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Today in History on 23 SEP

➤ 1739: Russia and Turkey sign the Belgrade Peace Treaty.

Treaty of Belgrade, (September 1739), one of two peace agreements signed by the Ottoman Empire that ended four years of war with Russia and two years of war with Austria. Disputes arising from unclear boundaries between Russian-ruled Ukraine and Ottoman-dominated Crimea provided the pretext for Russia's attempt to establish a new military garrison on the northern Black Sea coast in 1735.



western region of Haryana during the rebellion and providing military force, money and war material support to the rebel soldiers in the historic city of Delhi.



➤ 1879: Richard Rhodes created the first hearing aid machine, called the audiophone.

This device consisted of a fan made of a hard rubber material that used the operator's teeth and jaw bone to conduct sound vibrations and improve hearing ability.

➤ 1863: Death of Rao Tula Ram

Rao Tula Ram died in the year 1863. Rao Tula Ram Singh was one of the prominent leaders of the First Indian War of Independence of 1857. He is considered as the "Raj Nayak" in the state of Haryana. Rao Tula Ram is credited with temporarily overthrowing the entire British rule from the south-





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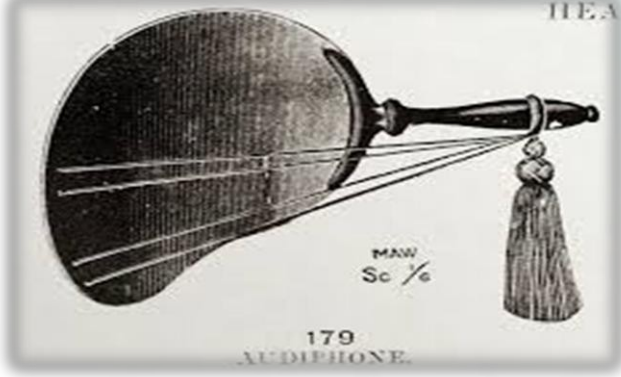
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In the year 2020, the Indian Parliament approved the Jammu and Kashmir Official Language Bill-2020. Which provided for giving official language status of the Union Territory to five languages - Hindi, English, Urdu, Kashmiri and Dogri. The bill clarifies that English can continue to be used in the Union Territory for those administrative and legislative purposes for which it was being used before the implementation of the Act.

➤ 1976: Soyuz 22 returned to Earth.

Soyuz 22 returned to Earth in 1976. Soyuz 22 was a Soviet crewed spacecraft launched on September 1976. It was an Earth science mission using a modified Soyuz spacecraft, and some observers speculated that it was also a mission to observe NATO exercises near Norway. The spacecraft was a refurbished Soyuz, which had served as a backup for the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project (ASTP) mission the previous year.



Important NEWS on 23 SEP



➤ 2020: The Indian Parliament approved the Jammu and Kashmir Official Language Bill-2020.

➤ India Records First Half-Year CO₂ Emission Drop in 2025

For the first time outside a crisis period like the COVID-19 lockdown, India has recorded a fall in carbon dioxide emissions from its electricity sector. According to an analysis by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) for the UK-based Carbon Brief, CO₂ emissions dropped by 1%





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between January and June 2025, compared to the same period in 2024.



➤ EC De-Lists 474 Political Parties Over Norm Violations

In a significant clean-up move, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has de-listed 474 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) for failing to comply with mandatory electoral and financial regulations. This action comes as part of a broader initiative aimed at ensuring greater transparency and accountability among political entities in the country. With this second round of delisting, the total number of parties removed from the register has reached 808 in just two months, marking a decisive shift in the way the EC enforces norms on political participation and financial disclosures.



➤ US Fed Cuts Rate by 25 bps, Signals Easing Cycle

In a notable monetary policy shift, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) has cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to a range of 4.00%–4.25%, marking its first rate reduction in 2025. This move signals the beginning of a possible rate easing cycle, aimed at balancing persistent inflation with signs of a cooling labour market and economic growth moderation. This development is crucial for aspirants studying global economic trends, central bank tools, and international monetary dynamics.



➤ IMF Chief Proposes Daniel Katz as Number Two Leader





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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is set for a significant leadership transition as Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has proposed Daniel Katz, a senior U.S. Treasury official, as the next First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD)—the IMF's second-highest post. The appointment, if approved by the IMF Executive Board, will take effect on 6 October 2025.



➤ Uttarakhand Hosts Asian Cadet Cup 2025 & State CM Inaugurated

Uttarakhand marked a historic moment in Indian sports by hosting the Asian Cadet Cup India-2025 in Haldwani, inaugurated by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on September, 2025. Organised by the Fencing Association of India, the international tournament is being held at Manaskhand Hall in the Indira Gandhi International Sports Stadium.



➤ Arshdeep Singh Becomes First Indian to Reach 100 T20I Wickets

Arshdeep Singh has etched his name in the record books by becoming the first Indian bowler to claim 100 T20I wickets, reaching the milestone during India's final group game of the 2025 Asia Cup against Oman. He dismissed Vinayak Shukla to get there in just 64 matches, making him one of the fastest to achieve this landmark globally.

➤ Stalin inaugurates Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority (TANSHA). During an event in the Highways Research Station campus in Chennai, he also





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inaugurated Kalaingar Centenary Building constructed at a cost of ₹29 crore. The new building spread over 5,500 sq.m. in Guindy would house the TANSHA and other key offices of the Highways Department.



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Current affairs MCQS on 23 SEP

Q.1. At the conclusion of which conference was the formation of the Tri-Services Education Corps and the establishment of three new joint military stations announced recently?

- (a) Defence Dialogue 2025
- (b) Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025
- (c) Army Day Conference 2025
- (d) India Security Summit 2025

Answer: (b) Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025

In a major step towards the modernization and integration of the Indian Armed Forces, several key decisions were announced at the conclusion of the Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025. Most prominent among these are the creation of an integrated tri-services Education Corps by merging the education branches of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the establishment of three new Joint Military Stations. These reforms are part of a





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comprehensive vision to make the Indian Army more organized, efficient, and forward-looking, in line with the directives of the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister.

Q.2. Who recently became Bihar's first Woman FIDE Master (WFM)?

- (a) Mariam Fatima
- (b) Komal Singh
- (c) Neetu Kumari
- (d) Priya Verma

Answer:(a) Mariam Fatima

Mariam Fatima, a talented young chess player from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has created history. She has become the first woman from the state to achieve the title of Woman FIDE Master (WFM). This prestigious title, awarded by FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs), marks a new milestone not only in her personal career but also in Bihar's journey to represent the country at the national and international levels.

Q.3. According to the recent Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025, how many millionaire households are there in India now (those with a net worth of ₹8.5 crore or more)?

- (a) 5.25 lakh
- (b) 7.10 lakh
- (c) 8.71 lakh
- (d) 9.50 lakh

Answer:(c) 8.71 lakh

Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru are consolidating their positions as wealth capitals, while cities like Hyderabad and Pune are becoming emerging wealth centers, according to the recently released Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025. Ahmedabad and Chennai are new entrants as emerging wealth centers as India now has 871,700 millionaire households (0.31% of all households), each with a net worth equal to or greater than ₹8.5 crore.

Q.4. Which two countries recently signed a Mutual Defense Agreement, under which an attack on one country will be considered an attack on both?

- (a) Saudi Arabia and Pakistan
- (b) Iran and Qatar
- (c) Turkey and the United Arab Emirates
- (d) Egypt and Bahrain

Answer:(a) Saudi Arabia and Pakistan

Marking a major shift in the regional security landscape, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan signed a mutual defense agreement. The agreement clearly states that "an attack on either country will be considered an attack on both." This signals a deepening strategic partnership between the two countries. The agreement, reached against the backdrop of growing instability in West Asia, particularly tensions involving Israel and Qatar, is being seen as a turning point in Saudi-Pakistan relations.

Q.5. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) recently announced the launch of which AI-powered technology to strengthen the public audit system?

- (a) Blockchain Audit Network
- (b) Large Language Model (LLM)
- (c) Neural Processing Unit (NPU)
- (d) Advanced Robotic Auditor (ARA)

Answer:(b) Large Language Model (LLM)

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) is now launching an AI-powered Large Language Model (LLM) to strengthen the public audit system. The initiative aims to further improve efficiency, consistency, and risk identification in the vast and complex nature of government transactions.

Q.6. Gauranglal Das has recently been appointed as India's next Ambassador to which country?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Japan
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Thailand

Answer:(a) South Korea



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In a significant diplomatic move, senior Indian Foreign Service officer Gauranglal Das has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to South Korea, a key strategic partner in East Asia. The appointment comes at a time when India is strengthening its ties in the Indo-Pacific region and South Korea is becoming increasingly important in terms of trade, technology, defence, and regional stability. Das currently serves as Joint Secretary in the East Asia Division of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi. His experience handling high-level negotiations with China makes him well-suited for the new role in Seoul.

Q.7. Recently, IIT Kanpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which university to promote research collaboration and academic exchange?

- (a) National University of Singapore
- (b) Hanoi University of Technology
- (c) Vietnam National University (VNU)
- (d) Malaysia University of Science and Technology

Answer:(c) Vietnam National University (VNU)

To further deepen international academic collaboration, IIT Kanpur and Vietnam National University (VNU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote research collaboration and academic exchange. The agreement represents a new phase in India-Vietnam academic relations, with a special focus on cutting-edge areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), smart city development, and drone innovation. The partnership is expected to promote knowledge exchange, joint research initiatives, and capacity building between students, faculty, and researchers from both institutions.

Q.8. Recently, the US central bank, the Federal Reserve (Fed), cut its benchmark interest rate by how many basis points for the first time in 2025?

- (a) 10 basis points
- (b) 25 basis points
- (c) 50 basis points

(d) 75 basis points

Answer:(b) 25 basis points

The US central bank, the Federal Reserve (Fed), has cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points for the first time in 2025, bringing it to a new range of 4.00%-4.25%. The move signals the start of a potential interest rate-easing cycle aimed at balancing persistent inflation and tepid labor market conditions, as well as a slowdown in economic growth. The decision is significant for scholars and analysts who study global economic trends, central banks' tools, and international monetary dynamics.

Q.9. Which scheme has Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin recently launched to help orphaned children, under which each eligible child will be given a monthly financial assistance of ₹2,000?

- (a) Anbu Karangal Scheme
- (b) Kalyana Kutumbam Scheme
- (c) Ujjwal Bal Scheme
- (d) Nalvali Shiksha Scheme

Answer:(a) Anbu Karangal Scheme

In a sensitive move to secure the future of children deprived of parental care, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the "Anbu Karangal" (Hands of Love) scheme. This welfare initiative will provide orphaned children with monthly financial assistance of ₹2,000, ensuring that their education and basic needs are not affected due to the lack of parental guidance. The scheme is a key part of the DMK government's comprehensive social security framework and is expected to directly impact thousands of children across the state. This reflects Tamil Nadu's growing emphasis on inclusive and child-centered governance.

Q.10. What new feature did the EPFO recently launch on its member portal in 2025, which makes EPF account management simple and accessible in real-time?

- (a) EPF Mobile App
- (b) EPF Smart Passbook





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- (c) Passbook Lite
(d) Digital PF Tracker

Answer:(c) Passbook Lite

In a significant digital initiative to simplify the lives of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) members, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has launched a new feature called 'Passbook Lite' on its member portal. The initiative aims to make EPF account management easier, faster, and transparent. This was announced by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. The move is part of broader reforms aimed at reducing claim processing time, increasing accountability, and enhancing member satisfaction. This initiative not only improves user experience but is also in line with the government's vision of promoting digital governance and self-service platforms for the salaried class.

Q.11. Recently, Australia has set a target of reducing carbon emissions by how much percent compared to 2005 levels by 2035?

- (a) 62%
(b) 43%
(c) 50%
(d) 70%

Answer:(a) 62%

Australia has significantly revised its national emissions reduction target. It now aims to reduce emissions by 62% by 2035 compared to 2005 levels, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced. This is a significant increase from the previous target of 43% by 2030. The decision is consistent with Australia's obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement and comes in light of the increasing likelihood of climate disasters—such as severe fires, droughts, and coastal flooding.

Q.12. India recently entered into a strategic partnership with the FAO under which program to make fisheries infrastructure smart?

- (a) Blue Economy Initiative
(b) PMMSY Tech Collaboration
(c) Technical Cooperation Program (TCP)

- (d) Fisheries Modernization Scheme

Answer:(c) Technical Cooperation Program (TCP)

India has entered into a strategic partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) under the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), a major step towards modernizing fisheries infrastructure. The Department of Fisheries (DoF) organized the first webinar under this initiative, which aims to develop world-class blue ports equipped with smart technologies and sustainable practices.

Q.13. Where was the 'Passenger Service Day 2025' recently launched?

- (a) Hindon Airport
(b) Indira Gandhi International Airport
(c) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
(d) Kempegowda International Airport

Answer:(a) Hindon Airport

Passenger Service Day 2025, launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, marks a major shift in the approach to services at India's airports. Airports will no longer be viewed merely as infrastructure, but as experiences focused on passenger dignity, convenience, and well-being. This initiative was launched by Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu from Hindon Airport. It aims to ensure that passenger-first services become the norm, not the exception. This campaign is part of a broader transformation in India's aviation sector, where the focus is no longer solely on runway length and flight numbers, but also on passenger experience, inclusivity, and service equity. This initiative builds on schemes like UDAN, but focuses on addressing deficiencies in passenger amenities and service quality at airports.

Q.14. What is the primary purpose of 'Vyommitra' in India's recent Gaganyaan mission?

- (a) To test scientific instruments in space
(b) To train robotics on Earth
(c) To simulate human-like activities and assess crew module conditions





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(d) To monitor other countries' space missions

Answer:(c) To simulate human-like activities and assess crew module conditions

India's ambitious Gaganyaan space mission is about to reach a significant milestone. ISRO's artificial intelligence (AI)-powered semi-humanoid robot "Vyommित्रा" will be deployed in an unmanned test flight in December 2025. According to ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan, the robot will simulate human-like movements during flight, helping scientists assess conditions inside the crew module. This move showcases India's capabilities in robotics, space medicine, artificial intelligence (AI) integration, and human spaceflight.

Q.15. What are the key characteristics of the 'Him Palam' tomato variety recently developed by Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University?

- (a) Long shelf life and high water requirement
- (b) Early ripening and light-colored fruits
- (c) Bacterial wilt resistant and high-yielding
- (d) Suitable only for upper hilly areas

Answer:(c) Bacterial wilt resistant and high-yielding

Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University has achieved a major breakthrough by developing two new tomato varieties, "Him Palam Tomato-1" and "Him Palam Tomato-2." These high-yielding varieties are resistant to bacterial wilt, one of the most devastating challenges for tomato growers in Himachal Pradesh.

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