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History of December 13

- ◆ **1955** : India and the Soviet Union accepted the Panchsheel publication.
- ◆ **2001** : There was a terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament in Delhi.
- ◆ **1925** : India's famous economist Lakshmi Chandra Jain was born.
- ◆ **1998** : Mahatma Ramchandra Veer was honored with the Bhai Hanuman Prasad Poddar National Service Award from the Bada Bazaar Library of Kolkata.
- ◆ **1974** : Malta became a republic

Current Affairs Related to 13 December

- ◆ According to Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar, the Central Government is considering a proposal to determine equivalence of posts in State Government PSUs with Central Government posts for recruitment under OBC reservation.
- ◆ Loan agreement signed to improve road connectivity in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The loan agreement was signed by Ms. Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India, and Takeo Konishi, Country Director, ADB India Resident Mission, on behalf of ADB. This project will enhance connectivity in the state road network in 14 districts to enable balanced economic development in Madhya Pradesh. The project will convert approximately 500 km of state highways and major district roads into standard two-lane roads.
- ◆ Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi has ventured into new territory as a writer, making her debut with a novel titled Zeba An Accidental Superhero. The book was officially launched during the 12th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival, marking a new chapter in Huma Qureshi's creative journey.
- ◆ Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said this in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha. Assam and Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir have been selected to implement it in the first phase. In Jammu and Kashmir, it is being implemented in two aspirational districts Kupwara and Baramulla. In Assam, it is being implemented in seven districts: Barpeta, Goalpara, South Salmara Mankachar, Udalguri, Darrang, Morigaon and Kamrup.
- ◆ The fourth phase of the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park was inaugurated by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. It is the world's largest concentrated solar power project using three hybrid technologies.
- ◆ Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project launched by Ministry of Culture
- ◆ UAE's Mohammed Al Ramsi appointed as Chairman of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023. This appointment marks the fulfillment of the decision taken by the WRC during its last session in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt in 2019. The conference will run till December 15 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The objective of organizing the conference is to review the global use of radio frequency spectrum in orbit, geostationary satellites and non-geostationary satellites.
- ◆ Four notable Indian celebrities have made it to the latest release of Forbes' annual list of the world's most powerful women. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, HCL Corporation Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Steel Authority of India Chairperson Soma Mandal and Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw have earned a place in this prestigious list.
- ◆ UNESCO has officially recognized the vibrant and culturally significant Garba dance, granting it a prestigious place in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. It was enthusiastically accepted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who appreciated the global acceptance of this traditional Indian dance form.
- ◆ Google's parent company Alphabet made an important announcement by unveiling its latest and most advanced AI model to date, Gemini. Gemini represents a huge leap forward for the tech giant in the rapidly growing field of artificial intelligence, outpacing competitors like Open AI's GPT-4 and Meta's Llama 2.
- ◆ Taylor Swift has been named Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2023. This recognition follows his title as the most played artist on Spotify, underscoring the widespread impact of his music and influence.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Horse Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 10th December (B) 12th December
(C) 13th December (D) 15th December

(C) National Horse Day is celebrated every year on 13 December. It is a day to remember the economic, historical and cultural contributions made by horses. Horse lovers across the country will gather on December 13 to show their appreciation for these majestic creatures. Whether you're an experienced rider or have never sat on a horse in your life, try some ways to recognize the day.



**NATIONAL
HORSE DAY**

2. Recently, how many crore rupees of assistance is being provided by India to the International Solar Alliance per year for 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025?

- (A) Rs 50 crore (B) Rs 100 crore
(C) Rs 170 crore (D) Rs 300 crore

(B) This assistance is being provided specifically to help in the energy transition in developing and emerging economies. Paragraph 38(ii) of the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration states that G20 members will advance and encourage efforts to triple global renewable energy capacity through existing targets and policies.



3. With whom has ACKO recently partnered to make insurance accessible?

- (A) PhonePe (B) Paytm
(C) Google Pay (D) None of these

(A) ACKO General Insurance and PhonePe have come together to transform India's insurance access, offering a diverse range of car and bike insurance directly through the PhonePe platform. This strategic collaboration aims to provide users with a wide range of car and bike insurance products directly through the PhonePe platform.



4. Which ministry has recently started the Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project?

- (A) Ministry of Agriculture
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Finance

(C) Under the Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar programme, the Government of India has decided to prepare mapping and documentation of all the villages. Under the Ministry of Culture, the National Cultural Mapping Mission is run by the Indira Gandhi National Center in coordination with the Gandhi National Center for the Arts.



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**MINISTRY OF
CULTURE**

5. Who has recently been appointed as the Youth Voter Awareness Ambassador for Jammu and Kashmir?

- (A) Neeraj Chopra
(B) Suresh Raina
(C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(D) Suryakumar Yadav

(B) Recently, International Cricketer Suresh Raina declared as Youth Voter Awareness Ambassador of Jammu and Kashmir. Chief Electoral Officer of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K.Pol declared International Cricketer Suresh Raina as Youth Voter Awareness Ambassador of Jammu and Kashmir.



6. Recently in which state has Tata Motors opened its fourth scrapping plant?

- (A) Haryana (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Punjab (D) Rajasthan

(C) Tata Motors inaugurated its fourth registered vehicle scrapping facility in Chandigarh, developed and operated by its partner Dada Trading Company. Domestic auto major Tata Motors has taken a significant step towards promoting environmental sustainability with the inauguration of its fourth registered vehicle scrapping facility in Chandigarh.



7. Recently, UNESCO has included Garba of which state in the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

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

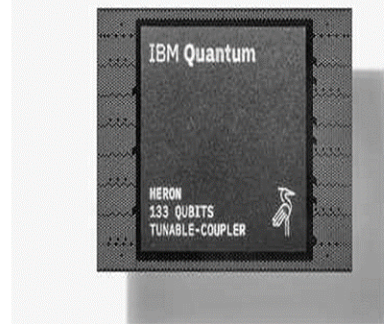
(B) Recently UNESCO has included Gujarat's Garba in the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. It is inscribed under the provisions of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Garba dance of Gujarat is the 15th Indian heritage to be included in this list.



8. Who has recently released 1000 qubit quantum chip for the first time?

- (A) IBM (B) Wipro
(C) Infosys (D) None of these

(A) Recently IBM released 1000 qubit quantum chip for the first time. IBM is following a quantum computing road map, according to Varsha, and according to the company it will now focus on making its machines more error resistant rather than larger.



9. Who has recently introduced AI Gemini like human brain?

- (A) Google (B) Meta
(C) SpaceX (D) None of these

(A) Tech company Google has launched its new artificial intelligence model, Gemini, to compete with ChatGPT. These AI tools are designed to behave like humans. Google claims that Gemini does better than other models in tasks like understanding, reasoning, coding and planning.



10. Which state government has recently started the CM Fellowship program?

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

(B) Uttar Pradesh government has started the CM Fellowship Programme. On the instructions of CM Yogi Adityanath, the Urban Development Department has started online registration for the CM Fellowship Programme. Youth up to 40 years of age can apply for this fellowship. If selected, he will be given Rs 40 thousand per month and a tablet.

