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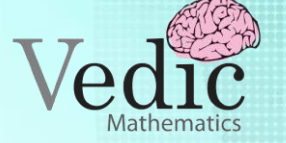
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Today in History on 29 OCT

➤ 1911: American editor and publisher Joseph Pulitzer dies.

Joseph Pulitzer was a Hungarian-American politician and newspaper publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the New York World. He became a prominent national figure in the Democratic Party and was elected a member of Congress from New York. Fierce competition in the 1890s between his World and William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal led both to develop the techniques of yellow journalism, which won readers over with sensationalism, sex, crime, and graphic horrors.

➤ 1859- Spain declared war on Morocco.

Spain declared war on Morocco in October 1859. The war ended with the Treaty of Wad-Ras on April 26, 1860. This war is also known as the Hispano-Moroccan War, Spanish-Moroccan War, First Moroccan War, Tetuan War or Spanish War in Africa. The war began on the borders of the Spanish city of Ceuta and was fought in northern Morocco.

➤ 1923 - The Republic of Turkey is formed following the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire.

The Dissolution of the Ottoman Empire (1908–1922) was a period in the history of the Ottoman Empire that began with the Young Turk Revolution and ultimately ended with the dissolution of the empire and the establishment of the modern Turkish state. The Young Turk Revolution restored the 1876 Constitution and brought multiparty politics with a two-stage electoral system for the Ottoman Parliament. At the same time, a nascent movement called Ottomanism was promoted in an attempt to maintain the unity of the empire, emphasizing a collective Ottoman nationalism regardless of religion or ethnicity.

➤ 1945- The first ball point pen in the world came into the market.

The first batch of ball point pens was sold publicly in New York in 1945. There was such a huge crowd to buy it that the authorities had to deploy hundreds of police personnel. It was first purchased on a large scale by the Royal Air Force. 30,000 pens were ordered during the Second World War.

➤ 1999- A devastating cyclone hits Odisha.

The 1999 Odisha cyclone was the most powerful cyclone in the North Indian Ocean. On 29 October,



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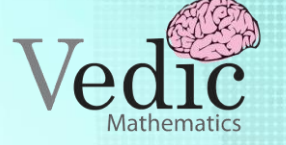
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the cyclone made landfall in the Paradip region of Odisha state with winds of 260 kmph. Within a day, the cyclone developed from a normal cyclone to a very powerful cyclone.

Important NEWS on 29 OCT

National News

Bajrang Setu- India's First Glass Suspension Bridge Set to Transform Rishikesh by 2025

Rishikesh, one of India's most famous spiritual and tourist destinations, is about to get a new architectural landmark. The Bajrang Setu, a modern suspension bridge over the Ganga River, is almost ready and expected to open by December 2025. This bridge will serve as a replacement for the iconic Laxman Jhula, which was closed for safety reasons in 2019 after serving visitors for nearly a century.

Key Points:-

Bajrang Setu has been designed using high-quality materials and modern engineering standards to ensure long-term durability.

It can safely handle large numbers of pedestrians and two-wheelers, reducing pressure on older structures like Ram Jhula.

Government expands LC75 and BLC investment options for central employees

In a key development for civil-service retirement planning, the Government of India has approved the extension of the Life Cycle 75 (LC75) and Balanced Life Cycle (BLC) investment options to central government employees under the National Pension System (NPS) and the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). This move enhances the range of investment choices available, aligning the government-employee pension ecosystem more

closely with options already available to non-government subscribers.

Key Points:-

The default option, which follows the investment pattern defined by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

Scheme G, where 100 percent of the investment goes into government securities—considered a low-risk, assured-return option.

LC-25, where the equity allocation is capped at 25 percent and gradually reduced from age 35 to 55.

International News

India to Host First APAC-AIG Meeting in 2025

India is set to host the Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) meeting and workshop for the first time from 28 to 31 October 2025. This significant aviation safety event will bring together around 90 representatives from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) member states in the Asia Pacific region, as well as experts from global organizations.

Key Points:-

Reinforces India's commitment to aviation safety and international standards.

Establishes India as a regional leader in aircraft accident investigation expertise.

Opening new opportunities for technical cooperation, capacity building, and policy leadership in Asia-Pacific aviation matters.

Appointments

Justice Surya Kant to Become 53rd Chief Justice of India

Justice Surya Kant has been recommended to become the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI), following the retirement of Chief Justice Bhushan R





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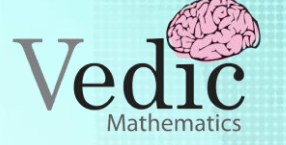
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Gavai on 23 November 2025. Once formally appointed, Justice Kant will lead the Indian judiciary until 9 February 2027, marking a tenure of approximately 14 months. This recommendation, made by CJI Gavai to the Union Government, follows the established judicial convention of seniority in appointing the next CJI.

Key Points:-

Born on February 10, 1962, in a nondescript village in Haryana's Hisar, Justice Kant does not belong to a family with a strong legal background.

That's what makes his journey more profound - from humble beginnings to carving out an illustrious judicial career.

His father was a teacher, and Justice Kant did his early schooling in a village school. He completed his law degree from Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) in 1984.

Sports

Lionel Messi Clinches 2025 MLS Golden Boot After Stunning Season with Inter Miami

Lionel Messi has had another remarkable season in Major League Soccer (MLS), dominating the league with record-breaking performances. However, despite his incredible individual success, the Inter Miami star faces a new challenge — leading his team to their first-ever MLS Cup victory. For many, this achievement will determine whether Messi's season is seen as a triumph or a disappointment.

Banking/Economy

RBI Removes ₹10,000 Crore Lending Limit on Individual Corporate Borrowers

In a major regulatory update, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has withdrawn a 2016 circular that limited how much the banking system could collectively lend to a single large corporate borrower. This move marks a step towards

liberalising bank lending norms while still maintaining safeguards against concentration risk through the Large Exposure Framework (LEF).

State news

Real-Time Flood Forecast System

Chennai has become the first Indian city to get a real-time flood forecast and spatial decision support system (RTFF & SDSS). The ₹107.2 crore project provides river and street-level inundation forecasts for vulnerable areas. The system covers about 4,974 sq km, including Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, and Ranipet districts. It monitors the Adyar, Cooum, Kosasthalaiyar, and Kovalam river sub-basins.

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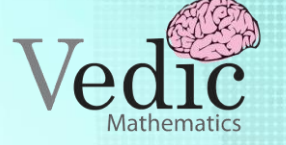
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Current affairs MCQS on 29 OCT

Q.1. Who was recently appointed Chairman of the WIPO Advisory Board?

- (a) Shailesh Chandra
- (b) Mathun Manhas
- (c) Pratibha Singh
- (d) None of these

Answer: (c) Pratibha Singh

Justice Pratibha M. Singh of the Delhi High Court has been appointed Chairperson of the Advisory Board of Judges of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the term 2025-2027. This is the first time an Indian – and indeed an Asian – has been elected to this prestigious global position, providing significant recognition to India's growing leadership in intellectual property (IP) law and policy.

Q.2. Nirmal Kumar Minda was recently appointed President of which organization?

- (a) FICCI
- (b) ASSOCHAM
- (c) CII
- (d) NSE

Answer: (b) ASSOCHAM

Nirmal Kumar Minda, executive chairman of the Uno Minda Group, assumed charge as president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). Along with him, Amitabh Chaudhry, managing director and CEO of Axis Bank, has been appointed senior vice president of ASSOCHAM, though his appointment is subject to RBI approval.

Q.3. Who recently unveiled the official logo and anthem of the FIDE World Cup 2025?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Pramod Sawant
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) None of these

Answer: (b) Pramod Sawant

India marked a significant moment in international sports when Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant unveiled the official logo and anthem of the FIDE World Cup 2025 at a cultural ceremony in Panaji, Goa. This milestone brings global chess back to India after 23 years and sets the stage for an event that combines sports, culture, and national pride.

Q.4. Who was recently re-elected as Vice President of the COP10 Bureau?

- (a) France
- (b) Japan
- (c) Singapore
- (d) India

Answer: (d) India

India has been re-elected as Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau of the International Convention against Doping in Sport. This achievement strongly demonstrates India's global leadership and commitment to clean sport.





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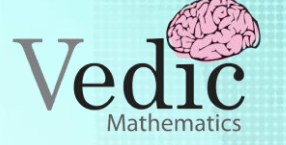
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Q.5. Justice Sudhir Singh has been appointed Acting Chief Justice of which High Court?

- (a) Calcutta High Court
- (b) Delhi High Court
- (c) Patna High Court
- (d) Guwahati High Court

Answer:(c) Patna High Court

Following the retirement of Chief Justice Pawankumar Bheemappa Bajantri, Justice Shri Sudhir Singh has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court through the collegium system. According to Article 223, when the office of Chief Justice of a High Court is vacant or the Chief Justice is absent or unable to discharge his duties, the President has the power to appoint a Judge of that High Court as Acting Chief Justice.

Q.6. Who has written the book Modi's Mission, which was launched by Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat?

- (a) Shivam Mittal
- (b) Berjis Desai
- (c) Neeraj Sharma
- (d) Ankur Tripathi

Answer:(b) Berjis Desai

Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis released a book titled "Modi's Mission" in Mumbai. The book is authored by renowned lawyer Barjis Desai. Speaking on the occasion, Acharya Devvrat said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made several important decisions during his tenure, including the abrogation of Article 370. He said that the Prime Minister resolved many complex issues without any controversy. Mr. Devvrat said that Prime Minister Modi is one of the most respected leaders in the world.

Q.7. Who has become the first non-NATO country to participate in Spain's Ocean Sky 2025 air military exercise?

- (a) India
- (b) China

- (c) Armenia
- (d) Japan

Answer:(a) India

The Indian Air Force is participating in the multinational air exercise hosted by the Spanish Air Force, aimed at promoting joint learning, enhancing mutual operational capabilities, honing air warfare skills and strengthening defence cooperation.

Q.8. Which state recently partnered with the central government to join the PM SHRI School Scheme?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer:(c) Kerala

Despite earlier opposition, Kerala has reached an agreement with the Center on the PM SRI scheme. The Center had withheld the Samagra Shiksha Fund, affecting 4 million students in the state. The state will receive ₹1,476.13 crore, but Kerala has made it clear that it does not fully accept the National Education Policy (NEP) and will not make any changes to its curriculum.

Q.9. In which country will Dame Sarah Mullally be appointed the first female head of the Church?

- (a) Italy
- (b) England
- (c) Russia
- (d) Mexico

Answer:(b) England

In a historic moment for the Church of England, Dame Sarah Mullally has been appointed as the new Archbishop of Canterbury – the first woman to be elected to this prestigious position. Her appointment begins a new chapter for the Church, bringing both hope and responsibility as she prepares to lead millions of Anglicans around the world.

Q.10. In which state is the Aurangabad Railway Station, which has been renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Station, located?





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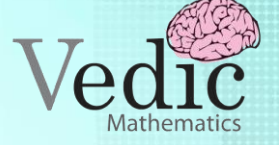
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- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Telangana

Answer:(a) Maharashtra

Aurangabad railway station in Maharashtra has been renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar railway station. Its new station code will be 'CPSN'. Following this decision by Central Railway, the official name of the station will now be Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Railway Station (CPSN), according to a notification issued by the state government. The station falls under the Nanded division of South Central Railway.

Q.11. In which state was the new fish species Pseudorhombus bahudensis discovered?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Goa
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer:(a) Odisha

Researchers at the Zoological Survey of India's Regional Centre for Estuarine Biology recently discovered a new fish species, Pseudorhombus bahudaensis, found in the Bahuda River estuary in Odisha. The species belongs to the flounder family of the Pleuronectiformes order. It is very similar to Pseudorhombus arceus, also known as the Gangetic bigtooth flounder. They typically live in coastal waters up to 50 meters deep and can move between brackish and freshwater environments.

Q.12. What is "leachate," which was recently in the news?

- (a) Nutrient-rich compost obtained from landfills
- (b) A highly toxic liquid formed in landfills
- (c) A natural groundwater source
- (d) A biodegradable waste material

Answer:(b) A highly toxic liquid formed in landfills

Recently, environmentalists, wildlife activists, and locals urged the Union Environment Ministry to take

action against the illegal discharge of toxic leachate into the Aravalli Hills. Leachate is a highly toxic liquid that forms in municipal landfills. It accumulates at the bottom of the landfill through waste decomposition, water seepage, and chemical reactions. Its composition depends on the type of waste, the age of the landfill, rainfall, and temperature. It contains organic pollutants, inorganic compounds, heavy metals, and microorganisms. Leachate can pollute soil, groundwater, and ecosystems, posing serious health risks. Proper collection and disposal of leachate is essential under strict environmental regulations to prevent pollution.

Q.13. What is the name of the annual tri-service war exercise that India will begin in 2025 along its western border with Pakistan?

- (a) Vijay Exercise
- (b) Sudarshan Exercise
- (c) Trishul Exercise
- (d) Mahagujraj Exercise

Answer:(c) Trishul Exercise

India has begun its annual Trishul 2025 tri-service war exercise on its western border with Pakistan. It involves the Army, Navy and Air Force. The exercise was initiated after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh warned of a Pakistani military build-up near Sir Creek, a 96-km-long tidal estuary between the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat and Pakistan's Sindh province. India has issued a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) restricting the airspace from October 30 to November 10.

Q.14. Which Latin American country recently legalized euthanasia through official legislation?

- (a) Panama
- (b) Costa Rica
- (c) Uruguay
- (d) Mexico

Answer:(c) Uruguay

Uruguay is the first country in Latin America to legalize euthanasia under the "Death with Dignity





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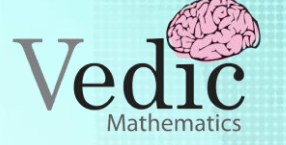
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Bill." This law allows mentally healthy adults with terminal illnesses the option of euthanasia with the assistance of a health professional. Uruguay has already legalized marijuana, same-sex marriage, and abortion.

Q.15. Where did the 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament recently begin?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Jalandhar
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) None of these

Answer:(b) Jalandhar

The 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament, held at the local Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, got off to a thrilling start. Punjab Police Jalandhar defeated Punjab & Sind Bank Delhi 5-0 to secure three crucial points. Captain Harmanpreet Singh of the Olympian-studded Punjab Police team wowed the spectators with his impressive performance, scoring the tournament's first hat-trick through penalty corners and strokes. Mandeep Singh and Akashdeep Singh also consolidated their team's lead with superb field goals. Punjab Police's strategic approach and coordination ensured dominance in every quarter of the match.



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