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History of January 25

- ◆ **1880** : The Indian Brahmi community was started by the famous social reformer Keshav Chandra Sen.
- ◆ **1881** : Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Alva Edison formed the Oriental Telephone Company.
- ◆ **1980** : Famous social worker Mother Teresa was awarded Bharat Ratna.
- ◆ **1983** : Acharya Vinoba Bhave was posthumously awarded the highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna.

Current Affairs Related to 25 January

- ◆ Sri Lankan Education Minister Dr. Sushil Premjayantha has said that a new campus of IIT Madras will start in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Speaking to a special correspondent of Prasar Bharati, he said that this proposal is included in the budget for the year 2024 presented by Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe as Finance Minister. He said that during his visit to India last month he had discussions with the directors and deans of the faculties of IIT Madras. Dr. Premajayantha said that before the IIT team comes to Sri Lanka to launch the campus, his ministry will send a team of academicians to IIT Madras.
- ◆ In a significant step towards strengthening Gujarat's infrastructure, Shanghai-based New Development Bank signed an agreement during the Vibrant Gujarat Summit, promising a substantial loan of \$500 million to the Gujarat government. This financial investment has been earmarked for the Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojana, which is an important project of the state.
- ◆ New Zealand's experienced fast bowler Tim Southee has created history by becoming the first bowler to take 150 wickets in T20 International. This feat was achieved during the T20 match against Pakistan, where New Zealand achieved a spectacular victory.
- ◆ Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has achieved an important milestone in space exploration and national security with the successful launch of the H-IIA rocket carrying Japan's information collection satellite Optical-8. The event marks a significant development in Japan's aerospace capabilities and strategic surveillance. The Optical-8 satellite is primarily designed for intelligence gathering. They are equipped with advanced optical instruments to collect security information. This development is important for Japan's strategic surveillance and defense capabilities, especially given regional geopolitical dynamics.
- ◆ Indian Railways Freight Activity Index is presented by Dun & Bradstreet and Jupiter Wagons. The objective of the IRFA Index is to provide a data driven assessment of the dynamics of Indian Railways freight activity. It combines factual data received from the Ministry of Railways with survey responses from railway freight users. The experience sub-index is based on a survey of railway freight users for the current quarter. The activity sub-index is based on data released by Indian Railways.
- ◆ Rear Admiral Upal Kundu, a distinguished alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy, has recently taken over as the Chief of Staff, Southern Naval Command. They have special experience and expertise in anti-submarine warfare. Commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1991, Rear Admiral Upal Kundu embarked on a distinguished naval career. His early training at the prestigious Indian Naval Academy laid the foundation for his future achievements.
- ◆ Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana, achieved a significant achievement by securing ninth position in cleanliness among cities with a population of more than one lakh in the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023. Additionally, Siddipet, a city in Telangana proudly won the National Award for being the cleanest city in South India within the population category of 50,000,1,000,000 lakh. A notable achievement for Greater Hyderabad was achieving a five-star rating for cleanliness.
- ◆ Retail inflation rose to a four-month high of 5.69 percent in December, from 5.55 percent in November. This has been confirmed in the data released by the government. Whereas industrial production increased by 2.4 percent in November. According to government data, it has registered an increase of 7.6 percent in the same month a year ago. Inflation data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Voters' Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 24th January (B) 25th January
(C) 26th January (D) 27th January

(B) National Voters' Day is celebrated every year on 25 January to commemorate the foundation day of the Election Commission of India in 1950. This day was celebrated for the first time in 2011 to commemorate the foundation day of the Election Commission. It is a day dedicated to strengthening the democratic process by encouraging voter participation and emphasizing the importance of each vote in shaping the election.



2. When is National Tourism Day celebrated every year?

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

(A) National Tourism Day, celebrated every year on 25 January in India, is a special day to honor the many visitors who come to explore and enjoy the culture, history and delicious food of our country. The theme of National Tourism Day 2024 focuses on the theme Sustainable Journeys, Timeless Memories, which emphasizes on the concept of responsible and conscious travel.



3. Recently, PM Modi has released the first installment to how many lakh beneficiaries of PMAY-G under PM Janman Yojana.

- (A) 25,000 thousand (B) 50,000 thousand
(C) 80 thousand (D) 1 lakh

(D) PM Modi released the first installment of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin under the Pradhan Mantri Tribal Justice Maha Abhiyan. PM Modi released Rs 540 crore as the first installment of the budget. Since the launch of PM Janman Yojana, projects worth more than Rs 4700 crore have been approved through 9 ministries under the PM-Janman package.



4. Which bank has recently launched green rupee term deposit?

- (A) SBI (B) RBI
(C) ICICI Bank (D) HDFC Bank

(A) Green Rupee term deposits have been launched by State Bank of India for tenures of 1.111 days, 1.777 days and 2.222 days. These have been launched for resident individuals, non-individuals and NRI customers. The purpose of this deposit is to raise funds to support eco-friendly initiatives and projects.



5. Which state has recently declared the new Atpadi Conservation Reserve in Sangli district?

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra (D) Odisha

(C) The Government of Maharashtra has recently announced the establishment of a new conservation reserve named Atpadi Conservation Reserve in the Atpadi area of Sangli district. This important development is a step towards conservation of wildlife and biodiversity in the area. Atpadi Conservation Reserve is located in the forest land of Sangli district.



6. According to the recent report, by what percent has American greenhouse gas emissions declined?

- (A) 1.6% (B) 1.7%
(C) 1.8% (D) 1.9%

(D) According to a recent report, American greenhouse gas emissions have declined by 1.9 percent. A positive change has been witnessed mainly in the power sector with a decline of 8 per cent. The decline is significant as it follows two years of emissions growth during the post-pandemic economic recovery, S&P Global Commodity Insights noted.



7. Who has recently written a book titled Inspirations for Graphic Design from India?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Jaya Jaitley (D) None of these

(C) Recently Jaya Jaitley has written a book titled Inspirations for Graphic Design from India. Jaya Jaitley's latest book delves into all things textiles, crafts and handmade. Instead, it's a deep dive into design thinking. Co-authored with Professor Dimple Bahl of the National Institute of Fashion Technology and published by Arthshila Trust, Inspirations for Graphic Design from India advocates a comprehensive transformation of design education in India by recognizing indigenous sources.



8. Which country has recently launched a satellite to gather intelligence on North Korea?

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

(B) Recently, Japan launched a missile to keep an eye on North Korea's activities. This is an important step for Japan, which is striving to rapidly develop its military capability. The program was started after a missile launched from North Korea passed over Japan in 1988.



9. Recently, IMF has approved a loan of 700 million dollars under the relief package to which country?

- (A) Pakistan (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Israel (D) Bangladesh

(A) Recently the International Monetary Fund has approved a loan tranche of \$700 million to Pakistan under the bailout package. Elections are going to be held in Pakistan next month. The IMF had released the initial tranche of US \$ 1.2 billion under the bailout program in July 2023.



10. Who has recently been awarded the Tenzing Norgay Award posthumously?

- (A) Pushkar Bharti (B) Divyakriti Singh
(C) Savita Kanswal (D) None of these

(C) Savita Kanswal received the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2022. Savita Kanswal's father Radheshyam Kanswal received the award on behalf of his daughter Savita Kanswal. He has received awards for his achievements in land adventure. She was the first Indian woman mountaineer to reach two 8000 meter peaks, Mount Everest and Mount Makalu, in 16 days.

