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History of January 17

- ◆ **1601** : Mughal emperor Akbar entered the Abhedha fort of Asirgarh.
- ◆ **1941** : Freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose left for Germany from Calcutta.
- ◆ **1946** : The first meeting of the United Nations Security Council was held
- ◆ **1989** : Colonel JK Bajaj became the first Indian to reach the North Pole.
- ◆ **1979** : The Soviet Union conducted a nuclear test.

Current Affairs Related to 17 January

- ◆ America fulfilled its 52 years long dream of going to the moon. America became the country to successfully launch Peregrine Lander One under the world's first private Moon mission. A company called Astrobotic has developed this mission. Indian-origin scientists are leading this mission. It is being told that the world's first commercial lander can land on the moon on 23 February.
- ◆ The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has conducted training for the local community members of Chilka and the Forest Department. This is the fifth training under Amrit Dharohar Capacity Building Scheme. Under this initiative, two training programs of 15-15 days will be organized. A total of 60 participants were identified from the local communities in and around Chilka Lake for training with the help of Chilka Development Authority.
- ◆ The Sports Ministry has announced the award winners of the National Sports Promotion Award 2023. These awards are a testament to the commendable contribution made by corporate entities, sports control boards, NGOs and sports bodies at the state and national levels for the promotion and development of sports in India.
- ◆ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been re-elected for the fifth term, which is a significant achievement in the political scenario of the country. The ruling Awami League, under Hasina's leadership, has once again won by securing more than half of the parliamentary seats. The victory confirms Sheikh Hasina's position as the world's longest-serving female head of government.
- ◆ Festivals are a vibrant tapestry that weaves together cultural, religious and social celebrations, showcasing the diversity and richness of human traditions across the world. From religious ceremonies to colorful carnivals, each festival is a unique expression of heritage and community. In this article we will explore the top 10 biggest festivals in the world.
- ◆ Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone, India's leading ports and logistics company, has announced significant changes in its leadership structure, signaling a new era in its corporate journey. The move marks a change in responsibilities, with Karan Adani stepping into the role previously held by Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani. Gautam Adani will now serve as the Executive Chairman of APSEZ, focusing on strategic oversight and global growth.
- ◆ Indian Space Research Organization placed Aditya L1 spacecraft into its destination orbit. This is India's first mission to study the Sun, which was launched in September 2023. Aditya L-1 entered a coronal orbit around the L1 point in the Earth-Sun system, from where it will observe the Sun for the next five years.
- ◆ SVAMITVA Scheme received the Best Innovation Award for Innovation Sandbox Presentation during the Public Policy Dialogues 2024 in Hyderabad. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been awarded this prestigious award for its digital transformation initiative in land administration through Swamitva Scheme. Earlier the SVAMITVA scheme had also won the prestigious Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2023 in the category Use of Emerging Technology to Provide Citizen Centric Services.
- ◆ The Golden Globes Awards 2024 were announced, in which many Hollywood stars won the award. This was the 81st Golden Globe Awards ceremony. Christopher Nolan's epic biographical thriller Oppenheimer and Jesse Armstrong's satirical drama series Succession won top honors at the Golden Globes Awards.
- ◆ Per capita income of Delhi to increase by 14% to Rs 4,44,768 in 2022-2023. Statistics Handbook-2023 has unveiled the economic power of Delhi by emphasizing on public service achievements.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Benjamin Franklin Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 16th January (B) 17th January
(C) 19th January (D) 20th January

(B) Benjamin Franklin Day is celebrated every year on January 17, the anniversary of his birth, to honor one of the most important Founding Fathers of the United States. It's a time to recognize one of America's most iconic and important individuals and think about his many accomplishments and his impact on the world.



2. Recently, when will Assam 5th Gunotsav 2024 be started?

- (A) 3 January to 8 February 2024
(B) 4 January to 9 February 2024
(C) 5 January to 10 February 2024
(D) 6 January to 11 February 2024

(A) The Assam government is preparing for the fifth edition of Gunotsav 2024, a comprehensive statewide assessment aimed at evaluating the performance of nearly 40 lakh students in government schools. This initiative, which will run from January 3 to February 8, 2024, will play an important role in enhancing the quality of education and improving learning outcomes in the state.



3. When is Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th January (B) 16th January
(C) 17th January (D) 18th January

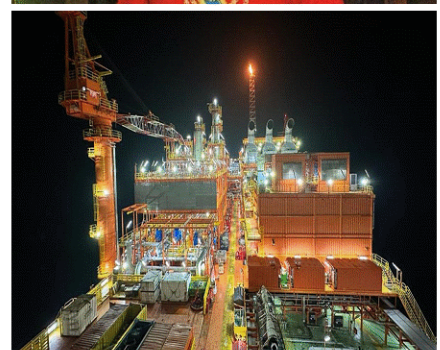
(C) Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti is celebrated every year on 17 January. Guru Gobind Singh founded the Khalsa sect. This is considered the most important event in the history of Sikhs. It was Guru Gobind Singh who declared Guru Granth Sahib as the Guru of the Sikhs. He spent his entire life following the path of human service and truth.



4. By whom is the Krishna Godavari Basin Deep Sea Project in the Bay of Bengal being operated?

- (A) Indian Petroleum (B) Reliance Refinery
(C) ONGC (D) Indian Oil

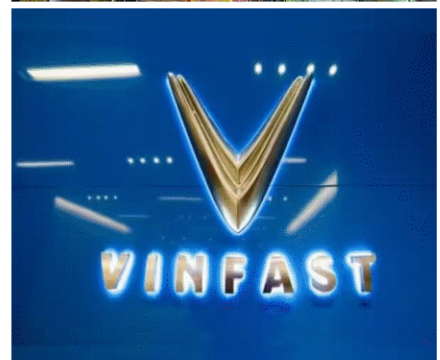
(C) ONGC has started oil production from its flagship deepwater project in the Krishna Godavari Basin in the Bay of Bengal. Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said that 45 thousand barrels of oil per day and more than 10 million standard cubic meters of gas per day are expected to be produced.



5. How many billion dollars was recently invested in Tamil Nadu EV facility in Vietnam?

- (A) 1 billion dollars (B) 2 billion dollars
(C) 3 billion dollars (D) 4 billion dollars

(B) Vietnamese EV giant Vinfast Auto has confirmed a \$2 billion investment in Tamil Nadu, India, confirming its dedication to setting up an integrated electric vehicle facility in the state. Vietnamese electric vehicle giant Vinfast Auto Ltd. made the announcement, revealing plans to set up an integrated electric vehicle facility in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu.



6. According to the recent NSO report, at what percent rate can the Indian economy grow in the year 2024?

- (A) 6.9% (B) 7.1%
(C) 7.3% (D) 8.2%

(C) According to the recent NSO report, the growth rate of the Indian economy is estimated to be 7.3 percent in the financial year 2023-2024. It is estimated that the reason for its increase is the good performance of mining and quarrying, manufacturing and service sectors.



7. Who has recently signed MoU with Indian Railways for green initiatives?

- (A) IIT Kanpur (B) IIT Delhi
(C) CII (D) IIT Madras

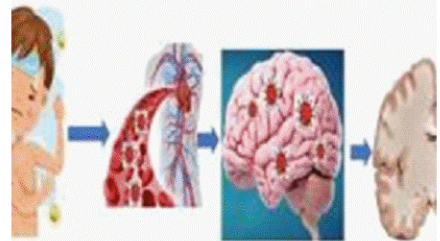
(C) Indian Railways and CII sign MoU for green initiatives. Indian Railways, a major transport player has renewed MoU with CII with a promise to cut energy and water usage, reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



8. Recently, researchers from IIT Mandi and which IIT have engineered plant cells to make cancer drugs.

- (A) IIT Mumbai (B) IIT Madras
(C) IIT Delhi (D) None of these

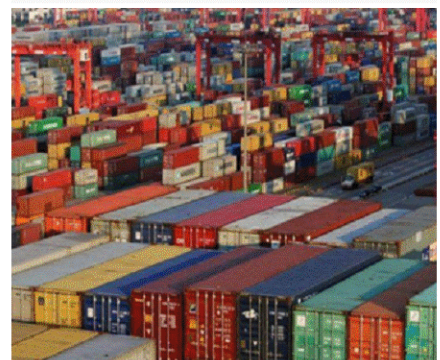
(B) Researchers from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology Madras and Mandi have made a significant achievement in the field of biotechnology. They have successfully metabolically engineered plant cells to boost the production of the anti-cancer drug camptothecin.



9. Recently, India has exported products worth more than how many lakh crores in the financial year 2022-2023.

- (A) 30 (B) 40
(C) 50 (D) 60

(D) Recently, in the financial year 2022-2023, the country's merchandise exports increased by 6.03 percent to a record of \$ 447.46 billion. Petroleum, pharma, chemical and marine products had a major share in this. Goods worth \$422 billion were exported in 2021-2022.



10. Who has recently been appointed as the Executive Director of SEBI?

- (A) Ji Ram Mohan Rao (B) Sumit Sharma
(C) Rahul Kumar (D) None of these

(A) The Securities and Exchange Board of India recently announced the appointment of G Ram Mohan Rao as Executive Director for a tenure of three years. With over 25 years of experience in SEBI, Rao brings a wealth of expertise to his new role.

