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History of December 24

- ◆ **1894** : The first medical conference was organized in Calcutta
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- ◆ **1899** : The country's first amusement park, Essel World, was opened in Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra.
- ◆ **2002** : Delhi Metro was inaugurated from Shahdara Tis Hazari Line.
- ◆ **1986** : The Consumer Protection Act was passed by the Parliament in India. Therefore it is celebrated as National Consumer Day in India.
- ◆ **1986** : The Lotus Temple was opened to devotees

Current Affairs Related to 24 December

- ◆ The construction work of 538 km dedicated freight corridor from Dankuni to Son Nagar will start soon from PM Gati Shakti Fund. In this, New Shakti Fund will start soon from Koderma. This also includes 195 km railway line from Koderma to New Mugma. With its construction, the average speed of goods trains in the section will increase to 60.70 km per hour. Presently its speed is 25-30 km per hour. The construction of this corridor will encourage agriculture, food processing and MSMEs.
- ◆ Israel's new ambassador to India will be Reuven Azar. The Israeli government has approved the appointment of Reuven Azar as the new Ambassador to India. Apart from India, Azar is also scheduled to serve as non-resident ambassador to Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Foreign Minister Eli Cohen, while informing about the appointment of Reuven Azar as Ambassador to India, said that he will represent Israeli citizens in these countries.
- ◆ Defense Research and Development Organization gave information about the strength of Akash missile. In the demonstration of Akash missile system, DRDO showed that Akash has the power to destroy four targets simultaneously. On the successful launch of Akash missile, which has the capability to hit up to 25 kilometers, DRDO said that the Akash missile system, equipped with the power of accurate air targeting, will be counted as a state-of-the-art weapon among India's security weapons.
- ◆ India's first bone marrow transplant was successfully performed by Indian doctors at an Army hospital. According to the Defense Ministry, medical professionals at the Army Hospital, Delhi Cantt, have successfully performed a life-saving bone marrow transplant for a child for the first time in India. According to the ministry, children and families facing similar difficulties now have new hope because of this innovative process.
- ◆ 13 states and union territories have been recognized as achievers in the Logistics Index Chart 2023.
- ◆ IDFC First Bank, LIC Cards and Mastercard have joined hands to unveil an exclusive co-branded credit card designed to meet the ever-growing financial needs of the country. The collaboration aims to address the diverse needs of over 27 crore policy-holders across India.
- ◆ The UK government, led by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, is considering taking additional steps to protect teenagers under the age of 16 from online threats after introducing the Online Safety Act. The digital age has ushered in unprecedented connectivity, but concerns have also grown about the potential harm to children on social media platforms.
- ◆ Defense Ministry signed a deal worth Rs 5300 crore with Bharat Electronics Limited, Pune for the purchase of electronic fuses for the Indian Army. A contract worth Rs 5336 crore has been signed for 10 years. The main objective of this initiative is to create ammunition stock to reduce imports and achieve self-reliance in ammunition manufacturing. It will also help secure critical technologies and stocks affected by supply chain disruption.
- ◆ Indian Air Force successfully test fired Surface to Air Missile for Assured Retaliation air defense missile system in Exercise Astrashakti. Exercise Astrashakti 2023 was conducted at SuryaLanka Air Force Station. Air Defense Systems Samar participated for the first time in the exercise to test surface-to-air weapon systems and carry out their operational field trials.
- ◆ Crutrim SI Designs, a new artificial intelligence venture founded by Ola co-founder Bhavish Aggarwal, has introduced a family of multilingual AI models specifically designed to meet the specific needs of the Indian ecosystem.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Consumer Rights Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 22nd December (B) 23rd December
(C) 24th December (D) 26th December

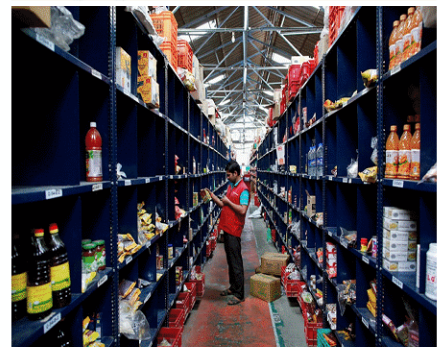
(C) National Consumer Rights Day is celebrated every year on 24th December with a special theme across the country. The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 received the assent of the President on this day. There is no doubt that it is considered a historic milestone in the consumer movement in the country. The day also provides awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities.



2. According to a recent report, which country's e-retail market will cross \$160 billion by 2028?

- (A) India (B) Australia
(C) Britain (D) America

(A) The e-retail market in India is set for substantial growth, with a report by Bain & Company in collaboration with Flipkart projected to cross the US\$160 billion mark by 2028. The report highlights the key factors contributing to this growth, including affordable data, improved logistics, fintech infrastructure and a strong digital consumer ecosystem.



3. According to the recent SBI report, by when will the number of women voters exceed that of men?

- (A) 2025 (B) 2027
(C) 2029 (D) 2032

(C) According to an SBI report, after the 2029 elections, the number of women voters will exceed that of male voters. The total number of voters in the 2024 elections will be approximately 68 crore, of which women voters will be 33 crore. After 2029, the number of women voters will be 37 crore, which will be more than the male voters.



4. Which bank has recently launched Indus Solitaire Program for the diamond industry?

- (A) IndusInd Bank (B) UCO Bank
(C) Yes Bank (D) Punjab National Bank

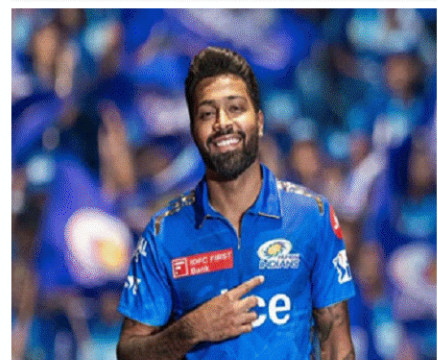
(A) IndusInd Bank has recently launched the Indus Solitaire Programme, an innovative community banking initiative specifically designed to meet the unique needs of the diamond industry. This comprehensive program is set to offer a range of exclusive benefits and features, strengthening the Bank's commitment to serve the Diamond community.

IndusInd Bank

5. Who has recently been appointed as the new captain of Mumbai Indians in IPL?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Suryakumar Yadav
(C) Rishabh Pant (D) Hardik Pandya

(D) Mumbai Indians have taken a big decision before the IPL auction. He has appointed all-rounder Hardik Pandya as the captain for the upcoming season. Hardik Pandya will take charge in place of Rohit Sharma in the tournament. Rohit Sharma was the captain of Mumbai for 10 years. He also made the team champion five times.



6. Recently ADB allocated \$200 million to improve sanitation and promote waste management in how many Indian cities?

- (A) 70 (B) 100
(C) 150 (D) 200

(B) Asian Development Bank has taken an important step in promoting sustainable urban development by approving a loan of US\$ 200 million to promote Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0. Committed to making all cities garbage free by 2026, the initiative aims to introduce international best practices, integrate new technologies and adopt climate and disaster resilient approaches in municipal solid waste management.



7. Recently, how many nationally determined contribution targets have been achieved ahead of time by India?

- (A) One (B) Two
(C) Three (D) Four

(B) India submitted its first Nationally Determined Contribution in 2015. India has achieved two targets ahead of schedule. To reduce the emissions intensity of our gross domestic product (GDP) by 33 to 35 percent by 2030 from 2005 levels. To achieve approximately 40% cumulative electricity installed capacity from non-fossil fuel based energy resources by 2030.



8. Who recently launched India's first winter science expedition to the Arctic region?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Nirmala Sitharaman
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Kiran Rijiju

(D) India's first winter science expedition to the Arctic region was flagged off by Earth Sciences Minister Kiren Rijiju. A team of four scientists began their journey to India's research center in the city of Nylesund on the Brogger Peninsula. The Ministry of Earth Sciences will make necessary budgetary and other allocations.



9. Who has topped the recent Khelo India Para Games 2023?

- (A) Haryana (B) Maharashtra
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Punjab

(A) Recently, Haryana state has been on top in Khelo India Para Games 2023. Haryana won the title of the first edition by winning 105 medals including 40 gold, 49 silver and 26 bronze medals. About 1450 para athletes from across the country participated in this event. Uttar Pradesh stood second by winning 62 medals including 25 gold, 23 silver and 14 bronze medals.



10. Recently she became the first Indian woman elected to UNIDROIT.

- (A) Pushpa Bharti (B) Savita Ladge
(C) Uma Shekhar (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the first Indian woman, Uma Shekhar, was elected to the Governing Council of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law. The elections for the Governing Council of UNIDROIT were held in Rome, the capital of Italy.

