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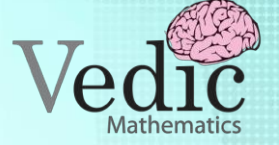
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Today in History on 30 OCT

➤ 1611- Gustav II Adolf became king of Sweden at the age of 17.

When Karl IX died in 1611, Gustav Adolf was seventeen years old. Despite this, he was declared an adult and became king. He married Maria Eleonora of Brandenburg in Stockholm in 1620. During Gustav Adolf's reign, the state administration was modernized in partnership with Chancellor Axel Oxenstierna.

➤ 1925- The first televised broadcast took place in London.

In 1925, Baird gave the first public demonstration of televised silhouette images in motion at Selfridges department store in London. The concept of television is the work of several individuals in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The first practical transmission of moving images over radio systems used mechanical rotating perforated discs to scan a scene into a time-varying signal that could be reconstructed back into an approximation of the original image at a receiver.

➤ 1945- India joined the United Nations.

India was one of the founding members of the United Nations, joining it in October 1945, two years before gaining independence from the United Kingdom. India has been a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for eight terms (a total of 16 years), with the most recent term being 2021-22. India is a member of the G4, a group of nations that support each other to get a permanent seat in the Security Council and advocate in favour of reform of the UNSC. India is also part of the G-77.

➤ 1956- India's first five-star hotel 'Ashok' was opened.

Hotel Ashok was started in the year 1956. Ashok Hotel located in Chanakyapuri of the National Capital Region has 7 floors and 550 rooms. The specialty of Ashok Hotel is the largest convention hall without pillars present here. Hotel Ashok was built on 25 acres of parkland donated to the government by Prince Karan Singh of Jammu and Kashmir by India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. The entire blueprint of Ashok Hotel was prepared under the leadership of famous architect E B Doctor.

➤ 1960- First successful kidney transplant in UK was performed.





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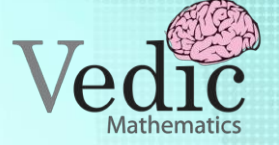
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The first successful kidney transplant in UK was performed on October 30, 1960 by Sir Michael Woodruff and his team in Edinburgh. This was a milestone in the history of transplantation and the history of RIE. On September 15, 1960, Dr RF Robertson referred a 49 year old man from Leith Hospital to RIE suffering from severe renal impairment. This impairment was suspected to be due to chronic pyelonephritis or chronic glomerulonephritis.

Important NEWS on 30 OCT

National News

Cyclone Montha: Formation, Impact, and Other Details

India's eastern coastline is bracing for Cyclone Montha, a system that has intensified from a deep depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Montha is expected to evolve into a Severe Cyclonic Storm (SCS) by October 2025, impacting states like Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Telangana, Kerala, and Chhattisgarh with heavy rains and strong winds.

Key Points:-

The name "Montha" was given by Thailand, a member of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and ESCAP panel, which oversees the naming of cyclones in the North Indian Ocean.

Each country on the panel submits names in advance, which are used sequentially as a cyclonic system reaches cyclonic intensity. The name "Montha" likely refers to a fragrant flower or fruit in Thai culture.

Vessel 'Sindhu' Launches Historic Voyage to Barren Island

In a historic stride for Indian tourism, the passenger vessel 'Sindhu' has completed its maiden voyage to Barren Island, India's only active volcano, marking a pivotal moment in Andaman and Nicobar Islands' maritime tourism. The journey, initiated by the Andaman Administration, is being hailed as a breakthrough in connecting the public with the natural marvels of the Indian Ocean region.

Key Points:-

Passengers on board described the sight of the glowing red volcano at sunrise as a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

One passenger, Archana Devi, described the stunning beauty of seeing the red-glowing peak from a few nautical miles away.

International News

East Timor Becomes 11th Member of ASEAN

On October, 2025, East Timor — also known as Timor-Leste — officially became the 11th member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). This historic inclusion took place during the ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, where the country's flag was raised alongside those of the other member states. The moment represents both a symbolic and strategic milestone for the young democracy, long striving for regional integration since its independence in 2002.

Key Points:-

East Timor gained ASEAN membership after a 14-year application process that began in the early 2000s.

The country's current president, José Ramos-Horta, originally envisioned ASEAN membership in the 1970s, when the country was fighting for





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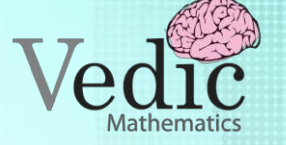
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independence from Portuguese and later Indonesian rule.

Sports

FIFA Launches ASEAN Cup to Boost Southeast Asian Football

In a major announcement for regional sports, FIFA President Gianni Infantino unveiled a new football tournament — the FIFA ASEAN Cup — aimed at uplifting the standard of national football across Southeast Asia. The declaration was made at the 47th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur on October, 2025, marking a historic collaboration between FIFA and ASEAN. The initiative underscores FIFA's commitment to nurturing grassroots development and regional football ecosystems, similar to its earlier successful model with the FIFA Arab Cup.

D Gukesh, Divya Deshmukh Win Double Gold at European Club Cup

Indian chess grandmasters D Gukesh and Divya Deshmukh captured individual gold medals at the European Chess Club Cup 2025, providing a timely confidence boost ahead of the Chess World Cup in Goa. Indian chess stars D Gukesh and Divya Deshmukh win individual gold at the European Chess Club Cup 2025, boosting momentum ahead of the World Cup in Goa.

Awards

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025 Winners Announced

On October, 2025, the Indian government announced the recipients of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2025, the nation's highest civilian honour for contributions to science, technology, and innovation. Instituted to celebrate excellence across diverse scientific fields, these awards aim to foster a culture of research and innovation in India.

State News

Copper Plates at Sirkazhi Temple

The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) has begun studying 483 copper plates inscribed with Thevaram hymns. The plates and 23 panchaloha idols were unearthed near the west gopuram entrance of the Thoniappar Temple, also called Sattainathar Temple, in Sirkazhi, Mayiladuthurai district. Each plate has 10 to 12 lines of hymns, engraved by different scribes, with inscriptions on both sides and no specific sequence.

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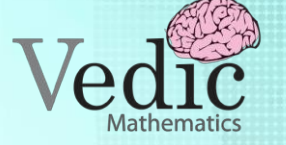
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Current affairs MCQS on 30 OCT

Q.1. The "Darbar Move" tradition, revived in winter 2025, is associated with which region of India?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Sikkim

Answer: B. Jammu & Kashmir

One of India's oldest administrative traditions, the Darbar Move, has officially been revived in Jammu and Kashmir after being abolished four years ago. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced the restoration of this centuries-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.

Q.2. What is the theme of the recent Global MIL Week 2025?

- A. AI for Society

B. Minds Over AI: MIL in Digital Spaces

C. Digital Freedom and AI

D. Human Ethics and AI

Answer: B. Minds Over AI: MIL in Digital Spaces

The theme of Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2025 is "Minds on AI: MIL in the Digital Space." This theme reflects how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way information is produced, distributed, and consumed around the world.

Q.3. Who was Satish Shah, who recently passed away at the age of 74?

- A. Classical Dancer
- B. Author
- C. Politician
- D. Actor

Answer: D. Actor

Renowned actor Satish Shah has passed away. He was 74. He was known for his comic roles, notably as Commissioner D'Mello in Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron (1983) and Indravadan Sarabhai in the popular TV serial Sarabhai vs Sarabhai (2004-2006). His notable films include Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995), Kal Ho Naa Ho (2003), Main Hoon Naa (2004) and Om Shanti Om (2007), in which he played memorable roles. He was married to producer Madhu Shah.

Q.4. What new scheme has UIDAI recently launched to promote innovation in India's digital identity system?

- A. Aadhar Tech Mission
- B. SITAA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar)
- C. Digital Bharat Aadhar Yojana
- D. Aadhar Connect Program

Answer: B. SITAA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar)

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a new program called SITAA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Collaboration with Aadhaar). The initiative aims to foster innovation,





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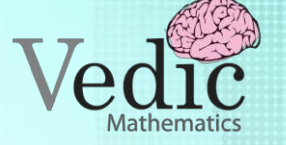
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collaboration, and research in India's growing digital identity ecosystem. By partnering with startups, academic institutions, and technology companies, UIDAI strives to make Aadhaar-based systems more secure, efficient, and globally competitive.

Q.5. With which institute did TEC recently sign an agreement for joint research in advanced telecommunication technologies?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Hyderabad
- D. IISc Bangalore

Answer: C. IIT Hyderabad

The Telecommunications Engineering Centre (TEC) has signed an agreement with the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-Hyderabad) for joint research in emerging telecommunications technologies. The MoU aims to develop India-specific standards, promote indigenous research, and enhance India's role in global standardization bodies such as ITU-T.

Q.6. Which player recently surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest ODI run-scorer?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. KL Rahul

Answer: B. Rohit Sharma

Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma has added another historic achievement to his illustrious career. He has surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day International (ODI) cricket. He achieved this feat with a brilliant innings of 73 runs in the second ODI against Australia. With this achievement, Rohit has further cemented his place in Indian cricket history, now trailing only Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli.

Q.7. How many goals did Lionel Messi score in the 2025 MLS season to win the Golden Boot?

- A. 25
- B. 27
- C. 29
- D. 31

Answer: C. 29

Lionel Messi won the 2025 MLS Golden Boot with 29 goals and 19 assists for Inter Miami. It was his second full season with Inter Miami, making him the club's first Golden Boot winner. He surpassed Denis Bouanga and Sam Surridge. Messi is the first Argentine player to win the MLS Golden Boot since 2021.

Q.8. What was India's foreign exchange reserve in the recently concluded week?

- A. \$698.2 billion
- B. \$702.3 billion
- C. \$705.1 billion
- D. \$699.5 billion

Answer: B. \$702.3 billion

India's foreign exchange reserves rose to \$702 billion in the week ended March 31, according to the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This is the first time in three weeks that the reserves have crossed \$700 billion again – mainly due to a sharp increase in gold reserves, while foreign currency assets (FCAs) declined due to dollar sales.

Q.9. Which Chief Justice of India will Justice Surya Kant be appointed to?

- A. 51st
- B. 52nd
- C. 53rd
- D. 54th

Answer: C. 53rd

Chief Justice of India BR Gavai has appointed Justice Surya Kant, the second-senior justice of the Supreme Court, as his successor. Justice Kant will be sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24. He will be the first Chief Justice from Haryana.





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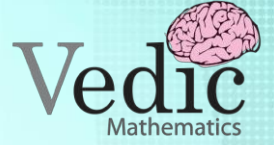
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Q.10. Which new UPI feature recently introduced allows real-time payments from mutual fund holdings?

- A. Pay by SIP
- B. Pay with Mutual Fund
- C. UPI Mutual Pay
- D. Smart Invest Pay

Answer: B. Pay with Mutual Fund

In a landmark move that connects investments with instant digital payments, India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has launched a new feature – 'Pay with Mutual Funds.' It allows users to make real-time transactions directly from their liquid mutual fund holdings, eliminating the need to first transfer funds to a bank account. Supported by ICICI Prudential AMC, Bajaj Finserv AMC, and fintech startup Curie Money, the feature is a global breakthrough in retail financial technology innovation.

Q.11. What is NPCI's new AI-powered digital assistant for UPI grievance redressal called?

- A. UPI Support
- B. UPI Help
- C. UPI Guide
- D. UPI Care

Answer: B. UPI Help

To enhance user experience and trust in digital transactions, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched 'UPI Help', an AI-powered digital assistant that aims to simplify grievance redressal and transaction tracking on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The new tool promises real-time assistance for millions of users facing common payment issues, such as failed or delayed transactions, unclear payment status, and AutoPay mandate-related queries.

Q.12. Recently, Catherine Connolly has been appointed President of which country?

- A. Ireland
- B. Slovakia
- C. Spain

D. Denmark

Answer: A. Ireland

In Ireland, independent left-wing leader Catherine Connolly has been elected the country's 10th president, defeating her rival Heather Humphreys. Ms. Connolly has been the Member of Parliament for Galway West since 2016 and has also served as Deputy Speaker of Parliament. According to official results, Catherine Connolly has received sufficient support to win the presidency of Ireland.

Q.13. The white-cheeked partridge, recently in the news, is primarily found in which region?

- A. Western Ghats
- B. Northeast India
- C. Chotanagpur Plateau
- D. Eastern Ghats

Answer: B. Northeast India

A rare bird, the white-cheeked partridge (*Arborophila atrogularis*), was recently rescued near Dehing Patkai National Park in Assam. It belongs to the Phasianidae family, which includes pheasants and partridges. It is found in dense evergreen forests, scrub, bamboo, and grasslands. In India, it is found below 750 meters and up to 1,220 meters in Southeast Asia. It is found primarily in Northeast India. It has been declared Near Threatened by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

Q.14. Recently, the Indian Coast Guard launched two advanced fast patrol vessels – ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit – at which shipyard?

- A. Mazagon Dock
- B. Goa Shipyard Limited
- C. Cochin Shipyard
- D. Hindustan Shipyard

Answer: B. Goa Shipyard Limited

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned two advanced fast patrol vessels, ICG Ship Ajit and ICG Ship Aparajit, at Goa Shipyard Ltd. The Defence Ministry said these new 52-metre long vessels are



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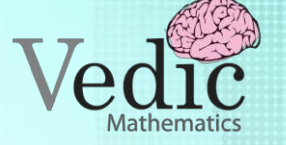
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the seventh and eighth in the series of eight indigenously built fast patrol vessels.

Q.15. Which country is the host country of the 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Indonesia
- D. South Korea

Answer: D. South Korea

The 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit will be held from October 31 to November 1, 2025. The summit will take place in the historic city of Gyeongju, South Korea. It will be the annual meeting of APEC leaders to discuss regional economic cooperation.



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