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## History of January 22

- ◆ **1760** : The British defeated the French at the Battle of Wandiwash.
- ◆ **1963** : The National Library for the Blind was established in Dehradun.
- ◆ **1965** : A steel factory started in Durgapur, West Bengal.
- ◆ **1968** : Apollo 5 first flew into space with the lunar module.
- ◆ **1970** : The first commercial flight of the Boeing 747 between London and New York begins.

## Current Affairs Related to 22 January

- ◆ The 9th Asian Winter Games, set to light up the winter sports landscape in 2025, has officially entered an exciting phase with the unveiling of its main symbols, slogan, emblem and mascot. The grand spectacle, held in the capital of China's Heilongjiang province, is a significant achievement as the Games approach.
- ◆ China has sent an unprecedented astronomical satellite called Einstein Probe into space on a mission to observe mysterious transient phenomena in the universe. The lotus-shaped satellite uses innovative X-ray detection technology inspired by the functioning of the lobster eye. The mission, launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in south-west China's Sichuan province, is an important step in unraveling the mysteries of the universe.
- ◆ World Health Organization launches International Classification of Diseases Traditional Medicine Module 2. This module covers data and terminology related to diseases based on Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicine. Apart from this, the terminology defining diseases has been indexed in the form of a code. These codes can also be used to create future strategies to control various diseases in the society.
- ◆ The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code came into force in the year 2016 to achieve multiple objectives, including maximizing the value of the debtor's assets, promoting entrepreneurship, ensuring timely resolution of cases and balancing the interests of stakeholders.
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- ◆ America and Britain have taken major action against Houthi rebels targeting merchant ships in the Red Sea. In fact, the armies of both the countries have carried out air strikes on the positions of Houthi rebels at many places in Yemen. Houthi rebels have suffered huge losses in these air strikes and many of their hideouts have been destroyed. Tension may further increase in West Asia after America and Britain's attack.
- ◆ The World Bank has revealed surprising resilience in the global economy, although a shadow looms over the future, with recession expected for the third consecutive year in 2024. After a strong rebound of 6.2% in 2021, global growth slowed to 3.0% in 2022 and 2.6% in 2023. Projections show a sustained decline to 2.4% in 2024, before a modest recovery to 2.7% in 2025, well below the 2010 average of 3.1%.
- ◆ Former Director General of Central Industrial Security Force Sheel Vardhan Singh has been appointed as member of the Union Public Service Commission. The decision was communicated through a Ministry of Personnel order, marking a notable achievement in Singh's distinguished career. UPSC, headed by a Chairman, is responsible for conducting the Civil Services Examination, a rigorous process that selects individuals for key administrative and leadership roles in the country. The Commission can have a maximum of 10 members, each appointed for a term of six years or until they attain the age of 65 years.
- ◆ Saffron fields in Kashmir, famous for the production of the world's most expensive spice, are facing serious crisis due to encroachment of cement factories. Despite being the world's second largest saffron producer after Iran, with an average annual production of 11.12 tonnes, the region's saffron business is declining, causing economic problems for local farmers.



## National & International Current Affairs

1. **Where will the Indian Navy's multinational exercise MILAN-24 be organized recently?**

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Kochi  
(C) Kolkata (D) Visakhapatnam

**(D)** Indian Navy will sponsor the multinational exercise MILAN-24 from 19 to 27 February 2024 at Visakhapatnam. Earlier, the 11th edition of this exercise was conducted in Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command in February March 2022. MILAN is a biennial multinational naval exercise that began in 1995 with the participation of four countries under the Look East Policy.



2. **Recently, South Korean company Simmtech will set up a manufacturing plant worth how many crores of rupees in Sanand, Gujarat.**

- (A) Rs 1000 crore (B) Rs 1250 crore  
(C) Rs 1800 crore (D) Rs 2250 crore

**(B)** South Korean company Simmtech revealed its intention to set up a Rs 1250 crore manufacturing plant in Sanand, Gujarat. The goals are to significantly strengthen the semiconductor ecosystem of the state. The semiconductor industry in India is witnessing significant growth.



3. **According to the recent ILO report, how much percent will the global unemployment rate increase in 2024?**

- (A) 2% (B) 5.2%  
(C) 5.9% (D) 6.2%

**(B)** The recent ILO 2024 World Employment and Social Outlook report forecasts that the number of unemployed people will increase by 2 million. As a result, the global unemployment rate will increase from 5.1% to 5.2% in 2023. According to the ILO, after a brief surge as countries recovered from the pandemic, total labor productivity growth has rapidly returned to the lowest pace seen in the past ten years.



4. **Recently, PM Modi inaugurated development projects worth more than how many crores of rupees in Maharashtra?**

- (A) Rs 30,500 crore (B) Rs 35,400 crore  
(C) Rs 41,200 crore (D) Rs 50,500 crore

**(A)** PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 30,500 crore in Maharashtra. He should inaugurate Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewari Hawa Sheva Atal Bridge. Atal Setu has been built at a total cost of more than Rs 17,840 crore. It is approximately 21.8 km long – 6 lane bridge of which length is approximately 16.5 km on sea and approximately 5.5 km on land.



5. **Recently, in which state women will not get the benefits of government schemes if they have more than 3 children?**

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Kerala (D) Assam

**(D)** Assam government has announced Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan, a new financial assistance scheme for women entrepreneurs in rural areas, but for this the government has set a condition to avail its benefits. The Assam government announced that women from General and OBC categories should not have more than three children if they want to avail the benefits of the scheme.





**6. Where has the world record for installation of the longest solar light line been made recently?**

- (A) Surat (B) Ayodhya  
(C) Indore (D) Bengaluru

**(A)** Recently, the world record for installation of the longest solar light line has been made in Ayodhya. The record is currently held by Malham, Saudi Arabia, which was set in December 2021 after lining up 468 solar lights in a 9.7 km series. Determined to increase the use of renewable and green energy resources in Ayodhya, UPNEDA will install 470 solar powered lights along the 10.2 km stretch connecting Guptar Ghat to Laxman Ghat.



**7. Who recently took oath as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the fourth consecutive time?**

- (A) Khaleda Zia (B) Dr. Abdur Razzaq  
(C) Fakhruddin Ahmed (D) Sheikh Hasina

**(D)** Recently, Awami League President Sheikh Hasina took oath as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the fourth consecutive time. The President of Bangladesh administered the oath to the new Prime Minister in Dhaka. Besides, 25 ministers and 11 ministers of state are also likely to take oath. Awami League has won a landslide victory in the recently concluded elections.



**8. Who has recently won the CNN News18 Indian of the Year 2023 award?**

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Shahrukh Khan  
(C) Neeraj Chopra (D) Deepika Padukone

**(B)** Recently, CNN News 18 once again organized its flagship initiative Indian of the Year Awards. This was the 13th edition of this program. Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan, popularly known as King Khan, was honored with the Indian of the Year 2023 award in a program organized in Delhi.



**9. Which Indian has recently won the gold medal in 57 kg category in the Jagreve Open 2024 wrestling tournament?**

- (A) Aman Sehrawat (B) Vijay Kumar  
(C) Deepak Punia (D) None of these

**(A)** Recently, Asian champion Aman Sehrawat won the gold medal in men's 57 kg at the Grab Open 2024 wrestling tournament in Croatia. This was India's first medal in this edition of the ranking series. Vicky and Sumit will compete in the men's 97 kg and 125 kg weight categories of the tournament's freestyle category respectively.



**10. Which state government has recently launched a special vehicle to restore the coastal ecosystem?**

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka  
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Telangana

**(C)** Recently the Tamil Nadu state government has launched special vehicles to restore the coastal ecosystem. The state government has set up a special agency called Tamil Nadu Blue Carbon Agency to conserve the coastal ecosystem. Under which conservation and restoration of coastal ecosystems including mangroves, corals, sea grasses and salt marshes will be done.

