

Today in History on 28 JAN

➤ 1939 – Irish poet William Butler Yeats dies.

William Butler Yeats (1865–1939), poet and playwright, senator of the Irish Free State, Nobel laureate, founder of the Abbey Theatre and guide of the Irish literary revival, died on 28 January 1939 at Roquebrun, in the hills above Monaco in the south of France.



➤ 1945 - American truck convoys first passed through the Burma Road.

In 1945, American truck convoys first passed through the Burma Road. US-built military trucks passed through the Ledo Road, which connected the Burma Road with India and Burma. Blocking the flow of supplies on the road helped lead to the occupation of Burma by the Empire of Japan in 1942 during World War II. Use of the road was restored to the Allies in 1945 after the Ledo Road was

completed. Parts of the old road are still visible today.



➤ 1961 - Foundation stone of the first HMT Watches factory was laid in Bangalore.

HMT's watch manufacturing unit was set up in Bangalore in 1961. Hindustan Mechanical Tools Company was founded in 1953. The first batch of hand-winding wristwatches manufactured here was also released by Nehru, who dedicated its most famous series, the pearl-faced 'Janata', to the people of India. The authenticity of this anecdote cannot be confirmed, but one thing can never be false: the impact HMT watches have had on India.



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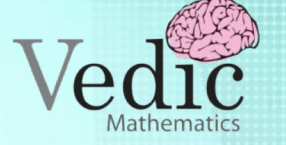
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➤ 1962 - The American spacecraft failed to reach the moon.

In 1962, the American spacecraft did not reach the moon. In 1969, the American spacecraft Apollo 11 landed on the moon. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first humans to set foot on the moon. American astronaut Alan Shepard became the first American to go into space on May 5, 1961. John Glenn became the first American to go into orbit on February 20, 1962. NASA last landed a moon-related mission on the surface of the moon in 1972.



➤ 1865 - Lala Lajpat Rai freedom fighter was born

Lala Lajpat Rai (January 28, 1865 – November 17, 1928) Lajpat Rai was born on January 28, 1865 in a Punjabi Hindu family to Munshi Radha Krishna, a government school teacher of Urdu and Persian, and his wife Gulab Devi in Dhudike. From childhood, he had a desire to serve the country. In 1886, he moved to Hisar and started practicing law and became a founding member of the Bar Council of Hisar along with Babu Choodamani. He also founded the Hisar district branch of the Indian National Congress and the reformist Arya Samaj.



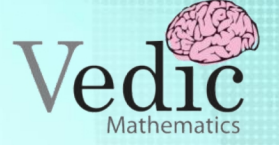
Important NEWS on 28 JAN

➤ NITI Aayog Unveils Fiscal Health Index 2025 in New Delhi



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On January, 2025, NITI Aayog introduced the inaugural "Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025" in New Delhi. This comprehensive report evaluates the fiscal health of 18 major Indian states, aiming to guide policy reforms for sustainable and resilient economic growth. Jharkhand has shown progress in fiscal prudence and debt sustainability. In contrast, Karnataka faces challenges due to weaker performance in expenditure quality and debt management.



➤ India's iSNR: Setting Global Standards in Sustainable Rubber

On January, 2025, in Kottayam, Kerala, India unveiled the Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber (iSNR) initiative, aiming to establish new global benchmarks in sustainable rubber production. The launch event was graced by George Kurian, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Minority Affairs, and presided over by Thiruvanchur Radhakrishnan, Member of the Legislative Assembly.



➤ Trump's Executive Order: Creation of Cryptocurrency Working Group

US President Donald Trump took significant steps towards reshaping the nation's cryptocurrency regulations, fulfilling his promise to overhaul US crypto policy quickly. The executive order laid out the creation of a cryptocurrency working group with a primary focus on proposing new digital asset regulations and exploring the possibility of creating a national cryptocurrency stockpile.



➤ Trump Administration Officially Changes Name of Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America

Trump administration has officially changed the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America as part of a series of executive actions aimed at fulfilling campaign promises. This decision was announced by the Interior Department, hours after President Donald Trump took office, marking the beginning of a new chapter for US territorial names and symbols. Another prominent change was the renaming of Denali, Alaska's towering peak, back to its former name, Mount McKinley.



➤ Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh flags-off 'SANJAY – The Battlefield Surveillance System'

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh flagged off 'SANJAY – The Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS)' from the South Block, New Delhi. This indigenously developed system marks a major milestone in India's defense technology, strengthening the

surveillance capabilities of the Indian Army. SANJAY is designed to enhance battlefield transparency, improve situational awareness, and optimize intelligence collection, thus transforming the battlefield in the era of modern warfare.



➤ Thailand Celebrates Marriage Equality Milestone

On January, 2025, Thailand became the first Southeast Asian nation to legalize same-sex marriage, marking a significant victory for LGBTQ+ rights in the region. The Marriage Equality Act, which was overwhelmingly passed by Parliament in June 2024 and ratified by King Maha Vajiralongkorn in September 2024, grants same-sex couples the same legal, financial, and medical rights as heterosexual couples.



Current affairs MCQS on 28 JAN

Q.1. When is K.M. Cariappa Jayanti celebrated?

- (a) 25 January
- (b) 26 January
- (c) 27 January
- (d) 28 January

Answer: (d) 28 January

On January 28, we celebrate the birth anniversary of Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa, the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army. Recognized as a national hero, Cariappa played a key role in shaping the Indian Army from the colonial era to independent India. His leadership during a crucial transitional phase established a strong and efficient military establishment. Cariappa's election proved to be an important milestone in the development of India's defence sector. His enduring legacy serves as a beacon of inspiration, emphasising the values of discipline, leadership and unwavering dedication to the nation.

Q.2. In which city has "Boi Mela" been organized recently?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Indore
- (d) Kolkata

Answer: (d) Kolkata

For book lovers, book fairs are magical events where people wander from one stall to another in search of author-signed copies, unique covers, classic editions and attractive discounts. In India, book fairs are a vibrant part of cultural life, and one such event is Kolkata's Boi Mela. More than just a book market, Boi Mela reflects Bengali culture, which is deeply rooted in the city's heritage of reading, intellectual exchange and knowledge-sharing. It also holds the distinction of being India's oldest book fair, making it an iconic part of the city's rich cultural landscape.



➤ Reliance Industries to Build World's Largest Data Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat

Reliance Industries, led by Chairman Mukesh Ambani, is set to build the world's largest data centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat. This ambitious project is poised to be a game-changer in India's digital infrastructure, especially in terms of its rapidly expanding artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities. With this massive investment, Reliance aims to help India become more competitive on the global AI stage while contributing significantly to the nation's digital and technological growth.



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Q.3. Who has recently joined the World Cricket Connects Advisory Board?

- (a) Prabhtej Singh Bhatia
- (b) Jai Shah
- (c) Devjit Saikia
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Jai Shah

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has launched a new "World Cricket Connects" advisory board, which will replace the club's previous "World Cricket Committee". In this significant development, Jai Shah, who is currently the ICC chairman and former BCCI secretary, has been named as one of the 13 founding members of the new advisory board. The move signals a new direction in the governance and future of global cricket, with leading figures from different aspects of the game coming together to provide guidance and influence.

Q.4. Recently the President of which country has approved the formation of Cryptocurrency Working Group?

- (a) America
- (b) Japan
- (c) Russia
- (d) China

Answer: (a) America

US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to create an internal working group on crypto, aimed at making the US the world capital in crypto. It also barred the establishment of central bank digital currencies. Chaired by White House AI and crypto czar David Sacks, the working group will be tasked with developing a federal regulatory framework governing digital assets, including stablecoins, and evaluating the creation of a strategic national digital asset reserve.

Q.5. Recently Operation "Sard Hawa" has been started by whom on the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan?

- (a) CRPF
- (b) IAF

(c) BSF

(d) ARMY

Answer: (c) BSF

The Border Security Force (BSF) has increased its vigil along the India-Pakistan border in Jaisalmer to prevent any possible infiltration attempt. The BSF has launched a special operation called "Operation Cold Wind" with the aim to foil infiltration attempts taking advantage of low visibility due to dense fog during the winter season. The operation will continue till January 29 and during this period special attention will be given to strengthening border security.

Q.6. Recently, Shaun Karan has been appointed as the Director of Secret Service of which country?

- (a) America
- (b) Australia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Germany

Answer: (a) America

Sean Curran, President-elect Donald Trump's personal detail chief, has been chosen to lead the United States Secret Service, a decision that reflects Trump's preference for loyalty over traditional qualifications. Curran, who has been a steadfast presence with Trump for four years, was recognised for his bravery during an assassination attempt at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. However, his appointment has drawn criticism for his lack of senior managerial experience and absence from the Secret Service's headquarters or the elite Senior Executive Service.

Q.7. Recently, who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of FICCI Frames?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Ayushmann Khurrana
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Ajay Devgan

Answer: (b) Ayushmann Khurrana

FICCI FRAMES, India's premier global media and entertainment conference, is all set to celebrate its





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25th anniversary this year. This milestone is a special moment for the media and entertainment industry, and in honour of this achievement, renowned Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana has been appointed as the brand ambassador of this year's edition of FICCI FRAMES.

Q.8. Recently, Michael Martin has become the Prime Minister of which country for the second time?

- (a) Ireland
- (b) Finland
- (c) Sweden
- (d) France

Answer: (a) Ireland

Michael Martin was elected Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of the Republic of Ireland for the second time. Prior to this, he was the Prime Minister of Ireland from 2020 to 2022. Members of the lower house of the Parliament of Ireland (Dail) voted 95 in support of Fianna Fail political party leader Michael Martin and 76 against him. The government has been formed in the country nearly two months after the general elections in Ireland, in which no political party or coalition got a decisive mandate.

Q.9. Recently, who has secured second place in the World Jumping Challenge?

- (a) Dhananjay Shukla
- (b) Jai Sabharwal
- (c) Neeraj Parikh
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Jai Sabharwal

India's young rider Jai Singh Sabarwal has secured second place in the B category of the World Jumping Challenge. He finished second in the championship ranking with 2.59 points. South Africa's Ella Vita Kastelic (0.12 points) finished first. Ecuador's Juan Francisco (2.71 points) finished third. 183 riders from 27 countries participated in this competition.

Q.10. Recently, which country will launch its first human submarine "Underwater Submersible"?

- (a) India

- (b) Russia
- (c) China
- (d) Japan

Answer: (a) India

India is set to launch its first manned underwater submarine in 2025, which will prove to be an important milestone in the country's scientific and technological journey. The submarine will initially operate at a depth of 500 metres, with a target to reach a depth of 6,000 metres by next year.

Q.11. Which country has recently legalized gay marriage?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Thailand

Answer: (d) Thailand

Hundreds of LGBTQ+ couples in Thailand are hoping their marriages will be legally recognised on the day a law giving them the same rights as heterosexual couples comes into force. The enactment of the Marriage Equality Act makes Thailand the first country in Southeast Asia and the third in Asia after Taiwan and Nepal to legalise same-sex marriage.

Q.12. Recently, Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Hindu Spiritual and Service Fair' in which city?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: (a) Ahmedabad

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Hindu Aadhyatmik AK Seva Mela to promote social and religious unity within the Hindu community in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a sister organization of Hindu Aadhyatmik AK Seva Sansthan, has organized this grand fair in Ahmedabad to give the message of unity.





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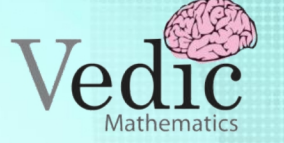
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Q.13. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state has announced a ban on the sale of liquor at 17 religious places?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (b) Madhya Pradesh

A ban on the sale of liquor will come into effect in 19 places including 17 religious cities in Madhya Pradesh from April 1. Despite the ban, people can legally consume alcohol brought from outside. The move is expected to result in a revenue loss of Rs 450 crore, which the state plans to compensate by increasing the license fee for liquor shops.

Q.14. Recently, which former player has been included in the 'Australia's Hall of Fame'?

- (a) Adam Gilchrist
- (b) David Warner
- (c) Michael Clarke
- (d) None of these

Answer: (c) Michael Clarke

Former Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke has been inducted into the prestigious Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, making him the 64th cricketer to receive this notable honour. The announcement, which was widely celebrated, was made at the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG), which holds significant emotional value in Clarke's illustrious career. The announcement recognises Clarke's extraordinary contribution to Australian cricket as a player and a leader.

Q.15. Whose name has been registered in the London Book of World Records recently?

- (a) Rakesh Kadian
- (b) Prabhakar Mishra
- (c) Arjun Srivastava
- (d) None of these

Answer: (a) Rakesh Kadian

Everest conqueror Rakesh Kadian, employed in District Jail Nuh, has once again brought laurels to the country. His name has been included in the London Book of World Records. He has been given this honour at the age of 45 for successfully climbing the world's highest peak Mount Everest (8848 metres) and the world's fourth highest peak Mount Lhotse (8516 metres) in two days.

