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History of January 30

- ◆ **1948** : Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, who made an important contribution in India's freedom struggle, was assassinated by Nathuram Godse.
- ◆ **1949** : Night air mail service was started.
- ◆ **1997** : After 47 years, the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi were immersed in the Sangam.
- ◆ **1641** : Portugal handed over the Gulf of Malacca and Malaya to the Dutch.
- ◆ **1530** : Rana Sangram Singh of Mewar died.

Current Affairs Related to 30 January

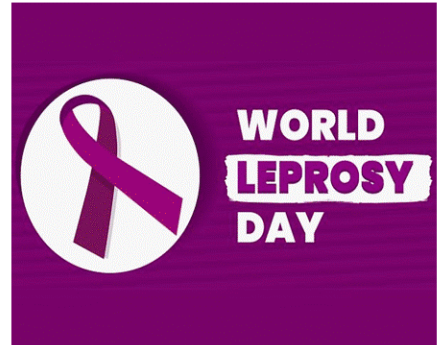
- ◆ China has created a special type of battery, which can be used in mobile phones and drones. This battery will last for about 50 years on a single charge. China's Betavolt Technology is working on creating a nuclear battery that can fit in a smartphone and can last continuously for 50 years. This same technology is used in pacemakers. Which is a small, battery operated device and controls the heartbeat of heart patients.
- ◆ Tata Consultancy Services, a leading name in the global IT services sector, has achieved a significant milestone by being ranked the second most valuable IT services brand in the world as per the 2024 Global 500 IT Services ranking by Brand Finance. This achievement underlines TCS's commitment towards innovation, sustainability and global expansion, making it a leader in the technology industry.
- ◆ Anganwadi workers in Andhra Pradesh are on strike demanding better salaries and benefits. The state government has invoked the Essential Services and Maintenance Act 1971 against the protesting Anganwadi workers and assistants.
- ◆ REC Limited, a premier Maharatna Public Sector Unit and a leading Non-Banking Financial Company under the Ministry of Power, has been awarded the prestigious Plaque at the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This recognition is in the financial services sector category for the financial year 2022-2023.
- ◆ India has emerged as the global leader in trust in the Edelman Trust Barometer 2024, topping the charts of trust in businesses and NGOs. However, the country has secured 4th place for media trust and 5th place for trust in government. The comprehensive survey, involving more than 32,000 respondents from 28 countries, highlights a pattern where developing countries outperform their developed counterparts in overall trust perceptions.
- ◆ Indian Institute of Technology Madras has joined hands with Altair, a global technology leader specializing in simulation, high performance computing and Artificial Intelligence. Together they are set to inaugurate a state-of-the-art eMobility Simulation Lab within the Department of Engineering Design at IIT Madras. The eMobility Simulation Lab is set to become a center for advanced research and training in the field. Thanks to Altair's generous financial support, the laboratory will be equipped with state-of-the-art products and equipment, incorporating Altair's modeling and simulation technologies.
- ◆ 18 year old chess player Ramesh babu Praggnanandhaa from Chennai achieved a historic feat in his career by defeating world champion Ding Liren of China. This important victory came during the fourth round of the 2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament held in Wijk aan Zee. Praggnanandha's victory was notable because he played with the black pieces and displayed strategic superiority from the very beginning of the game.
- ◆ In a strategic move in line with the Reserve Bank of India guidelines, Karnataka Bank, a leading private sector bank and fast growing NBFC, Clix Capital, have come together through the UB Company Lend platform. This digital co-lending partnership targets the Indian MSME sector, which is a key driver of the country's GDP and employment growth. The collaboration leverages Karnataka Bank's cost-efficient funds, end-to-end digital capabilities and credit expertise in the MSME sector.
- ◆ India's budget presentations since independence have been conducted by notable finance ministers. From John Mathai to Nirmala Sitharaman, these leaders shaped fiscal policies during different eras. Since gaining independence in 1947, India has seen many finance ministers who have played an important role in presenting the annual budget.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Leprosy Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 28th January (B) 29th January
(C) 30th January (D) 31st January

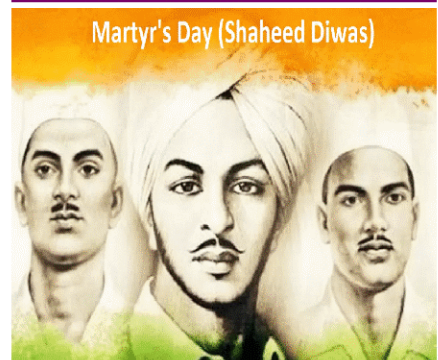
(C) World Leprosy Day is observed annually on 30 January to focus on the goal of zero cases of leprosy-related disability in children. As we know that disability does not happen overnight but occurs after a long period of unknown illness. Its main objective was to raise awareness about leprosy and educate people about this ancient disease that can now be easily cured.



2. When is Martyr's Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 26th January (B) 28th January
(C) 29th January (D) 30th January

(D) Every year 30 January is celebrated as Martyrs' Day to commemorate the sacrifice of Mahatma Gandhi and three revolutionaries of India. Like the Father of the Nation was assassinated on 30 January 1948. And on March 23, three heroes of the country, Bhagat Singh, Shivram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar were hanged by the British.



3. Recently, the government has set a target of reducing road accident deaths by what percentage by 2030?

- (A) 25% (B) 40%
(C) 50% (D) 80%

(C) Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said that the government has set a target of reducing accidental deaths by 50% by 2030. He said that there is a need to run campaigns to make people aware on road safety and bring about change in human behaviour. Every hour in India, 53 people are injured and 19 die in road accidents.



4. Which bank is actively setting up its first branch in Singapore recently?

- (A) PNB
(B) HDFC Bank
(C) AU Small Finance Bank
(D) None of these

(B) India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank Ltd is actively setting up its first branch in Singapore. HDFC Bank is looking to expand its global footprint after its landmark merger with Housing Development Finance Corporation last year. Recently, India's first solar powered boat will run on which river?



5. Recently, India's first solar powered boat will run on which river?

- (A) Saryu (B) Ganga
(C) Yamuna (D) Godavari

(A) For the first time in India, a boat running on solar energy will be run in the Saryu river in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Steps will be taken to convert the city into a model solar city. The framework for regular operation of this boat service has been prepared by the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Agency, which has developed the boat.



6. Who has recently started the project of artificial reefs in Vizhinjam to increase the fish population?

- (A) Sarbananda Sonowal (B) Parshottam Rupala
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Narendra Modi

(B) In an important step to boost fish production and promote sustainable fishing, Union Fisheries Minister Parshottam Rupala inaugurated an artificial reef project in Vizhinjam, Kerala. The initiative aims to double the income of fishermen by increasing fish stocks and contributing to the economic well-being of the local fishing community.



7. Recently the Chief Minister of which state inaugurated the Rs 800 crore project Heritage Corridor?

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

(A) Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the Rs 800 crore project Heritage Corridor. This project is built around the historical Puri Jagannath Temple. The heritage corridor has been named Shrimandir Parikrama Prakalp. CM Patnaik officially inaugurated the Shri Mandir Parikrama Project in the presence of Gajapati Maharaja Divyasingh Dev of Puri, representatives of about 90 temples and thousands of devotees.



8. Recently, at which airport was the biggest aviation program ever launched in Asia, Wings India-2024?

- (A) Ahmedabad (B) New Delhi
(C) Chennai (D) Hyderabad

(D) Wings India-2024, the biggest aviation event ever in Asia, started at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad. Airports Authority of India has organized this biennial event in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI. It aims to bring together stakeholders and participants from the global aviation industry to foster collaboration and innovation and explore business opportunities.



9. What percentage of export duty has been imposed on molasses by the government recently?

- (A) 30% (B) 50%
(C) 70% (D) 90%

(B) The government has imposed a 50% duty on the export of molasses, which is extracted as a by-product in liquor production. 50% export duty will be imposed on molasses produced during extraction or refinement of sugar. Every year India exports 200,000-300,000 tonnes of molasses.



10. Recently, remains of human settlement of 800 BC have been found in Vadnagar of which state?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Punjab
(C) Telangana (D) Maharashtra

(A) Remains of about 2800 years old human settlement have been found in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's village in Vadnagar, Gujarat. The study was conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Archaeological Survey of India Physical Research Laboratory, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Deccan College. Evidence suggests that human settlement was contemporary with late Vedic/pre-Buddhist mahajanapadas or oligarchic republics.

