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## History of January 3

- ◆ **1621** : The great scientist Galileo discovered the telescope.
- ◆ **1901** : Brahmacharya Ashram was opened in Shanti Niketan.
- ◆ **1920** : The Anglo Oriental College of Aligarh was transformed into Aligarh Muslim University.
- ◆ **1894** : Rabindranath Tagore inaugurated the Paush Mela in Shanti Niketan.
- ◆ **1971** : India-Pakistan war begins and President declares national emergency.

## Current Affairs Related to 3 January

- ◆ In view of the emerging threats in the Indian Ocean region, India is ready to set up a National Maritime Domain Awareness Centre. The final contract for setting up the National Maritime Domain Awareness Center is expected to be signed early next year. It will be a multi agency centre. Its primary objectives are to collect, analyze and provide actionable information to combat maritime challenges such as terrorism, piracy, smuggling and illegal fishing. Along with this, the Center will also monitor the increasing Chinese naval activities in the IOR.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of C S Rajan as part-time chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank, a significant development for the financial institution. Rajan's tenure will begin in January 2024 and will last for a period of two years. CS Rajan's association with Kotak Mahindra Bank began when he was appointed as an independent director on the board on October 22, 2022.
- ◆ In the world of engineering marvels, bridges stand as a testament to human ingenuity and innovation. One such extraordinary structure has attracted global attention, surpassing all others in length and grandeur. The Danyang Kunshan Grand Bridge holds the title of the longest bridge in the world, with a total length of just under 164.8 km. In this article we will learn about the longest bridge in the world and the list of top 10 longest bridges in the world and their important details.
- ◆ India paid a special tribute to one of its legal stalwarts, Justice Konda Madhav Reddy, as Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar released a special postal cover. Which is an important occasion to celebrate his invaluable contribution to the Indian legal system. The ceremony took place at AV College in Gagan Mahal, Hyderabad where the legacy of Justice Reddy was commemorated.
- ◆ The name of Ayodhya railway station was changed to Ayodhya Dham. Ayodhya Dham Railway Station is now a seamless blend of ancient Indian architecture with modern facilities. The holy city of Ayodhya is getting ready for a major makeover with the renaming of its iconic railway junction and the inauguration of a new airport. The station building looks like a majestic temple, adorned with domes, pillars, arches and frescoes depicting the life and glory of Lord Rama. Inter passengers are likely to find all the facilities required for a comfortable journey including lifts, escalators, a tourist information center and medical facilities.
- ◆ Production Linked Incentive Schemes launched by the Government of India have emerged as a major driver to attract investment and promote manufacturing in various sectors. These initiatives have garnered an impressive investment of Rs 95,000 crore till September, which is a significant progress towards enhancing India's manufacturing capabilities and exports. In the Union Budget 2021-2022, the government allocated a substantial outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore for PLI schemes, underscoring their strategic importance in boosting economic growth.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India released a report praising the performance of Indian banks and non-bank lenders, emphasizing the need for stronger governance and risk management practices to strengthen their balance sheets. Despite a significant 12.2% growth in the consolidated balance sheets of scheduled commercial banks in 2022-2023, the RBI underlined the importance of continued reform.
- ◆ Gwalior, often known as the city of music, recently witnessed an extraordinary scene when 1500 tabla players gathered at the historic Karna Mahal in Gwalior Fort. This massive gathering not only created a Guinness World Record for the most number of people playing tabla simultaneously, but also marked an important moment in the city's rich musical heritage.

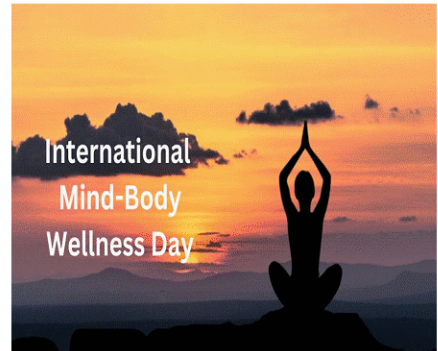


## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is International Mind Body Wellness Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 1st January (B) 2nd January  
(C) 3rd January (D) 4th January

**(C)** International Mind Body Wellness Day is celebrated across the world on January. The idea behind it is unique as it aims to support a holistic approach to loving your body and mind by incorporating new strategies to develop well-being.



**2. In which country will it implement carbon border tax on iron from 2027?**

- (A) United Kingdom (B) America  
(C) Britain (D) China

**(A)** Recently the British government announced plans to impose a carbon levy on imported raw materials such as aluminium, iron, steel and cement from 2027 in an effort to protect companies from undercutting by foreign producers. However, the scheme has come under criticism from the body representing British Steel as being too slow, as it will come into force a year after similar EU proposals came into force.



**3. Which country has recently successfully tested the advanced rocket system Fateh-II?**

- (A) China (B) Russia  
(C) Japan (D) Pakistan

**(D)** Pakistan Army successfully flight test indigenously developed Guided Multi Launch Rocket System Fateh-II, marking significant advancement in its missile capabilities. The system boasts of a range of 400 kilometers and advanced features, which are a major achievement for the country's defense programme.



**4. Who has become the Indian batsman who has scored the most runs in the recent World Test Championship?**

- (A) Rohit Sharma (B) Mahendra Singh Dhoni  
(C) Virat Kohli (D) KL Rahul

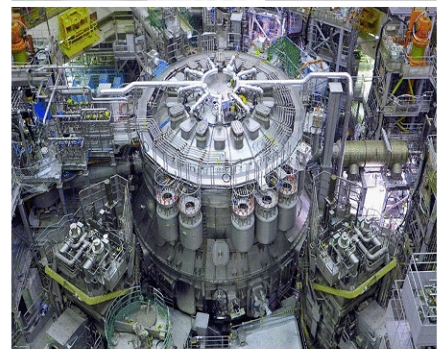
**(C)** Veteran Indian batsman and former captain of the Indian team, Virat Kohli has become the Indian batsman who has scored the most runs in the World Test Championship. This new record was achieved in the first match of the ongoing Test series against the South African cricket team. He left Indian captain Rohit Sharma behind. Rohit Sharma has so far scored 2097 runs in 42 innings of 26 Tests in the WTC. Virat has so far scored 2101 runs in 57 innings of 35 test matches.



**5. Recently in which country the world's largest nuclear plant is on the way to restart?**

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

**(A)** Recently, the world's largest nuclear fusion reactor has started functioning in Japan. It was built in Naka North area of Japan. Such a big reactor is an experiment. So that all the energy needs of humans can be met in future.





**6. Which state has recently adopted drone technology for land mapping?**

- (A) Haryana (B) Chhattisgarh  
(C) Goa (D) Jharkhand

**(A)** Recently the state of Haryana has adopted drone technology for land mapping. He told that in Haryana, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has started using drone technology long ago. Drones were used to make the village Lal Dora free. Not only this, the Chief Minister has also constituted a separate Drone Imaging Information of Haryana Limited.



**7. Recently Bharat Electronics Limited has signed a contract worth Rs 445 crore with which state government?**

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

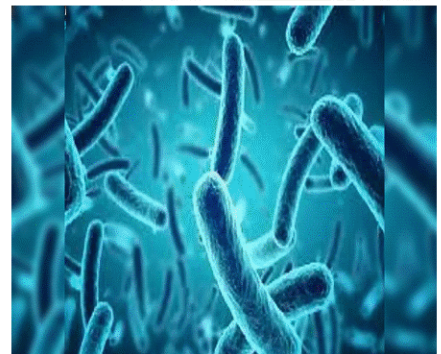
**(D)** Navratna Bharat Electronics Limited has recently signed a contract worth Rs 445 crore with the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the next generation UP Dial 112 project. The company will provide comprehensive and state-of-the-art hardware, AI based software tools and cyber security tools for the Dial 112 project.



**8. After whom has the recently discovered bacteria been named?**

- (A) Srinivas Ramanujan (B) Rabindra Nath Tagore  
(C) APJ Abdul Kalam (D) None of these

**(B)** A team of researchers from the Department of Botany, Visva-Bharati University has made an unprecedented discovery which has the potential to revolutionize agricultural practices. They have identified a new bacteria strain capable of promoting plant growth and named it Pantoea tagori in honor of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.



**9. Recently, India has taken payment in rupees for the crude oil purchased from which country?**

- (A) Russia (B) Japan  
(C) Iran (D) UAE

**(D)** Recently India has made the first payment in rupees for crude oil purchased from UAE. Also, India has taken steps towards taking its currency to the global level. Officials said that India is also trying to buy crude in rupees along with other oil supplier countries, but implementing it at the international level is a process and no target has been set for it.



**10. Recently, how much has the participation of women in NREGA increased in the financial year 2023?**

- (A) 59% (B) 62%  
(C) 67% (D) 75%

**(A)** According to the periodic labor force survey recently published by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, the female labor force participation rate in the country has increased over the years. Data on the NREGS portal shows that there were a total of 238.62 crore person days under NREGS during 2023-2024, the figure of female person days was 141.37 crore or 59.25%.

