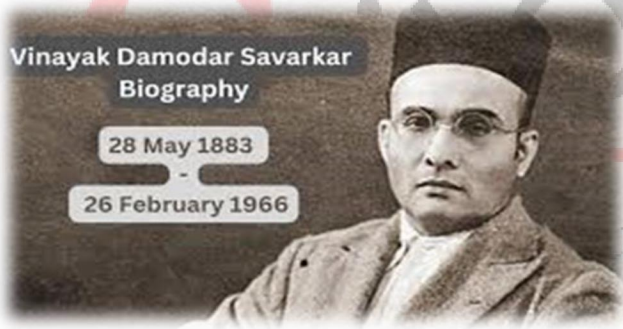


Today in History on 28 MAY

- 1883: Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was born.

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was born on 28 May 1883 in Bhagur in Nashik district. His father's name was Damodarpanth Savarkar and he was the second of three brothers. His elder brother was Babarao and younger brother was Narayan. Savarkar received his early education in Nashik and later decided to go to Mumbai for higher education. He studied law, but later he left his studies and became active in politics.



- 1937: Volkswagen is founded,

On May 28, 1937, the German government led by Adolf Hitler and the National Socialist (Nazi) Party founded a state-owned automobile company initially named Gesellschaft zur Vorbereitung des Deutschen Volkswagens mbH. Later that year the name was changed to Volkswagenwerk,



- 1908: Ian Fleming, author of the spy novel James Bond, was born.

Fleming was born on 28 May 1908 in London. He worked as a foreign correspondent, a stockbroker, and in British Naval Intelligence during World War II. These experiences provided the basis for his James Bond novels. Fleming died on 12 August 1964. Fleming was a British author best known for his James Bond series, which consists of 12 novels and two short stories.



- 1961: Human rights organization Amnesty International was founded.



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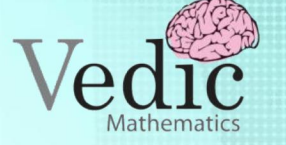
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In 1961, the human rights organization Amnesty International was founded. It was founded by Peter Benenson, a British lawyer. He founded it in London, and the organization works to draw attention to human rights violations and to protect human rights around the world.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



➤ **2000: President of India K. R. Narayanan assumed office.**

In 2000, K. R. Narayanan assumed office as the President of India. In 1997, he became the tenth President of India and also the first Dalit President. K. R. Narayanan was born on 27 October 1920 and died on 9 November 2005. He also served as the Vice President of India from 1992 to 1997. He was an Indian politician, diplomat, educationist and statesman.



Important NEWS on 28 MAY

➤ **NCW Launches Yashoda AI to Boost Women's AI and Cybersecurity Skills**

The National Commission for Women (NCW) launched 'Yashoda AI: Your AI SAKHI' on May, 2025, at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly. This groundbreaking initiative aims to enhance AI literacy, cybersecurity knowledge, and digital safety awareness among women, particularly those from rural and semi-urban areas.



➤ **PM Modi Chairs 10th NITI Aayog Meet: Roadmap for Viksit Bharat @2047**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors of 24 States and 7 Union Territories. With the theme "Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat @2047", the meeting focused on aligning state-level goals with the national vision of





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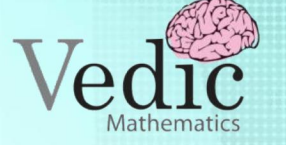
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transforming India into a developed nation by 2047, emphasizing cooperative federalism, skill development, urban planning, women empowerment, and economic growth.



➤ Saudi Arabia Launches TOURISE to Shape the Future of Global Tourism

Saudi Arabia officially launched TOURISE, a global platform designed to connect leaders across tourism, technology, investment, and sustainability sectors. Unveiled by Minister of Tourism Ahmed Al-Khateeb, TOURISE aims to unlock investment opportunities, address challenges facing the tourism industry, and shape future travel policies through collaboration and innovation.



➤ Six African Nations Sign MoU to Eliminate Kala-Azar

Six East African countries — Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan — have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to eliminate kala-azar (visceral leishmaniasis). The MoU was signed during a World Health Organization (WHO) event in collaboration with the African Union, held on the sidelines of the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, in May 2025.



➤ Tamannaah Bhatia Named Brand Ambassador of Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited

Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited (KSDL), a century-old state-owned enterprise, has appointed acclaimed actress Tamannaah Bhatia as its brand ambassador for a period of two years. This strategic move aims to enhance KSDL's visibility and appeal among younger consumers and expand its footprint both nationally and globally.





Tamil Nadu Endangered Species Conservation Fund was announced in 2024 with an initial corpus of ₹50 crore. It was initially set to be managed by the State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) After the Tamil Nadu Forest Department's plan hit a obstruction, it has been decided to reroute the funds through a different institution.

➤ RBI Notifies New Six-Member Payments Regulatory Board Including Government Nominees

the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officially notified the establishment of a new Payments Regulatory Board (PRB), a six-member body tasked with regulating and supervising payment systems in India. This new board replaces the earlier Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS) and notably includes, for the first time, three nominees from the central government.



Current affairs MCQS on 28 MAY

Q.1. Which country recently took over the chairmanship of Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for 2025-26?

- (a) Japan
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) South Korea

Answer: (b) India

India has assumed the prestigious Chairmanship of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for 2025-26 at the 67th Governing Body Meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Indian delegation is led by Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary, DPIIT and APO Director for India. The leadership change signals India's growing influence in the regional productivity and innovation agenda.

Q.2. Who recently laid the foundation stone of observation towers on New Zuari Bridge in Goa?

- (a) Jitendra Singh



➤ Update on Tamil Nadu's endangered species fund 2025



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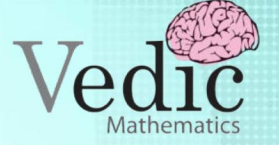
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- (b) Nitin Gadkari
(c) Piyush Goyal
(d) Bhupendra Yadav

Answer: (b) Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Friday evening laid the foundation stone for a landmark tourism project atop the new Zuari Bridge — twin observatory towers and viewing galleries, to be constructed at a cost of ₹270.07 crore. Speaking at the ceremony held at Chicalim Panchayat Hall, Gadkari described the project as a "game-changer" for Goa's tourism sector.

Q.3. Who was recently appointed as the brand ambassador of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL)?

- (a) Ananya Pandey
(b) Tamannaah Bhatia
(c) Kriti Sanon
(d) Vidya Balan

Answer: (b) Tamannaah Bhatia

Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), a hundred-year-old public sector undertaking, has appointed famous actress Tamannaah Bhatia as its brand ambassador for two years. This strategic move is aimed at increasing the national and global recognition of KSDL and increasing the popularity of the brand among young consumers. This was announced by Karnataka's Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil, who cited Tamannaah Bhatia's pan-India popularity and strong digital presence as the main reason for this selection.

Q.4. Who was Mukul Dev, who passed away recently?

- (a) Singer
(b) Politician
(c) Actor
(d) Scientist

Answer: (c) Actor

Mukul Dev, a versatile Indian actor known for his work in Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali and Telugu cinema,

has died at the age of 54. He leaves behind a legacy spanning over two decades. With a career full of versatility and depth, he earned recognition for playing roles ranging from serious villains to comic and dramatic roles. Beyond the screen, Mukul had a deep connection to the film industry through his family and close relationships. Here is a look at the late actor's life, career achievements and lesser-known facts that shaped his journey.

Q.5. In which country was the World Hydrogen Summit 2025 held recently?

- (a) Netherlands
(b) Germany
(c) USA
(d) Japan

Answer: (a) Netherlands

Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy addressed the 2025 World Hydrogen Summit being held in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy participates in the annual World Hydrogen Summit and the Secretary of the Ministry represents India at the Summit.

Q.6. According to the recent CareAge Ratings, what is the projected economic growth rate for India in the fourth quarter of FY 2024-25?

- (a) 6.5%
(b) 6.8%
(c) 7.0%
(d) 6.2%

Answer: (b) 6.8%

According to the new report 'The Economic Meter and GDP Preview for Q4FY25' by credit rating agency CareAge Ratings, India's economic growth rate is estimated to be 6.8% in the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY 2024-25. With this, the country's average GDP growth is likely to be 6.3% for the entire financial year 2024-25 (FY25). This estimate is based on rapid activities in sectors such as agriculture, hotels, transport and construction,





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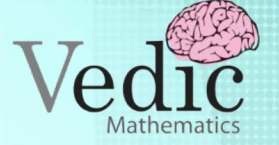
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which are contributing to strengthening the country's economic condition.

Q.7. Where was India's first AI-based non-invasive blood testing device launched recently?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Chennai

Answer: (c) Hyderabad

Hyderabad's Niloufer Hospital has become the first hospital in India to introduce an artificial intelligence-based device that conducts non-invasive blood tests without using needles, vials or laboratories. The innovative system, developed by health-tech startup Quick Vitals, was launched recently at the hospital's Red Hills campus in Lakdikapul.

Q.8. Recently a new butterfly species named Euthalia malaccana was discovered in which state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: (d) Arunachal Pradesh

India's butterfly family has gained a remarkable new member with the confirmation of Euthalia malaccana in Leprada district of Arunachal Pradesh. Earlier it was considered a subspecies or restricted to South-East Asia, but the definite presence of this butterfly species in India has extended the known range of Euthalia malaccana to the Indo-Australian region. This discovery, verified through extensive fieldwork and photographic documentation, enriches the biodiversity record of the Northeast region and highlights the importance of citizen science in wildlife research.

Q.9. Where was the 15th BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting held recently?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Russia
- (c) South Africa

(d) China

Answer: (a) Brazil

The 15th BRICS Trade Ministers Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Brazil. Its theme was "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance". India used the platform to oppose export controls among BRICS members, thereby promoting mutual cooperation within the bloc. India is preparing to assume the chairmanship of BRICS in 2026. It appreciated the solution-oriented approach of the Brazilian chairmanship in addressing important trade issues.

Q.10. Which medal did Neeraj Chopra win in the recent Portland Janusz Kusocynski Memorial Competition?

- (a) Gold
- (b) Bronze
- (c) Silver
- (d) None

Answer: (c) Silver

India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has won the silver medal in the Orlen Janusz Kusocynski Memorial Competition. This competition was held in Chorzo (Poland). Neeraj's best throw was 84.14 meters, which he did in the last attempt. Julian Weber of Germany won the gold medal. Weber's best throw was 86.12 meters. While Anderson Peters of Grenada won the bronze medal with a throw of 83.24 meters.

Q.11. Who chaired the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog recently?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer: (b) Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 10th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It was attended by Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of 24 States and 7 Union Territories. The theme this year was





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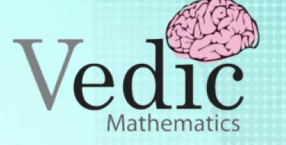
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Developed States for Developed India @ 2047. The meeting began with a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Q.12. Which organisation recently released the world's first animal health status report?

- (a) WHO
- (b) FAO
- (c) WOAH
- (d) UNICEF

Answer: (c) WOAH

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) has released its first "State of the World Animal Health" report, warning about the increasing spread of infectious diseases such as African swine fever, avian influenza and lumpy skin disease, which threaten the sustainability of the agri-food system.

Q.13. Which state recently launched India's first Vistadome Jungle Safari train?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (b) Uttar Pradesh

Taking a historic step towards integrating wildlife tourism and eco-travel in India, the Uttar Pradesh government has launched the country's first Vistadome Jungle Safari train. The train connects Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary and offers passengers a unique experience of 360-degree views of the forest through transparent roofs and glass windows. The initiative promotes sustainable tourism and biodiversity awareness.

Q.14. Who was recently appointed as the Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)?

- (a) Ajay Kumar
- (b) Harivansh Chawla
- (c) Tapan Kumar Deka
- (d) Narmadeshwar Tiwari

Answer: (c) Tapan Kumar Deka

Tapan Kumar Deka has been given a one-year extension as the Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) till June 2026. This is his second extension since his appointment in June 2022. The decision, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, comes against the backdrop of heightened security concerns following India's recent strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Q.15. Recently the 78th session of the World Health Assembly was held in which city?

- (a) New York
- (b) Geneva
- (c) Paris
- (d) London

Answer: (b) Geneva

India's participation in the 78th World Health Assembly (WHA) held in Geneva sent an important message in global health diplomacy. India not only presented its domestic health achievements but also stressed the need for a global pandemic agreement that is equitable, binding and transparent. Addressing the gathering, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava highlighted India's flagship health initiative Ayushman Bharat, which improves maternal and child health and eliminates infectious diseases. She called universal health coverage and health equity India's priority.

