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## History of January 2

- ◆ **1757** : British troops captured the Indian city of Calcutta.
- ◆ **1899** : Following the orders of Ramakrishna, the sage started living in Belur Math in Calcutta.
- ◆ **1954** : Bharat Ratna Award was started
- ◆ **1942** : During World War II, the Japanese army captured Manila, the capital of the Philippines.
- ◆ **1954** : Padya Vibhushan Award was established.

## Current Affairs Related to 2 January

- ◆ India's rail network continues to evolve, with the Amrit Bharat train unveiled, to be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav highlighted the advanced features of the train, emphasizing the inclusion of push pull technology for increased speed and passenger comfort. This article highlights the key aspects of Amrit Bharat Train, showcasing its innovative technologies and the important role played by India's Make in India initiative.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strengthened his dominance in the digital sphere and has become the first world leader to cross the 2 crore subscriber mark on YouTube. With over 4.5 billion views on his channel, Modi has left his global peers far behind, highlighting his adeptness in using social media for public engagement.
- ◆ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur addressed the youth after the launch of the Mera Bharat campaign, and expressed confidence in India's remarkable progress on the global stage. He emphasized the significant progress made in various sectors and attributed the success to government initiatives. This article highlights the key points highlighted by Minister Thakur while showcasing India's development path.
- ◆ Santosh Jha, with rich diplomatic experience, officially took charge as India's new ambassador to Sri Lanka, presenting his credentials to President Ranil Wickremesinghe at a ceremony in Colombo. India's diplomatic relations with Sri Lanka have taken a new turn with the appointment of Santosh Jha as the country's new High Commissioner. Jha officially assumed charge at an important ceremony held in Colombo and presented his credentials to President Ranil Wickremesinghe.
- ◆ Cricket fans, raise a glass of your favorite Coca-Cola drink! The iconic brand has strengthened its long-term association with the game by signing an eight-year agreement as the global partner of the International Cricket Council until the end of 2031.
- ◆ Health Minister unveils MedTech Mitra for advanced health solutions. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, launched MedTech Mitra, which aims to nurture the talent of young innovators in the country. The platform seeks to shape their research, knowledge and reasoning while providing the support needed to obtain regulatory approval.
- ◆ The Ministry of Mines of India has identified about 22 blocks of critical minerals. These important mineral reserves include cobalt, titanium, gallium, vanadium, tungsten, lithium and some rare earth elements. Most of these minerals are used in the electronic industry, making lithium ion batteries, paints and plastics. It is also used in making special alloys for military and defense purposes.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the third National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi. The National Conference of Chief Secretaries is organized to encourage participatory governance and partnership between the Central and State Governments.
- ◆ India Women finished their first home season of Test cricket in 28 years with a historic first win over Australia in the one-off Test match in Mumbai. This victory was an important achievement for the Indian team. Playing more than one Test on home ground for the first time since 1995, Indian women performed brilliantly and did not make the slightest mistake. The team followed through on its promise of playing positive cricket, facing challenges and setting the bar against tough opponents like Australia and England.



## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is World Introvert Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st January (B) 2nd January  
(C) 3rd January (D) 4th January

**(B)** World Introvert Day is celebrated across the world on 2 January every year. On these days people are made aware about the inner world of introverts. People are told that being an introvert does not mean that people cannot function in society. Rather, introversion is only concerned with how comfortable a person finds himself.



### 2. How many lithium blocks will India acquire from Argentina recently?

- (A) 2 (B) 3  
(C) 4 (D) 5

**(D)** The Government is planning to enter into an Exploration and Development Agreement with the Government of Argentina for five lithium blocks identified in the Catamarca Province of Argentina for exploration by Mineral Videsh India Limited. Business Standard has learned that the Center will also invest about Rs 200 crore over five years for the exploration and development of these mines.



### 3. Where will India's first Gyrocopter Air Safari tourism start recently?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Jammu and Kashmir  
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Andhra Pradesh

**(C)** Uttarakhand Tourism Department will soon start Himalayan Air Safari using Gyrocopter to promote adventure tourism in the state. This air safari will be the first of its kind in the country. The department said that the country's first gyrocopter flight test was successfully conducted in Haridwar.



### 4. Recently the Prime Minister announced how many crore Ayushman cards will be made during the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

- (A) 50 lakhs (B) 1 crores  
(C) 2.5 crores (D) 5 crores

**(B)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed happiness, calling the issuance of one crore Ayushman cards an important achievement during the ongoing Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra across the country. Under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, these cards provide free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year in empaneled hospitals across the country.



### 5. Who has recently been appointed by Techno Smartphone as its brand ambassador?

- (A) Alia Bhatt (B) Virat Kohli  
(C) Ranbir Kapoor (D) Deepika Padukone

**(D)** Recently, premium global smartphone brand TECNO has appointed Indian superstar Deepika Padukone as its brand ambassador. This step has been taken keeping in mind the needs of the consumers and to provide innovation. Techno Mobile is a Chinese mobile phone manufacturer based in Shenzhen, China. It was established in 2006.





**6. Recently India and which country agreed to expand the IBP route?**

- (A) Nepal (B) Sri Lanka  
(C) Bhutan (D) Bangladesh

**(D)** Recently India and Bangladesh agreed to form a technical team for inclusion of Chandpur Chittagong section as IBP route under PIWT&T. Along with identifying a location for the Drop In Center for Bangladesh, inclusion of Dhamra Port as a port of call under the Coastal Shipping Agreement was considered.



**7. Who has recently been approved by SEBI to be appointed as the Chairman of BSF?**

- (A) Prateek Tyagi (B) Pramod Agarwal  
(C) Rajwinder Singh (D) None of these

**(B)** The Securities and Exchange Board of India recently approved the appointment of Pramod Agarwal as the Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange. Agarwal, an experienced professional with a deep understanding of the financial markets, is poised to take on this important role to lead one of India's leading stock exchanges towards new milestones.



**8. Who has recently won the women's singles title in the National Badminton Championship?**

- (A) Anmol Kharb (B) Tanvi Sharma  
(C) Asha Sinha (D) None of these

**(A)** Anmol Kharab has won the women's singles title at the National Badminton Championships in Guwahati. Badminton player Anmol Kharb has won the women's singles title in the National Badminton Championship in Guwahati. Anmol Kharb lost her final game to Tanvi Sharma but fought back to level the score.



**9. Who has recently topped the Forbes list of highest earning athletes?**

- (A) PV Sindhu (B) Eileen Gu  
(C) Inga Switek (D) None of these

**(C)** Forbes has released a report on the highest paid female athletes for the year 2023. While India's PV Sindhu is ranked 16th in the list with estimated earnings of \$7.1 million, Poland's Iga Swiatek is at the first position with \$23.9 million.



**10. In which state Indra District Helicopter Service was inaugurated recently?**

- (A) Bihar (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Assam (D) Haryana

**(B)** Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the state's first Indra District Helicopter Service from Bateshwar in Agra to Govardhan in Mathura. Chief Minister Yogi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various projects costing Rs 10451.43 lakh.

