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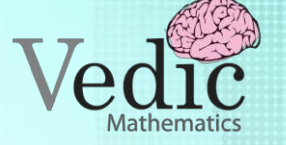
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Today in History on 27 OCT

➤ 1775- The last Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar was born.

Bahadur Shah Zafar was born in October, 1775. His father was Akbar Shah II and mother was Lalbai. Bahadur Shah Zafar was the last emperor of the Mughal Empire in India, and a famous Urdu poet. He led the Indian soldiers in the First Indian War of Independence of 1857. After the defeat in the war, the British sent him to Burma (now Myanmar) where he died.



➤ 1858- H.E. Smith patented the washing machine.

Hamilton Smith patented a rotary version of this design in 1858, which soon became more popular than its predecessor. In 1868 Thomas Bradford

invented another commercially successful model that resembled today's washing machines



➤ 1905 - Norway gains independence from Sweden.

In 1905 the dissolution of the union between the kingdoms of Norway and Sweden under the House of Bernadotte was initiated by a resolution of the Storting. After some months of tension and fear of war breaking out between the neighbouring kingdoms (then in personal union) - and a Norwegian referendum held on 13 August in which the dissolution was supported by an overwhelming majority - negotiations between the two governments led to Sweden's recognition of Norway as an independent constitutional monarchy on 26 October 1905. Prince Carl of Denmark took the throne of Norway and took the name Haakon VII.





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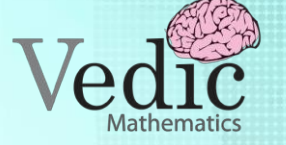
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On 26 October 1950, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta (now Kolkata). It is a Roman Catholic voluntary religious organization, which is contributing to various humanitarian works in more than 120 countries of the world. It has a congregation of more than 4500 Christian missionaries.

➤ 1934- All India Village Industries Association was established under the patronage of Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhiji established All India Village Industries Association in Wardha in the year 1934. As per Bapu's wish, Congress selected Dr. Joseph Cornelius Kumarappa, renowned for his theory of stable economy, to lead this movement. The first president of this organization was Krishnadas Jaju.



Important NEWS on 27 OCT

National News

Guru Charan Yatra commences from Gurdwara Moti Bagh in Delhi

The 'Jore Sahib', sacred footwear of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Sikh Guru, and his wife Mata Sahib Kaur Ji, is embarking on a historic religious journey — the Guru Charan Yatra. After being preserved for over 300 years by the family of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, the relics were handed over to the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee (DSGMC) at Gurdwara Moti Bagh in Delhi.

Key Points:-

The Jore Sahib, also referred to as "Charan Suhawa", holds immense spiritual and historical value in Sikh tradition.



➤ 1950- Saint Mother Teresa founded the Mission of Charity in Calcutta.





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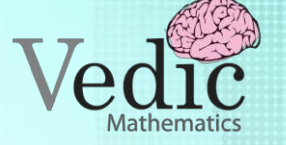
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Verified to be 300 years old by India's Ministry of Culture, the relics were previously under the guardianship of the Puri family, passed down through generations.

8th Pay Commission

The 8th Pay Commission, approved by the Union Cabinet in January 2025, is set to roll out from January 1, 2026, ushering in a significant overhaul in the salary structure, allowances, and pensions for central government employees and pensioners. This long-anticipated move comes a decade after the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission in 2016, staying in line with the historical ten-year revision cycle observed since the 4th Pay Commission.

Key Points:-

The Eighth Pay Commission is expected to benefit over 48.62 lakh active employees and 67.85 lakh pensioners. It includes a fitment factor of 2.28, resulting in a 34.1% increase in the minimum wage.

Dearness Allowance (DA), which is projected to reach 70% by early 2026, will be subsumed into the basic pay, leading to a comprehensive revision of the pay structure.

International News

New Zealand Plans Social Media Ban for Under-16s

In a move reflecting growing global concerns about teen mental health and online safety, New Zealand is set to debate legislation that would restrict social media access for children under 16. The bill, introduced by National Party MP Catherine Wedd, proposes mandatory age verification by tech companies before allowing new users to register on social platforms. If passed, this could make New Zealand one of the few countries in the world to adopt such strict social media access laws for minors.

Key Points:-

Under the proposed law, platforms could face financial penalties for non-compliance and would be required to take "all reasonable steps" to ensure users are at least 16 years old.

The bill has received backing from Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, who has expressed willingness to adopt it as a government bill, which would accelerate its passage through parliament.

Sports

India Re-Elected Vice-Chair of COP10 Bureau on Anti-Doping

India has been re-elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau under the International Convention against Doping in Sport, reinforcing its global leadership and commitment to clean sport. The announcement was made during the 10th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP10), held on October 2025 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. This session also marked the 20th anniversary of the Convention, the world's only legally binding international framework dedicated to eliminating doping in sports.

Awards

Sunil Amrith Wins British Academy Prize for "The Burning Earth"

Indian-origin historian Sunil Amrith has won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize for his groundbreaking work, *The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years*. The prestigious £25,000 award celebrates outstanding non-fiction in the humanities and social sciences, highlighting writing that enhances public understanding of global issues through rigorous scholarship.

Key Points:-





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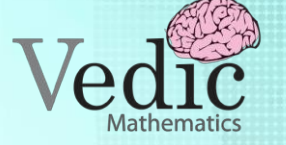
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Sunil Amrith , 46, is a leading voice in global environmental and migration history.

Born in Kenya to South Indian parents and raised in Singapore, Amrith's academic journey took him to Cambridge University and now Yale University, where he serves as a professor of history.

Banking/Economy

New Nomination Rules in Banking To Take Effect From November 1

The Central Government has announced that updated nomination provisions under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 will come into effect from November 1, 2025. These provisions aim to simplify and streamline the nomination process for bank deposits, lockers, and articles in safe custody, ensuring faster and clearer settlement in the event of a depositor's death.

State news

First Phase of Underwater Survey Off Poompuhar Coast

Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) conducted a 12-day underwater survey off the Poompuhar coast focusing on the ancient port city of Kaveripoompattinam. The survey covered the stretch between Thirumullaivasal and Neithavasal and traced locations earlier identified by archaeologist S R Rao. The collected data is under analysis, and a second phase of the survey is planned when sea conditions become favourable.

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Current affairs MCQS on 27 OCT

Q.1. Saudi Arabia recently abolished the Kafala system, granting new rights to migrant workers for how many years?

- A) 40 years
- B) 60 years
- C) 50 years
- D) 45 years

Answer: C) 50 years

In an unprecedented move, Saudi Arabia has officially abolished its 50-year-old kafala system, a labor sponsorship framework that linked the



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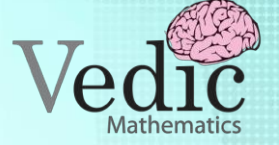
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residence and employment of migrant workers to individual employers. The reform, announced in June 2025, will impact approximately 13 million foreign workers, mainly from South and Southeast Asia, who have long faced restrictions on job mobility and limited labor rights.

Q.2. Amidst recent statehood talks, which article has the central government offered to Ladakh?

- A) Article 370
- B) Article 371
- C) Article 356
- D) Article 368

Answer: B) Article 371

In a significant political development, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has proposed granting Article 371-like provisions to Ladakh during recent talks with the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). The talks come a month after deadly protests demanding statehood and constitutional safeguards in the region, during which four people, including a Kargil war veteran, were killed in police action.

Q.3. To which company did the Inland Waterways Authority recently award the Haldia Multimodal Terminal on a PPP model?

- A) Adani Ports
- B) IRC Natural Resources
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Essar Shipping

Answer: B) IRC Natural Resources

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has awarded the Haldia Multimodal Terminal to IRC Natural Resources on a public-private partnership (PPP) model. The terminal has been awarded to IRC Natural Resources for operation and maintenance under a 15-year concession agreement.

Q.4. How many crore rupees has the India-Japan Fund recently invested in Eka Mobility?

- A) ₹200 crore
- B) ₹500 crore

- C) ₹300 crore
- D) ₹750 crore

Answer: B) ₹500 crore

An India-Japan fund has invested ₹500 crore in EKA Mobility. This strategic investment aims to expand the company's electric vehicle business, including increasing manufacturing capacity, strengthening research and development, and expanding its supply chain and market presence.

Q.5. India's gold reserves recently crossed how many billion dollars for the first time?

- A) \$80 billion
- B) \$100 billion
- C) \$90 billion
- D) \$70 billion

Answer: B) \$100 billion

In a bold move toward financial stability, the Reserve Bank of India is revising its foreign exchange strategy. By purchasing more gold and reducing its holdings of US Treasury securities, the bank is effectively diversifying its reserves. This shift underscores gold's reputation as a safe-haven asset in volatile economic conditions, and India's gold reserves have now surpassed the astonishing \$100 billion mark.

Q.6. Recently, for whom did Elxmii launch India's first dedicated UPI app, 'ElxmiiPay'?

- A) For youth
- B) For women
- C) For merchants
- D) For senior citizens

Answer: B) For women

Lxme, India's leading financial platform for women, launched LxmePay, the country's first UPI specifically designed for women. It offers features like digital gold rewards on every transaction, expense tracker, bill payments, and offers on women's brands, allowing women to manage, budget, save, and invest their money smartly.





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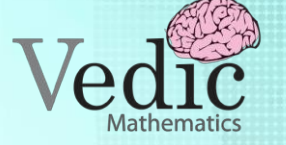
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Q.7. Which medal did Zorawar Singh Sandhu recently win at the ISSF Shotgun World Championship 2025?

- A) Gold
- B) Silver
- C) Bronze
- D) None

Answer:C) Bronze

Indian shooter Zoravar Singh Sandhu created history by winning the bronze medal in the men's trap event at the ISSF World Shotgun Championships 2025 in Athens, Greece. Competing in difficult weather and mild sunshine, Zoravar shot 31 out of 50 targets in the final match to finish behind Croatia's Josip Glasnovic and Spain's Andres Garcia.

Q.8. Which medal did Jyothi Surekha Vennam recently win at the Archery World Cup Final 2025?

- A) Silver
- B) Bronze
- C) Gold
- D) None

Answer:B) Bronze

Jyothi Surekha Vennam won a bronze medal at the Archery World Cup Final 2025. She won the medal in the women's compound individual event in Nanjing, China, becoming the first Indian woman compound archer to achieve this feat.

Q.9. What field was Govardhan Asrani, who recently passed away, associated with?

- A) Sports
- B) Politics
- C) Cinema
- D) Literature

Answer:C) Cinema

Renowned Hindi film actor Govardhan Asrani has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 84 years old. He was known simply as Asrani. Best known for his role as the jailer in Sholay, Asrani also starred in hit films such as Chupke Chupke, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, Dhamaal, and Bunty Aur Babli 2.

Q.10. For what purpose has CDSCO recently launched a digital monitoring system?

- A) Monitoring medicinal solvents
- B) Food testing
- C) Medical education reforms
- D) Drug price control

Answer:A) Monitoring medicinal solvents

India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has launched a digital monitoring system through its online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS) to track high-risk pharmaceutical solvents such as glycerin and propylene glycol, which are often used in cough syrups. The move follows recent diethylene glycol contamination incidents that led to the deaths of children. ONDLS enables real-time monitoring of solvent production, testing, and supply chains, ensuring transparency and safety. All manufacturers will be required to register and log data online, while regulators will verify batches before release.

Q.11. Which organization has launched AI-based highway monitoring using 3D survey vehicles?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport
- B) BRO
- C) NHAI
- D) CPWD

Answer:C) NHAI

To revolutionize the maintenance and monitoring system of national highways in India, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has deployed 3D laser-based Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs). This initiative is part of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' (MoRTH) broader strategy to make the country's road infrastructure smarter and more sustainable by using artificial intelligence (AI).

Q.12. NHAI's new monitoring system will use which technology to detect road defects?

- A) Drone mapping
- B) 3D laser-based AI system
- C) Infrared scanning





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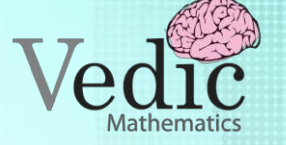
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D) Satellite radar

Answer: B) 3D laser-based AI system

To revolutionize the maintenance and monitoring of national highways, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is deploying 3D laser-based Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) covering over 20,933 kilometers of road stretches across 23 states. This initiative is part of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' broader effort to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve road infrastructure management in India.

Q.13. In which Indian state is the Ningol Chakouba festival celebrated?

- A) Assam
- B) Manipur
- C) Mizoram
- D) Tripura

Answer: B) Manipur

Ningol Chakoba—a sensitive and culturally rich festival of Manipur—celebrates the strong familial bond between married women (ningols) and their brothers and paternal families. The festival is celebrated annually on the second day of the month of Hianggei according to the Meitei lunar calendar. In 2025, Ningol Chakoba will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and gaiety, as women return to their parents' homes dressed in traditional Manipuri attire, bringing gifts, and participating in affectionate ceremonies and community feasts.

Q.14. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's visit to the UAE was primarily focused on attracting investment in which sector?

- A) Tourism
- B) Green energy and digital infrastructure
- C) Defense
- D) Textiles

Answer: B) Green energy and digital infrastructure

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is on a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), aimed at attracting foreign

investment—particularly in the areas of green energy, digital infrastructure, and urban development. On the first day of the visit, he met top Indian diplomats and business leaders in Dubai, signaling the state government's renewed efforts to position Andhra Pradesh as a global investment hub.

Q.15. Which city has launched India's first real-time flood forecasting system?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Kochi

Answer: B) Chennai

In a major step towards strengthening urban disaster management, Chennai has become the first city in India to fully implement a real-time flood forecasting and spatial decision support system (RTFF and SDSS). The system, scheduled to be operational by October 2025, will elevate Chennai's flood forecasting, management, and rapid response capabilities to new heights. This initiative is particularly significant as Chennai is frequently affected by monsoon-induced urban flooding. Accurate forecasting will help save lives, reduce losses, and promote smart urban planning.

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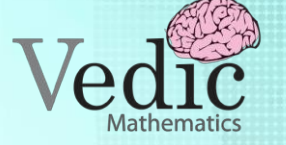
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