

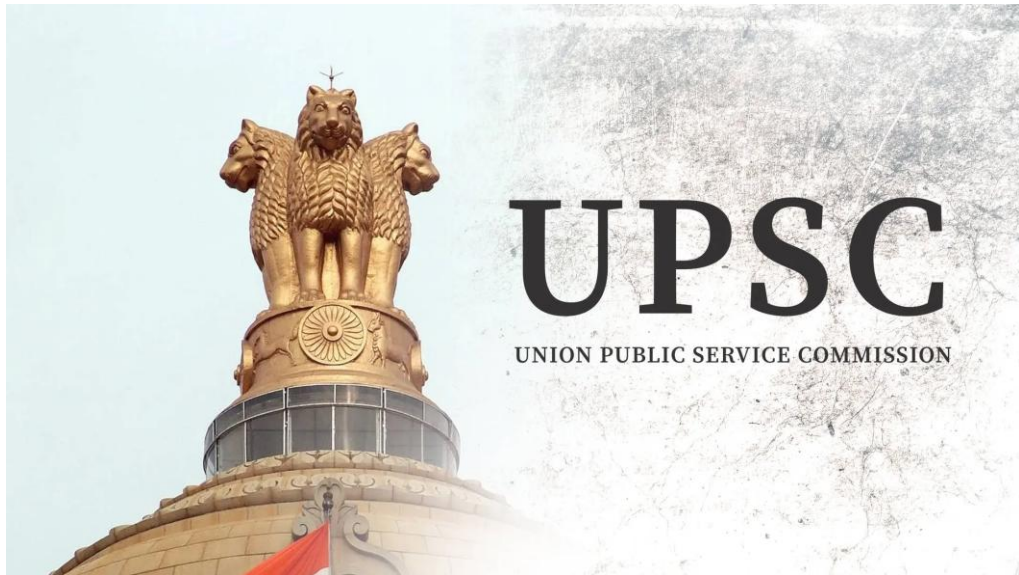
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UPSC Completes 100 Years

- The Union Public Service Commission will complete its 100th year in India on 1 October 2026, which will be a century of the establishment of the first Indian Public Service Commission in 1926.
- The organization started off as an advisory commission through the Government of India Act, 1919 structure and developed into the Federal Public Service Commission and finally became the UPSC after the implementation of the Constitution in 1950.
- Currently, the organization is a constitutional body with powers from Articles 315 to 323.
- The beginning of the merit system for recruiting members of the civil service in India can be traced back to the ICS (Indian Civil Service) examination of 1855 that replaced nomination with open competitive selection process. The examinations used to take place in London, causing great difficulties for Indians to participate in them.
- Under the provisions of the Government of India Act of 1919, a Public Service Commission was to be established. A report was prepared by the Lee Commission, headed by Lord Lee, to establish a Public Service Commission in 1924.
- As a result, the first Public Service Commission was established on 1 October 1926, consisting of the Chairman Sir Ross Barker and Four Members.
- The Government of India Act of 1935 made provisions for a Federal Public Service Commission and Provincial Public Service Commissions. The Federal Public Service Commission started operating in 1937.

- After India gained independence, it became the Union Public Service Commission on 26 January 1950, obtaining constitutional status under the Constitution of India.



International Translation Day 2026

- International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30th September, which acknowledges the contributions made by translators, interpreters, and other language professionals. International Translation Day was declared officially by the UNGA in the form of Resolution 71/288 in 2017.
- The date is linked with the feast of Saint Jerome, who is recognized as the patron saint of translators. It celebrates the contribution of language professionals to dialogue, understanding, cooperation, development, peace and security.
- Resolution 71/288, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 24th May 2017, acknowledged the contributions of language professionals in bridging the gap between nations and promoting peace, understanding, and development. 30th September was declared as International Translation Day.
- 30th September was chosen because the same date marks the death anniversary of Saint Jerome, the Christian priest and scholar famous for his translations of many Biblical texts into Latin. Saint Jerome died near Bethlehem on 30th September, 420 CE.



Manu Francis and Prince Noble Win Sailing Silver

- India added another Silver medal at the Asian Games 2026 when Manu Francis and Prince Noble came second in the men's skiff category at the Asian Games 2026 on Thursday.
- The two Indians won nine races to finish with 23 points and bagged their second medal after the team of Sanjeev Raj and Ajay Bhaskar finished third.
- With this performance, India has got their first medal in sailing at the Asian Games 2026 and India's medal tally now stands at 62 with 10 gold, 22 silver and 30 bronze medals at the time of reporting.
- It was India's first sailing medal at the Asian Games 2026. It also meant that India's total medal haul in sailing at the Asian Games since 1951 stood at 24 medals with one gold, nine silver and 14 bronze medals, as per the report provided to us.
- The Indian team is improving in the 49er event through various international events.
- They claimed bronze medals at the 2022 Asian Sailing Championships in Abu Dhabi and the 2023 Asian Sailing Championships in Pattaya.



Mansouri Becomes Morocco's First Woman PM

- King Mohammed VI of Morocco appointed Fatima Zahra El Mansouri as the Prime Minister on 29 September 2026, thus becoming the first woman to serve in this capacity.
- This happened following the elections of 23 September 2026 in which her party, the Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM), got the most votes getting 97 out of 395 seats in the House of Representatives.
- The appointee is 50 years of age and previously was Morocco's Minister of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy and mayor of Marrakech.
- She is a senior member of the Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM).
- This happened because the PAM got the greatest number of seats in the parliamentary elections in 2026.
- Country: Morocco
- Capital: Rabat
- Head of State: King Mohammed VI
- New Head of Government: Fatima Zahra El Mansouri
- Legislature: Parliament of Morocco
- Lower house: House of Representatives



IAF's 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows' Marks 75 Years

- The Indian Air Force's No. 17 Squadron, known as the Golden Arrows, completed 75 years on 1 October 2026. The squadron was raised on 1 October 1951 at Air Force Station Ambala, and Flight Lieutenant D. L. Springett served as its first commanding officer.
- No. 17 Squadron began as a tactical reconnaissance unit in 1951. It first operated 12 American **Harvard-II B aircraft** and later converted to British de Havilland Vampires in 1955. The Vampire was among the early jet aircraft inducted by the IAF.
- The squadron has served in major Indian military operations since the 1960s. Its operational record includes the 1961 Liberation of Goa, the Indo-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971, the Kargil conflict of 1999, the Balakot strikes, and Operation Sindoor in May 2025.
- The squadron was number-plated in 2016 during the phase-out of MiG-21 aircraft. It was re-raised on 11 September 2019 at Ambala Air Force Station and became the first IAF unit to operate the Dassault Rafale fighter aircraft.
- In October 2025, No. 17 Squadron received a Unit Citation for its performance during Operation Sindoor under Group Captain Amit Gehani. The squadron's role in the Kargil war was later depicted in a Netflix series released in August 2026.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. On which date did the first Public Service Commission in India come into existence?

- A) 26 January 1950
- B) 1 October 1926
- C) 15 August 1947
- D) 1 April 1937

Answer: B) 1 October 1926 DCA 01 October 2026

2. Who was the first Chairman of the Public Service Commission established in 1926?

- A) Lord Lee
- B) Sir Ross Barker
- C) Sir Stafford Cripps
- D) Lord Curzon

Answer: B) Sir Ross Barker DCA 01 October 2026

3. International Translation Day is observed annually on which date?

- A) 24 May
- B) 29 September
- C) 30 September
- D) 1 October

Answer: C) 30 September DCA 01 October 2026

4. Which UN General Assembly resolution officially declared International Translation Day?

- A) Resolution 71/288
- B) Resolution 75/100
- C) Resolution 68/221
- D) Resolution 70/245

Answer: A) Resolution 71/288 DCA 01 October 2026

5. Who won the silver medal for India in the men's skiff category at the Asian Games 2026?

- A) Sanjeev Raj and Ajay Bhaskar
- B) Manu Francis and Prince Noble
- C) Manu Francis and Sanjeev Raj
- D) Prince Noble and Ajay Bhaskar

Answer: B) Manu Francis and Prince Noble DCA 01 October 2026

6. Who became the first woman Prime Minister of Morocco?

- A) Nabila Mounib
- B) Amina Bouayach
- C) Fatima Zahra El Mansouri
- D) Leila Benali

Answer: C) Fatima Zahra El Mansouri DCA 01 October 2026

7. Fatima Zahra El Mansouri belongs to which political party?

- A) Justice and Development Party
- B) Authenticity and Modernity Party
- C) Istiqlal Party
- D) Socialist Union of Popular Forces

Answer: B) Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM) DCA 01 October 2026

8. The Indian Air Force's No. 17 Squadron is popularly known by which name?

- A) Black Panthers
- B) Flying Daggers
- C) Golden Arrows
- D) Falcons

Answer: C) Golden Arrows DCA 01 October 2026

9. No. 17 Squadron of the IAF was re-raised in 2019 and became the first IAF unit to operate which fighter aircraft?

- A) MiG-29
- B) Su-30MKI
- C) Tejas
- D) Dassault Rafale

Answer: D) Dassault Rafale DCA 01 October 2026

10. In which year was the Federal Public Service Commission started functioning?

- A) 1926
- B) 1935
- C) 1937
- D) 1950

Answer: C) 1937