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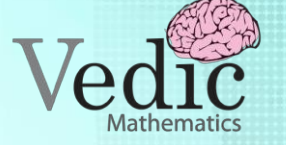
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## Today in History on 30 AUG

### ➤ 1659 - Dara Shikoh executed by Aurangzeb.

In 1659, Aurangzeb executed his brother Dara Shikoh. The incident took place on the night of August 30, 1659, when Aurangzeb's men captured Dara Shikoh and beheaded him. His head was placed on a silver platter and presented to his ailing father Shah Jahan. In June 1659, after being betrayed by a chieftain, Dara was handed over to Aurangzeb's generals and taken back to Delhi.



### ➤ 1682 - William Penn sailed from England and later founded the Pennsylvania Colony in America.

William Penn founded the Pennsylvania Colony in America in 1682, after his voyage from England. Penn, an English Quaker leader, founded this colony as a refuge for religious minorities from Europe, especially Quakers. After arriving there, he founded

the city of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Colony. He advocated for fair treatment of Native Americans and established a democratic system of governance.



### ➤ 1780 - General Benedict Arnold promises to surrender to British forces at West Point Fort.

In 1780, American General Benedict Arnold planned to surrender to British forces as part of his plot to surrender West Point Fort to the British, but the plan failed after British Major John Andre was captured and the plot was exposed. Arnold was known for his bravery in the American Revolution, but later felt he had been mistreated and joined the British, due to his personal reputation and mounting debt.





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#### ➤ 1125 Duke Lotharius of Supplinburg elected King of Germany

In 1125 Duke Lotharius of Supplinburg was elected King of Germany. He was crowned King of the Romans at Aachen in the German imperial election that lasted from August 24 to September 1 or 2, 1125, after which he became Lothar III and Holy Roman Emperor in 1133. Archbishop Adalbert of Mainz performed his coronation at Aachen on September 13, 1125.



#### ➤ 1574 Ram Dass becomes fourth Sikh Guru

In 1574 Guru Ram Dass became the fourth Guru of Sikhism and remained in office until 1581. He founded the holy city of Ramdaspur (later called Amritsar) and began the construction of the Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple). In those days when foreign invaders were destroying one city after another, the 'Fourth Nanak' Guru Ram Dass Ji Maharaj built a holy city, Ramsar, now known as Amritsar.



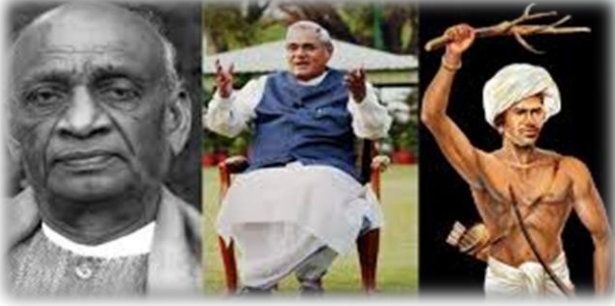
#### Important NEWS on 30 AUG

#### ➤ Centre Forms Committee to Honour Patel, Vajpayee, Birsu Munda

The Government of India has constituted three high-level committees to commemorate the 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Birsu Munda, and the birth centenary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. These committees will be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and



will be responsible for planning, supervising, and guiding celebratory events across the country.



### ➤ Inga Ruginiene Approved as Lithuania's New Prime Minister

Inga Ruginiene, a Social Democrat and former labour leader, has been officially approved by the Lithuanian parliament as the country's new Prime Minister. Her appointment marks a significant shift in Lithuania's political leadership, as she transitions from her role as minister of social security and labour to the highest executive office in the nation.



### ➤ Russia Opens 1 Million Job Slots for Indian Workers

With traditional destinations like the UK, US, and Canada tightening immigration norms, Russia is emerging as a new job frontier for Indian workers. According to official statements from both Indian and Russian sides, up to 1 million Indians could be employed in Russia by the end of 2025, especially in construction, machinery, textiles, and electronics—sectors grappling with acute labour shortages.



### ➤ South Korea Bans Mobile Phones in Classrooms from March 2026

In a bold move to combat the growing concerns over social media addiction among students, South Korea has passed a new bill that bans the use of mobile phones and digital devices in school classrooms. The legislation, backed by bipartisan support in parliament, will come into effect starting March 2026, aligning South Korea with a growing number of countries that are imposing restrictions on smartphone use in educational settings.



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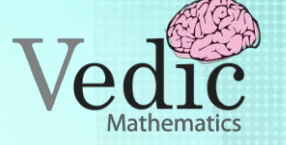
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#### ➤ Ravichandran Ashwin Announces Shocking IPL Retirement

Ravichandran Ashwin, one of India's finest cricketing minds and legendary off-spinners, has officially retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL), bringing an end to a decorated domestic T20 career. Having last played for the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in 2025, the veteran's announcement marks the end of an era. With his exit from both international and IPL circuits, Ashwin now sets his sights on exploring global T20 leagues, an opportunity made possible only after stepping away from Indian cricket.



#### ➤ J&K Bank Appoints S Krishnan as New Chairman

In a significant leadership development, Jammu & Kashmir Bank has announced the appointment of S Krishnan as its new non-executive chairman, subject to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approval. The appointment, approved by the bank's board on August 2025, is valid until March 26, 2028.



#### ➤ TN Police Reform Projects

The Indian Police Foundation signed a MoU with the Tamil Nadu Police for internal reforms and capacity building. The project aims to improve the police-public interface, grievance redressal systems, and citizen-friendly policing practices. Special focus will be given to women's safety, victim assistance, and better working conditions for police personnel. The reforms project will be implemented in fifteen police stations in the Avadi Commissionerate and fifteen in the Chengalpattu district.





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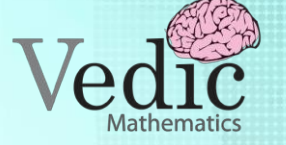
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### Current affairs MCQS on 30 AUG

Q.1. Who has recently been appointed as the Vice President and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the New Development Bank (NDB)?

- (A) Urjit Patel
- (B) Shaktikanta Das
- (C) Dr. Rajiv Ranjan
- (D) Raghuram Rajan

**Answer: (C) Dr. Rajiv Ranjan**

The New Development Bank (NDB) set up by the BRICS countries has appointed Dr Rajiv Ranjan, former member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as its Vice President and Chief Risk Officer (CRO). Dr Ranjan is a seasoned economist and central banker with over 35 years of experience. He started his career with the RBI in 1989.





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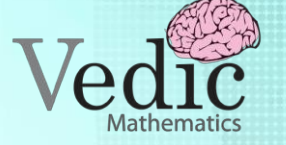
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**Q.2. Recently, which country has issued national guidelines for veterinary blood transfusion services for the first time?**

- (A) India
- (B) China
- (C) Brazil
- (D) South Africa

**Answer: (A) India**

In a landmark move in animal healthcare, the Government of India has for the first time issued national guidelines on veterinary blood transfusion services. The initiative aims to address the long-standing gap in animal care during emergencies. These guidelines issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying aim to strengthen animal welfare, biosecurity and One Health approach.

**Q.3. Where was the first recent human case of the carnivorous parasite, the New World Screwworm, reported?**

- (A) Mexico
- (B) Brazil
- (C) United States
- (D) Cuba

**Answer: (C) United States**

The Department of Health and Human Services recently confirmed the first human case of the flesh-eating parasite, the New World screwworm, in the United States. The New World screwworm is a blue-gray blowfly commonly found in South America and the Caribbean. Its larvae bore screw-like burrows into living tissue, causing a dangerous infection. Female flies lay eggs in open wounds or cavities, and lay up to 3,000 eggs in their lifetime. Symptoms include non-healing wounds, bleeding, foul odor and loss of movement. The infection is extremely painful and can be fatal if left untreated.

**Q.4. Recently, 'Project Arohan' has been launched by which organization to support the education of children of toll plaza employees?**

- (A) NHAI

- (B) UGC
- (C) AICTE
- (D) Ministry of Education

**Answer: (A) NHAI**

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust launched 'Project Arohan' to support the educational aspirations of children of toll plaza employees, the launch ceremony of which was held at NHAI Headquarters, New Delhi.

**Q.5. From which year, Ayurveda Day will be celebrated every year on 23 September in place of Dhanvantari Jayanti?**

- (A) 2024
- (B) 2025
- (C) 2026
- (D) 2027

**Answer: (B) 2025**

Taking a historic step towards getting global recognition for India's traditional medical knowledge, the Government of India has announced that from now on, Ayurveda Day will be celebrated every year on September 23. This arrangement will come into effect from the year 2025 and with this, the tradition of celebrating Ayurveda Day on Dhanvantri Jayanti, prevalent till now, will end. The theme decided for the year 2025 is "Ayurveda for people and earth", which gives the message that Ayurveda is not limited to personal health, but it is equally relevant for environmental balance and overall well-being of the earth.

**Q.6. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first Made-in-India Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) "E-Vitara". Which company has developed it?**

- (A) Tata Motors
- (B) Mahindra & Mahindra
- (C) Maruti Suzuki
- (D) Hyundai Motors

**Answer: (C) Maruti Suzuki**





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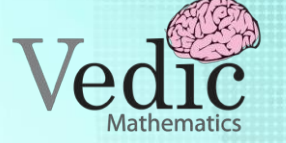
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Maruti-Suzuki's first battery electric car e-Vitara in Hansalpur, Gujarat, a significant step towards establishing India as a global hub for electric vehicle (EV) exports. The car is completely designed and manufactured in India and will be exported to over 100 countries including Europe, Japan.

**Q.7. Who recently chaired the annual bank coordination meeting to curb rising cyber crimes at Himachal Pradesh Police Headquarters Shimla?**

- (A) Ashok Tiwari
- (B) Abhishek Trivedi
- (C) Mohit Chawla
- (D) Gyaneshwar Singh

**Answer: (A) Ashok Tiwari**

With an aim to curb the rising cyber crimes in Himachal Pradesh and to establish better coordination with banks, the annual bank coordination meeting was held at Police Headquarters Shimla. The meeting was chaired by Director General of Police Ashok Tiwari. Senior police officers of the state, including ADGP Law & Order & Prisons Abhishek Trivedi, ADGP State CID Gyaneshwar Singh, DIG Cyber Crime Mohit Chawla, DIG Administration & Welfare Umapati Jamwal, SP Cyber Crime Rohit Malpani and ASP Manmohan Singh were present in the meeting.

**Q.8. Recently, INS Udaygiri was built by which shipyard under Project 17?**

- (A) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
- (C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL), Mumbai
- (D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam

**Answer: (C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL), Mumbai**

The Indian Navy commissioned Project 17A multi-mission stealth frigates INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri at the naval base in Visakhapatnam. These are part of the Project 17 (Shivalik) class of frigates designed in-house by the Warship Design Bureau (WDB). INS

Udaygiri was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai and INS Himgiri by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

**Q.9. Vaquita porpoise, which was in the news recently, is mainly found in which area?**

- (A) Bay of Bengal near India
- (B) Northern part of the Gulf of California
- (C) Mediterranean Sea
- (D) Indian Ocean

**Answer: (B) Northern part of the Gulf of California**

A recent report by the North American Environmental Commission has criticised Mexico for failing to protect the endangered vaquita porpoise (of which only 10 remain). The vaquita is the smallest member of the porpoise family and the world's most endangered marine mammal. It is found only in the northern part of the Gulf of California, where it is the smallest of any whale, dolphin or porpoise. It is usually found in shallow waters up to 50 metres deep. It is classified as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

**Q.10. Which Indian weightlifter recently won the gold medal at the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships held in Ahmedabad?**

- (A) Poonam Yadav
- (B) Mirabai Chanu
- (C) Khumukcham Sanjita
- (D) Jyoti Yadav

**Answer: (B) Mirabai Chanu**

Indian weightlifting legend Mirabai Chanu has once again proved her mettle on the international stage by winning the gold medal at the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships held in Ahmedabad. The win marks her glorious comeback to competitive weightlifting and adds another glorious chapter to her illustrious career.





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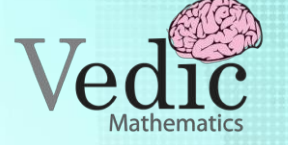
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**Q.11. Which bank recently reported a net profit of ₹134 crore in FY 2025 and crossed its customer base of over 12 crore?**

- (A) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- (B) Paytm Payments Bank
- (C) Fino Payments Bank
- (D) Airtel Payments Bank

**Answer: (A) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has achieved a remarkable milestone by earning a net profit of ₹134 crore in the current financial year. With a customer base of over 12 crore, annual revenue of over ₹2,000 crore and a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 60-70% over the last two years, IPPB is fast emerging as a leading driver of financial inclusion and digital banking services across India.

**Q.12. Which state of India will host the FIDE World Cup 2025?**

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Delhi
- (C) Goa
- (D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: (C) Goa**

India is set to further consolidate its rapidly growing position in global chess as Goa hosts the FIDE World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, 2025.

The prestigious tournament is being organised by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and will see the participation of 206 top players from over 90 countries. The winners will get prize money of \$2 million (around ₹166 crores) and three spots in the 2026 Candidates Tournament.

**Q.13. Where has India recently announced to open a new Consulate General in view of the increasing number of Indian workers in Russia?**

- (A) Moscow
- (B) Yekaterinburg
- (C) St. Petersburg
- (D) Vladivostok

**Answer: (B) Yekaterinburg**

To handle the growing consulate workload, a new Indian Consulate General will be opened in Yekaterinburg, the capital of the Sverdlovsk region, which is a major industrial center. This expansion signals not only growing migration but also deeper bilateral cooperation in workforce mobility.

**Q.14. Who has been appointed by Griham Housing Finance as its new Managing Director and CEO recently?**

- (A) Arjun Chowdhry
- (B) Manish Jaiswal
- (C) Girish Kousgi
- (D) Monu Ratra

**Answer: (A) Arjun Chowdhry**

TPG-backed mortgage lender Gruham Housing Finance is all set to appoint Arjun Chaudhry as its new managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO). Arjun Chaudhry has previously held senior positions at Citibank and Axis Bank. The appointment comes after the resignation of current MD & CEO Manish Jaiswal, whose term ends on August 31. He will, however, continue in an advisory role till December 31.

**Q.15. Which Indian off-spinner has officially retired from IPL recently?**

- (A) Ravichandran Ashwin
- (B) Harbhajan Singh
- (C) Axar Patel
- (D) Washington Sundar

**Answer: (A) Ravichandran Ashwin**

One of India's finest cricketers and one of the legendary off-spinners, Ravichandran Ashwin has officially retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL), bringing an end to his illustrious domestic T20 career. The announcement from the veteran, who will last play for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in 2025, is the end of an era. After retiring from both the international and IPL circuits, Ashwin is now focused on playing in global T20 leagues, an opportunity he has only got after his time away from Indian cricket.





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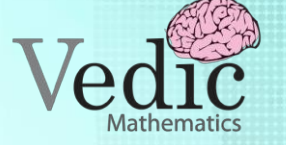
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