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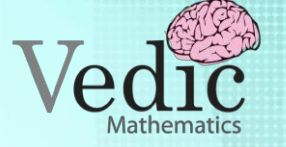
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Today in History on 14 OCT

- **1240: Death of Razia Sultan, who ruled the Delhi Sultanate from 1236 AD to 1240 AD.**

Razia al-Din (1205-1240), royal name "Jalal Ud-Din Razi", commonly known in history as Razia Sultan, was a Muslim woman ruler of Delhi. She was the Sultan (a title used by Turkish rulers) of the Delhi Sultanate. She ruled the Delhi Sultanate from 1236 AD to 1240 AD. Razia abandoned the practice of purdah and used to go to the royal court with an open face like men.



- **1931: Former President and Missile Man APJ Abdul Kalam was born.**

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, also known as Missile Man and People's President, was the eleventh elected President of the Republic of India.

He was renowned as a former President of India, a renowned scientist and engineer. He played a decisive, organisational, technical and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear test in 1998, the second time since India's first original nuclear test in 1974.



- **1932: Tata Group started the first airline. It was named 'Tata Sons Limited'.**

In 1932, Tata Company started India's first airline named Tata Sons Limited. This airline run by JRD Tata was an important step that started the era of air travel in India. Tata Airlines, which later became Air India, played a major role in the development of the Indian aviation industry.





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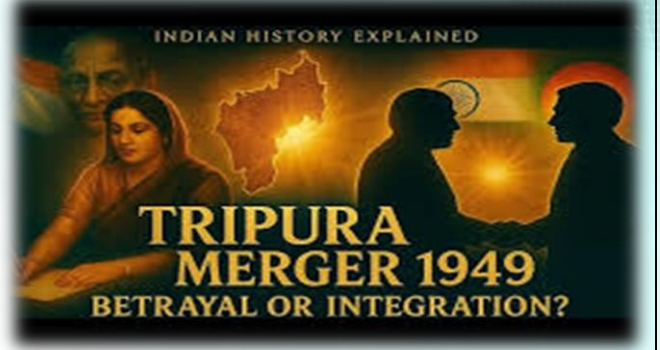
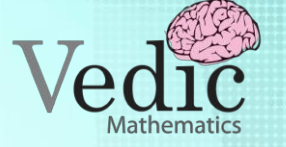
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➤ 1935 - First flight of Tata Airlines

October 1935 - First flight of Tata Airlines In 1935, the first commercial flight of Tata Airlines started, which was a milestone in the history of Indian aviation. This flight was from Karachi to Mumbai and was operated by JRD Tata himself. This airline later became the national airline "Air India".



➤ 1949 - Merger of Tripura into India.

October 1949 - Merger of Tripura into India In 1949, the state of Tripura was merged into India. There were many discussions about the political status of Tripura after independence, but on this day Tripura officially became a part of the Republic of India. This was an important step for the integrity and unity of India.

Important NEWS on 14 OCT

National News

India Launched National Red List to Biodiversity Conservation Till 2030

In a landmark initiative for biodiversity conservation, India launched its National Red List Roadmap and Vision 2025-2030 at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025. The event, held at the Asia Pavilion, witnessed the official unveiling by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh.

Key Points:-

The Red List Roadmap is India's structured response to the urgent need for species documentation and threat assessment.

It will guide conservation strategies through scientific data, allowing focused interventions for endangered flora and fauna.

Buddha's Relics to Visit Russia's Kalmykia for First Time

In a significant step toward promoting India's spiritual heritage and diplomacy, the Government of India has announced that the sacred relics of Lord Buddha will be sent to Russia's Kalmykia Republic for the first-ever public exposition. The event, to be held in Elista, the capital of Kalmykia, will run on





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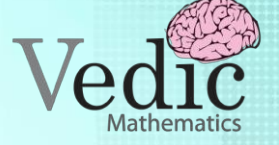
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October 2025, aiming to bless the local Buddhist population and strengthen spiritual and cultural connections.

Key Points:-

A Memorandum of Understanding is expected to be signed between the Central Spiritual Administration of Buddhists and the International Buddhist Confederation.

This will formalize cooperation in spiritual education, exchanges, and preservation of Buddhist heritage.

The event is jointly organized by India's Ministry of Culture, the National Museum, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).

International News

Delhi Declaration Elevates Global South Cities at COP30

With climate diplomacy increasingly focused on implementation on the ground, cities are asserting their role as frontline actors. The Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals, adopted on October, 2025, at the first ARISE Cities Forum in New Delhi, marks a landmark moment. It amplifies the urban voice of the Global South, demanding that local governments be recognized as partners in the global climate regime.

Appointments

Castrol India MD Resigns, Interim CEO Appointed

Castrol India, a major player in the lubricant sector, is undergoing a leadership transition. Kedar Lele, the current Managing Director, is set to step down at the end of December 2025 to explore new opportunities. In his place, the company has appointed Saugata Basuray as Interim CEO, starting January 2026,

while he retains his existing role as Wholetime Director & Head of B2C Sales.

Key Points:-

Lele will formally cease serving as Managing Director at the close of business on 31 December 2025, as per a board resolution. The decision is attributed to his choice to "pursue other opportunities."

His tenure as MD has been relatively brief, having taken over leadership responsibilities not long ago.

Banking/Economy

SBI aims to enhance gender diversity, increase female workforce to 30% by 2030

The bank is taking measures to bridge the gap and achieve its medium-term goal of 30% women in its workforce, says Mr Poludasu. State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, has devised a strategy to boost gender diversity, aiming to increase its women workforce to 30% within five years.

Awards

Filmfare Awards 2025

The 70th Filmfare Awards 2025 celebrated the best of Hindi cinema at a glittering event held at EKA Arena, Kankaria Lake, Ahmedabad. The grand evening was hosted by Shah Rukh Khan, along with Karan Johar and Maniesh Paul. The ceremony saw breathtaking performances by Shah Rukh Khan, Kriti Sanon, and Kajol, among others. The highlight of the night was Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies, which swept 13 awards, equalling the record set by Gully Boy in 2020.

Key Points:-





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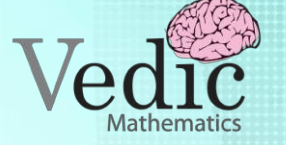
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Laapataa Ladies became the night's biggest winner with 13 awards, including Best Film and Best Director.

Abhishek Bachchan's emotional performance in I Want To Talk and Kartik Aaryan's inspiring portrayal in Chandu Champion earned them a shared Best Actor (Male) trophy.

Alia Bhatt added another feather to her cap with Best Actress for Jigra.

State news

Formation of Heritage Commission

The Madras High Court ordered the Tamil Nadu government to constitute the Tamil Nadu Heritage Commission (TNHC) within four weeks. The court noted the commission was still not formed despite the TNHC Act being brought into force on March 12, 2024, after a 12-year delay. The commission is meant to protect heritage buildings not covered under national or state archaeological laws.

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Current affairs MCQS on 14 OCT

Q.1. The recently signed Plutonium Management and Disposal Agreement (PMDA) is an agreement between the United States and which country?

- A. China
- B. Israel
- C. Russia
- D. India

Answer: C. Russia

The lower house of the Russian parliament has approved withdrawing from the Plutonium Management and Disposal Agreement (PMDA) with the United States. The Plutonium Management and Disposal Agreement (PMDA) is an agreement signed between the United States and Russia in 2000 to reduce weapons-grade plutonium from nuclear weapons dismantled during the Cold War. It came into effect in 2011. Both countries had large stockpiles of plutonium, which were expensive to store and posed a risk of nuclear proliferation.





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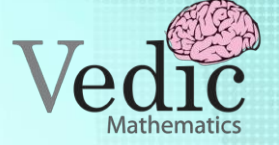
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Q.2. For what purposes did India and Australia sign new defense agreements in October 2025?

- A. To strengthen operational cooperation between armed forces and partnership in the Indo-Pacific region
- B. To promote only trade and investment
- C. To promote cultural exchange
- D. To collaborate on space research

Answer: A. To strengthen operational cooperation between armed forces and partnership in the Indo-Pacific region

During Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's official visit to Canberra in October 2025, India and Australia signed several key defence agreements. These agreements aim to strengthen the operational partnership between the two countries' armed forces and reinforce their shared commitment to maintaining a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region. This development marks a new phase in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with a special focus on defence manufacturing, cybersecurity, maritime cooperation, and regional stability.

Q.3. For what purpose was the SAKSHAM, recently launched by the Indian Army, developed?

- A. To enhance communication networks for soldiers
- B. To detect, track, and neutralize enemy drones in real-time
- C. To develop a new radar system for border surveillance
- D. To upgrade naval missile launch systems

Answer: B. To detect, track, and neutralize enemy drones in real-time

The Indian Army has launched Saksham, an indigenous unmanned aerial system (UAS) grid, to modernize its air defense capabilities. The system is designed to detect, track, identify, and destroy enemy drones in real time. Saksham represents a significant advancement in integrated battlefield management and is in line with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign.

Q.4. Recently, India's Sherry Singh made history by winning the title of Mrs. Universe 2025 in which international beauty pageant?

- A. Mrs. Universe 2025
- B. Mrs. World 2025
- C. Mrs. Earth 2025
- D. Mrs. Globe 2025

Answer: A. Mrs. Universe 2025

In a proud moment for the country, India etched its name in golden letters in the history of global beauty pageants when Sherry Singh was crowned Mrs. Universe 2025 at the grand finale held in Manila, Philippines. Competing among 120 talented women from around the world, Sherry made history by winning India's first Mrs. Universe title. This victory is not just an individual achievement, but a global celebration of Indian womanhood, perseverance, and dignity.

Q.5. The India-UK Connectivity & Innovation Centre, recently launched by India and the United Kingdom, has been established primarily to promote cooperation in which area?

- A. Defence Manufacturing
- B. Education and Culture
- C. Digital Diplomacy and Telecommunication Technology
- D. Agricultural Research

Answer: C. Digital Diplomacy and Telecommunication Technology

India and the United Kingdom have launched a strategic collaboration, beginning a new chapter in digital diplomacy and technology cooperation. The India-UK Connectivity and Innovation Centre aims to integrate innovation, research, and market deployment in advanced telecommunications. This partnership reflects shared ambitions in the development of 6G, network security, and inclusive connectivity over the next decade.

Q.6. What was the main objective of the visit of United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer to India in October 2025?





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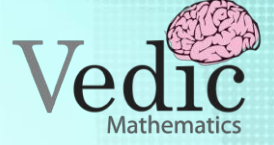
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- A. To strengthen the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and promote cooperation in technology, education, and climate action
B. To sign defense agreements with India
C. To discuss only trade agreements
D. To participate in a cultural festival

Answer: A. To strengthen the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and promote cooperation in technology, education, and climate action

The visit of United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer to India in October 2025 marked a significant milestone in the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The visit culminated in the Global FinTech Fest 2025 (Mumbai), where both countries further strengthened their commitment to technology-led growth, innovation, climate cooperation, and education exchange.

Q.7. Which new unit was recently established by the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) to strengthen the implementation of the AYUSH insurance policy?

- A. National Health Mission Unit
B. Ayush Education Coordination Centre
C. Project Management Unit (PMU)
D. Ayurvedic Research Council

Answer: C. Project Management Unit (PMU)

Union Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge), Shri Prataprao Jadhav, recently inaugurated the Project Management Unit (PMU) for AYUSH insurance-related matters at AIIA. During the discussion, Prof. Prajapati emphasized that the PMU will provide a timely and transparent environment for stakeholders, facilitating effective implementation of insurance-related schemes. He assured that AIIA will play a key role in ensuring easy access to information and benefits of AYUSH insurance schemes for the public.

Q.8. Which Indian fast bowler recently achieved the distinction of becoming the first Indian pacer to play

50 matches in all international formats (Test, ODI, and T20)?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah
B. Mohammed Shami
C. Bhuvneshwar Kumar
D. Ishant Sharma

Answer: A. Jasprit Bumrah

A historic moment in Indian cricket history was recorded when Jasprit Bumrah became the first Indian fast bowler to play 50 matches across all international formats (Tests, ODIs, and T20s). He achieved this feat in the second Test against the West Indies at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. This achievement further cements Bumrah's status as one of India's best fast bowlers of the modern era.

Q.9. Who has recently been appointed as the new interim CEO of Castrol India?

- A. Kedar Lele
B. Sanjeev Singh
C. Saugata Basuray
D. Rajeev Sharma

Answer: C. Saugata Basuray

India's leading lubricants company Castrol India is set for a leadership change. The company's current Managing Director, Kedar Lele, will step down at the end of December 2025 to "pursue new opportunities." Saugata Basuray has been appointed as its interim CEO, effective January 2026. He will continue in his current role as "Whole-Time Director and Head, B2C Sales."

Q.10. In which country will the Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha be displayed for the first time?

- A. Russia
B. Mongolia
C. Sri Lanka
D. Thailand

Answer: A. Russia

The Government of India has taken a historic step towards strengthening its spiritual heritage and cultural diplomacy. For the first time, sacred relics of Lord Buddha will be taken to the Republic of





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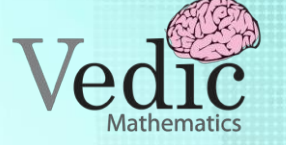
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Kalmykia, Russia, where they will be displayed for public viewing in the capital, Elista. The event aims to bless the local Buddhist community and strengthen spiritual and cultural ties between India and Russia.

Q.11. Former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak recently assumed a part-time role as a Senior Advisor at which global technology company?

- A. Google and Apple
- B. Facebook and Amazon
- C. Microsoft and Anthropic
- D. Twitter and OpenAI

Answer: C. Microsoft and Anthropic

Former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has taken on new roles in the global technology sector. He has taken on part-time, non-policy roles as a senior advisor at Microsoft and leading artificial intelligence (AI) company Anthropic. These roles will see Sunak provide strategic guidance, particularly on economic and geopolitical trends, and mark his move from public office to international corporate engagement.

Q.12. The "Delhi Declaration: Local Action for Global Climate Goals" was recently adopted at which forum?

- A. ARISE Cities Forum, New Delhi
- B. G20 Summit, New Delhi
- C. COP30, Belém
- D. UN Habitat Assembly, Geneva

Answer: A. ARISE Cities Forum, New Delhi

The first ARISE Cities Forum, held in New Delhi, adopted the "Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals." This declaration elevates urban voices from the Global South to the global stage and calls for local governments to be recognized as partners in the global climate system. This declaration will later be presented at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, paving the way for stronger climate action at the local level.

Q.13. Where was the third edition of the International Purple Fair 2025 recently held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Panaji, Goa
- D. Bangalore

Answer: C. Panaji, Goa

The spirit of inclusivity came alive in Goa when Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant inaugurated the third edition of the International Purple Fair 2025 – a celebration of diversity. Organized to showcase the talent, entrepreneurship, and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), the event underscores India's journey towards an inclusive and accessible society.

Q.14. For what purpose is the fourth block of the Shri Krishna Museum being constructed in Kurukshetra recently?

- A. To showcase the heritage related to Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata and attract tourists.
- B. Only for modern art exhibitions.
- C. For sports and recreation facilities.
- D. For the expansion of government offices.

Answer: A. To showcase the heritage related to Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata and attract tourists

The fourth wing of the Shri Krishna Museum in Kurukshetra is ready, further expanding the rich heritage associated with Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata. This initiative is being undertaken by the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) with the aim of revamping the museum experience, attracting tourists, and highlighting the religious and historical heritage of the 48 Kos of Kurukshetra.

Q.15. Which ports have recently been recognized as Green Hydrogen Hubs by India under the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

- A. Kochi Port, Mumbai Port, and Vizag Port
- B. Mumbai Port, Chennai Port, and Kolkata Port
- C. Deendayal Port, V.O. Chidambaram Port, and Paradip Port
- D. Mandvi Port, Hyderabad Port, and Goa Port





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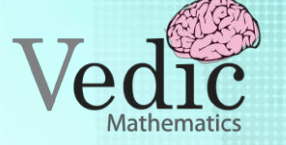
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Answer:C. Deendayal Port, V.O. Chidambaranar Port, and Paradip Port

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has formally recognized three major ports – Deendayal Port Authority (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (Tamil Nadu), and Paradip Port Authority (Odisha) – as Green Hydrogen Hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM). This recognition is a significant step towards building an integrated hydrogen ecosystem and advancing India's transition to clean energy.

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