language Conference at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Addressing over 7,000 officials from various central government departments, he stressed the need to respect mother tongues and promote Hindi as a flexible and evolving national language. The event highlighted new initiatives towards linguistic coexistence and innovation in language policy.

Q.8. Which special portal has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently launched to raise public





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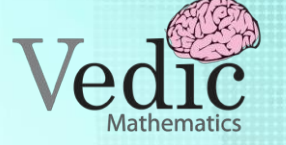
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awareness on the design and security features of banknotes?

- (a) indiancurrency.rbi.org.in
- (b) digitalnotes.rbi.org.in
- (c) securecurrency.rbi.org.in
- (d) rbicurrencyinfo.org

Answer:(a) indiancurrency.rbi.org.in

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a dedicated microsite on Indian banknotes, aimed at increasing public awareness about the design and security features of the notes. The portal, available at indiancurrency.rbi.org.in, is a one-stop destination for all credible information related to banknotes.

Q.9. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth approximately ₹36,000 crore in Bihar. Which of these major projects has been launched at a cost of ₹2,680 crore?

- (a) Bhagalpur Thermal Power Plant
- (b) Vikramshila-Kataria Ganga Bridge Rail Line
- (c) Kosi-Mechi River Linking Project
- (d) National Makhana Board Scheme

Answer:(c) Kosi-Mechi River Linking Project

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched several development projects worth approximately ₹36,000 crore in Purnia district, Bihar. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed terminal building at Purnia Airport, which will increase passenger capacity in the region. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the first phase of the Kosi-Mechi interstate river link project, costing over ₹2,680 crore.

Q.10. Who has been selected as the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2025?

- (a) Orla Prendergast (Ireland)
- (b) Iris Zwilling (Netherlands)
- (c) Muneeba Ali (Pakistan)
- (d) Sophie Devine (New Zealand)

Answer:(a) Orla Prendergast (Ireland)

Ireland's rising cricket star Orla Prendergast has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month

for August 2025. The 23-year-old all-rounder performed brilliantly in T20 Internationals, particularly against Pakistan, and helped Ireland to a major series win. Both her batting and bowling were impressive, earning her international recognition and further increasing the popularity of women's cricket.

Q.11. Who was recently sworn in as the 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court?

- (a) Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar
- (b) Justice Kempaiah Somashekar
- (c) Justice M. Sundar
- (d) Justice M.V. Muralidharan

Answer:(c) Justice M. Sundar

Justice M. Sundar was sworn in as the tenth Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, a statement issued by the Raj Bhavan said. Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath of office to Justice Sundar at a ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan. Justice Sundar was appointed Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court following the retirement of Justice Kempaiah Somashekar.

Q.12. The recent "Freedom Edge" military exercise was held between which countries?

- (a) USA, India, and Australia
- (b) Japan, Australia, and South Korea
- (c) USA, South Korea, and Japan
- (d) USA, Philippines, and Japan

Answer:(c) USA, South Korea, and Japan

The United States, South Korea, and Japan began their joint air and naval exercise "Freedom Edge" near South Korea's Jeju Island. The large-scale military drills are aimed at strengthening trilateral defense cooperation against North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threats. The three countries are calling it a deterrent, while Pyongyang has denounced it as a provocation.

Q.13. Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2025?

- (a) Mohammed Siraj (India)





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- (b) Matt Henry (New Zealand)
(c) Jayden Seales (West Indies)
(d) James Anderson (England)

Answer:(a) Mohammed Siraj (India)

Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2025 for his match-winning performance in the final Test against England at The Oval, which helped India level the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series 2-2.

Q.14. Which player won India's first gold medal at the 2025 Speed Skating World Championships?

- (a) Krish Sharma
(b) Rinku Singh
(c) Anandkumar Velkumar
(d) Varun Kumar

Answer:(c) Anandkumar Velkumar

India achieved a historic feat at the 2025 Speed Skating World Championships (Beidaihe, China), where two Indian athletes—Anandkumar Velkumar and Krish Sharma—won gold medals in their respective categories. This is the first time India has won a title at the Speed Skating World Championships, a sport traditionally dominated by countries like South Korea, Colombia, and Italy.

Q.15. Which country recently appointed the world's first artificial intelligence (AI)-powered cabinet minister?

- (a) Albania
(b) Japan
(c) United Arab Emirates
(d) Estonia

Answer:(a) Albania

Albania has made history by appointing the world's first artificial intelligence (AI)-powered cabinet minister. Prime Minister Edi Rama inaugurated Diela at a Socialist Party meeting in Tirana. Diela has been assigned the public procurement portfolio—a sector often notorious for corruption and inefficiency.

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