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## History of January 10

- ◆ **1616** : British ambassador Sir Thomas Roe met Jahangir in Ajmer.
- ◆ **1836** : Professor Madhusudan Gupta studied the internal structure of the human body for the first time.
- ◆ **1863** : The world's first underground railway service started in London.
- ◆ **1839** : Indian tea reached England
- ◆ **1946** : Representatives of 51 nations participated in the first meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in London.

## Current Affairs Related to 10 January

- ◆ Researchers have developed new electronic soils. It will be used for soil-less farming methods like hydroponics. Researchers found that e-soil helped barley plants grow an average of 50% more. E-soil is made of cellulose. It is a biopolymer blended with a conductive polymer called PEDOT. High voltage has been used before by researchers to stimulate roots. Researchers are not sure whether e-soil can solve the problem of food security.
- ◆ After talks with truck drivers, the central government will implement the new hit and run law. Truck drivers' unions called off their nationwide protest against new penal provisions in the Indian Judicial Code regarding hit-and-run cases. The Home Ministry said this after discussing the strike with representatives of the second All India Motor Transport Congress. The new law provides that if drivers cause a serious road accident by negligent driving and run away without informing the police or any administrative officer, they can be punished with imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of Rs 7 lakh.
- ◆ Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal has come up with a new startup, Oppdoor, that will help e-commerce companies expand operations globally by providing end-to-end solutions. The company is registered in Singapore and was founded in May 2021, according to the filing. According to a Moneycontrol report, Oppdoor was previously known as Three State Ventures Pvt. Ltd.
- ◆ Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited. He previously held the post of Director in POWERGRID. He has extensive experience of over three decades. He has also served as the North Eastern Region Head of POWERGRID.
- ◆ The interest rate on three-year fixed deposits has been increased by 10 basis points to 7.1% for the months of January to March 2024. The interest rate on Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme has been increased by 20 basis points to 8.2% for the period January March 2024. All other small savings schemes will continue to be offered at the same interest rates.
- ◆ CM Yogi Adityanath unveiled UP's inaugural floating air-conditioned restaurant managed by UPSTDC at Sangam City, which promises a transformative dining experience along the banks of the beautiful Yamuna river. The restaurant, managed by the Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation, will redefine the dining experience for visitors on the picturesque Yamuna River.
- ◆ The government of Chad has taken an important step towards establishing civilian rule by appointing former opposition leader Success Massara as Prime Minister of Chad. Masra, who recently returned to the country from exile, is expected to play a key role.
- ◆ Uttar Pradesh has stood first for the third consecutive year in registering the highest admission rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System Platform. The Directorate of Prosecution Uttar Pradesh has so far registered 1,56,22,514 entries on the ICJS platform. The ICJS platform has been conceptualized by the e-Committee of the Supreme Court and implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ◆ M S Swaminathan Award was given to Professor B R Kamboj. He has been honored with this prestigious award in recognition of his contribution as a scientist and extension specialist in the field of agricultural science. The award ceremony took place at the International Conference on One Health One World at Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ GST revenue growth slowed to a 3-month low in December. Gross GST revenue collection in December 2023 stood at Rs 1,64,882 crore.



## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is World Hindi Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 8th January (B) 9th January  
(C) 10th January (D) 11th January

**(C)** World Hindi Day is an annual event celebrated on 10 January. World Hindi Day was created to mark the occasion when Hindi was first spoken at the UNGA in 1949. With approximately 600 million speakers worldwide, Hindi is the third most spoken language in the world.



**2. Recently the government is planning to end the free movement system on the international border of which country?**

- (A) Myanmar (B) Bhutan  
(C) Japan (D) Germany

**(A)** The government is planning to end the free movement regime at Myanmar's international border. The main objective of this step is to end the misuse of the free movement regime. Rebel groups use it to attack the Indian border and escape to Myanmar. The government is planning to launch a tender for an advanced smart fencing system for the entire India-Myanmar border. The fencing work will be completed in 4.5 years.



**3. How many new members has BRICS welcomed recently, indicating global change?**

- (A) 2 (B) 4  
(C) 5 (D) 6

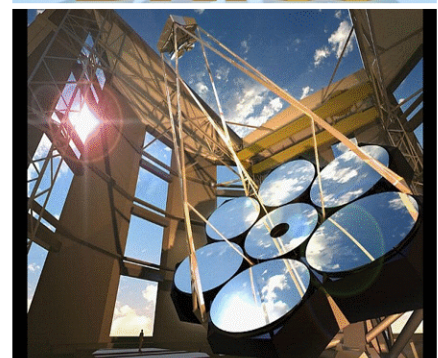
**(C)** Recently BRICS welcomed five new members, signaling global change. The BRICS summit to be held in Russia in October 2024 could prove to be a game changer. The organization is set to include five new members along with its five founding countries, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.



**4. Which country has recently become part of the world's largest radio telescope project?**

- (A) India (B) America  
(C) China (D) Russia

**(A)** Indian scientists will now be a part of the Square Kilometer Array Observatory. SKAO will serve as the world's largest radio telescope. SKAO is not a single telescope. It is a series of thousands of antennas. The antennas will be installed in remote radio quiet locations in South Africa and Australia.



**5. Which state government has recently launched a new e-governance initiative K-Smart?**

- (A) Odisha (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Kerala (D) Gujarat

**(C)** K-Smart will bring all the services of local self-government institutions on a unified digital platform. K-Smart application has been developed by Informatics Kerala Mission of the State IT Department. Initially it will be operational in corporations and municipalities. Gradually it will be started in Gram Panchayats. Under the digital initiative, building permits will be given to applicants immediately.

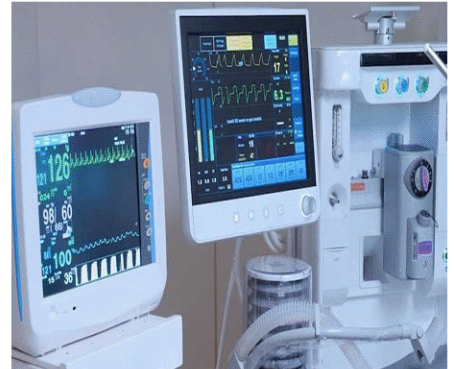




6. Which country has recently launched a single window portal to streamline the import of medical equipment?

- (A) Pakistan (B) Sri Lanka  
(C) India (D) Japan

(C) India has introduced National Single Window System to streamline imports of medical devices. It has been designed by Tata Consultancy Services. It will be a one-stop-shop portal for import of medical devices into India. It will facilitate applications for registration certificates and licenses for manufacturing or importing medical devices for various purposes such as clinical investigation, testing, evaluation, demonstration or training.



7. Where was India's first all-girls Sainik School inaugurated recently?

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

(A) Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated India's first all-girl Sainik School in Vrindavan in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. Sanvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School has been opened under the initiative to open 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership mode with NGOs/ Private/State Government schools in all States/UTs.



8. Recently, by how much has the government extended the period of PLI scheme for the automobile industry?

- (A) 6 months (B) 1 years  
(C) 2 years (D) 5 years

(B) A Gazette notification has been issued by the Ministry of Heavy Industries to announce the extension of the tenure of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Automobiles and Auto Components by one year. This decision has been taken after getting the approval of the empowered group of secretaries. These amendments, effective from the date of publication in the Official Gazette, are intended to provide clarity and flexibility to the Scheme.



9. Who has recently granted payment aggregator license to Tata Payments?

- (A) SBI (B) ICICI Bank  
(C) HDFC Bank (D) RBI

(D) Recently, digital payment app Tata Pay under Tata Digital has been granted payment aggregator license by the Reserve Bank of India. This license places Tata Pay among industry leaders like Razorpay, Cashfree and Google Pay, enabling it to efficiently handle ecommerce transactions within its subsidiaries.



10. Who recently became the first woman with a net worth of 100 billion dollars?

- (A) Francois Bettencourt (B) Savitri Jindal  
(C) Rekha Jhunjhunwala (D) None of these

(A) L'Oréal heiress Françoise Bettencourt Meyers amassed a historic wealth of \$100B, reaching \$100.1B, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. At the age of 70, she holds the role of Vice Chairman on the board of L'Oréal. This remarkable achievement not only cements their position as a global financial superpower, but also represents a significant milestone for the growing fashion and cosmetics industries in France.

