

Today in History on 28 OCT

➤ 1851: British Indian Association founded in Bengal.

The British Indian Association was founded in October 1851 in Kolkata, India with Radhakanta Deb as its first president. The first general secretary of the association was Debendranath Tagore. The association was composed exclusively of Indians and worked towards enhancing the welfare of Indians.



➤ 1863: The International Committee of the Red Cross is formed at the Geneva Conference.

The first meeting of the International Committee of the Red Cross was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in February 1863. Among its five members was a local man named Henry Dunant, who a year earlier had published a crusading book (A Souvenir of Solferino) calling for better care for wounded soldiers in times of war. By the end of the year, the committee had brought together government representatives to agree to Dunant's proposal for national relief committees to assist military medical services, and in August 1864, it persuaded

governments to adopt the first and original Geneva Convention.



➤ 1913: Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Sabha was established.

With the establishment of Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Mahasabha on 28 October 1913, the loyal and wholeheartedly dedicated Shrivak community got a distinct and constitutional identity in an organized form. Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Mahasabha is renowned as the 'Sanstha Shiromani', representative institution and 'Mother' of the Terapanthi community.



➤ 1914: Jonas Salk, American physician and medical researcher who created the first safe polio vaccine, was born.

Jonas Salk was born on 28 October 1914 in New York City, New York, United States (US) to an Orthodox Polish-Jewish immigrant family. His parents did not have the benefit of formal education, so they actively encouraged Jonas and his siblings to focus on their studies.



➤ 1971: Great Britain launches its first Earth satellite, Prospero.

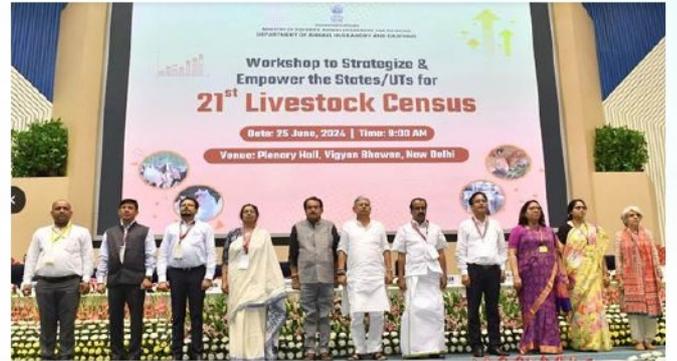
In 1971 Great Britain launches its first Earth satellite, Prospero. It was launched on October 28, 1971, with a British Black Arrow missile from the rocket-testing facility at Woomera, Australia. Prospero weighed 145 pounds (66 kilograms) and was designed primarily to test the efficiency of various technological innovations, such as telemetry and a new system of solar cell assembly.



Important NEWS on 28 OCT

➤ Rajiv Ranjan Singh to Inaugurate 21st Livestock Census

The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, also known as Lalan Singh, is set to launch the 21st Livestock Census operation, a significant initiative aimed at gathering comprehensive data on India's livestock sector. The launch event is scheduled for October, 2024 at Hotel Leela Ambience Convention in Shahdara, New Delhi.



➤ Bihar CM Unveils Rs 7,160 Cr for Panchayat Development

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for a range of development projects totaling Rs 7,160 crore. Among these initiatives are 2,615 panchayat government buildings spread across various blocks in the state and a new panchayat resource center in Sonapur, Saran district.



➤ ADB Approves \$434M Loan for 500 MW Solar Plant in Assam

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a USD 434.25 million loan to support Assam's renewable energy ambitions by constructing a 500 MW grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in the Karbi Anglong district. The Assam Solar Project aims to significantly enhance the state's renewable energy capacity, bolstering energy security and promoting sustainable energy development in the region.



➤ International Gita Mahotsav 2024: A Celebration of Culture, Spirituality, and Global Unity

A Grand Cultural Event The International Gita Mahotsav will be celebrated from November 28 to December 15, 2024, in Kurukshetra, Haryana, promising a grand display of Indian heritage, spirituality, and culture. Since 2016, this event has expanded globally, spreading the message of the Bhagavad Gita and enhancing Haryana's global presence.



➤ Reliance and Nvidia Partner to Build AI Infrastructure in India

Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries has teamed up with US chipmaker Nvidia to establish AI infrastructure in India, announced during the Nvidia AI Summit 2024 in Mumbai. This collaboration aims to position India as a leading intelligence market, with plans to deploy Nvidia's GB 200 supercomputer technology for large-scale AI capabilities. The initiative emphasizes India's vast IT talent, digital data, and a youthful population, aligning with Prime

Minister Modi's vision of self-sufficiency in AI development.



Hindalco Industries Ltd. Joins the International Copper Association (ICA) as Newest Member

The International Copper Association (ICA) is a prominent global industry body that brings together major copper producers worldwide. Representing 50% of the world's copper production, ICA is a not-for-profit trade association comprising 33 member organizations spanning six continents.

With its headquarters in Washington, DC, the ICA has operational footprints across the United States, Europe, Asia, and Latin America, advocating sustainable and responsible copper production practices.



Justice Sanjiv Khanna Appointed as 51st Chief Justice of India

In a major judiciary update, Justice Sanjiv Khanna has been appointed as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI), with his oath-taking ceremony set for November 11, 2024. His appointment follows CJI DY Chandrachud's recommendation and was confirmed by President Droupadi Murmu. Justice Khanna will serve as CJI until his retirement on May 13, 2025, holding a tenure of approximately 183 days.



Current affairs MCQS on 28 OCT

Q.1. Which institute hosted the Leadership Summit 2024?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Bombay

Answer: (a) IIT Guwahati

The Career Development Centre of IIT Guwahati hosted the "Leadership Summit 2024" focused on "Nurturing Young Talent". The two-day event was

attended by around 50 delegates from top companies such as Google, NetApp and Reliance-BP. The initiative highlights IIT Guwahati's commitment to developing young professionals for the workforce. The summit served as an important platform for knowledge sharing and networking between industry leaders and students.

Q.2. According to the recently released Travel Trends Report, which is the most popular destination for Indian travelers in 2025?

- (a) Langkawi
- (b) Shillong
- (c) Baku
- (d) None of these

Answer: (b) Shillong

According to Skyscanner's "Travel Trends Report", Shillong has been searched as the most popular destination for Indian travellers in 2025. The capital of Meghalaya tops the list followed by Baku (Azerbaijan) and Langkawi (Malaysia), where Indians have a keen interest for their unique and delectable cuisine. The report states that 66% of Indians are planning to travel more in the coming year.

Q.3. On which day, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurated the second edition of the international seminar "Chanakya Raksha Samvad"?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Kochi

Answer: (a) New Delhi

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh while delivering the keynote address at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue in New Delhi said, "The broad consensus reached by India and China to resolve their differences in certain areas along the LAC is a testimony to the fact that sustained dialogue yields

solutions". He asserted that the two countries are engaging at diplomatic and military levels, and a broad consensus has been reached to restore status quo ante on the ground based on the principles of equal and mutual security. This is the strength of engaging in sustained dialogue, he said.

Q.4. Which Indian women hockey player has recently announced retirement?

- (a) Ishika Chaudhary
- (b) Savita Punia
- (c) Gagandeep Kaur
- (d) Rani Rampal

Answer: (d) Rani Rampal

Former Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal announced her retirement, ending a glorious 16-year international career. Hailing from Shahabad in Haryana, Rampal started from a humble family with her father and rose to fame. During her career, she became one of India's most respected and celebrated hockey players.

Q.5. Recently 'Ron Eli' passed away, who was he?

- (a) Actor
- (b) Singer
- (c) Writer
- (d) Dancer

Answer: (a) Actor

American actor Ron Ely, best known for playing 'Tarzan' in the 1960s TV series, has died at the age of 86. Ron Ely began his career with supporting roles in films such as 'South Pacific', 'The Fiend Who Walked the West' and 'The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker'. He rose to fame in 1966 when he played Tarzan in the NBC series. Ely performed most of his own stunts during the show, which led to injuries, including two broken shoulders and several lion bites.

Q.6. Reliance has recently partnered with whom to build AI infrastructure in India?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Chat GPT
- (c) Meta
- (d) NVIDIA

Answer: (d) NVIDIA

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang and Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani announced a strategic partnership to build cutting-edge AI infrastructure in India at the Nvidia Summit in Mumbai. The collaboration aims to accelerate India's progress towards becoming a global AI powerhouse by leveraging the country's vast talent pool and growing digital infrastructure. Welcoming Huang to Mumbai, Ambani highlighted India's unique position with a young population eager to adopt new technologies. "We are one of the few countries where the average age of 1.4 billion people is less than 35 years," he said.

Q.7. Recently, Dr. Neena Malhotra has been appointed as the ambassador of India to which country?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Germany
- (c) Italy
- (d) France

Answer: (a) Sweden

The Government of India has appointed Dr. Neena Malhotra as the next Ambassador of India to Sweden. Currently serving as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of External Affairs, Dr. Malhotra is a distinguished 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service officer. She has had an illustrious career, having previously served as the Indian Ambassador to Italy, the Republic of San Marino and the United Nations Organisation in Rome. Dr. Malhotra holds a PhD from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in New Delhi and is expected to take up her new assignment soon.

Q.8. Recently, who has been appointed as the CEO of J.P. Morgan Chase India?

- (a) Pranav Chawla
- (b) Anurag Garg
- (c) Ranjita Sen
- (d) Pam Kaur

Answer: (a) Pranav Chawla

Pranav Chavda has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of JPMorgan Chase India for a three-year term. Previously heading the US-based JPMorgan's commercial banking unit, Chavda's appointment comes after receiving the necessary approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). His leadership is expected to drive the bank's growth and strategic initiatives in the Indian market.

Q.9. Recently, who has inaugurated the first "Dry Port" in Bihar?

- (a) Radhopur
- (b) Gaya
- (c) Dumri
- (d) Bihta

Answer: (d) Bihta

Bihar's first dry port and inland container depot (ICD) was inaugurated at Bihta in Patna district. Industry Minister Nitish Mishra inaugurated it. On this occasion, Mr. Mishra said that the launch of both the facilities is a big thing for the state, it will give impetus to industrial development. Ajay Saxena, Chief Commissioner of Customs Department of Patna Zone, said that due to being connected to many major ports, it will be easy to send Bihar's products out. At the same time, Danapur Railway Division Manager Jayant Chaudhary said that due to better rail connectivity, this facility will increase trade very fast in the coming days and will create a large number of employment opportunities.

Q.10. Recently, who has made the world record for the highest score in T-20I?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Australia
- (c) England
- (d) Zimbabwe

Answer: (d) Zimbabwe

The Zimbabwe national cricket team created history by scoring the highest score of 344 runs in T20 international cricket. In this match played against Gambia, Sikandar Raza batted explosively and scored an unbeaten 133 runs. Raza's innings broke many records and gave Zimbabwe this historic achievement. This match was held under the ICC T20 World Cup Africa Qualifier B.

Q.11. Which country has recently made a temporary change in the immigration policy?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Canada
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

Answer: (b) Canada

Canada is retreating from its previously welcoming immigration stance, a change that could significantly impact low-skilled Indian workers currently in the country. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's administration now intends to reduce the number of new arrivals as public sentiment on immigration is waning.

Q.12. Who has recently launched the second phase of Bharat Dal Chana?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Prahlad Joshi

Answer: (d) Prahlad Joshi

Union Minister for Food and Consumer Affairs Shri Prahlad Joshi launched the second phase of retail trading of Bharat Chana Dal in Delhi-NCR. This is a significant step towards the Government's

commitment to make essential food items available at affordable prices. Under this initiative, mobile vans of NCCF, NAFED and Kendriya Bhandaar were flagged off to facilitate distribution of pulses during the festive season.

Q.13. Who has recently become the highest wicket-taker in the ICC World Test Championship?

- (a) R Ashwin
- (b) Pat Cummins
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Nathan Lyon

Answer: (a) R Ashwin

India's premier offspinner Ravichandran Ashwin etched his name in the record books by becoming the highest wicket-taker in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC). During the second Test against New Zealand at the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium in Pune, Ashwin took two crucial wickets to overtake Australia's Nathan Lyon to take the top spot. Ashwin dismissed New Zealand captain Tom Latham for 15 and Will Young for 18 as India restricted New Zealand to 92/2 at lunch on day one. With these wickets, Ashwin has 188 wickets in 39 WTC matches, taking him ahead of Lyon, who has 187 wickets in 43 matches.

Q.14. Recently, heli ambulance service will be started in which AIIMS?

- (a) AIIMS Mumbai
- (b) AIIMS Gorakhpur
- (c) AIIMS Rishikesh
- (d) AIIMS Jodhpur

Answer: (c) AIIMS Rishikesh

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh is going to start heli ambulance service on the lines of 108 ambulance service in Uttarakhand. With the start of this service, a seriously injured person from any area of the state can be taken to AIIMS Rishikesh quickly with the help of heli

ambulance. On October 29, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally launch this service through virtual medium. This information was given by Prof. Meenu Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Rishikesh. Prof. Meenu Singh said that this will be the first heli ambulance service in the country. This service operated under Sanjeevani Yojana will be free. The toll free number of the service will be issued soon. Its benefits will be available in entire Uttarakhand.

Q.15. Recently, the Chancellor of which country has come on an official visit to India?

- (a) France
- (b) Austria
- (c) Germany
- (d) Switzerland

Answer: (c) Germany

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met German Chancellor Olaf Scholz to strengthen bilateral strategic ties. The main areas of discussion included defence, trade and clean energy. The leaders co-chaired the Inter-Governmental Consultations, a framework for inter-ministerial discussions. Scholz's three-day visit follows the last IGC held in Berlin in May 2022.