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## History of December 18

- ◆ **1398** : Taimur defeated Sultan Nusrat Shah and captured Delhi.
- ◆ **1960** : The National Museum was inaugurated in the capital Delhi.
- ◆ **1997** : Washington Treaty was signed between India and America for cooperation in space research.
- ◆ **1271** : Mongol ruler Kublai Khan named his empire Yuan and from here the Yuan dynasty started in Mongolia and China.

## Current Affairs Related to 18 December

- ◆ The nominees for the 81st annual Golden Globe Awards have been announced, setting the tone for the highly anticipated 2024 awards season. The unveiling not only showcased the industry's top talent, but also marked a significant moment in the history of the Golden Globes, a ceremony that has undergone significant changes in recent times.
- ◆ The Defense Research and Development Organization has decided to stop missile testing from February to March at Wheeler Island off the Odisha coast. Wheeler Island is adjacent to the Gahrimatha Sanctuary, considered to be the birthplace of Olive Ridley turtles. The Defense Research and Development Organization operates two major missile test ranges in Odisha.
- ◆ IIC has announced the names of the players selected as Male and Female Player of the Month for November 2023. The Men's Player of the Month award has been given to Travis Head, who scored a century in the World Cup final, while Bangladesh's spinner Nahida Akhtar has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.
- ◆ Kabir Bedi has been honored with The Order of Merit of Italy. Kabir Bedi has spread his acting skills not only in Hindi cinema but all over the world. Kabir is also very famous in Italy. He has worked in many Italian films.
- ◆ According to the study, the carbon emitted by developed and developing countries has revealed the existing disparity between the countries. The report is titled The Emissions Divide: Inequality Across Countries and Income Classes.
- ◆ Retail inflation rose to a three-month high of 5.55% in November due to rising food prices. According to the data released by NSO, inflation based on Consumer Price Index was at 4.87% in October. Inflation rate has been declining since August.
- ◆ India voted in favor of the resolution demanding Gaza ceasefire in the United Nations.
- ◆ India has decided to postpone the Quad summit originally scheduled for January 2024, citing scheduling disputes for some Quad partners. The summit includes participation from India, Australia, the US and Japan. Initially anticipated as the chief guest of India's Republic Day celebrations, US President Joe Biden is unlikely to attend the Quad summit due to rescheduling.
- ◆ Tata Power EV Charging Solutions Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited have signed an MoU to deploy over 500 EV charging points across the country. In a significant step towards strengthening the electric vehicle infrastructure in India, Tata Power EV Charging Solutions Limited has entered into an MoU with Indian Oil Corporation Limited. The collaboration aims to set up more than 500 EV charging points across the country with a focus on building a strong intercity charging network.
- ◆ Google releases its annual insights on India's search trends, revealing a fascinating tapestry of interests and curiosities that have enthralled the country. This year, the data highlights a fascinating mix of scientific discovery, cinematic anticipation and an enduring love for cricket.
- ◆ Indian scientist Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar has been honored with two prestigious awards, Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship, at a ceremony held in New Delhi.
- ◆ In a strategic move following the acquisition by TPG Capital Asia, Poonawalla Housing Finance has undergone a significant rebranding, emerging with the new identity Gruham Housing Finance. The change comes after TPG Capital Asia acquired 99.02% equity stake in the company from Poonawalla Fincorp earlier this year.
- ◆ Bhajanlal Sharma became the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan.



## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is Minority Rights Day celebrated every year in India?**

- (A) 15th December (B) 17th December  
(C) 18th December (D) 20th December

**(C)** Minority Rights Day is celebrated in India on 18 December to protect and promote the rights of minority communities in India. The day focuses on issues like protection of minorities in the state. On this day many campaigns, seminars and programs are organized to inform and educate people about them.



**2. When is International Migrants Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 18th December (B) 19th December  
(C) 21st December (D) 22nd December

**(A)** International Migrants Day is observed on 18 December to raise awareness about the protection of migrants and refugees. The International Organization for Migration is calling on the international community to come together and remember those migrants and refugees who have lost their lives or disappeared while trying to reach safe port.



**3. Recently the Lok Sabha approved additional expenditure of how many crores of rupees in the current financial year.**

- (A) Rs 27,890 crore (B) Rs 42,990 crore  
(C) Rs 58,378 crore (D) Rs 98,990 crore

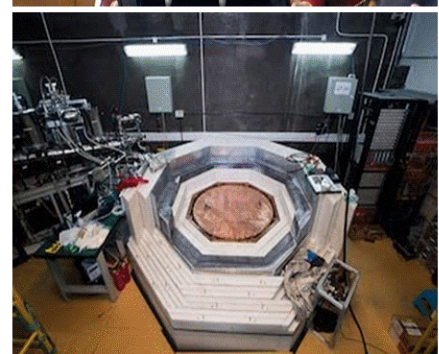
**(C)** The Lok Sabha has approved additional expenditure of Rs 58,378 crore in the current financial year ending March 2024, a large part of which will be used for subsidies on MNREGA and fertiliser. The government sought approval in the Lok Sabha for gross additional expenditure of more than Rs 1.29 lakh crore in the first batch of supplementary demands for grants for the year 2023-2024.



**4. Which country has recently started the deepest laboratory on earth?**

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

**(A)** China has built the world's deepest and largest laboratory inside the earth, named Jinping Underground Lab, whose area is said to be equal to 120 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Scientists have also started working in this. This type of lab is not available to scientists anywhere else in the world.



**5. Recently, which country's cricketer Asad Shafiq has retired from all formats?**

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Afghanistan  
(C) Pakistan (D) India

**(C)** Pakistan's Asad Shafiq has said goodbye to all formats of cricket. Asad was out of Pakistan cricket team for a long time. Regarding retirement, he said that he no longer had the enthusiasm for cricket. Apart from this, he also said that his fitness to play international cricket is not testifying.





**6. Recently, in which state Rays Power Infra will build a 500 MW solar park?**

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

**(B)** Recently, Rays Power Infra has signed an agreement with the state government to build a 500 MW capacity solar park in Uttarakhand. Ketan Mehta, Managing Director, Rays Power Infra, said, "This strategic partnership symbolizes our commitment to pioneer solar energy solutions in the country."



**7. Recently K.S. Reddy has been appointed the new police commissioner of which city?**

- (A) Mumbai (B) Hyderabad  
(C) Kolkata (D) None of these

**(B)** In a significant step towards ensuring clean governance, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has taken charge of the Hyderabad and Cyberabad Police Commissionerates. The appointments of Kothakota Srinivas Reddy and Avinash Mohanty mark a strategic change in leadership to maintain integrity and transparency in law enforcement.



Srinivas Reddy  
Hyderabad CP

Sudheer Babu  
Rachakonda CP

Avinash Mohanty  
Cyberabad CP

**8. Recently Bhajanlal Sharma has been declared the new Chief Minister of which state?**

- (A) Mizoram (B) Chhattisgarh  
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Rajasthan

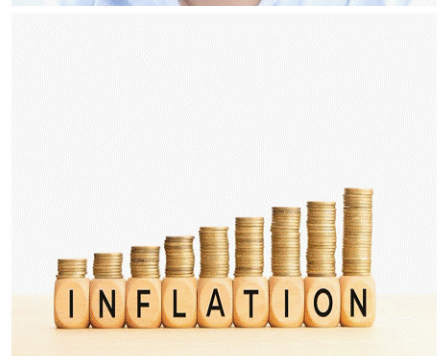
**(D)** Recently Bhajanlal Sharma has been declared the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan. Diya Kumari and Premchandra Bairwa became Deputy Chief Ministers. His name was announced in the presence of Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and senior party leaders. State CM-designate Bhajanlal Sharma said that I want to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi, JP Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh. We will definitely fulfill the expectations of Rajasthan.



**9. Recently in the month of November, in how many states has the inflation rate been higher than the national average?**

- (A) 7 (B) 9  
(C) 11 (D) 15

**(B)** In the month of November, inflation rate in 9 states was higher than the national average. While the cost of living of the average Indian consumer has increased by 5.55 percent in November compared to the same period last year, it has increased by 7.65 percent in Odisha, 6.99 percent in Rajasthan, and 6.78 percent in Haryana.



**10. Recently, researchers of which state have discovered a new species of marine amphipod in Chilika Lake of the state on the east coast of India?**

- (A) Kerala (B) Telangana  
(C) Goa (D) Odisha

**(D)** Recently researchers from Odisha have discovered a new species of marine amphipod in the state's Chilika Lake on the east coast of India. The new species was named Demorachestia alanensis after global expert Professor Alan Myers of University College Cork, Ireland. He has made significant contributions to global marine amphipod studies.

