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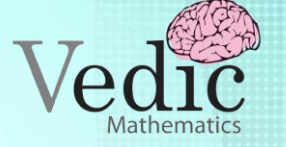
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National News

NHAI Introduces India's First Wildlife-Safe Road on NH-45 in Madhya Pradesh



In a landmark step towards eco-sensitive infrastructure development, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has introduced India's first wildlife-safe

road on a stretch of National Highway 45 (NH-45) in Madhya Pradesh. The initiative aims to reduce animal-vehicle collisions while ensuring smooth road connectivity through forest corridors. The wildlife-safe road is located on the 11.96-kilometre Hiran Sindoor section of NH-45, which connects Bhopal and Jabalpur.

Key Points:-

Situated around 60 kilometres from Jabalpur, the highway passes through a dense forest corridor flanked by the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve.

This region is home to tigers, deer, sambar, jackals, and other wildlife, making it a critical ecological zone where frequent animal crossings have historically led to accidents and fatalities.

National News

Param Vir Dirgha at Rashtrapati Bhavan Inaugurated By President of India





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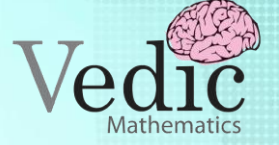
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On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Param Vir Dirgha

at Rashtrapati Bhavan on December 2025. The inauguration marks a significant step in honouring India's bravest soldiers and preserving the legacy of supreme military valour. This initiative reinforces national pride and pays tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

Key Points:-

The Param Vir Dirgha is a dedicated gallery at Rashtrapati Bhavan that showcases the portraits of all 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees.

The gallery has been designed to educate visitors about India's national heroes who displayed extraordinary courage and unwavering resolve in the defence of the nation.

It serves both as a memorial and as a space for public awareness about India's highest traditions of military bravery.

International News

Italy Becomes First Country to Get UNESCO Recognition for Its National Cuisine



In a historic cultural milestone, Italy has become the first country in the world to receive UNESCO recognition for its

entire national cuisine. In December 2025,

UNESCO officially inscribed Italian cooking on its List of Intangible Cultural Heritage, recognizing it as a living tradition that reflects culture, identity, and community life. The announcement was made during UNESCO's cultural assembly in Delhi, marking a landmark moment not only for Italy but also for how food traditions are viewed globally.

Key Points:-

UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List recognises traditions, practices, and expressions that communities pass down through generations.

With this decision, Italian cuisine as a whole, rather than a single dish or cooking style, has been granted recognition.

Appointments

Suresh Goyal Appointed as NCAER Director General



The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) which is India's leading economic policy think tank, has announced the appointment of Suresh Goyal as its next Director General. Tenure will be

effective from January 5, 2026. The appointment comes at a crucial time as India strengthens its focus on evidence-based policymaking to achieve long-term growth and development goals.





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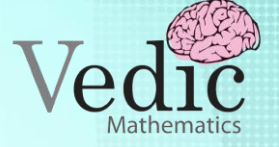
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Sports

Simon Harmer Named ICC Men's Player of the Month for November 2025



South Africa's off spinner Simon Harmer has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for November 2025. Following a series of exceptional performances against India in the ICC World Test Championship

(WTC). His dominance with the ball played a decisive role in South Africa's historic 2-0 Test series win in India, their first such series victory on Indian soil since 2000.

Banking/Economy

Ravi Ranjan Takes Charge As SBI New Managing Director (MD)



Government of India has appointed Ravi Ranjan as the new Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI). The appointment was announced on December 2025, and

Ranjan has officially assumed charge following the government's notification. As State Bank Of India is India's largest public sector bank, leadership changes at SBI are closely watched due to their impact on the country's financial stability, credit growth, and banking reforms.

State News

Tamil Nadu Economic Growth 2025



The State of Tamilnadu topped other States by recording a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rate of 16 %. This growth figure was reported by the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI). The report 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian States, 2024-25' was released by the RBI. Between 2021 and 2025, Tamil Nadu's economy grew by ₹10.50 lakh crore. The total GSDP value of Tamil Nadu stands at ₹31.19 lakh crore.

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Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

Q.1. Which bill was recently approved by the Union Cabinet as a major change in India's civil nuclear policy?

- A. Nuclear Liability Bill
- B. Atomic Energy Bill
- C. Civil Nuclear Cooperation Bill
- D. Nuclear Safety Bill

1. B

The Union Cabinet recently approved the Atomic Energy Bill, 2025, officially known as the "SHANTI" (Sustainable Use and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India) Bill. It aims to open India's civil nuclear sector to private companies and introduce major reforms in the nuclear power sector. This is the biggest reform in India's nuclear sector in six decades and aims to achieve the target of achieving 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047.

Q.2. Who recently became the first female officer to graduate from the Indian Military Academy (IMA)?

- A. Pallavi Rathore
- B. Sai Jadhav
- C. Khushboo Tiwari
- D. Jyoti Rawat

2. B

23-year-old Sai Jadhav has made history by becoming the first female officer to graduate from the Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehradun. Her commissioning ends a 93-year wait. Since the academy's inception in 1932, more than 67,000 officer cadets have graduated, but none of them were women. Sai's success has now changed that narrative.

Q.3. "The One: Cricket, My Life and More" is the autobiography of which Indian cricketer?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. Rohit Sharma

3. C

Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan launched his autobiography, "The One: Cricket, My Life and More," at an event in New Delhi. Published by HarperCollins India, the book provides a candid and deeply personal account of Dhawan's cricketing journey, struggles, and life beyond the boundaries.

Q.4. The Moi River, which was recently in the news due to cross-border cyber-fraud activities, forms a natural boundary between which two countries?

- A. Thailand and Laos
- B. Myanmar and China
- C. India and Pakistan
- D. Thailand and Myanmar

4. D





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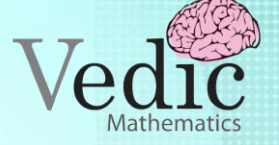
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The Moei River, known as the Tonge Yin River in Myanmar, is a major river in northern Thailand and has recently been in the news after some young men from Gujarat were lured into cyber-fraud in Myanmar. It is a tributary of the Salween River, flowing along the Thailand-Myanmar border before merging with the Salween. The river originates in the Tenasserim Hills in the Myanmar-Thailand border region. The Moei River serves as a natural international boundary between Thailand and Myanmar for much of its course.

Q.5. What was India's global ranking in the recent Global AI Vibrancy Index 2024?

A. 1st

B. 2nd

C. 3rd

D. 4th

5. C

India has achieved a major global milestone in the field of artificial intelligence. According to the Global AI Vibrancy Tool (2024) report released by Stanford University, India is now the third-best AI country in the world, behind the US and China. This achievement is particularly significant because in just one year, India has jumped from 7th place in 2023 to 3rd place in 2024.

Q.6. Which state government recently launched the "My Plan" portal to make information about welfare schemes easily accessible to the public?

A. Jharkhand

B. Uttarakhand

C. Himachal Pradesh

D. Karnataka

6. B

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the "Meri Yojana" portal in Dehradun to provide easy access to information about welfare schemes. The portal is an online platform designed to provide comprehensive information about welfare schemes offered by the central and state governments. It is part of the state government's efforts to ensure transparent, easy, and timely access to benefits for eligible individuals. The portal and its related initiatives demonstrate Uttarakhand's focus on digital governance, DBT-based benefits, public awareness, and local economic empowerment.

Q.7. Who recently published the Passport Index 2025?

A. Henley & Partners

B. World Economic Forum

C. Arton Capital

D. UNDP

7. C

The Global Passport Ranking for 2025 has been released, which shows how much freedom of movement citizens of different countries have. Arton Capital's Passport Index shows that the United Arab Emirates has secured the top spot in the ranking of the world's strongest passports. The ranking is determined by the mobility score, which indicates the number of countries a person can visit without a visa or with a visa-on-arrival.





Q.8. Death Valley National Park, which was recently in the news, is located in which country?

A. United States

B. France

C. Spain

D. Germany

8. A

Following record-breaking rainfall, an ancient lake in Death Valley National Park, which had previously disappeared, has reappeared. Death Valley National Park is located in southeastern California, USA, and is the hottest and driest place in North America. It holds the record for the highest temperature ever recorded in the United States. It is the largest national park in the continental US. The valley is a rift valley (graben) formed by the collapse of rock between large block-faulted mountains running parallel to the east and west.

Q.9. With which organization did the Department of Posts recently sign an MoU to expand mutual fund services?

A. NSE

B. RBI

C. SEBI

D. BSE

9. D

In a major step towards deepening financial inclusion, the Department of Posts (DoP) and Asia's oldest stock exchange, BSE, have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This initiative aims to expand access to

mutual fund services across India. Leveraging India Post's large presence in rural and semi-urban areas, this initiative will bring investment opportunities to millions of people who lack access to formal financial products.

Q.10. With whom did Gati Shakti University recently sign an MoU?

A. Flipkart

B. Amazon

C. Microsoft

D. Google

10. B

Gati Shakti University (GSU), India's central university specializing in transportation and logistics, has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Amazon, one of the world's leading e-commerce companies. This collaboration aims to strengthen teaching, research, and innovation in the logistics and warehousing sector.

Q.11. Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa recently won which title in 2025?

A. World Chess Championship

B. Tata Steel Masters

C. FIDE Circuit 2025

D. Candidates Tournament

11. C

Indian chess is on the rise globally, and Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa added another major milestone to India's sporting history in December 2025. The 20-year-old Indian player won the International





Chess Federation (FIDE) Circuit 2025 with 115.17 points, topping the year-long leaderboard of the world's strongest players.

Q.12. With which football association did Amul recently renew its partnership?

- A. FIFA
- B. Brazil Football Confederation
- C. Argentina Football Association
- D. UEFA

12. C

Amul recently renewed its partnership with the Argentine Football Association (AFA), making it the official regional sponsor of the Argentina National Team until the 2026 World Cup, its fourth consecutive partnership since 2022.

Q.13. For how much amount did OPTCL recently sign a loan agreement with NABARD?

- A. ₹1,250 crore
- B. ₹1,500 crore
- C. ₹1,685.27 crore
- D. ₹2,000 crore

13. C

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited and NABARD for the development of power infrastructure in the eastern state. Under this agreement, NABARD has provided a loan of Rs 1,685.27 crore to OPTCL.

Q.14. Who recently became the first woman president of the Press Club of India?

- A. Barkha Dutt
- B. Nidhi Razdan
- C. Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty
- D. Shobha De

14. C

Senior journalist Sangeeta Burua Pisharoty has been elected the first woman president of the Press Club of India. This marks a historic shift in leadership representation at one of the country's most renowned media institutions. The election results reflect a new perspective and approach within Delhi's journalistic community.

Q.15. José Antonio Castela has been elected the new president of which country in December 2025?

- A. Chile
- B. Peru
- C. Brazil
- D. Poland

15. A

Chile has elected José Antonio Kast as its new president, marking a major shift toward right-wing leadership—the clearest since the country returned to democracy. Kast, leader of the Republican Party, won the runoff election against leftist rival Jeanette Jara after a polarizing campaign focused on crime, migration, and economic stagnation.





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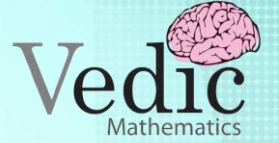
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Historical and Technical Events of 19th December 2025

1955 - Indian Golf Union formed.



The Indian Golf Union was founded in December 1955 on the initiative of some senior golfers of Calcutta and with the support of golfers from Delhi, Mumbai and Madras. All the administrative powers of the RCGC were transferred to the IGU after its formation, including the right to conduct the Amateur Golf Championship of India.

1951 - Oman became independent following an agreement between Oman and Britain.



On December 1951, Oman became independent following an agreement between Oman and Britain.

Agreements between Oman's rulers and local representatives of British India led to ever-increasing British involvement in Omani affairs, and eventually Oman became a de facto British protectorate.

British interest in Oman and the Persian/Arabian Gulf was based on trade with India.

1991 - Paul Keating becomes the new Prime Minister of Australia.



Paul John Keating is an Australian former politician who served as the 24th Prime Minister of Australia from 1991 to 1996, and as Leader of the Labor Party (ALP). He previously served as Treasurer under Prime Minister Bob Hawke from 1983 to 1991 and as the seventh Deputy Prime Minister from 1990 to 1991.

Keating was born in Sydney and left school at the age of 14.

1757 - Lord Clive was made the Governor of Bengal.



Robert Clive was the first Governor of Bengal during the Company's rule, who took over in 1758 after the assassination of the Nawab of Murshidabad in 1757.

He was appointed the Governor of Bengal in 1765. Robert Clive fought against the Nawab of Bengal during the Battle of Plassey.





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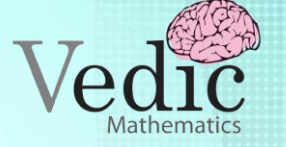
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1951 - First nuclear power reactor produces electricity in the US.



On December, 1951, electricity is first produced by a nuclear reactor, at the EBR-I experimental station near Arco, Idaho,

initially producing 100 kW (the Arco reactor was the first to experience a partial meltdown in 1955).

In 1952, a Paley Commission report to President Harry Truman gave a "relatively pessimistic" assessment of nuclear power and called for "aggressive research into the entire field of solar energy."

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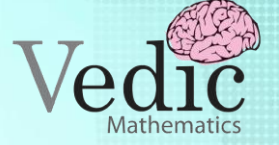
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