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## History of January 11

- ◆ **1613** : Emperor Jahangir of the Mughal Empire gave permission to the East India Company to set up a factory in Surat.
- ◆ **2001** : The first defense agreement was signed between India and Indonesia.
- ◆ **1966** : The then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, who gave the slogan Jai Jawan Jai Kisan, passed away.
- ◆ **1993** : Security Council warns against violating Gulf ceasefire.

## Current Affairs Related to 11 January

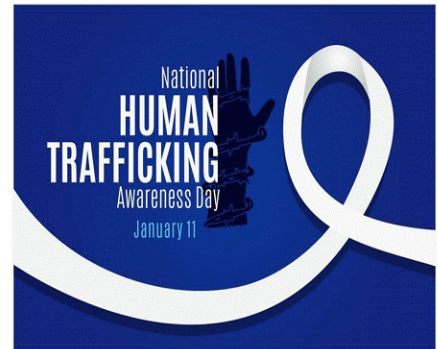
- ◆ Pakistan, which is facing cash crisis, is expected to get \$ 700 million as the next installment of the relief package in the meeting of the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund on January 11. According to media reports, the Board of the Washington-based International Monetary Fund will deliberate and possibly give final approval for the distribution of the next tranche of \$700 million for Pakistan under the existing \$3 billion Stand By Arrangement.
- ◆ General elections are going to be held in India in 2024, so once again the focus has shifted to the financial roadmap that the government will follow. In the pre-election period, the Finance Minister is set to present an interim budget, which is a temporary financial statement that plays an important role in maintaining fiscal stability during a change of power.
- ◆ According to the Economic Research Department of Bank of Baroda, India's corporate sector investments in the first nine months of FY24, totaling Rs 10.80 lakh crore, have raised concerns as they lagged behind expectations. Analysis based on CMIE data indicates a cautious outlook among industries, with a special focus on aviation, chemical, machinery and power sectors.
- ◆ India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organization has launched the National Single Window System, an integrated portal designed by Tata Consultancy Services to streamline the import of medical devices. The aim of this initiative is to create a centralized platform for investors, thereby increasing the ease of doing business. It facilitates applications for registration certificates and licenses to manufacture or import medical devices for various purposes such as clinical investigation, testing, evaluation, demonstration or training.
- ◆ South Korean car manufacturing company Kia Motors has made a major change in its executive portfolio. The country's premium car maker KIA has suggested the name of Gwanggu Lee for the post of its CEO.
- ◆ The newly elected BJP government in Rajasthan is taking steps towards merging its state health insurance scheme, Chiranjeevi, with the central Ayushman Bharat programme. Pending approval from the Union Health Ministry, the move aims to create an integrated initiative called Ayushman Bharat Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana. Officials say the integrated plan will retain Chiranjeevi's existing benefits, providing an adequate insurance cover of Rs 25 lakh applicable to both private and government hospitals.
- ◆ Skin care products brand Nivea India has appointed Geetika Mehta as its new managing director. Nivea India said in a statement that Mehta, who has over two decades of experience in the FMCG sector, will lead the brand in the country. Commenting on his new role, Mehta said that as we continue to evolve we will focus on driving innovation, enhancing the customer experience and further strengthening Nivea's position as the skin care brand of choice for millions of Indians.
- ◆ India's electric vehicle landscape is witnessing unprecedented growth as IPO-bound electric scooter company Ola Electric has qualified for the government's Production Linked Incentive Scheme. This achievement establishes Ola Electric as a leading player in sustainable transportation.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India released its latest Financial Stability Report, which provides information about the position of household financial savings and liabilities in the financial year 2022-2023. Despite a decline in gross domestic financial savings to 10.9% of GDP, the report emphasizes the limited risk of default by households, attributing this to the manageable risk of higher mortgage payments and floating interest rates.
- ◆ Himachal Pradesh state government has issued a notification granting Scheduled Tribe status to the Hatti community of Trans Giri area of Sirmaur district.

## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 10th January (B) 11th January  
(C) 12th January (D) 13th January

**(B)** National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on 11 January. It is celebrated to spread awareness about the continuing problem of human trafficking. The day aims to raise awareness of the plight of human trafficking victims, as well as promote and protect their rights.



**2. Which bank has recently raised one billion dollars from abroad for ESG financing?**

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

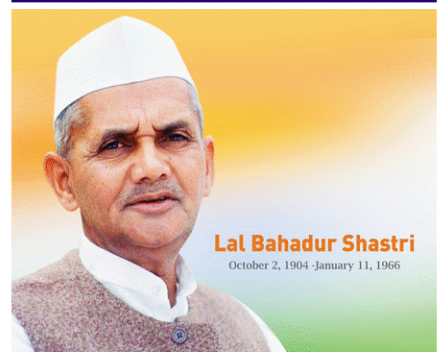
**(B)** State Bank of India has successfully secured \$1 billion to meet the growing demand in the domestic environmental, social and governance financing market. This syndicated social loan issuance comprises \$750 million, which includes an additional \$250 million as a green shoe option, according to a regulatory filing by SBI.



**3. When is the death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri celebrated every year?**

- (A) 10th January (B) 11th January  
(C) 12th January (D) 13th January

**(B)** The death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri is celebrated every year on 11 January. He was the second Prime Minister of independent India. He popularized the slogan Jai Jawan Jai Kisan. He actively participated in India's freedom struggle. He died of cardiac arrest on 11 January 1966. And he was also known globally as a man of peace.



**4. How many eco buses have been recently unveiled in Guwahati by the Chief Minister of Assam to tackle pollution?**

- (A) 50 (B) 100  
(C) 125 (D) 200

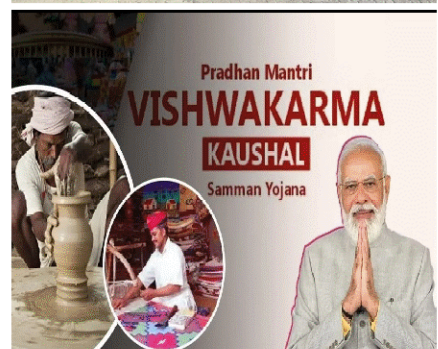
**(D)** Assam Chief Minister launched 200 electric buses in Guwahati, which is an important step towards a pollution-free Assam. These initiatives reflect the dedication of the state government towards environmental sustainability. CM Sarma outlined a bold vision that aims to establish Guwahati as the first city in the country to be operated by a 100% green public transport system by the year 2025.



**5. Who became the first Union Territory to recently implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana?**

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

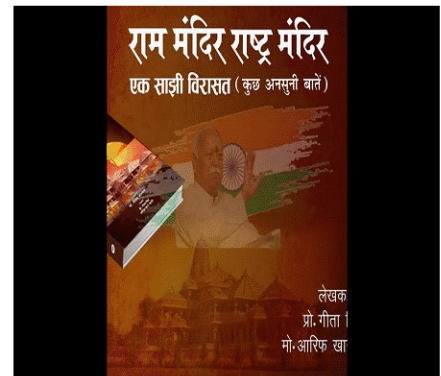
**(B)** Jammu and Kashmir has taken an important step towards empowering its vibrant community of artisans and craftsmen by becoming the first Union Territory to implement the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. This initiative aims to uplift and recognize the vital role of these skilled individuals in preserving and enriching the cultural heritage of India.



6. Recently, Governor of which state Arif Mohammad has released the book **Ram Mandir, Rashtra Mandir a common heritage?**

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

(A) Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed released the book titled Ram Mandir, Rashtra Mandir Ek Sajhi Virasat at Rang Bhawan Auditorium in Delhi. The book release ceremony was attended by prominent personalities including Vishwa Hindu Parishad President Alok Kumar and Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Treasurer Govind Giri Maharaj.



7. Which state government has recently banned the purchase of agricultural land by outsiders?

- (A) Assam (B) Himachal Pradesh  
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Chhattisgarh

(C) Recently, the Uttarakhand government has banned the purchase of agriculture and horticulture land by people from other states until the five-member committee constituted by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on the new land laws submits its final report. Other members of the panel include Principal Secretary, Secretary Revenue, Secretary General Administration and Additional Secretary to the Chief Minister Jagdish Kandpal.



8. Which state government has recently launched Rahat Vani Kendra for early warning of disasters?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Uttarakhand  
(C) Manipur (D) Mizoram

(A) In an effort to adequately prepare the state machinery to deal with multi-hazard scenarios in Uttar Pradesh, State Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra inaugurated the Rahat Vani Kendra, an early disaster warning centre. The task of creating a flexible observatory will be to ensure early warning, timely delivery of relief and direct benefit transfer of compensation to victims.



9. Who has recently won the Scotties Junior Open Under-19 title?

- (A) Kaushal Garg (B) Robin McAlpine  
(C) Anahat Singh (D) Divyanshi Jain

(C) Talented Indian squash player Anahat Singh performed brilliantly to win the Girls Under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open Squash held in Edinburgh. She defeated Robin McAlpine by a margin of 11.6, 11.11, 11.5 in the final match. In the girls' under-11 category, Divyanshi Jain was the runner-up.



10. Recently India and which country have exchanged the list of their nuclear establishments?

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

(B) India and Pakistan exchanged lists of nuclear installations and facilities through diplomatic channels. Both the countries have given this list to each other under the prohibition agreement. This is the 33rd consecutive exchange of such lists between New Delhi and Islamabad.

