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History of January 26

- ◆ **1972** : The National Memorial Amar Jawan Jyoti was established at India Gate in Delhi in memory of the soldiers martyred in the war.
- ◆ **1950** : India was declared a sovereign democratic republic and the Constitution of India came into force.
- ◆ **1931** : Mahatma Gandhi was released for talks with the British government during the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- ◆ **1937** : The name of the Federal Court of India was changed to the Supreme Court.

Current Affairs Related to 26 January

- ◆ The government has decided to remove the requirement of license for power generating companies to operate and maintain dedicated transmission lines to connect to the grid. Removing the requirement of licensing will promote ease of doing business for the industry and help in more employment generation and faster industrial growth. A power generation company with a load of less than twenty-five megawatts or a person setting up a captive generation plant or energy storage system will not be required to obtain a license.
- ◆ The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum for 2024 was organized in the Swiss city of Davos. More than 2800 leaders from all over the world gathered in this meeting. The 54th edition of the WEF meeting discussed climate change, threats from artificial intelligence, economic issues and other problems facing the world. Ongoing conflicts like Ukraine war, Israel Hamas war also formed part of the agenda of this annual meeting.
- ◆ A report has been released by NITI Aayog. According to this report, multidimensional poverty in India reduced from 29.17% in 2013-2014 to 11.28% in 2022-2023. During this period, approximately 24.82 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty. Uttar Pradesh tops the list with 5.94 crore people lifted out of poverty, followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ In an unprecedented election, Taiwanese voters have elected pro-sovereignty candidate William Lai Ching Teh of the Democratic Progressive Party as their president, a significant departure from China. Lai, the current vice president, defeated his conservative rival, Hou Yu Ih of the Kuomintang, by more than 9,000,000 votes to secure an unprecedented third consecutive term for the DPP.
- ◆ William Lai became the new President of Taiwan. William Lai, also known as Ching Teh, won the presidential election in Taiwan.
- ◆ Scientists at Oxford University in Britain have started the first human vaccine trials for the deadly Nipah virus that affects several Asian countries including India. Researchers said Nipah virus is a devastating disease that can be fatal in about 75% of cases. According to researchers, Nipah virus is spread by fruit bats and can also spread through contact with infected animals or close contact from one person to another.
- ◆ With the help of Vinicius Junior's hat-trick, Real Madrid won the Spanish Super Cup football tournament title by defeating its arch-rival Barcelona 4-1 in the match played in Saudi Arabia. Vinicius scored all three goals in the first half as Real Madrid secured their first trophy of the season.
- ◆ Famous writer M.J. Akbar launched a new book titled Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns with co-author K Natwar Singh. The book was unveiled at an important event organized by Nripendra Mishra, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Prime Minister's Museum and Library Society, at the Prime Minister's Museum and Library.
- ◆ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and US Trade Representative, Ambassador Katherine Tai co-chaired the 14th Ministerial Meeting of the India United States Trade Policy Forum. The two leaders highlighted that TPF plays an important role in strengthening resilient bilateral trade and enhancing the economic partnership between the two countries. The two Ministers also agreed to set up a Joint Facilitation Mechanism to reduce non-tariff barriers.
- ◆ India's first multi-sports Beach Games The Beach Games 2024 was held at the Blue Flag certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu. Madhya Pradesh topped the medal table with a total of 18 medals including 7 gold. Assam won 8 medals, of which 5 were gold medals.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Republic Day celebrated every year?

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

(B) On 26 November 1949, the Indian Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution as the supreme law of the country and replaced the Government of India Act 1935. It came into force on 26 January 1950 with a democratic government system. This day marks the biggest parade held every year on Rajpath in Delhi.



2. When is International Customs Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 26th January (B) 27th January
(C) 28th January (D) 29th January

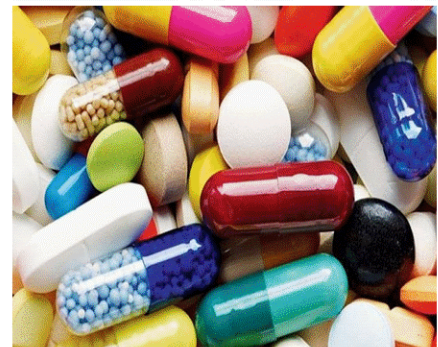
(A) International Customs Day is celebrated every year on 26 January by the Customs Organization to recognize the role of customs officers and agencies in maintaining border security. It also focuses on the working conditions and challenges that customs officials face in their jobs.



3. Recently in which state will Operation Amrit be started to control the misuse of antibiotics?

- (A) Odisha (B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Kerala

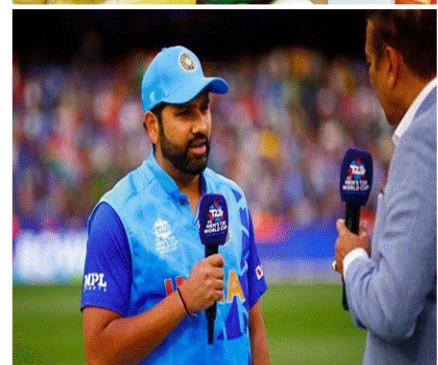
(D) Kerala Drug Control Department has launched Operation Amrit to control antibiotic misuse in the state. This initiative will be implemented with public participation. Under this initiative, people will give information to the Drug Control Department about pharmacies selling antibiotics without prescription.



4. Who has recently become the first male player to play 150 matches in T-20 International?

- (A) Joe Root (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Rohit Sharma (D) Suryakumar Yadav

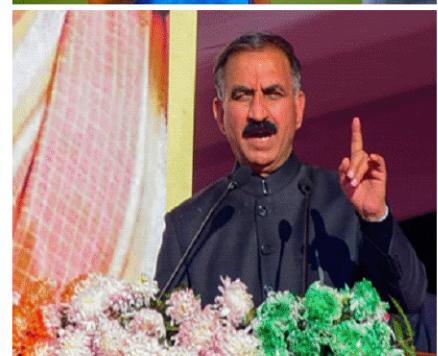
(C) Recently, Indian captain Rohit Sharma achieved another feat in T20 International and became the first male cricketer to play 150 T20 International matches. Rohit Sharma achieved this feat against Afghanistan at Holkar Cricket Stadium. Rohit is one of the highest run-scoring batsmen in T-20. He has scored 3853 runs in 150 matches.



5. Which state government has recently started its school program?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) The Himachal Pradesh state government has launched the My School My Pride initiative, urging individuals and organizations to adopt a school of their choice. The objective of the campaign is to facilitate career counselling, provide guidance, remedial teaching and organize additional or special classes for yoga training.



6. Which country has recently declared emergency after the volcanic eruption?

- (A) Japan (B) Indonesia
(C) Iceland (D) England

(C) Recently, Iceland declared emergency in the country due to volcanic eruption. In this regard, Iceland's President Gudni Johansson has said that explosions have started near the evacuated city of Grindavik. Our priority is to protect people's lives and infrastructure.



7. A pilot project to strengthen inter-cooperation within cooperative institutions has been launched by

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Narendra Modi

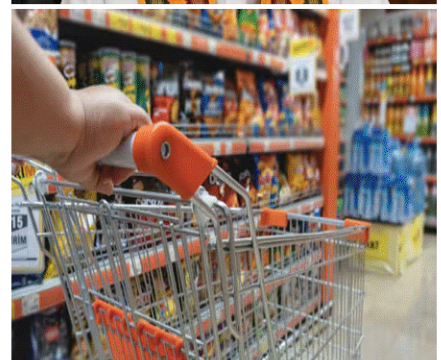
(A) A pilot project to strengthen inter-cooperation within cooperatives has been launched in Deodar, Banaskantha district of Gujarat. The objective of this project is to persuade the cooperative institutions to have their bank accounts only in cooperative banks.



8. Recently, what percentage stake has Tata Consumer bought in Capital Foods for Rs 5100 crore?

- (A) 35% (B) 60%
(C) 80% (D) 100%

(D) Recently Tata Consumer Products has acquired entire 100% stake in Capital Foods. Capital Foods is famous for marketing products under the Ching's Secret and Smith & Jones brands. This deal has been done for Rs 5100 crore. The FMCG company said it will initially acquire 75% equity shareholding, with the remaining 25% to be acquired over the next three years.



9. Where was NamO Nav voter registration portal launched recently?

- (A) Surat (B) New Delhi
(C) Gandhinagar (D) Himachal Pradesh

(B) Recently BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda launched NaMo Nav voter registration portal in New Delhi to reach out to first-time voters. This portal will serve as a platform to register all new voters as Ambassadors of Developed India.



10. Who has become the champion in the first Beach Games held in Diu recently?

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

(A) India's first multi-sports Beach Games The Beach Games 2024 was held at the Blue Flag certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu. In these games, landlocked Madhya Pradesh emerged as the champion. Madhya Pradesh topped the medal table with a total of 18 medals including 7 gold.

