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History of January 18

- ◆ **1930** : The great writer Rabindranath Tagore visited the Sabarmati Ashram of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi.
- ◆ **1896** : The first X-ray machine was demonstrated.
- ◆ **1959** : Meera Ben, an associate of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, left India.
- ◆ **1966** : India's famous mathematician N.T. Rama Rao passed away.
- ◆ **1962** : America conducted nuclear tests in Nevada.

Current Affairs Related to 18 January

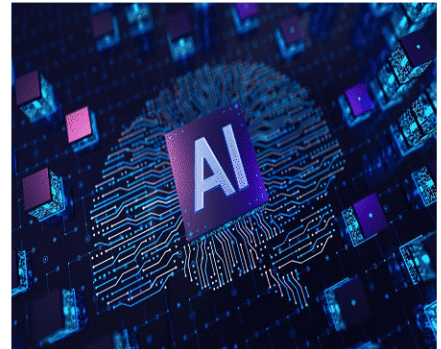
- ◆ The government will invest Rs 60,000 crore on the development of river cruise tourism and green ships by 2047. Sarbananda Sonowal said in the first meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council that we are going to invest Rs 45,000 crore in river cruises, due to which the passenger capacity will increase from two lakh to 15 lakh by 2047.
- ◆ Researchers at Linköping University, Sweden, have discovered an electrically conductive soil that promotes incredible crop growth, especially in barley seedlings, which have a 50% growth potential in just 15 days. Scientists have launched an electrically conductive soil engineered to promote extraordinary growth in crops, especially barley seedlings, showing a potential increase of 50 per cent in growth within a period of just 15 days.
- ◆ Denmark unveiled the Green Fuels Alliance India at the Global Investors Meet 2024, a key initiative under the Green Strategic Partnership signed between India and Denmark in 2020. GFAI aims to accelerate cooperation in sustainable energy. Under the leadership of the Embassy of Denmark and the Consulate General of Denmark in India, GAAI focuses on advancing the green fuels sector, particularly green hydrogen.
- ◆ Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh collectively operate 40% of India's 3 crore registered MSMEs. Uttar Pradesh, 9: Succeeds on policy incentives and promotion of key groups, along with national participation.
- ◆ Veteran Indian diplomat Indra Mani Pandey took charge as the new Secretary General of seven-member BIMSTEC. Pandey, a 1990 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service, is working as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva. His tenure on this prestigious post will be for three years.
- ◆ Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, one of India's leading energy exploration and production companies, achieved a significant milestone by starting first oil production from deepwater KG DWN 98/2 block. Located in the Krishna Godavari basin off the Bay of Bengal off the Kakinada coast, this development is a significant step forward in India's energy landscape.
- ◆ In a notable literary venture, former Indian Army Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane has written his autobiography titled Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography. The book, to be published in January 2024 by Penguin Veer, an imprint of Penguin Random House India, sheds light on the diverse experiences that have shaped the character of General MM Naravane, from his childhood to his glorious years in the armed services. Are spread.
- ◆ General V.K.Singh Union Minister of State, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Civil Aviation released the book Sanskritik Ki Aayam written by Manorama Mishra. This book, written in Hindi language, has been published by the National Book Trust, India, working under the Ministry of Education. The book talks about Indian knowledge, tradition and culture.
- ◆ A woman from Kerala has created a Guinness World Record by showcasing her singing talent in an astonishing 140 languages during the Concert for Climate in Dubai, UAE. Sucheta Satish's amazing performance, shared on Instagram, is entralling the audience with its diversity and musical excellence.
- ◆ In a significant change to the playing conditions of cricket, the International Cricket Council has banned the decision review system for stumping incidents. The revised rule forces umpires to rely solely on side-on camera images for stumping reviews, eliminating scrutiny of potential sneaks. This ensures a focused review for stumped incidents without allowing teams a free review for other methods of dismissal.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently Microsoft's AI Odyssey will provide skills to how many Indian developers?

- (A) 50,000 (B) 1,00,000
(C) 1,75,000 (D) 2,05,000

(B) Microsoft India has unveiled the AI Odyssey initiative. Which aims to train 100000 Indian developers in the latest AI technologies. Emphasizing AI as the future of innovation, Microsoft underlines India's leadership in tech talent. The objective of the program is to equip developers with the skills required to execute AI projects in line with business goals.



2. Recently Tamil Nadu unveiled a plan to create a trillion dollar economy by 2030.

- (A) 1 trillion dollars (B) 2 trillion dollars
(C) 3 trillion dollars (D) 4 trillion dollars

(A) Tamil Nadu, led by Chief Minister MK Stalin, unveiled plans for a \$1 trillion economy by 2030. In which investment, human capital and innovation were given priority. The policy extends to various sectors including agriculture, machinery, textiles, tourism, infrastructure, education and healthcare, with emphasis on inclusive growth and sustainable practices.



3. Recently in which state the country's first healthy and clean food street Prasadam has been inaugurated?

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

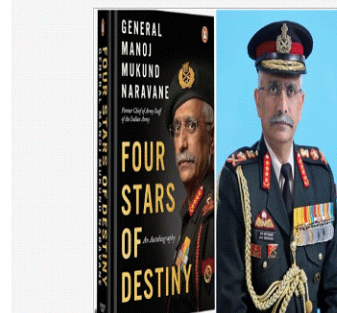
(D) Recently, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the country's first healthy and clean street food hub Prasadam and Avantika Hot Bazaar in Mahakal Lok, Ujjain. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya was also present on this occasion. CM also took stock of Prasadam Avantika Hot Market and enjoyed the delicacies here.



4. Who has recently written his autobiography Four Stars of Destiny?

- (A) Manoj Mukund Naravane (B) Ranjan Gogoi
(C) Vivek Ram Chaudhary (D) None of these

(A) Recently, former Army Chief of the Indian Army, General Manoj Mukund Naravane has written his autobiography titled Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography. The book, to be published in January 2024 by Penguin Veer, an imprint of Penguin Random House India, sheds light on the diverse experiences that have shaped the character of General MM Naravane.



5. Who has recently made the world record of singing in most languages?

- (A) Shashi Singh (B) Rashmi Govil
(C) Sucheta Satish (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Indian singer Sucheta Satish made a world record: sang in 140 languages in a concert in Dubai, All India Radio shared the video. Indian singer Sucheta Satish made a world record. Sung songs in 140 languages in the Dubai concert. He sang in 39 Indian and 101 foreign languages.



6. Which team won the gold medal in the men's 10 meter air pistol team event in the Asian Olympic Qualifiers?

- (A) India (B) Iran
(C) South Korea (D) USA

(A) Indian shooters capped their campaign at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Jakarta, Indonesia by winning a medal in the men's 10m air pistol team event. The Indian team of Varun Tomar, Arjun Singh Cheema and Ujjwal Malik secured the top position with a total score of 1740.



7. Recently the endangered hog deer has been seen for the first time in Rajaji Tiger Reserve of which state?

- (A) Telangana (B) Maharashtra
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Karnataka

(C) According to recent news, the endangered hog deer has been spotted for the first time in Rajaji Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand. Its images have been captured by camera traps installed throughout the national park. According to officials, these deer have been captured by camera traps installed in the grassland.



8. Who chaired the first Inland Waterways Development Council meeting to be held in Kolkata recently?

- (A) Sarbananda Sonowal (B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Amit Shah (D) Rajnath Singh

(A) Recently, Ports, Shipping, Waterways and AYUSH Minister Sarbananda Sonowal chaired the first Inland Waterways Development Council meeting to be held in Kolkata. He also unveiled important initiatives including Guidelines for Green Transition of Inland Cruises and River Cruise Tourism Roadmap 2047



9. On which lake was the training program organized under Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme?

- (A) Mansarovar Lake (B) Sardar Sarovar Lake
(C) Chilka Lake (D) Pulicat Lake

(C) Ministry of Tourism organized a training program at Ramsar site Chilka Lake in Odisha under Amrit Dharohar Nirman Yojana. Under this initiative, two training programs of 15 days each – Alternative Livelihood Program and Tourism Seafarer Certificate will be organized. In the first phase of this programme, five priority Ramsar sites Sultanpur National Park, Sirpur Wetland, Yashwant Sagar, Bhitarkanika National Park and Chilka Lake have been included.



10. Who won the Best Director Motion Picture award at the Golden Globes 2024?

- (A) Cillian Murphy (B) Christopher Nolan
(C) Matthew Macfadyen (D) Ludwig Goransson

(B) Recently, Christopher Nolan, director of the superhit film Oppenheimer, has been honored with the Best Director Motion Picture Award at the Globes 2024. The 81st edition of the Golden Globes was held in Beverly Hills, California. The Best Actor Award for Best Performance in a Motion Picture, Drama category was given to Cillian Murphy.

