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## History of December 9

- ◆ **1758** : The thirteen-month-long Battle of Madras began in India.
- ◆ **1946** : The first meeting of the Constituent Assembly was held in the Constitutional Hall, New Delhi.
- ◆ **2008** : ISRO built a satellite for Europe's renowned satellite system specialist EADM Astraeus.
- ◆ **1971** : During the Liberation War, the Indian Army launched an air operation on the Meghna Heli Bridge.

## Current Affairs Related to 9 December

- ◆ OECD estimates that due to adverse weather and global economic challenges, India's economy will grow at the rate of 6.3% in FY 2024, which will slow down to 6.1% in FY 2025.
- ◆ Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav plans to upgrade the Kavach anti-collision system to 4G/5G technology for enhanced safety to address growing accident concerns. Indigenously developed Kavach has been deployed on over 1,465 route kilometres, with an additional 3,000 kilometer in the pipeline. The Railway Ministry aims to accelerate the implementation of this anti-collision system and make it more efficient over long distances.
- ◆ The Government of India has approved two multinational corporations, Siemens AG from Germany and Kyosan Electric Manufacturing Company from Japan, to deploy the Automatic Train Collision Avoidance System known as Kavach on Indian Railways. This marks a significant expansion of the initiative, which was earlier launched by three Indian companies Medha Servo Drives, HBL Power Systems and Kernex Microsystems.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India and the Bank of England took an important step towards promoting international financial cooperation by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The focus of this MoU is on cooperation and exchange of information related to Clearing Corporation of India Limited. CCIL, as a central counterparty, plays a vital role in providing clearing and settlement services for transactions in government securities, foreign exchange and currency markets within India.
- ◆ Narayan Seshadri, former managing partner of KPMG, is set to take over the role of chairman at government-backed bad bank, IDRCL, following the resignation of Diwakar Gupta. Diwakar Gupta is likely to take charge as Chairman of NARCL.
- ◆ India will buy 97 Tejas jets and 156 Prachanda helicopters. India will buy them in a deal worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore. The cost of Tejas fighter planes is approximately Rs 65000 crore. The Defense Acquisition Council has approved the proposal to upgrade the Indian Air Force's N-30 fighter fleet. The Defense Acquisition Board has given in-principle approval to the proposal indicating the government's willingness to have a second indigenous aircraft carrier. The second indigenous aircraft carrier will be built by Cochin Shipyard.
- ◆ The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the Amplify 2.0 portal. This portal will facilitate raw data from Indian cities on a single platform for academicians, researchers and stakeholders to aid data driven policy making. 225 urban local bodies have been included on this portal and data of 150 cities is available on the portal. Data of more than 4,000 urban local bodies will eventually be made available on the portal.
- ◆ Banking regulators in India and the United Kingdom achieved a significant milestone as they signed a memorandum of understanding. The focus of the MoU is on monitoring the Clearing Corporation of India, which is a key entity in local transaction settlement. The development opens the door to substantial trading in Indian sovereign bonds through the London lender, marking a significant agreement for the commitment of individual funds and the discharge of custodian roles.
- ◆ National Water Mission under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti hosted the Water History Festival at Jahaz Mahal, Shamsi Talab in Mehrauli, Delhi. Its objectives are to increase public awareness about the protection of water heritage sites, create a sense of ownership among the public, promote tourism and contribute to the restoration of these historical structures.
- ◆ The Cabinet approved the terms of the 16th Finance Commission.



## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is International Anti Corruption Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 9th December (B) 10th December  
(C) 11th December (D) 12th December

**(A)** International Anti-Corruption Day is celebrated every year on 9 December to raise public awareness about anti-corruption. The purpose of celebrating it is to make people aware of corruption. Corruption is increasing day by day. International Corruption Day is celebrated to end this.



**2. Recently, when will ISRO launch India's first X-ray polarimeter satellite?**

- (A) 15th December (B) 20th December  
(C) 24th December (D) 28th December

**(D)** India's first X-ray Polarimeter satellite will be launched by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. Its purpose is to investigate the polarization of intense X-ray sources. Space-based X-ray astronomy has been established in India.



**3. Recently Chandrashekhar Ghosh has been appointed M&CEO of which bank?**

- (A) Yes Bank (B) Bandhan Bank  
(C) Axis Bank (D) None of these

**(B)** Bandhan Bank recently approved the reappointment of Chandrashekhar Ghosh as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a three-year term. If the Reserve Bank approves this proposal, the reappointment will be effective from July 10, 2024. Ghosh's current tenure as managing director and CEO will end on July 9, 2024.



**4. Recently, how much percentage of stake in Karur Vysya Bank has been given to SBI MF by RBI?**

- (A) 9.99% (B) 10.89%  
(C) 11.55% (D) 15.02%

**(A)** The Reserve Bank of India has approved SBI Mutual Fund to acquire 9.99% of the paid-up share capital or voting rights of Karur Vysya Bank Limited. The move signals a possible strategic investment by SBI MF in the private sector leader.



**5. Which state government recently launched Mission Daksh to help 25 lakh educationally weak students?**

- (A) Telangana (B) Odisha  
(C) Jharkhand (D) Bihar

**(D)** The Bihar government launched a new initiative aimed at supporting around 25 lakh children facing significant academic challenges in state-run schools. Mission Daksh This initiative focuses on providing special Hindi, Mathematics and English classes to class 3.8 students across the state. Each teacher will guide only five students.





6. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has released the book **Resilient India: How Modi Transformed India's Disaster Management Paradigm**.

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

(C) The book highlights PM Modi's efforts in bringing about a paradigm shift in India's disaster management. This book was released at the Sixth World Congress on Disaster Management. The book has been edited and compiled by Bluecraft Digital Foundation and Modi Story.



7. Recently, Sri Lanka has achieved an in-principle agreement with India and which country's group of club creditors on debt treatment plan?

- (A) Paris (B) Thailand  
(C) Australia (D) South Africa

(A) Sri Lanka has achieved an agreement in principle with India and the Paris Club group of creditors on a debt treatment plan. This will help Sri Lanka receive the next tranche of the International Monetary Fund's recovery package of about \$3 billion. Sri Lanka and the Official Creditors Committee reached an agreement on the main parameters of the debt treatment.



8. Who has recently been appointed as the new Executive Director by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India?

- (A) Sandeep Garg (B) Mahesh Sharma  
(C) Jitesh John (D) Ashu Suyash

(C) The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has appointed Jitesh John as the new Executive Director. He previously served as Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Power. He is an Indian Economic Service officer of 2001 batch. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has given ex-post facto approval for the appointment of Sandeep Garg as Whole-time Member of IBBI.



9. Where was the India Governance Forum 2023 held recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Himachal Pradesh  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Andhra Pradesh

(A) Recently India Internet Governance Forum 2023 was held in New Delhi. The Internet Governance Forum is a multi-stakeholder forum that brings together representatives from various groups to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet. The theme of the forum was moving forward while accommodating India's digital agenda.



10. Recently, in which country the cases of hospitalization of children due to White Lung Syndrome are increasing?

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

(B) White lung syndrome is characterized by white spots all over the lungs. Children affected with white lung syndrome experience cough, fever and fatigue. Young children under five years of age may experience symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, watery eyes, nervousness, vomiting and diarrhea.

