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History of December 23

- ◆ **1912** : At the time of declaring New Delhi as the capital of the country, Viceroy Lord Hardinge II entered the city riding on an elephant but during this he was injured in a bomb explosion.
- ◆ **1968** : The country's first meteorological rocket Maneka was successfully launched.
- ◆ **1922** : BBC Radio started daily news broadcasting.
- ◆ **1921** : Visva Bharati University was inaugurated

Current Affairs Related to 23 December

- ◆ The Board of Control for Cricket in India is planning to start a Tier-2 franchise-based cricket competition. For the first time, a new league can be started till the 2024 season. The Board of Control for Cricket in India is possibly considering starting a Tier-2 cricket league in the T10 format. The league can be launched in early September-October next year. BCCI Secretary Jay Shah is working on the blueprint of the league. As per the current situation the proposal is for a T10 league, discussions are going on whether they should stick to the T20 format for the new league.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's largest office complex in Surat, Gujarat. This complex spread over 67 square feet will be known as Surat Diamond Bourse. It will be the world's largest and most modern center for international diamond and jewellery business. The complex will be a global hub for the trading of rough and polished diamonds as well as jewellery. The exchange will include a state-of-the-art customs clearance house for import-export, a jewellery mall for retail jewellery business and a facility for international banking and secure vaults.
- ◆ Dr. Srinivas Naik Dharawath, Chairman, Real Vision Homes Pvt. Ltd. received the Visionary Leader Icon Award 2023 from ASRA at the 5th National Summit at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi.
- ◆ A Letter of Intent has been signed with the aim of strengthening the policy and program framework that contributes to India's developmental objectives. The five-year SOI gives IFPRI broad mandate to collaborate in key areas. NITI Aayog is actively guiding India's development programs through periodic monitoring and evaluation with a special focus on agriculture to ensure sustainable and inclusive agricultural and rural reforms.
- ◆ The UK government, led by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, is considering taking additional steps to protect teenagers under the age of 16 from online threats, despite introducing the Online Safety Act. The Online Safety Act, a landmark law that requires social media platforms to protect minors from harmful content or face significant harm, is an important step towards ensuring online safety for children.
- ◆ Defense Research and Development Organization gave information about the strength of Akash missile. In the demonstration of Akash missile system, DRDO showed that Akash has the power to destroy four targets simultaneously. On the successful launch of Akash missile, which has the capability to hit up to 25 kilometers, DRDO said that the Akash missile system, equipped with the power of accurate air targeting, will be counted as a state-of-the-art weapon among India's security weapons.
- ◆ A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Saudi Arabia. The main objective of the MoU is to increase cooperation in the fields of digitalization, electronic manufacturing, e-governance, smart infrastructure, e-health and e-education. The MoU will also create a framework for cooperation in the field of digitalization and electronic manufacturing. MOC will also promote innovative training and development methods.
- ◆ Pune has secured its place in the Guinness World Records for hosting the largest collaborative reading program involving 3,066 participants, surpassing the previous record of China and creating history.
- ◆ BCCI retired the iconic number 7 jersey in honor of MS Dhoni. Dhoni has become the second Indian to receive this honour. Earlier, BCCI had also retired Sachin Tendulkar's number 10 jersey.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Farmers Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 22nd December (B) 23rd December
(C) 24th December (D) 25th December

(B) In India, Farmer's Day/Kisan Diwas/National Farmer is celebrated across the country on 23 December to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh. On this day, various programs, seminars, functions and competitions are organized on agriculture and its importance to educate and provide knowledge to the people.



2. Recently, for how long has the Kashi Tamil Mahotsav been organized in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh?

- (A) From 14th to 28th December
(B) From 15th to 28th December
(C) From 16th to 29th December
(D) From 17th to 30th December

(D) Prime Minister Modi inaugurated Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2023 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. On this occasion, a cultural festival is being organized from 17 to 30 December. It aims to celebrate the age-old relationship between Tamil Nadu and Kashi. This initiative Kashi Tamil Sangamam takes forward the idea of Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.



3. Recently, in which state will Coca Cola's bottling unit invest Rs 3000 crore?

- (A) Jammu and Kashmir (B) Gujarat
(C) Rajasthan (D) Madhya Pradesh

(B) Recently it will invest Rs 3,000 crore in Gujarat. CocaCola's bottling unit signs MoU Hindustan CocaCola Beverages has signed a significant MoU with the Government of Gujarat, indicating a major investment of Rs 3000 crore. This strategic move reflects HCCB's commitment to set up a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility for juices and aerated beverages in Rajkot by 2026.



4. Which country will recently end the Hydrographic Survey Agreement with India?

- (A) Maldives (B) Japan
(C) Myanmar (D) Italy

(A) After demanding withdrawal of Indian troops, Maldives will now end the hydrographic survey agreement with India. Maldives government decided not to renew this agreement. The agreement will expire on June 7, 2024. This agreement was signed in 2019 to conduct research on the waters of Maldives Islands.



5. Where will the world's highest fighter airfield be constructed recently?

- (A) Jammu and Kashmir (B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Ladakh

(D) India is building the world's highest fighter airfield at Nyoma in Ladakh. This is being seen as a strong message against China. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has launched more than 90 infrastructure projects in Samba, Jammu. These projects include 21 new roads, 64 bridges, one tunnel, two airstrips and two helipads.



6. Who recently received the Royal Society of Chemistry Award?

- (A) Paul Lynch (B) Safina Hussain
(C) Savita Ladez (D) None of these

(C) Professor Savita Ladage has been awarded the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry's Nyholm Prize for Education. In a significant recognition of her outstanding contribution to chemistry education, Professor Savita Ladage from the Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education, Tata Institute, Mumbai has been awarded the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry's Nyholm Prize for Fundamental Research in Education.



7. Which country's recently decommissioned ship will be re-inducted into service by the Indian Army?

- (A) Maldives (B) Russia
(C) China (D) Italy

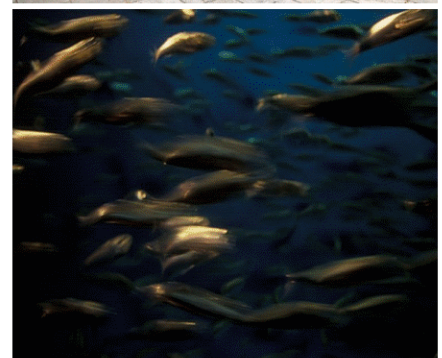
(A) The Indian Navy will formally commission the 22 year old Advanced Fast Attack Craft INS Taramugali at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. The event marks a significant milestone as INS Taramugali returns to active service more than seventeen years after being gifted to the Maldives and subsequently returned to India in May of the current year.



8. According to the recently released IUCN Red List update, what percentage of freshwater fishes are at risk of extinction?

- (A) 15% (B) 18%
(C) 25% (D) 32%

(C) According to the recently released IUCN Red List update, 25% of freshwater fishes are at risk of extinction. And at least 17% of globally endangered freshwater fish species are affected by climate change. The International Union for Conservation of Nature is the world's largest and most diverse environmental network, and a global authority on the state of the natural world and the measures needed to protect it.



9. Recently in which state the Parliament has passed the bill to establish a Central Tribal University?

- (A) Telangana (B) Jharkhand
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Mizoram

(A) Recently the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Parliament, passed a bill approving the establishment of a Central Tribal University in Telangana. The objective of this Central Tribal University is to provide higher education and research facilities primarily to the tribal population.



10. Who has recently topped the list of Hurun India's Top 100 Under 30?

- (A) Rahul Garg (B) Pawan Agarwal
(C) Kaivalya Bohra (D) Aditya Mittal

(C) Founders of quick commerce app Zepto, Kaivalya Vohra (21) and Adit Palicha (22) have claimed the top spot. Zepto's commitment to providing a variety of products within minutes has attracted attention, making it the first Indian Unicorn of 2023 with a valuation of \$1.4 billion.

