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History of December 22

- ◆ **1241** : Mongol chief Lieutenant Bahadur Taig Hulagu Khan captured Lahore.
- ◆ **1851** : The first goods train in the country was run from Roorkee.
- ◆ **1971** : The then Soviet Union conducted underground nuclear tests.
- ◆ **1966** : Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was established by the Parliament of India under the JNU Act.
- ◆ **1901** : The Brahmacharya Ashram was formally opened in Shantiniketan

Current Affairs Related to 22 December

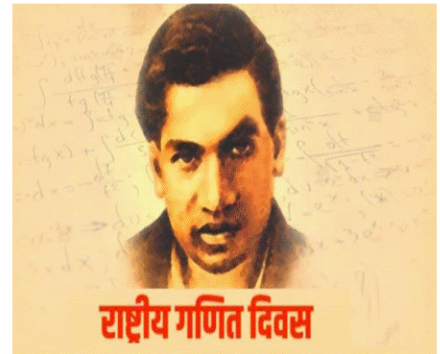
- ◆ **DGCA granted airport license for Ayodhya airport.** Flights will start from Ayodhya airport on December 30. It has been developed by the Airport Authority of India at a cost of Rs 350 crore. This airport is called Maryada Purushottam Shriram International Airport. Additionally it is fitted with an instrument landing system, which enables aircraft operations in low visibility and at night. IndiGo has announced that its Delhi Ayodhya flight on December 30 will be the inaugural flight for the airport.
- ◆ **Shahrukh Khan has entered the UK's list of Top 50 Asian Celebrities in the World** with two action-packed thrillers, Pathan and Jawan. And now we are preparing. Comedy drama film Donkey is about to be released. UK weekly publication, Eastern Eye recently unveiled its annual list, in which Shah Rukh Khan emerged victorious over stiff competition and took the top spot.
- ◆ **Migratory birds have started arriving at Kazuveli Bird Sanctuary in Villupuram district.** In the beginning of November, a large number of species of migratory birds start coming to this sanctuary from Siberia, North Africa, Europe and the Himalayan foothills. These species include the Eurasian curlew, Caspian tern, little ringed plover, and Eurasian spoon-bill.
- ◆ **The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023 was jointly awarded to renowned classical pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim and Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad.** Peace for 2023, in notable recognition of his tireless efforts towards promoting peace and understanding in the troubled region of West Asia, The prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Disarmament and Development has been jointly awarded to renowned classical pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim and Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad.
- ◆ **Haryana won its first title** in Vijay Hazare Trophy 2023.
- ◆ **The Global Summit on Liveable Cities of Tomorrow will be held in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.** The three-session summit covered issues ranging from designing livable cities to implementing key concepts such as sustainable financing tools, digitalisation, measuring liveability and investable cities. The summit was organized as part of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.
- ◆ **The report from the National Council of Applied Economic Research, an economic policy research think tank, said that the total logistics costs in India are between 7.8-8.9 percent of the country's total GDP.** The central government is working to reduce overall logistics costs and enhance the competitiveness of Indian industry. The government aims to reduce India's increased logistics costs from the current 13.14 percent of GDP to 8.9 percent of GDP by 2030.
- ◆ **The Board of Control for Cricket in India has retired the number seven jersey in honor of former Indian captain MS Dhoni.** According to media reports, BCCI has taken this step after seeing the great works of Dhoni for Indian cricket. However, no official statement has come from BCCI regarding this. India had won three ICC titles under the guidance of this experienced player and brilliant captain. Till the time Dhoni played, there were only three ICC tournaments and Dhoni was the first captain in the world to win all three trophies.
- ◆ **Veteran Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes have etched their names in sporting history** as the first Asian men to be inducted into the prestigious International Tennis Hall of Fame. This achievement not only crowns his remarkable career, but also makes India the 28th country to be represented at this prestigious institution.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Mathematics Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th December (B) 21st December
(C) 22nd December (D) 23rd December

(C) National Mathematics Day is celebrated every year on 22 December to commemorate the birth anniversary of famous mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. He had made significant contributions to various areas and branches of mathematics. He was born on 22 December 1887 in Erode (Tamil Nadu city).



2. Recently Tamilisai Sudararajan: In how many areas will Telangana decentralize development?

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

(B) Telangana, known for its vibrant culture and rapid urbanisation, is set to embark on a transformational journey as the state government unveiled its ambitious plan to decentralize development. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan recently announced the strategic division of the state into three zones, with Hyderabad positioned as the central hub for this unprecedented initiative.



3. Which country has recently successfully tested indigenous high speed flying wing UAV?

- (A) America (B) India
(C) France (D) China

(B) The Defense Ministry successfully flight tested an indigenous high-speed flying wing unmanned aerial vehicle from the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka, joining India in an exclusive club of countries having the technology to produce such a platform. This unmanned aerial vehicle is being described as an autonomous flying wing technology demonstrator.



4. Recently SBI invested how many crores in Canpac Trends?

- (A) Rs 29.55 crore (B) Rs 49.99 crore
(C) Rs 75.75 crore (D) Rs 99.99 crore

(B) State Bank of India recently took a strategic step into the paper packaging industry by investing Rs 49.49 crore in Canpack Trends Pvt Ltd, an Ahmedabad-based company specializing in paper-based packaging solutions. In an exchange filing, SBI disclosed the execution of transaction documents to acquire 6.35% of Canpac Trends at Rs 1,349 per share.



5. Recently which ministry has signed a deal worth Rs 5,336.25 crore with BEL for 10 years supply of electronic fuses?

- (A) Ministry of Defense
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Defense

(A) The Ministry of Defense has recently finalized a game changing contract with Bharat Electronics Limited for the procurement of electronic fuel for a period of ten years. This important agreement worth Rs 5,336.25 crore aims to significantly enhance the defense capabilities of the country.



6. Which country has recently abolished visa requirements for citizens of 33 countries?

- (A) Italy (B) Australia
(C) Britain (D) Iran

(D) The government of Iran has announced the removal of visa requirements for citizens of 33 countries, including India and Gulf countries. The main objective of this decision is to boost tourism arrivals and attract more visitors from different countries of the world. After this decision, now people from a total of 45 countries will be able to go to Iran without visa.



7. Recently in November, India's exports declined by 2.83 percent to how many billion dollars?

- (A) 8.67 billion dollars (B) 15.80 billion dollars
(C) 33.90 billion dollars (D) 40.99 billion dollars

(C) According to government data, trade deficit in November stood at \$20.58 billion. India's exports declined by 2.83 percent to US \$ 33.90 billion in November, compared to US \$ 34.89 billion in 2022. Exports declined by 6.51 percent to US \$ 278.8 billion during April-November.



8. Where has India's fastest solar electric boat Varacuda been launched recently?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) West Bengal

(B) Recently, in a step towards eco-friendly maritime transport, India's fastest solar electric boat Barracuda was launched at Navagathi Pannavali Yard in Alappuzha. This state-of-the-art ship was jointly developed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders and NAVAL.



9. Which bank has recently signed a line of credit with the German Development Bank for solar project?

- (A) State Bank of India (B) Bandhan Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) Yes Bank

(A) Recently State Bank of India signed a 70 million Euro credit line with KfW to support solar photovoltaic projects in India. The signing ceremony was held at IFSC GIFT City Branch, Ahmedabad. SBI informed the stock exchanges through a filing.



10. Who has been recently named as the United World Wrestling Rising Star of the Year 2023?

- (A) Nisha Dahiya (B) Sakshi Malik
(C) Last Panghal (D) None of these

(C) Indian wrestler Final Panghal has been named the Rising Star of the Year among women by the sport's global governing body United World Wrestling. It has been a remarkable season for the 19-year-old dynamo, who competes in the 53 kg category, not only winning accolades but also surpassing senior veteran Vinesh Phogat in the same weight category.

