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Today in History on 24 SEP

➤ **1789: The office of Attorney General was created in the US.**

The office of Attorney General was established by Congress through the Judiciary Act of 1789. The Attorney General of the United States is the head of the United States Department of Justice. The Attorney General is considered the chief lawyer of the US government. He serves as a member of the President's Cabinet. The Attorney General is nominated by the President of the United States.



➤ **1861: Bhikaji Cama, the loud voice of women's rights, was born**

Bhikaji Cama, the loud voice of women's rights, was born in the year 1861. Bhikaji Cama was a Parsi citizen of Indian origin who created an atmosphere in favor of India's independence by visiting London, Germany and America. She is well known for hoisting India's first tricolor national flag at the

Seventh International Socialist Congress held on 22 August 1907 in Stuttgart, Germany.



➤ **1948: Honda Motor Company was founded.**

Honda Motor Company was founded in the year 1948. Honda began as a bicycle auxiliary engine manufacturer in a small factory in Hamamatsu. It was incorporated as Honda Motor Company in 1948 and began producing motorcycles in 1949. The Honda C-100, a small-engined motorcycle, was introduced in 1953.





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➤ 1979: Ghana adopts a constitution.

Ghana adopts a constitution in 1979. The AFRC ratified a revised version of the constitution approved by the Assembly in June 1979. Presidential and parliamentary elections were held on 14 June 1979, but those elected were not allowed to take up their positions until September 1979. The AFRC then promulgated another version of the new constitution with even more amendments in September 1979.



Important NEWS on 24 SEP



➤ 2014: India successfully sent its spacecraft to Mars in its very first attempt.

In the year 2014, India successfully sent its spacecraft to Mars in its very first attempt on 24 September. This mission was named Mangalyaan Mission which is also known as Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) India left behind two Asian giants China and Japan as both these countries were not successful in their first Mars mission.

➤ Piyush Goyal Launches Industrial Park Rating System 3.0

Marking 10 years of the Make in India initiative, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0 in New Delhi on September 2025. Developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), this third edition introduces advanced benchmarks to strengthen India's industrial ecosystem and attract global investment.





➤ Union Minister Launches LDB 2.0 to Strengthen India's Digital Trade

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal launched the Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0 in New Delhi. The launch coincided with the decade-long celebrations of Make in India and marks a major step in India's journey toward becoming a digitally empowered, globally competitive economy. The upgraded logistics platform promises real-time data tracking, multi-modal visibility, and high-seas container monitoring, all of which will significantly improve supply chain efficiency and export competitiveness, particularly benefiting MSMEs and exporters.



➤ India Re-Elected to Council of Administration & Postal Operations Council at 28th UPU Congress

India has been re-elected to both the Council of Administration (CA) and the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) during the 28th UPU Congress held in Dubai. The Ministry of Communications described this as recognition of India Post's leadership, reforms, and digital innovations, reinforcing India's global influence in the postal sector.



➤ India Secures Exclusive Rights for Polymetallic Sulphides Exploration in Carlsberg Ridge

On September 2025, Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, announced a historic milestone: India has secured exclusive rights for exploration of Polymetallic Sulphides (PMS) in the Carlsberg Ridge, Indian Ocean. The 15-year contract signed between the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and the International Seabed



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Authority (ISA) grants India access to explore a 10,000 sq km area, making it the first country in the world to hold two PMS exploration contracts.



➤ Smriti Mandhana Breaks Virat Kohli's Record for Fastest Indian Century in ODIs

Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has created history by scoring the fastest century ever by an Indian in ODI cricket. On September 2025, during the 3rd ODI against Australia at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi, Mandhana reached her hundred in just 50 balls, breaking Virat Kohli's long-standing record of a 52-ball century against Australia in 2013.



➤ Indian Skater Anish Raj Secures Historic Bronze at World Championships 2025

In a landmark moment for Indian sports, junior speed skater Anish Raj clinched the bronze medal in the Junior Men's One-Lap Road Sprint at the 73rd Inline Speed World Championships 2025 in Beidaihe, China. Clocking 39.714 seconds, Anish became the first Indian to win a medal in this category, securing India's place on the global roller sports map.



➤ IPMA Delta Certification for NLCIL

NLC India Limited (NLCIL) has received the IPMA Delta Certification Level 3 from the International Project Management Association. NLCIL is a Navaratna Public Sector Enterprise under the Union Ministry of Coal. It recognizes NLCIL's governance systems in Project, Programme, and Portfolio Management.





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Current affairs MCQS on 24 SEP

Q1. Which country recently announced its first investment in the Tropical Forest Forever Fund?

- (A) Japan
- (B) India
- (C) Brazil
- (D) Russia

Answer: (C) Brazil

Brazil has become the first country to invest in the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF), a multilateral fund for global tropical forest conservation. The fund aims to attract contributions from both wealthy and developing countries to support climate policy. The TFFF is envisioned as a \$125 billion fund, combining sovereign and private sector contributions, that will make payments to countries based on their protected tropical forests.

Q2. Who recently received approval from the RBI to operate as an online payment aggregator?





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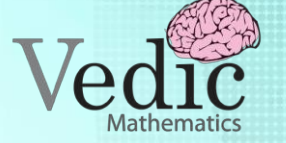
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- (A) Paytm
- (B) Google Pay
- (C) Amazon Pay
- (D) PhonePe

Answer: (D) PhonePe

Achieving a significant regulatory milestone in India's digital payments landscape, PhonePe has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payments aggregator. With this announced approval, the fintech company will now be able to provide secure and scalable digital payment solutions, especially to micro, small, and medium enterprises (SMEs). This move further strengthens PhonePe's role in financial inclusion, especially for small businesses that have previously lacked a seamless online payments infrastructure.

Q3. Who was recently proposed by the IMF chief for the second-highest position?

- (A) Daniel Katz
- (B) Dr. Krishna Joshi
- (C) Pratibha Srivastava
- (D) None of these

Answer: (A) Daniel Katz

A major leadership change is underway at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has proposed appointing senior US Treasury official Daniel Katz as the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD), the second-highest position. If approved by the IMF Executive Board, the appointment would be effective October 6, 2025.

Q4. Who recently released the Gender Snapshot 2025 report?

- (A) UN Women
- (B) UNESCO
- (C) UNICE
- (D) World Bank

Answer: (A) UN Women

UN Women and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) have

released the Gender Snapshot 2025 report. Poverty and food security 376 million women, or 9.2% of the world's women, live in extreme poverty. The prevalence of anemia is projected to increase by 33% by 2030.

Q5. INS Rajali, an Indian naval air station that was recently in the news, is located in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Karnataka

Answer: (A) Tamil Nadu

The Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy organised a two-day seminar on Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR) at INS Rajali, Arakkonam, highlighting India's maritime surveillance capability. INS Rajali is an Indian Naval Air Station located near Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu, commissioned on 11 March 1992. Spread over 2,200 acres, 80 km west of Chennai, it is the largest and most modern naval air station with 4,700 personnel. It has the longest military runway in Asia and supports both operations and training.

Q6. In which northeastern state was a new edible mushroom species, Lactifluus khasianus, recently discovered?

- (A) Meghalaya
- (B) Assam
- (C) Arunachal Pradesh
- (D) Nagaland

Answer: (A) Meghalaya

A new edible mushroom species, Lactifluus khasianus, has been discovered in the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya. The Khasi tribes already knew it as "tit iongna" and used it as a seasonal dish during the monsoon. This mushroom grows at elevations of 1,600 meters in association with the Khasi pine (Pinus kesiya). It is distinguished from related species by its chocolate-brown cap, larger cystidia, and DNA markers. This is the fifth confirmed Lactifluus species in India. gerrardii species, but the





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first edible species. Meghalaya contributes significantly to India's 34+ Lactifluus species diversity.

Q7. Who was recently appointed the brand ambassador of India's first Archery Premier League?

- (A) Hrithik Roshan
- (B) Ram Charan
- (C) Ranveer Singh
- (D) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer: (B) Ram Charan

Renowned actor and global icon Ram Charan has earned considerable fame through his acting. Recently, the Archery Association of India (AAI) announced Ram Charan as the brand ambassador for the inaugural Archery Premier League (APL). The Archery Premier League is the country's first franchise-based competition, featuring the best recurve and compound archers from India and the world. The league will be held from October 2 to 12, 2025, at the Yamuna Sports Complex, New Delhi. Six teams will participate, comprising 36 Indian and 12 international players.

Q8. Who is building India's first private sector strategic petroleum reserve?

- (A) Indian Oil Corporation
- (B) Bharat Petroleum
- (C) Megha Engineering
- (D) Reliance Industries

Answer: (C) Megha Engineering

Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL) has bagged a landmark Rs 5,700 crore contract to build and operate India's first privately owned Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), aimed at strengthening the country's energy security.

Q9. Which state government recently announced a monthly allowance of ₹1,000 for unemployed youth under the Chief Minister's Self-Help Allowance Scheme?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh

- (B) Bihar
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Rajasthan

Answer: (B) Bihar

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has announced a monthly allowance of ₹1,000 for unemployed graduates aged 20-25. The scheme is part of the Chief Minister's Self-Help Allowance Scheme under the state's Saat Nischay program. Previously limited to intermediate-pass candidates, it has now been extended to graduates for up to two years. The initiative aims to help young people receive skill training and prepare for competitive exams.

Q.10. The NE-SPARKS program has recently been launched to raise awareness about which area among students in the Northeast region?

- (A) Renewable Energy
- (B) Space Science and Technology
- (C) Digital Literacy
- (D) Agriculture

Answer: (B) Space Science and Technology

Recently, the Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) virtually interacted with school students from the Northeast who had come to ISRO under the NE-SPARKS program. NE-SPARKS stands for North Eastern Students Program for Space Awareness, Access and Knowledge. It is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in collaboration with eight North Eastern States. The program aims to instill curiosity in students about space science and promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The funding ratio is 60:40 between the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and the respective State Governments.

Q.11. The National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is being developed at which ancient site in Gujarat?

- (A) Dholavira
- (B) Lothal





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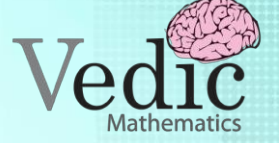
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(C) Bhadra Fort

(D) Rani ki Vav

Answer: (B) Lothal

Recently, during his one-day visit to Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will review the progress of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat. The NMHC is a flagship project under the Sagarmala program of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, with an estimated cost of ₹4,500 crore. Lothal, a 5,000-year-old port city of the Indus Valley Civilization (IVC), has the world's oldest man-made dockyard. The complex will showcase India's 5,000-year maritime history through history, research, education, and entertainment. It will include the world's tallest lighthouse museum (77 meters), a floating restaurant, a tent city, e-car facilities, and four theme parks.

Q.12. The Yuan Wang 5, a space and missile tracking ship, was recently developed by which country?

(A) Japan

(B) United States

(C) China

(D) France

Answer: (C) China

China's spy ship, the Yuan Wang 5, has returned to the Indian Ocean region near India, three years after docking at the Hambantota port in Sri Lanka in August 2022. India is preparing to test-fire a hypersonic long-range anti-ship missile over the Bay of Bengal, raising New Delhi's security concerns about the presence of the Yuan Wang 5. It is a satellite and missile tracking vessel of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy, with dual-use reconnaissance capabilities.

Q.13. Which country has suspended peanut imports from India in September 2025 due to aflatoxin concerns?

(A) Vietnam

(B) Indonesia

(C) Singapore

(D) Malaysia

Answer: (B) Indonesia

Indonesia has halted Indian peanut imports over aflatoxin concerns. The ban threatens the arrival of the new crop in a month, as peanuts have been sown on 4.8 million hectares this Kharif season. Gujarat is expected to produce a record 6.6 million tonnes of peanuts, but prices remain below the minimum support price (MSP). Indonesia is India's largest buyer, importing a third of its exports—27.7 million tonnes worth \$280 million in 2024-25. Aflatoxins are toxic compounds produced by the fungi *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*, which are linked to liver cancer and other health risks.

Q.14. The Gulf of Finland, recently in the news, is located in which sea?

(A) Mediterranean Sea

(B) Black Sea

(C) Baltic Sea

(D) Red Sea

Answer: (C) Baltic Sea

Three Russian MiG-31 fighter jets violated NATO member Estonia's airspace over the Gulf of Finland for 12 minutes. The Gulf of Finland is the easternmost part of the Baltic Sea in Northern Europe, covering an area of 30,000 square kilometers. It stretches 400 kilometers from east to west and 19-130 kilometers from north to south, bordering Finland, Russia, and Estonia. The capitals Helsinki (Finland) and Tallinn (Estonia) lie on its shores, and St. Petersburg is located at the eastern end. The gulf is shallow, with an average depth of 38 meters, low salinity (6°C), and remains frozen for 3-5 months in winter. The Neva and Narva rivers and the Saimaa Canal flow into it.

Q.15. The first ship of the Indomitable class of fast patrol vessels (FPVs), ICGS Indomitable, was recently commissioned at which port?

(A) Visakhapatnam Port

(B) Paradip Port

(C) Chennai Port





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(D) Kochi Port

Answer: (B) Paradip Port

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Adamya, the first of eight Adamya-class fast patrol vessels (FPVs), was commissioned at Paradip Port in Odisha. The 51-metre-long ship was built by Goa Shipyard Limited using indigenous technology and with over 60% local content under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission. ICGS Adamya will be based at Paradip under the ICG Region (North East) to safeguard India's maritime interests. It is the first ship equipped with indigenous controllable pitch propellers and gearboxes for improved maneuverability.

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