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History of January 28

- ◆ **1998** : 26 accused were given death sentence in the assassination case of former Prime Minister of India Rajiv Gandhi.
- ◆ **1933** : Chaudhary Rahmat Ali Khan suggested the name of Pakistan for a separate nation to be formed as per the demand of Muslim League.
- ◆ **1999** : For the first time in India, a lamb was born from a preserved embryo.
- ◆ **1950** : Justice Hiralal Kania assumed the post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- ◆ **1962** : An American spacecraft failed to reach the moon.

Current Affairs Related to 28 January

- ◆ The World Economic Forum and the Government of Telangana are jointly setting up the 19th Center of the World Economic Forum's Fourth Industrial Revolution Network in Hyderabad. The World Economic Forum Telangana Centre, to be launched in February 2024, will be the world's first thematic center dedicated to health technology and life sciences. The collaboration, cemented during a meeting between Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and World Economic Forum President Borge Brende in Davos, underlines the commitment to advance health care technology.
- ◆ Yes Bank has launched SmartFin, a digital supply chain finance platform with VFin Solutions, with an emphasis on MSME support and innovation in working capital management. In a strategic move to enhance support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Yes Bank has introduced SmartFin, an advanced digital supply chain finance platform developed in collaboration with VFin Solutions. This initiative reflects Yes Bank's commitment to foster innovation and enhance its digital offering, especially in the area of working capital efficiency.
- ◆ Global Firepower's military power rankings for 2024 provide a comprehensive assessment of military capabilities around the world. Covering 145 countries, the rankings take into account more than 60 factors, including troop numbers, military equipment, financial stability, geographical location and available resources. The culmination of these factors results in a PowerIndex score, which provides a nuanced perspective on global military power.
- ◆ The book An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy is written by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. The book offers an intimate look into the life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy, co-founders of Infosys, one of India's most respected couples. The biography details his early life, love story and the founding years of Infosys.
- ◆ The map of Indian science, technology and engineering facilities, known as iSTEM, is set to launch an unprecedented initiative called Inclusion. This ambitious project, led by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, aims to transform research collaboration in the country by facilitating easy access to scientific facilities and laboratories. Coming to 2024, I STEM plans to organize around 50 inclusion events across India.
- ◆ The International Cricket Council has announced the names of Player of the Month for the month of December. Australian captain Pat Cummins has been chosen Men's Player of the Month. Whereas, India's Deepti Sharma was chosen as the Women's Player of the Month. This is Deepti Sharma's first Player of the Month title. Both the players got the reward of their excellent performance in December.
- ◆ In response to the changing dynamics of the global oil market, the Government of India has decided to reduce windfall taxes on domestically produced crude oil. The tax levied in the form of special additional excise duty has been reduced. Rs 2300 per tonne to Rs 1700 per tonne. The move is aimed at addressing the challenges posed by rising crude oil prices and is part of the government's fortnightly review mechanism based on the average oil prices over the last two weeks.
- ◆ Deepa Bhandare, associated with Shree Dutta Co-operative Sugar Factory in Shirol taluka of Kolhapur, emerged as a pioneer, winning the prestigious Best Environment Officer award at the event. The award, presented by VSI President Sharad Pawar, is a historic moment as Bhandare becomes the only woman to receive this honor in the long and illustrious history of Maharashtra's sugar industry.
- ◆ Indospace, a leading player in industrial and logistics real estate, has strengthened its commitment to the economic development of Tamil Nadu by signing an MoU worth Rs 2000 crore.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Lala Lajpat Rai's birth anniversary celebrated every year?

- (A) 25th January (B) 26th January
(C) 27th January (D) 28th January

(D) Lala Lajpat Rai was born on 28 January 1865 in Punjab. He was a prominent nationalist leader who played an important role in India's freedom struggle. He also received the title of Punjab Kesari or Lion of Punjab. He initiated the establishment of Punjab National Bank. He died on 17 November 1928 due to severe injuries.



2. Where will India's first centrally funded cow sanctuary be built recently?

- (A) Muzaffarnagar (B) Varanasi
(C) Mathura (D) Hisar

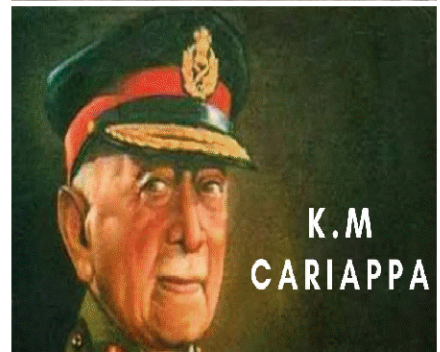
(A) Recently, a cow sanctuary is being constructed by the Central Government in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. Located in Tughlakpur Kamhera village under Purkaji block of Muzaffarnagar district, this sanctuary is being built with a funding of Rs 64 crore under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission.



3. When is KM Cariappa Jayanti celebrated every year?

- (A) 24 January (B) 26 January
(C) 28th January (D) 30th January

(C) 28 January is celebrated and remembered for various reasons in Indian and world history and one of them is the birth anniversary of Kodandera Madappa Cariappa. He was the first Commander in Chief of the Indian Army. A national hero known for many firsts, he played a key role in the transformation of the Indian Army from colonial to independent India and his legacy is celebrated.



4. Where did Prime Minister Modi inaugurate the NACIN Campus recently?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Rajasthan

(B) Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Palasamudram in Sri Sathyasai district of Andhra Pradesh and inaugurated the new campus of National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics. According to a press release from the Andhra Pradesh government, PM Modi reached Palasamudram to participate in the scheduled programs.



5. Where has the Indian Air Force recently launched Operation Sarvshakti?

- (A) Jammu and Kashmir (B) Ladakh
(C) Manipur (D) None of these

(A) The Indian Army launched Operation Sarvshakti to foil the terrorist activities active from Pakistan. Through this operation, the Army will thwart terrorist activities from both sides of the Pir Panjal mountain range through joint anti-terrorist operations.



6. Where has Pixel inaugurated Megapixel recently?

- (A) Lucknow (B) Madras
(C) Bengaluru (D) None of these

(C) Bengaluru-based space tech startup Pixel recently marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its state-of-the-art spacecraft manufacturing facility named Megapixel. The 30,000 sq ft facility is set to revolutionize satellite production capabilities in India.



7. Who has recently won the crown of Miss America 2024?

- (A) Ellie Breaux (B) Madison Marsh
(C) Ritu Goswami (D) None of these

(B) For the first time in American history, an active Air Force pilot has become Miss America. 22 year old Madison Marsh has won this beauty pageant. And she will represent America in Miss World 2024. After Madison's victory, the US Air Force not only shared two photos of Marsh on its official handle, but also congratulated him for creating history.



8. With which country has India signed an agreement for exploration and mining of Lithium?

- (A) Argentina (B) Malaysia
(C) Australia (D) France

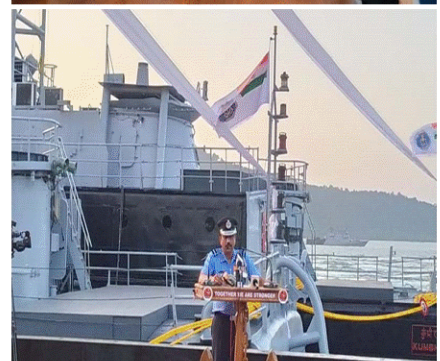
(A) The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, has recently signed an agreement with Catamarca Minera y Energetica Sociedad del Estado, a state-owned enterprise in the Catamarca province of Argentina. Under this, Mineral Videsh India Limited will do the exploration and mining of five lithium blocks.



9. Which ship has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy recently?

- (A) Khanderi (B) Vela
(C) Karanj (D) Cheetah

(D) Recently, Indian Navy ships Cheetah and Kumbhir have been decommissioned after four decades of glorious service. The decommissioning ceremony was held at Port Blair and the national flag, naval ensign and decommissioning pennants of the three ships were lowered for the last time. Cheetah, Guldar and Kumbhir were built at the Gdynia Shipyard in Poland.



10. Who has been honored with the Best FIFA Men's Player Award?

- (A) Erling Haaland (b) Lionel Messi
(C) Pep Guardiola (d) Kylian Mbappé

(B) Argentine superstar Lionel Messi has once again received the FIFA Best Men's Player Award. He left behind players like Erling Holland and Kylian Mbappe in this race. This is the third time in the last 4 years that Messi has received this award. Spain and Barcelona striker Aitana Bonamati was awarded the Best FIFA Women's Player award.

