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History of December 26

- ◆ **1904** : He inaugurated the country's first cross country motorcar rally between Delhi and Mumbai.
- ◆ **1925** : The Communist Party of India was established.
- ◆ **1530** : Mughal emperor Babar died.
- ◆ **1978** : Former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi was released from jail.
- ◆ **1899** : Freedom fighter Amar Shaheed Udham Singh was born.

Current Affairs Related to 26 December

- ◆ The International Monetary Fund said that India is estimated to contribute more than 16% to global growth. The International Monetary Fund also said that India is growing at a strong rate due to economic reforms in key areas such as digitization and infrastructure. India is on track to become one of the world's fastest growing major economies this year, according to Article IV.
- ◆ The Center said that a draft has been prepared in this regard. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said that the Broadcasting Services Bill 2023 will bring OTT content and digital news under its ambit. He also said that the Broadcasting Services Bill 2023 will streamline the regulatory process. It seeks to strengthen self-regulatory governance through the Broadcasting Advisory Council. The Broadcasting Advisory Council will be the body for content regulation.
- ◆ S&P Global Ratings reaffirms confidence in the credit strength of Asian emerging economies, expecting the credit ratings of APAC governments to remain stable for the next 1.2 years. S&P Global Ratings has expressed confidence in the credit strength of Asian emerging and developing economies, citing their positive impact on the credit ratings of governments in the Asia Pacific region. The agency estimates that these economies will contribute to maintaining stable credit ratings for most APAC countries over the coming one to two years.
- ◆ The Commerce Ministry's fifth LEADS report highlights 13 states and union territories, including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, as logistics achievers in 2023. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the fifth LEADS 2023 report highlighting the logistics performance of various states and union territories in India. The index serves as an important gauge to evaluate logistics services.
- ◆ In a significant step towards addressing the critical issues of global warming and promoting sustainability education, research and outreach, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur and Kotak have joined hands to establish the School of Sustainability. The collaboration aims to provide leadership solutions for sustainability and prepare future generations for sustainable development.
- ◆ Bangladesh team won the Under-19 Asia Cup title for the first time. Bangladesh won the title by defeating host UAE by 195 runs in the final match played in Dubai. Bangladesh's opening batsman Ashikur Rahman Shibli was the player of the match, who played a brilliant innings of 129 runs in the final.
- ◆ India's National Pension System has achieved a remarkable 16.94% annual return on equity with assets worth Rs 10.7 trillion. Which is 25.95% more than last year. Driven by strong equity markets, the latest data from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority reveals remarkable insights into the performance and trajectory of NPS investments.
- ◆ Lok Sabha passed the Post Office Bill, 2023, ushering in a new era by replacing the old Indian Post Office Act of 1898. This would prove to be a milestone in legislative reform, but it has also given rise to concerns about privacy and misuse of government powers.
- ◆ With international crude oil prices stable below \$80 per barrel, demands for reduction in prices of gasoline and diesel have intensified.
- ◆ RBI has tightened the norms for banks, non-banking financial companies and other lenders to invest in AIFs. This decision has been taken to curb the ever-increasing rise in stressed loans. The notification said that if the bank is unable to liquidate its investment within the specified time limit, it will have to make 100 percent provision on such investment.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Veer Bal Diwas celebrated every year?

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

(A) It is celebrated on 26 December to pay tribute to the courage and martyrdom of the four sons of the last Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji. On Veer Bal Diwas, we remember the courage of Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri ji. We also remember the courage of Shri Guru Gond Singh Ji.



2. Recently, by what percent has the amount of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks increased to Rs 42000 crore in 2023?

- (A) 12% (B) 18%
(C) 28% (D) 35%

(C) In this financial year, the rate of unclaimed deposits in Indian banks has increased by 28%, the total amount of which has now reached Rs 42,270 crore. At the end of March 2023, unclaimed deposits in Indian banks were recorded at Rs 42,272 crore, whereas last year the unclaimed deposits in public and private sector banks were Rs 32,934 crore.



3. Recently, Social Awareness and Action Campaign 2023.2024 has been launched by the Health Minister of which state to tackle pneumonia?

- (A) Telangana (B) Manipur
(C) Kerala (D) Andhra Pradesh

(B) Social awareness and action campaign to successfully neutralize pneumonia 2023-2024 in Manipur has been launched by Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, State Health and Family Welfare Minister. The State Neonatal Resource Center has also been inaugurated at the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal.



4. According to the recent IMF report, what percentage is India contributing to global development?

- (A) 16% (B) 18%
(C) 20% (D) 22%

(A) According to IMF, India's contribution to global growth is estimated to be more than 16%. Nada Choueiri, India's mission to the IMF, said in an interview that for some time now we have been seeing that India is growing at a very strong rate. When you compare it with other countries on the real growth front, India has been a star performer.



5. Recently Sahitya Akademi has announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in how many languages?

- (A) 15 (B) 19
(C) 24 (D) 30

(C) Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 24 languages. 9 books of poetry, 6A of novels, 5A3 essays of short stories and 1 literary study have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023. The awards, recommended by eminent jury members in 24 Indian languages, were approved by the Executive Board of Literature.



6. Which country recently announced the formation of a new multinational task force to counter the Houthi threat in the Red Sea?

- (A) India (B) America
(C) Australia (D) Bhutan

(B) The navies of Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Seychelles, Spain and the United Kingdom will be part of this task force. This new task force will deal with security challenges in the Southern Red Sea, the Bab Al Mandeb Strait near Yemen and the Gulf of Aden.



7. Recently IndiGo has become the first Indian airline to reach how many million passengers in a year.

- (A) 100 million (B) 150 million
(C) 200 million (D) 250 million

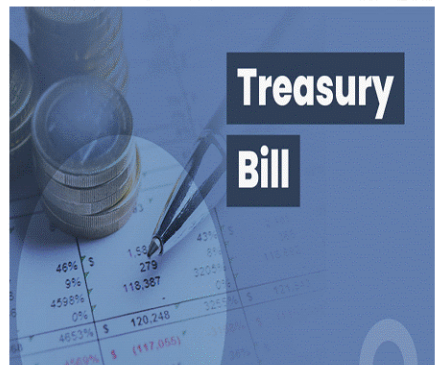
(A) IndiGo becomes the first Indian airline to operate more than 2,000 flights a day in 2023. IndiGo is India's largest airline in the domestic and international sectors. In November, IndiGo's market share in the domestic segment was 61.8%. This was almost six times the market share of Air India. Earlier this year, it had ordered 500 Airbus A320 family aircraft. This was the largest aircraft order ever in history.



8. How many states of the country have recently collected Rs 19,692 crore from securities auction?

- (A) 9 (B) 11
(C) 13 (D) 15

(C) Recently, 13 states of the country raised Rs 19,692 crore through auction of securities, while the notified amount for securities of these state governments was Rs 19,592 crore. Eight states had raised Rs 12,100 crore. According to Reserve Bank of India data, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh both raised the maximum of Rs 4000 crore.



9. Which team bought Pete Cummins, who became the second most expensive player in IPL history?

- (A) Delhi Capitals (B) Sunrisers Hyderabad
(C) Mumbai Indians (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Australian captain Pant Cummins created history in the IPL auction. Cummins has become the second most expensive selling player in IPL history. Sunrisers Hyderabad bought the Australian captain, who had a base price of Rs 2 crore, for Rs 20.5 crore. Whereas Mitchell Starc was bought by KKR for Rs 24.75 crore, which is the most expensive player till date.



10. Which state government has recently approved the opening of 57 cyber crime police stations?

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

(A) Recently, to curb cyber crime in Uttar Pradesh, the government has given approval to open cyber police stations in all 57 districts. The proposal related to this has been approved in the cabinet meeting. It is estimated that approximately Rs 1 billion 27 lakh 51 thousand will be spent in opening these police stations.

