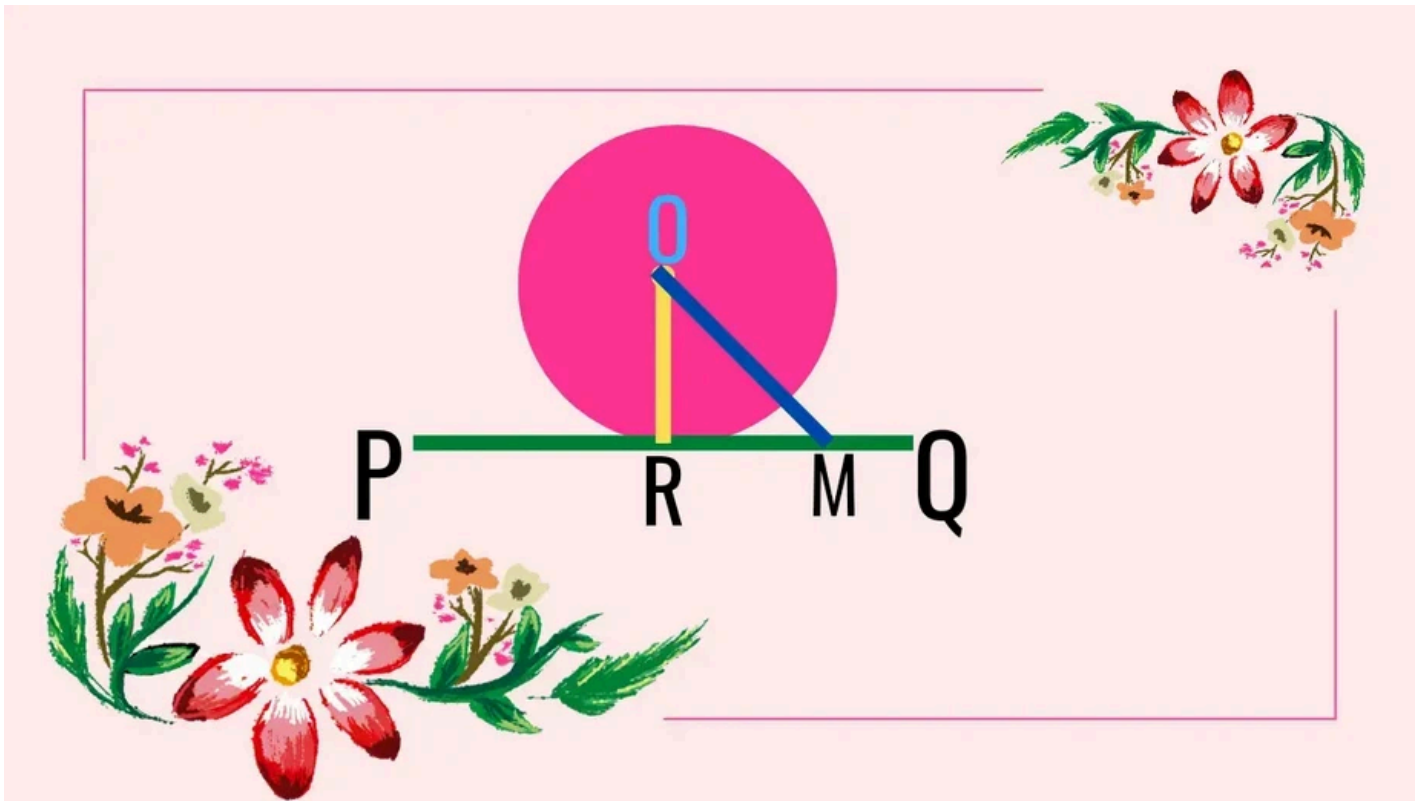




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Today in this article I will explain a very important topics, which is circle and its various theorems.

*Prove that radius of a circle is perpendicular on the tangent at its point of contact.

Answer:-

Let PQ is a tangent on a circle with center 'O' at a point 'R' and OR is the radius of the circle.

To prove:- $OR \perp PQ$

Construction:- 'M' is another point taken on 'PQ' outside the circle

Proof:-

If M would be inside the circle then PQ would be a secant not a tangent, but in this theorem PQ must be a tangent, So clearly we can see that the distance of 'M' from the center of the circle 'O' is greater than the distance of point 'R' from the center 'O'.

i.e; $OM > OR$, and this is universally true for any point lying outside the circle and which is on PQ. So 'OR' is the least smaller distance from center 'O'

\therefore We know that the line drawn from a fixed point to another line the shortest vertical line is the perpendicular.

So, $OR \perp PQ$ Proved.

*Prove that the length of the tangents drawn from an external point on a circle are equal and they also produce equal angles at the center.

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