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History of December 8

- ◆ **2002** : After India's traditional biological wealth **Neem**, Turmeric and Jamun, cow urine was patented by the United States of America.
- ◆ **1721** : The famous Peshwa of Maratha Empire, Balaji Bajirao was born.
- ◆ **1967** : The first submarine **INS Kalvari** was inducted into the Army.
- ◆ **2003** : **Uma Bharti** became the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ **2003** : **Vasundhara Raje Scindia** became the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

Current Affairs Related to 8 December

- ◆ India is set to strengthen its naval capabilities with a \$5 billion aircraft carrier, signaling its strategic response to China's growing naval influence in the Indian Ocean region. The Defense Acquisition Council headed by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh is set to approve the acquisition of India's second indigenous aircraft carrier. The Defense Acquisition Council is likely to give green signal to the acquisition of a second indigenous aircraft carrier, which will cost around Rs 400 billion.
- ◆ India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched Amplify 2.0, a platform to centralize city data for informed urban policy-making and development. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in India has launched an unprecedented initiative to centralize and streamline raw data from cities across the country. Launched as the Amplify 2.0 portal, the initiative aims to facilitate data-driven policy making. The aim is to empower academicians, researchers and involve stakeholders in the urban development process.
- ◆ In the first seven months of fiscal year 2023-2024, India's fiscal deficit has reached an important milestone, standing at 45% of the annual target of Rs 17.87 trillion. The analysis highlights key data and trends shaping the fiscal health of the country.
- ◆ Power generation leader NTPC Bongaigaon was honored with two awards by Greentech Foundation for its exceptional contribution in CSR and environment protection. The power station proudly received two prestigious awards from the Greentech Foundation, underscoring its commitment to sustainable practices and social responsibility.
- ◆ Renowned writer and translator Arshiya Satar has added another feather to her cap as she has been honored with the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French government.
- ◆ ISRO has announced that India is ready to launch its first X-ray polarimeter satellite. The X-ray Polarimeter Satellite will be launched by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota. Its goal is to investigate the polarization of intense X-ray sources. The life of this mission is expected to be approximately five years.
- ◆ Bharat Coking Coal Limited, under the Ministry of Coal, has announced the commencement of commercial operation of the state-of-the-art 5.0 million tonne per annum Madhubandh Washery. This washery has started commercial operations in the presence and guidance of Samiran Dutta, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Coking Coal Limited.
- ◆ The Central and Manipur governments have signed a peace agreement with UNAF. It is a banned Meitei extremist organisation, who are also the oldest armed group based in the Manipur Valley. This is the first time that an armed group based in the Manipur Valley has agreed to give up violence and join the mainstream.
- ◆ Famous actress and author Twinkle Khanna celebrated the launch of her fourth book, Welcome to Paradise, at Taj Lands End in Mumbai. The event marked his return to the literacy scene after a gap of five years. The book, a collection of short stories, throws light on the complex lives of women struggling with love, marriage and loneliness.
- ◆ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 10,000th Jan Aushadhi Center at AIIMS, Deoghar. The Prime Minister also launched a program to increase the number of Jan Aushadhi Centers in the country from 10,000 to 25,000. On this occasion, the Prime Minister also inaugurated the Prime Minister Mahila Kisan Drone Center. The Prime Minister interacted with the beneficiaries of Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra through video conferencing.
- ◆ Air Force woman officer Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi has been appointed as India's first woman Assistant D-Camp in the Indian Armed Forces.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Bodhi Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 7th December (B) 8th December
(C) 9th December (D) 10th December

(B) Bodhi Day is celebrated across the world every year on 8 December. On this day Lord Buddha, Siddhartha Gautam experienced enlightenment. Which is also known as Bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali language. According to tradition, Gautam Buddha sat under a Peepal tree and meditated for many years to find a solution to the causes of suffering in human life.



2. Who has recently proposed to host the COP33 summit in India in 2028?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Amit Shah
(C) Nitin Gadkari (D) Nirmala Sitharaman

(A) PM Modi has proposed to host the COP33 summit in India in 2028. During his COP 28 address in Dubai, PM Modi said that India aims to reduce emission intensity by 45% by 2030. He also said that India has decided to increase the share of non-fossil fuels to 50%.



3. Where in Uttar Pradesh will the new factory of Dixon Technology be inaugurated recently?

- (A) Noida (B) Agra
(C) Firozabad (D) None of these

(A) This new factory of Dixon Technology will promote local manufacturing of smartphones. Dixon's new manufacturing facility is expected to create five thousand jobs. Dixon will invest more than Rs 400 crore in this factory in three years. It is spread over 3,000,000 square feet and will primarily produce Xiaomi smartphones.



4. Where was the 5th Global Ayurveda Festival held recently?

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

(C) Recently the 5th Global Ayurveda Festival was organized in Kerala. Its theme was emerging challenges in health and a resurgent Ayurveda. The biggest conference on Ayurveda till date was GAF 2023. International practitioners, researchers, policy makers and industry representatives of this alternative medicine participated in the conference to explore its impact in healthcare.



5. Recently, to how many countries did the government allow export of five food items?

- (A) 2 (B) 5
(C) 7 (D) 9

(B) The government has allowed export of wheat grains, wheat flour, refined flour and broken rice to five countries. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has issued a notification in this regard. These food items will be exported to Bhutan, Mali, Senegal, Gambia and Indonesia. Five lakh metric tonnes of broken rice will be exported to Senegal.



6. Which position has been given to India in the recent 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Ranking?

- (A) 27th (B) 40th
(C) 49th (D) 51th

(C) The International Institute for Management Development has released its 2023 World Digital Competitiveness Rankings. According to the ranking, India has been placed at 49th position among 64 economies. India has made significant improvements in cyber security knowledge but lags behind in technology and future preparedness.



7. Recently Foxconn has announced to invest 1.5 billion dollars in which country?

- (A) India (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Bangladesh (D) Bhutan

(A) Foxconn, a major manufacturing partner of iPhone maker Apple, plans to invest \$1.54 billion in India after boosting revenues in the South Asian market. Foxconn said in a filing to the stock exchange in Taiwan that this investment will help it meet its operating needs.



8. Which IIT has recently started drone technology training for armed forces officers?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Guwahati (D) IIT Madras

(C) Recently the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati launched a three-month training program on drone technology for junior commissioned officers and other ranks of personnel in the armed forces. Apart from imparting skills to strengthen air defence, the course also aims to provide post-retirement career options for officers in the rapidly growing drone technology sector.



9. Which country has recently been re-elected to the International Maritime Organization Council?

- (A) America (B) India
(C) Australia (D) Sri Lanka

(B) India was re-elected to the International Maritime Organization Council with the highest number of votes in the recent elections. India has been selected in the category of ten countries most interested in international maritime trade. India's re-election reflects the Government's commitment to enhancing India's diverse contribution to global maritime operations.



10. Recently, Manisha Padhi of which state has become India's first women's group champion?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Kerala
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Odisha

(D) Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati appointed Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi as ADC from the armed forces in a brief ceremony at the Raj Bhavan in Aizawl. Padhi is a 2015 batch Indian Air Force officer. She is the first Indian woman to achieve this position. Prior to this posting he was posted at Air Force stations in Bidar, Pune and Bhatinda.

