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History of January 24

- ◆ **1950** : **Jana Gana Mana** got the status of the national anthem of India.
- ◆ **1950** : **The Constituent Assembly** elected **Rajendra Prasad** as the first President of the country.
- ◆ **2003** : **An extradition** treaty was signed between France and India.
- ◆ **1857** : **The University of Kolkata** was established in the city of Kolkata, India.
- ◆ **2002** : **The Indian satellite INSAT-3C** was successfully placed in its orbit.

Current Affairs Related to 24 January

- ◆ **The board of directors** approved the acquisition of 100 per cent of the issued equity share capital of Capital Foods Pvt Ltd, Tata Consumer said in an exchange filing. Capital Foods is best known for marketing products under the Ching's Secret and Smith & Jones brands. This deal has been done for Rs 5100 crore. The FMCG company said it will initially acquire 75 per cent equity shareholding, with the remaining 25 per cent to be acquired over the next three years.
- ◆ **China firmly opposes external interference in the internal affairs of the Maldives.** Maldives and China agreed to upgrade strategic cooperation to a Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership. The two governments will draw up an action plan to build a China-Maldives comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership from 2024 to 2028. Both sides also agreed to expand practical cooperation in various fields. The two countries announced Maldives' participation in the Global Security Force Initiative.
- ◆ **Indian Army will observe 2024 as Technology Absorption Year.** This theme underlines the commitment to leverage technology as a catalyst of transformative change. It will utilize domestic expertise to meet operational and logistics requirements and shape these projects in collaboration with the domestic defense industry. Earlier, the Army had declared 2023 as the year of change. Indian Army personnel are being trained to leverage technology and effectively exploit the cyber domain through institutional, procedural and technical measures.
- ◆ **The Animal Husbandry Department has issued advisories to protect animals from cold wave** in Haryana. This advice is for all the districts of the state. The Animal Husbandry Department has also instructed veterinarians to remain on alert. The department has urged all cattle owners to follow the advisory. Animals experience a drop in temperature during winter.
- ◆ **National Payments Corporation of India has launched UPI PayNow linkage,** facilitating direct remittances between India and Singapore. The collaboration is a result of close coordination between the Reserve Bank of India and the Monetary Authority of Singapore, aimed at enhancing financial inclusion and convenience in cross-border transactions.
- ◆ **The Government of India has announced the second extension of one year for RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra.** This reflects continued confidence in his leadership. The Government of India recently announced the extension of the tenure of Michael Debabrata Patra as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India by an additional year. This is the second time that the government has decided to extend his tenure, showing confidence in his leadership and expertise in running key departments within the RBI.
- ◆ **National Institute of Construction Management and Research, located in Hyderabad, has been** awarded the prestigious Platinum Certification by the Indian Green Building Council under its Green Campus Rating Programme. This achievement highlights NICMAR Hyderabad's commitment towards sustainability and environment-friendly practices in its campus operations and infrastructure.
- ◆ **DRDO successfully flight tested new generation Akash missile from Chandipur.** Flight tests were conducted against high-speed unmanned aerial targets at very low altitudes. The target was successfully intercepted and destroyed by the missile. The test validated the functioning of the entire weapon system including the indigenously developed radio frequency seeker, launcher, multi function radar and command, control and communication system.
- ◆ **President Draupadi Murmu posthumously presented** the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award to brave mountaineer Savita Kanswal of Lothru village in Uttarkashi district at a function.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Girl Child Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 22nd January (B) 23rd January
(C) 24th January (D) 25th January

(C) National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on 24 January to highlight the inequalities faced by most girls in India, the importance of education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care and safety of the girl child.

2. When is International Education Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 22nd January (B) 24th January
(C) 26th January (D) 27th January

(B) International Education Day is celebrated every year on 24 January across the world. The main objective of this day is to bring awareness about the importance and development of education in the world. Education has great importance in our life. An educated person gets respect everywhere. Education is the fundamental right of everyone, but even today people in many corners of the country remain deprived of education.

3. Who has recently approved the insurance scheme for BRO workers?

- (A) Rajnath Singh (B) Amit Shah
(C) Sarbananda Sonowal (D) Narendra Modi

(A) India's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has recently approved an unprecedented scheme aimed at providing insurance cover to casual workers employed by the Border Roads Organisation. The move is designed to address the inherent risks associated with the challenging tasks performed by these workers in remote and hazardous areas.

4. Recently Ukraine and which country have signed an important security agreement?

- (A) Russia (B) India
(C) Japan (D) Britain

(D) Recently Ukraine and Britain have signed an important security agreement. Zelensky said the guarantees set out in the 10-year agreement will last until Ukraine joins the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. According to the President, the agreement covers issues related to arms embargo, Ukraine's border and post-conflict compensation.

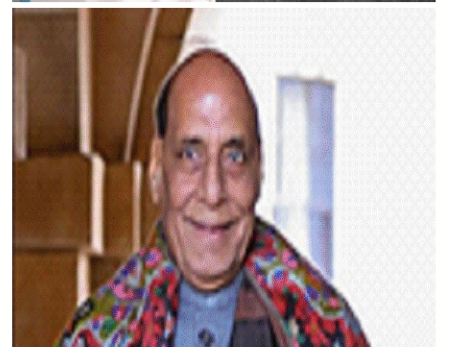
5. In which national park has the presence of birds been recorded recently in the waterbird census?

- (A) Kaziranga National Park
(B) Sariska National Park
(C) Jim Corbett National Park
(D) None of these

(A) Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve recorded the presence of 54,839 birds in the recent waterbird census conducted in the national park. The presence of 84839 birds in the national park is an increase of 27 percent since the last count.

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6. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched Yuvanidhi scheme for unemployed youth.

- (A) Karnataka (B) Kerala
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) Recently the Chief Minister of Karnataka state has launched Yuvanidhi Scheme for unemployed youth. The scheme provides unemployment assistance to graduates and diploma holders who have obtained their degrees in the academic year 2022-2023. The government has promised to give Rs 3000 per month to degree holders and Rs 1500 per month to diploma holders.



7. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has inaugurated 14 new libraries.

- (A) Assam (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Gujarat (D) Punjab

(D) The Chief Minister of Punjab state has inaugurated 14 new libraries. Chief Minister Mann expressed hope that this library will act as a harbinger of development and prosperity in the state and the aim of this pioneering initiative is to develop reading habits among the youth of the state. He said that this step will play an important role in empowering the youth and making them equal partners in the socio-economic development of the state.



8. Recently, which medal has Rhythm Sangwan won in the women's 25 meter pistol event in the Asian Shooting Championship 2024?

- (A) Gold Medal (B) Bronze Medal
(C) Silver Medal (D) None of these

(B) Rhythm Sangwan has secured a Paris 2024 Olympic quota for India with a bronze medal in the women's 25m pistol event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia. India has achieved a new feat by securing 16 shooting quotas for the upcoming Olympics to be held in Paris.



9. Where has DRDO successfully tested the new generation Akash missile recently?

- (A) Odisha (B) Rajasthan
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Himachal Pradesh

(A) Defense Research and Development Organization has marked a major achievement by successfully test firing the new generation Akash missile off the coast of Integrated Test Range Chandipur, Odisha. Defense Research and Development Organization achieved an important milestone with the successful flight test of the new generation Akash missile.



10. Who has been recently appointed as a member of UPSC?

- (A) Vijay Kumar (B) Aman Sehrawat
(C) Sheel Vardhan Singh (D) None of these

(C) The government appointed Sheel Vardhan Singh as a member of the Union Public Service Commission. He is the former Director General of Central Industrial Security Force. A member of the Union Public Service Commission is appointed by the President under Article 316 (11) of the Indian Constitution. The service conditions of a UPSC member are governed by the UPSC Regulations 1969.

