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History of December 2

- ◆ **1804** : **Napoleon Bonaparte** was crowned as **Emperor of France**.
- ◆ **1999** : **Private sector** investment in the **insurance sector in India** was approved.
- ◆ **1918** : **India's leading educationist Gurudas Banerjee** passed away.
- ◆ **1911** : **George V and Queen Mary** became the **first King and Queen of Britain** to visit India. The Gateway of India was built to commemorate his arrival in Bombay.
- ◆ **1989** : **Vishwa Pratap Singh** became the **seventh Prime Minister** of the country.

Current Affairs Related to 2 December

- ◆ **Madhya Pradesh government has issued orders for the construction of Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve.** This tiger reserve will be spread over an area of more than 400 kilometers in the border of Damoh, Sagar and Narsinghpur districts. The buffer area of Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve will be 925 square kilometers. It is said that due to the Ken Betwa Link Project, a large part of Panna National Park is being affected. Therefore, the environmental protection authority had set a condition for creating a new tiger reserve.
- ◆ **Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched GAIL's floating CNG and mobile re-fueling unit station** at Ravidas Ghat in Varanasi. This CNG station, developed at a cost of about Rs 18 crore, can be shifted from one place to another in the Ganga. With this, boats operating in Ganga will be freed from the problem of having to travel far for CNG. In the new station of Ravidas Ghat, CNG will be filled through cascade from Namoh Ghat.
- ◆ **Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh has achieved a significant achievement** by achieving the highest grading of A++ from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. This achievement places Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University among the select state universities of Uttar Pradesh with similar prestigious status. The university's remarkable journey from B grade to top-tier A++ ratings in 2006 and 2015 reflects its dedication towards academic excellence and overall institutional development.
- ◆ **An MoU has been signed between the National Institute of Disaster Management and the Institute of Energy and Resources** to create a strategic partnership in disaster risk reduction. This partnership symbolizes our joint commitment to contribute to the national agenda of disaster risk reduction, reinforcing the importance of cooperation in building a resilient and secure India. The MoU will serve as a platform to formalize the strategic partnership and facilitate research, capacity building and training.
- ◆ **In an important step towards sustainability and reducing dependence on natural gas imports,** the Government of India has announced the phased introduction of biogas blending. The initiative aims to boost domestic demand, reduce dependence on natural gas imports and contribute to India's commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2070. From April 2025, the government will introduce mandatory blending of compressed biogas with natural gas at the rate of 1 per cent.
- ◆ **The Central Government renamed Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers as Ayushman Arogya Mandir.** By issuing guidelines through the letter, all the states and union territories have been asked to change the existing names appropriately. The ministry has also asked to upload photographs of the primary health centers after completing the name changing work. It is underlined that the National Health Mission logo will be retained in the rebranded centres.
- ◆ **The central government has added the Computer Emergency Response Team to the list of organizations** exempted from the Right to Information Act 2005. 26 other intelligence and security organizations have been exempted under the Right to Information Act 2005. In the previous amendment, Strategic Forces Command was added to the list of organizations exempted under RTI.
- ◆ **Diplomats from South Korea, Japan and China agreed to resume their trilateral leaders' summit.** 25% of global GDP is produced by these three countries. These countries have agreed to restore and normalize cooperation between the three countries as soon as possible. They also agreed to cooperate in various areas such as people-to-people exchanges, trade, technology, public health, sustainable development and security.
- ◆ **Christopher Luxon sworn in as Prime Minister** of New Zealand.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Pollution Control Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1 December (B) 2 December
(C) 3rd December (D) 4th December

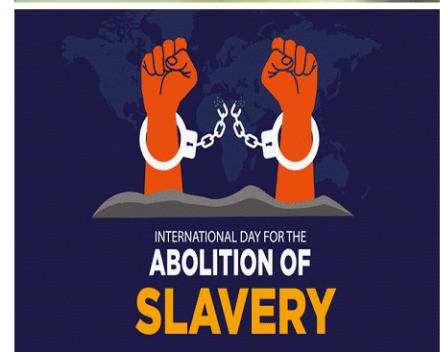
(B) National Pollution Control Day is celebrated every year on 2 December. National Pollution Control Day is observed in memory of those who lost their lives in the Bhopal gas tragedy on 2 and 3 December 1984. This day is celebrated to create awareness among the people to prevent any industrial disaster.



2. When is the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery celebrated every year?

- (A) 2nd December (B) 3rd December
(C) 4th December (D) 5th December

(A) The day is observed on 2 December to highlight the importance of eliminating contemporary forms of slavery including trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage etc. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 2 December.



3. Who has recently been appointed as its brand ambassador by AS-IT-IS Nutrition?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(C) Rohit Sharma (D) Ravindra Jadeja

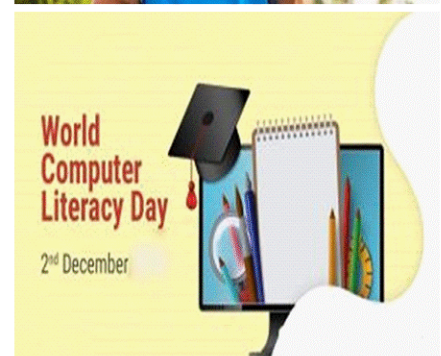
(D) Fitness and sports nutrition company AS-IT-IS Nutrition has appointed renowned Indian cricketer Ravindra Jadeja as its brand ambassador. The brand works closely with over 100 national athletes, reinforcing its dedication to providing products that are trusted and endorsed by those athletes.



4. When is World Computer Literacy Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 2 December (B) 4 December
(C) 6th December (D) 2nd January

(A) World Computer Literacy Day is celebrated every year on 2 December. This day is celebrated as World Computer Literacy Day to create awareness and promote digital literacy in underserved communities across the world. This day promotes technical skills especially among children and women.



5. Which state has recently got GI tag for cashew?

- (A) Goa (B) Odisha
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Maharashtra

(A) Goa's cashew nuts will now be recognized as a trademark in the international market, it has been given the GI tag. Last year, Khola Mirch here was also given this tag. This tag works as a trademark in the market which is given by the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.



6. Which country is recently planning strict age verification for social media?

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

(B) The Government of India is considering a risk-based age gating framework for social media and internet platforms, which would require document-based age verification and parental consent. This framework is expected to be implemented on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and edtech and health platforms.



7. In which city Khadi artisan conference has been organized recently?

- (A) Varanasi (B) Mumbai
(C) New Delhi (D) Jammu and Kashmir

(A) Recently Khadi artisan conference was organized in Varanasi. While the sale of Khadi clothes was more than Rs 213.07 crore in 2021-2022, it increased to Rs 250.70 crore in the financial year 2022-2023. KYC officers and employees were present in the Khadi artisan conference.



8. In which state has the Indian Coast Guard recently conducted the 9th National Level Pollution Response Exercise?

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

(C) The ninth national level pollution response exercise was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard at Vadinagar, Gujarat. Coast Guard Director General Rakesh Pal and Chairman National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan took stock of the preparedness of all agencies during the exercise.



9. Recently Justice Vivek Chaudhary has taken oath as the judge of which High Court?

- (A) Kolkata High Court (B) Patna High Court
(C) Mumbai High Court (D) Delhi High Court

(B) Justice Vivek Chaudhary took oath as judge of Patna High Court. Bihar Governor Rajendra Arlekar administered the oath of office to Justice Vivek Chaudhary in the presence of high court judges and other dignitaries at the Raj Bhavan here.



10. Recently IISR has developed a high yielding black pepper variety, what is its name?

- (A) Moon (B) Religion
(C) Fire (D) None of these

(A) ICAR Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode has developed a high yielding variety of black pepper named IISR Chandra. The institute has also completed genome sequencing of the variety. The research team behind this variety includes Shivakumar MS, B Sasikumar, KV Saji, Sheeja TE, KS Krishnamurthy and Shivaranjani.

