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History of January 29

- ◆ **1528** : Babar, the founder of the Mughal Empire dynasty, defeated King Rana Sanga of Mewar and captured the fort of Chanderi.
- ◆ **1916** : Germany attacked France for the first time in the First World War.
- ◆ **1979** : India's first twin-engined jumbo train Tamil Nadu Express was flagged off from New Delhi to Madras.
- ◆ **1992** : India became a regional partner of ASEAN

Current Affairs Related to 29 January

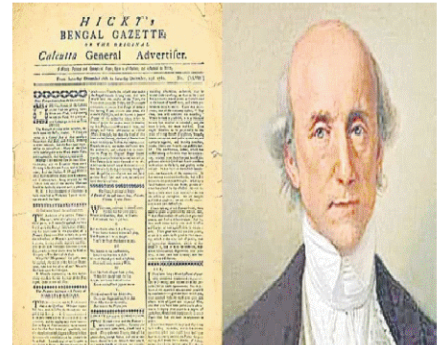
- ◆ A vehicle, a FASTag initiative, has been launched to increase the efficiency of the electronic toll collection system and facilitate seamless movement at toll plazas. The objective of this initiative is to discourage user behavior like using a single FASTag for multiple vehicles or linking multiple FASTags for a particular vehicle.
- ◆ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has announced the inclusion of Persian as one of the nine classical languages of India under the new education policy. These initiatives reflect the commitment to promote greater understanding and appreciation of the rich heritage of Persian within the Indian educational framework. According to the National Education Policy 2020 of India, apart from the six classical languages, Pali, Persian and Prakrit languages should be preserved for the prosperity and enrichment of future generations.
- ◆ A report titled Annual Status of Education Report 2023 Beyond Basics was released. This report has been released by civil society organization Pratham Foundation. In this, a survey was conducted among rural students in the age group of 14 to 18 years. It assessed the basic reading and arithmetic abilities of 34,745 students in a household survey conducted in 28 districts in 26 states.
- ◆ Vice President of India Jagdish Dhankhar inaugurated the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace. This year it was organized in New Delhi. This year's gathering included participants from member countries such as Mongolia, Russia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Japan, Cambodia, Laos, South Korea, Vietnam and Malaysia.
- ◆ Global Firepower 2024 military power rankings released. In this, a total of 145 countries were evaluated on the basis of their global military power. According to the ranking, the military of the United States is the most powerful, followed by Russia and China. India has retained its position as the fourth strongest army.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India has unveiled a draft framework for the establishment and recognition of self-regulatory organizations in the FinTech sector. The draft rules are aimed at promoting innovation within the industry and ensuring regulatory priorities for consumer protection and risk prevention. Membership should be voluntary and should include fintechs to ensure broad industry representation.
- ◆ Shares of Life Insurance Corporation of India increased by more than 2% in trading, due to which the market cap of this government insurance company crossed the level of Rs 5.8 lakh crore. The company's shares touched a 52-week high of Rs 919.45 per share. LIC has left State Bank of India behind in terms of market cap.
- ◆ EPFO has issued a circular making it clear that now Aadhaar card will not be accepted as date of birth proof after a directive from the Unique Identification Authority of India. Employees' Provident Fund Organization has removed Aadhaar from the list of acceptable documents for proof of date of birth. Even before this, the Unique Identification Authority of India had said that many organizations like EPFO have been considering Aadhaar as a valid document to confirm the date of birth, but the Unique Identification Authority of India made it clear that the Aadhaar card acts as a unique identity proof.
- ◆ Gujarat, Kerala and Karnataka have emerged as the best performing states in terms of developing startup ecosystem for budding entrepreneurs. This was revealed in the ranking of states and union territories by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh have also been placed in the category of best performing states. Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have been classified as top performers.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Indian Newspaper Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 29th January (B) 27th January
(C) 30th January (D) 31st January

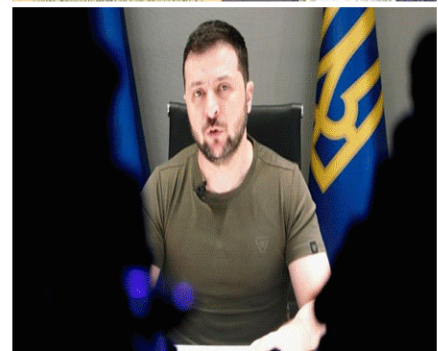
(A) A day set aside to honor the introduction of newspapers in India is known as Indian Newspaper Day. The purpose of this day is to increase awareness about Indian newspapers. The first Indian newspaper was published on 29 January 1780.



2. Which country will host the global peace summit on Ukraine?

- (A) US (B) Japan
(C) Switzerland (D) France

(C) A global peace summit on Ukraine will be held in Switzerland. Switzerland has agreed to host the conference at the request of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. It is noteworthy that Russia sent its army to Ukraine on 24 February 2022, since then the conflict between the two countries is going on.



3. Who will be awarded the Assam Vaibhav, the highest honor of the state of Assam?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Ranjan Gogoi
(C) Ratan Tata (D) Raghuram Rajan

(B) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has recently announced that former Chief Justice of India and Rajya Sabha MP Ranjan Gogoi will be honored with the Assam Vaibhav Award. Assam Vaibhav is the highest civilian honor of the state. A bench of five judges headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi had given an important decision on Ayodhya Ram temple in the year 2019.



4. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurate projects worth more than Rs 4000 crore?

- (A) Kochi (B) Varanasi
(C) Chennai (D) Lucknow

(A) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated three important infrastructure projects in Kochi, Kerala, marking a significant progress towards transforming India's ports, shipping and waterways sector. These projects, totaling more than Rs 4,000 crore, are in line with the Prime Minister's vision to enhance the country's maritime capabilities and promote self-reliance.



5. Recently, after which year, Apple overtook Samsung to become the top smartphone manufacturer for the first time?

- (A) 2005 (B) 2007
(C) 2010 (D) 2015

(C) Apple has sold the most smartphones globally in 2023, leaving behind Korean company Samsung. This has been revealed in the IDC report. After almost 13 years, Apple has left Samsung behind in terms of mobile shipments worldwide. The company has sold a total of 236.4 million mobile units in 2023.



6. Where is the 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace being organized recently?

- (A) Dhaka (B) New Delhi
(C) Kathmandu (D) All of the above

(B) The 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace has been inaugurated in New Delhi. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said the eternal wisdom of Buddha, his Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path lead people to inner peace, compassion and non-violence. Buddhism originated in India and played an important role in binding together many countries in Asia.



7. Who has recently become the first female neutral umpire appointed by the ICC in a dual series?

- (A) Sue Redfern (B) Maria Abbott
(C) Sarah Bartlett (D) None of these

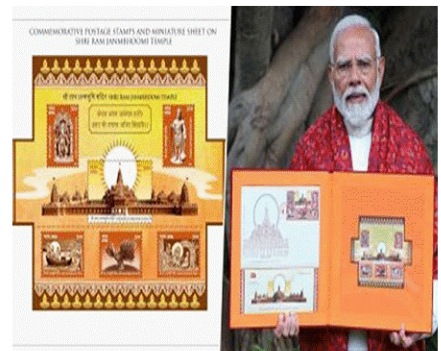
(A) England's Sue Redfern will become the first female neutral umpire appointed by the International Cricket Council to stand in a bilateral series after being named for the upcoming ICC Women's Championship and T20 matches between Australia and South Africa.



8. Who has launched a series of commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Ram temple of Ayodhya?

- (A) Draupadi Murmu (B) Amit Shah
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Yogi Adityanath

(C) Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a series of commemorative postage stamps dedicated to the Ram temple in Ayodhya and a book containing stamps from around the world. With six different designs, these stamps reflect the essence of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple. The consecration program of Ram temple in Ayodhya was completed by PM Modi.



9. With whom has the Maharashtra government signed an agreement for the state's first green ammonia plant?

- (A) Inox Air Products
(B) Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited
(C) Deepak Fertilizers
(D) Tata Chemicals Limited

(A) Maharashtra Government has entered into an agreement with Inox Air Products for the state's first Green Ammonia Plant with a capacity of 5,000,000 MTPA. A total of US \$ 3 billion will be spent on this project. Green liquid ammonia will be produced in this plant.



10. Who won the Player of the Month award for the month of December 2023?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Suryakumar Yadav
(C) Pant Cummins (D) Joe Root

(C) ICC has announced the Player of the Month award for the month of December 2023. Australia captain Pant Cummins has won the Best Male Cricketer award. India's Deepti Sharma received the award for the best female cricketer. Every month the ICC honors the players who perform best in international cricket with the Player of the Month Award.

