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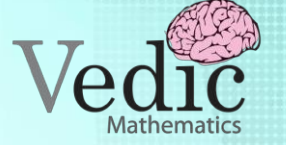
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Today in History on 28 OCT

➤ 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 Shravak 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.





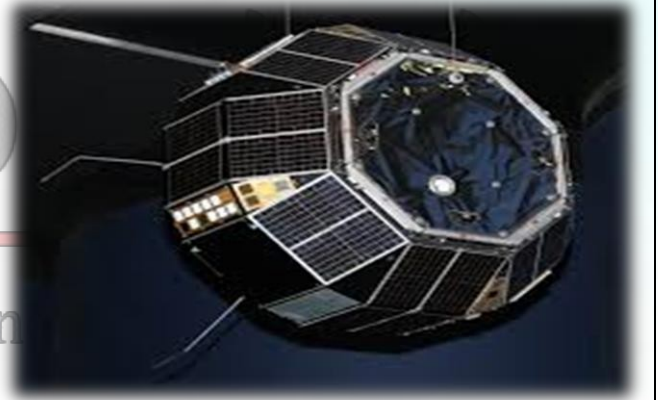
➤ 1914: Jonas Salk, American physician and medical researcher who created the first safe polio vaccine, was born.

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

National News

India Launches Online National Drug Licensing System

In response to a series of fatal child deaths linked to toxic cough syrups, India has rolled out a robust digital oversight system — the Online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS). Spearheaded by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), this system is designed to track high-risk pharmaceutical solvents in real time, ensuring that



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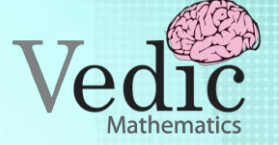
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only verified, safe ingredients are used in medicine manufacturing across the country.

Key Points:-

The ONDLS was launched after several deaths of children in Madhya Pradesh were traced to cough syrup contaminated with diethylene glycol (DEG) – a highly toxic industrial solvent.

The investigation revealed major flaws in quality control and ingredient identification, raising concerns from both domestic authorities and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Jammu and Kashmir Restores 150-Year-Old Darbar Move Tradition After Four Years

The Darbar Move, one of India's oldest administrative traditions, has officially been revived in Jammu and Kashmir after being scrapped four years ago. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced the restoration of this century-old practice, fulfilling a key government promise. The decision marks the return of an important part of the Union Territory's history, culture, and governance.

International News

Tuvalu Becomes 90th Member of IUCN Amid Climate Crisis

Tuvalu, one of the world's smallest and most climate-vulnerable nations, has officially joined the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as its 90th State Member. The move marks a significant step for the island nation in strengthening its environmental governance and global engagement in conservation efforts.

Key Points:-

Access to global expertise: scientific research, biodiversity databases, and conservation tools.

International advocacy: The ability to shape the global conservation agenda and voice the concerns of small island nations.

National support: Technical guidance for the implementation of biodiversity and climate policies.

Appointments

Dame Sarah Mullally to Become First Woman to Lead the Church of England

In a historic moment for the Church of England, Dame Sarah Mullally has been announced as the new Archbishop of Canterbury-designate — the first woman ever to be chosen for this prestigious role. Her appointment marks a new chapter for the Church, bringing both hope and responsibility as she prepares to lead millions of Anglicans across the world.

Key Points:-

Dame Sarah, 63, has had a remarkable career bridging the gap between healthcare and faith.

Before joining the Church, she spent more than 35 years in the NHS, where in 1999 she became England's youngest Chief Nursing Officer.

Sports

Rohit Sharma Overtakes Ganguly as India's 3rd-Highest ODI Run Scorer

Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma has added another milestone to his illustrious career, surpassing Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day Internationals (ODIs). The record-breaking moment came during his 73-run knock against Australia in the second ODI.

Key Points:-

The 38-year-old Rohit overtook former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly (11221) to move to third in the all-time Indian list during his knock of 73 at the Adelaide Oval.

Only Virat Kohli (14181) and Sachin Tendulkar (18,426) have scored more ODI runs than Rohit.





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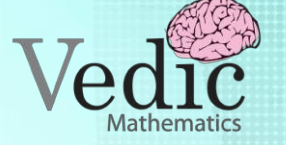
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Banking/Economy

SBI Named "World's Best Consumer Bank 2025" by Global Finance

In a significant achievement for India's banking sector, the State Bank of India (SBI) has been honoured with the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2025" award by the international publication Global Finance. This recognition underscores SBI's advances in digital banking, consumer outreach and financial inclusion.

State News

Mettur Dam's Full Capacity

The Stanley Reservoir in Mettur, Salem district, reached its full reservoir level (FRL) of 120 feet on October, 2025, for the seventh time this year. Due to this, a flood alert has been issued to 11 delta districts. Mettur Dam reached full level earlier on June 12, July 5, July 28, August 19, September 15, and October 3, 2025. The last time the dam reached FRL seven times in a year was in 1977.

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Current affairs MCQS on 28 OCT

Q.1. The Indian government recently approved the connection of which power plant to the national power grid, which was previously built only to export electricity to Bangladesh?

- (a) Talcher Super Thermal Power Plant
- (b) Mundra Thermal Power Plant
- (c) Godda Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant
- (d) Koradi Thermal Power Plant

Answer: (c) Godda Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant

The Indian government has approved connecting Adani Power's Godda Ultra Supercritical Thermal Plant to the national electricity grid. This 1,600 MW coal-fired power plant, previously designed to export electricity only to Bangladesh, will now be able to supply electricity within the country. This decision is being considered a historic shift in India's cross-border power trade policy and grid strategy.





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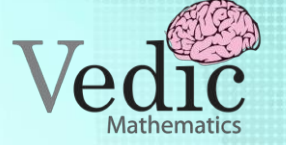
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Q.2. Which medal did Indian wrestler Vishwajeet More recently win at the Under-23 Wrestling World Championships held in Serbia?

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

Answer:(c) Bronze Medal

At the Under-23 Wrestling World Championships, Indian Greco-Roman wrestler Vishwajeet More defeated Kazakhstan's Yerasyl Mamyrbekov 5-4 to win the bronze medal in the 55-kilogram weight category. This is India's first medal at the championships being held in Serbia. Three women wrestlers, Honey Kumari, Diksha Malik and Priya Malik, lost in their first rounds.

Q.3. Which Indian bank was recently awarded the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2025" award by the international publication Global Finance?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) State Bank of India (SBI)
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Axis Bank

Answer:(b) State Bank of India (SBI)

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Q.4. According to the latest India Economic Outlook report by Deloitte India, what is the projected growth rate of India's economy in FY 2025-26?

- (a) Between 6.7% and 6.9%
- (b) Between 5.9% and 6.1%
- (c) Between 7.2% and 7.4%
- (d) Between 6.0% and 6.2%

Answer:(a) Between 6.7% and 6.9%

According to Deloitte India's latest India Economic Outlook report, India's economy is projected to grow between 6.7% and 6.9% in fiscal year 2025-26. This

estimate is 0.3 percentage points higher than the previous estimate, reflecting renewed optimism driven by rising domestic consumption, government reforms, and an improving investment climate. This estimate is in line with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) growth forecast of 6.8%, reaffirming India's strong macroeconomic fundamentals.

Q.5. Which Indian batsman recently surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day International (ODI) cricket?

- (a) K.L. Rahul
- (b) Shubman Gill
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Shikhar Dhawan

Answer:(c) Rohit Sharma

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Q.6. Who was the beloved and revered royal figure of Thailand, also known as the "Green Kreen," who recently passed away at the age of 93?

- (a) Queen Mother Sirikit
- (b) Princess Sirindhorn
- (c) Queen Suthida
- (d) Princess Ubolratana

Answer:(a) Queen Mother Sirikit

Thailand's former Queen Sirikit has died after a brief illness at the age of 93, the Public Relations Department of the Prime Minister's Office said. Married at the age of 18 to King Bhumibol, who was later crowned as Rama IX of the Chakri Dynasty, she was considered the world's longest-reigning monarch.

Q.7. Which Indian-born historian was recently awarded the British Academy Book Prize 2025 for his book, The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years?





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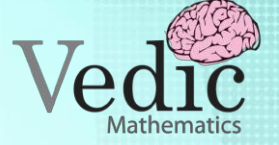
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- (a) Ramachandra Guha
- (b) Gaurav Khanna
- (c) Sunil Amrith
- (d) Amitav Ghosh

Answer:(c) Sunil Amrith

Sunil Amrit, an Indian-born historian and professor at Yale University, was recently awarded the British Academy Book Prize 2025 for his book, "The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years." The prize, worth 25,000 pounds, recognizes outstanding non-fiction books in the humanities and social sciences. The book analyzes the last 500 years of environmental history and the current climate crisis.

Q.8. What is the name of India's first indigenous anti-submarine vessel, recently delivered to the Navy by Cochin Shipyard?

- (a) Laxmi
- (b) Padma
- (c) Mahe
- (d) Harsha

Answer:(c) Mahe

First Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Vessel 'Mahe' built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi commissioned into Indian Navy 'Mahe', the first of the eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Vessels (ASW SWCs) built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, was handed over to the Indian Navy.

Q.9. Which new suspension bridge, recently being constructed over the Ganges River in Rishikesh, will replace the historic Lakshman Jhula and is expected to open by December 2025?

- (a) Ganga Setu
- (b) Dev Lok Setu
- (c) Bajrang Setu
- (d) Ram Setu

Answer:(c) Bajrang Setu

Rishikesh, one of India's most famous spiritual and tourist destinations, is about to get a new architectural landmark. Bajrang Setu, a modern

suspension bridge over the Ganges River, is nearly complete and is expected to open by December 2025. The bridge will replace the iconic Lakshman Jhula, which was closed in 2019 for safety reasons after serving tourists for nearly a century.

Q.10. Which asteroid has recently been confirmed by NASA as Earth's new temporary "second moon," orbiting the Sun in an Earth-like orbit?

- (a) 2025 PN7
- (b) 2024 QL2
- (c) 2023 AX1
- (d) 2016 HO 3

Answer:(a) 2025 PN7

Earth has a new space companion—a small asteroid named 2025 PN7, recently confirmed by NASA. Although it's not a true moon, it orbits the Sun in an orbit nearly identical to Earth's, making it appear to follow our planet through space. This "crescent," first discovered by astronomers at the University of Hawaii, is estimated to be about 18 to 36 meters wide—about the height of a small building. Despite its small size by space standards, its discovery is intriguing to scientists studying the motion of near-Earth asteroids.

Q.11. Which country is the host country of the 47th ASEAN Summit in 2025?

- (a) India
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Myanmar

Answer:(b) Malaysia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually participate in the 47th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit. The summit is being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. During the event, the country will become the diplomatic capital of Southeast Asia. More than 30 heads of state and government will participate, including leaders from ASEAN countries and dialogue partner countries such as the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.





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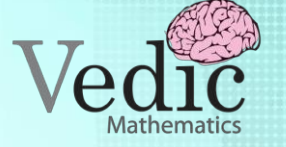
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Q.12. Which organization launched an intrusion detection system (IDS) on railway tracks in the Northeast?

- (a) Ministry of Environment
- (b) Wildlife Institute of India
- (c) Northeast Frontier Railway
- (d) South Coast Railway Zone

Answer:(c) Northeast Frontier Railway

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), under the Ministry of Railways, has launched an Intrusion Detection System (IDS). It has successfully completed testing on four major rail sections. The system aims to protect wildlife, especially elephants, while maintaining operational efficiency in forest areas. The IDS operates parallel to railway tracks at a distance of 10 meters. It uses advanced optical fiber sensing technology to detect elephant movements near the tracks. The system sends real-time alerts to train drivers and control rooms for preventive action. Vibrations generated by elephants are detected by sensor cables and transmitted to the control room.

Q.13. The chrysanthemum flowering plant, recently in the news, is native to which region?

- (a) South America
- (b) Asia and Northeast Europe
- (c) Central Africa
- (d) Australia

Answer:(b) Asia and Northeast Europe

Kashmir's first chrysanthemum garden recently opened to tourists. Chrysanthemums are a genus of about 30 species of perennial flowering plants in the Asteraceae family. Native to Asia and northeastern Europe, they bloom in autumn. The plant grows 50-150 cm tall, with deeply segmented leaves and large flowers in white, yellow, or pink. It thrives in tropical and temperate regions with subtropical and subtropical climates.

Q.14. Which is the host country for Exercise Ocean Sky 2025?

- (a) Spain

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

Answer:(a) Spain

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the multinational air combat exercise Ocean Sky 2025 hosted by the Spanish Air Force at Gando Air Base in Spain. The aim of the exercise is to promote mutual learning, enhance interoperability, sharpen air warfare skills and strengthen defence cooperation with friendly foreign countries.

Q.15. The Indian Scops Owl, recently sighted near the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, is native to which region?

- (a) Southern Asia
- (b) Eastern Australia
- (c) North America
- (d) Central Africa

Answer:(a) Southern Asia

Birdwatchers recently spotted the Indian Scops Owl for the first time near the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Karnataka. The Indian Scops Owl is a small forest owl native to southern Asia, found in India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Iran. It lives in forests, scrub, and agricultural areas and is not migratory. The owl stands 17-20 cm tall and has a wingspan of about 45 cm. It has large, bright yellow eyes, a round head, and intricately patterned grayish-brown feathers. It hunts at night and feeds primarily on insects. It is listed as a species of least concern on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

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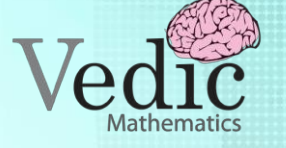
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