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History of December 5

- ◆ **1657** : **Shahjahan's** younger son **Murad** declared himself emperor.
- ◆ **1950** : **Sikkim** became a **protected state** of India.
- ◆ **1971** : **India** **recognized** **Bangladesh** as a country.
- ◆ **1946** : **Home Guard** organization was established in India.
- ◆ **1943** : **Japanese airplanes** dropped **bombs** on **Kolkata**.
- ◆ **1955** : **STD service** bringing long distance telephone calls to every home came into existence.

Current Affairs Related to 5 December

- ◆ **India and the US** will jointly launch **NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite** for comprehensive **Earth observations** in the first quarter of next year. India and the United States are set to take their space cooperation to new heights with the upcoming joint launch of **NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite**. Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** announced the launch schedule for the first quarter of next year in a meeting with a high-level **NASA** delegation led by Administrator **Shri Bill Nelson**.
- ◆ **Vaccine major Bharat Biotech International Limited** has partnered with the **University of Sydney's** Institute of Infectious Diseases to advance vaccine research initiatives, strengthen academic-industry partnerships and enhance global efforts to combat infectious diseases. Its objective is to establish strong regional and inter-organizational cooperation to develop new methods to deal with any future pandemics and infectious diseases.
- ◆ **Tata Autocomp Systems** has sold **13.26 acre Pune land parcel** with **1,00,000 sq ft** structure to **Titania Industrial Development** for **Rs 134 crore**. The transaction, worth **Rs 134 crore**, included the sale of both land and a structure measuring **1,000,000 sq ft** in the complex.
- ◆ **Defense Minister Rajnath Singh** unveiled the crest of the **Indian Navy's INS Imphal**. The stealth guided missile destroyer **Imphal** is equipped with **Brahos surface-to-surface missiles** and indigenous anti-submarine rocket launchers. The design of the crest depicts **Kangla Palace** on the left and **Kangla-Sa** on the right.
- ◆ **The 600th gamma-ray burst** has been detected by **India's Astrosat's CZTI detector**. The full name of **CZTI** here is **Cadmium Zinc Telluride Imager**, which reflects the continued performance of **CZTI** eight years after the launch of **Astrosat**.
- ◆ **Military Literature Festival**, an event aimed at spreading awareness about the vital role of the armed forces and inspiring the youth, is set to return for its second district level edition in **Amritsar**. The decision to host the festival at the district level reflects the commitment of the **Punjab State Government**. It aims to create greater awareness about the armed forces and inspire the youth to foster a deeper understanding of their role in national security.
- ◆ **The Central Government** announced the schedule of the second phase of **Kasi Tamil Sangamam**. **IIT Madras** has launched the registration portal for the programme. The event will see around **1400 people** from **Tamil Nadu** and **Puducherry** travel to **Varanasi**, **Prayagraj** and **Ayodhya** for an eight-day tour. Its main objective is to share the knowledge and cultural traditions of **North** and **South**. Also, relations between the two regions have to be further strengthened.
- ◆ **HDFC Securities**, India's leading investment services provider, has successfully launched its mobile training app, **HDFC Sky**, on **Amazon Web Services Cloud**. The partnership with **AWS** is expected to deliver substantial benefits, including a significant **50% reduction** in annual **IT infrastructure** and management costs compared to traditional on-premises solutions.
- ◆ **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar** urged countries in the **Global South** to follow India's example and review colonial laws.
- ◆ **Merriam Webster's Word of the Year** for 2023 has become authentic, meaning not false or copied and true to one's own personality.
- ◆ **Vidya Pillai** defeated **Anupama Ramachandran** 4-1 to win the **World Six Red Women Snooker Championship** in **Doha, Qatar**.
- ◆ **Rat hole mining** is a method of manual coal extraction that involves digging narrow, vertical pits in the ground.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Soil Day celebrated every year?

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

(D) World Soil Day is celebrated every year on 5 December. And its objective is to highlight the importance of soil. Poor soil conditions are leading to rapid soil erosion, which is becoming a serious environmental issue around the world. The Save Soil Movement was started in India about 45 years ago. Its objective is to bring people's attention towards soil conservation and sustainable management.



2. When is International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development celebrated every year?

- (A) 4th December (B) 5th December
(C) 6 December (D) 7 December

(B) International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is celebrated every year on 5 December. The day is also known as International Volunteer Day to recognize and promote the tireless work of not only UN volunteers but also volunteers around the world. International observance was mandated by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985.



3. Recently, till when has RBI increased the scope of PIDE scheme?

- (A) December 2025 (B) January 2026
(C) November 2027 (D) March 2028

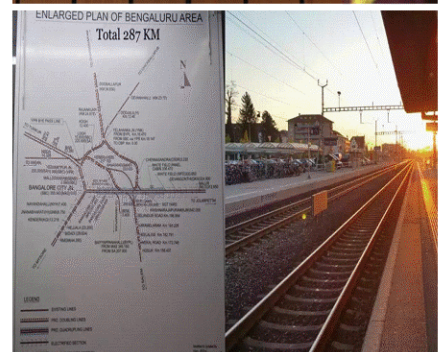
(A) RBI has extended the PIDE scheme for two years, it now also includes beneficiaries of PM Vishwakarma Yojana. Initially focusing on Tier-3 to Tier-6 centres, it has established over 2.66 crore touch points. The move aims to promote digital transactions at the grassroots level and expand the beneficiaries covered under the scheme.



4. Where will India's largest circular railway be built recently?

- (A) Lucknow (B) Kolkata
(C) Bengaluru (D) Kanpur

(C) Bengaluru plans to set up a 287 km long circular railway, which aims to potentially become the country's largest suburban network, overtaking Chennai's 235.5 km long circular railway. Bengaluru, the bustling IT hub of India, is set to witness an unprecedented development in its transport infrastructure with the announcement of a 287 km long circular railway.



5. Recently the Chief Minister of which state unveiled AMA Bank for Gram Panchayat Banking.

- (A) Odisha (B) Telangana
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) Chief Minister of Odisha launched AMA Bank Scheme to provide comprehensive banking services in every Gram Panchayat to bridge the gap of financial access in rural areas, a landmark initiative aimed at providing CSP Plus to all unbanked Gram Panchayats in Odisha. To provide banking services through banking outlets.



6. Recently India and which country will launch joint microwave satellite?

- (A) France (B) Japan
(C) Australia (D) America

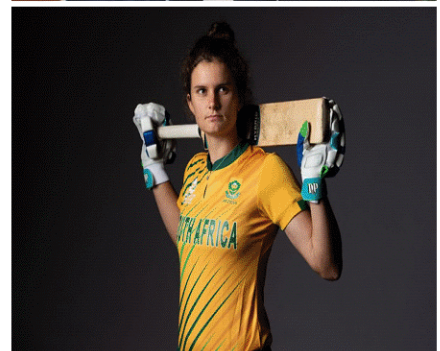
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7. Who has recently been made the captain of the South African women's cricket team?

- (A) Marijame Kapp (B) Laura Wolvaardt
(C) Shabnim Ismail (D) None of these

(B) Recently Laura Wolvaardt has been appointed captain of the women's team. Earlier, he was given the responsibility of captaincy in the series against Pakistan and New Zealand. Regular captain Wolvaardt's first assignment is the ODI and T20 series against Bangladesh, from December 3 to 23.



8. Who has recently won the WISE Award?

- (A) Safina Hussain (B) Manoj Jain
(C) Alok Sharma (D) Suresh Kumar

(A) Recently, Safina Hussain, Founder of Educate Girls, has been awarded the prestigious WISE Award for Education in WISE. The WISE Award is the first international award to honor an individual for outstanding contributions to education.



9. Recently, Atal Dullu has been appointed the Chief Secretary of which state?

- (A) Haryana (B) Jammu and Kashmir
(C) Himachal Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

(B) Recently, the Central Government has appointed senior IAS officer Atal Dullu as the new Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir after the retirement of the current Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta. This month, the Central Government had terminated the deputation of Atal Dullu and sent him back to the AGMUT cadre. He is an IAS officer of 1989 batch.



10. Where was Asia's largest open air annual trade fair Bali Jatra inaugurated recently?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra
(C) Mizoram (D) Odisha

(D) Asia's largest open trade fair Bali Jatra was celebrated to commemorate the glorious ancient maritime heritage of Odisha. It was launched on the banks of Mahanadi in Cuttack. This year, various handicrafts, household items and food items were displayed at about two thousand stalls in the fair.

