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History of 10th December

- ◆ **1950** : **Human Rights Day** was declared. Its purpose is to draw the attention of people around the world towards human rights, so that everyone can be seen with the same eye in every country and community.
- ◆ **1878** : India's famous freedom fighter, journalist and **Sheikhvid Mohammad Ali** was born.
- ◆ **1679** : **Yashwant Singh**, an aristocratic Vaishnava of Aurangzeb's court, died.

Current Affairs Related to 10th December 2024

- ◆ **The government has decided to withdraw the windfall tax on aviation turbine fuel crude oil, petrol and diesel.** This will be a big relief for oil companies like Reliance Industries and ONGC, which have been bearing the burden of this tax since its implementation in July 2022. The removal of tax is expected to increase the profits of these companies. According to the notification of the Ministry of Finance, special additional excise duty will no longer be applicable on the production of petroleum crude and export of ATF, petrol and high speed diesel.
- ◆ **A bill to regulate boilers, protect lives and property from the hazard of explosion of steam boilers and provide uniformity in registration** was approved by the Rajya Sabha. The Boiler Bill 2024 aims to repeal the hundred-year-old Boilers Act 1923. The bill, approved by voice vote in the Upper House, aims to decriminalise seven offences and promote ease of doing business.
- ◆ **China's first atmospheric monitoring station became operational in Antarctica.** The move is aimed at monitoring changes taking place on the southern continent and helping support the global response to climate change. In February, China opened its Ross Sea Scientific Research Station in Antarctica. It also has five other research stations in Antarctica, which were built between 1985 and 2014. Like the United States, China is also expanding its presence in Antarctica and the Arctic to explore polar resources.
- ◆ **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said UNESCO has declared the state as the top destination for heritage tourism.** And this sector has generated employment for lakhs of youth. Minister of State for Tourism Indranil Sen said that a record 2489 homestays have been opened in the state, and 65% of these are located in North Bengal. The Chief Minister also said that the Jagannath temple under construction in Digha will soon be opened to devotees.
- ◆ **The Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change launched Nano Bubble Technology to clean and purify the water of the National Zoological Park in Delhi.** This technology will be effective in cleaning dirty pond water by eliminating algae and similar growth to promote the health of aquatic organisms. The goal of this technology is to keep the water clean, ensuring the health and well-being of aquatic organisms. Clean water prevents foul smell, algae accumulation and color change caused by dirty pond water.
- ◆ **Brain rot has been chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year for 2024.** It reflects concerns about the impact of social media on mental health. It is defined as cognitive decline caused by trivial online content. Six words were shortlisted after a public vote by over 37000 participants. Brain rot is one of them. The other five words are demure, dynamic pricing, lore, romance and slope. The term brain rot is increasingly being used to describe the perceived negative effects of excessive consumption of low-quality online content.
- ◆ **Confederation of Indian Industry organised the 29th CII Partnership Summit 2024 in New Delhi.** The CII Partnership Summit has been held every year since 1995. It is being organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The summit has 61 participating countries, 30 global speakers and 11 international ministers.
- ◆ **Indian National Space Promotion and Authority Centre has been officially recognised as an awarding institution by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.** This recognition will strengthen the vocational education and training landscape in the space sector. IN SPACE is an autonomous agency working under the Department of Space.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Human Rights Day celebrated every year ?

- (A) 10 December (B) 11 December
(C) 12 December (D) 13 December

(A) Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10 December by the international community. It commemorates the day when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Human Rights Day was formally established in 1950, when the General Assembly passed resolution 423 inviting all states and interested organizations to adopt 10 December each year as Human Rights Day.



2. How many depots will be set up by the Indo-Russian joint venture for the Vande Bharat Sleeper Project recently ?

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

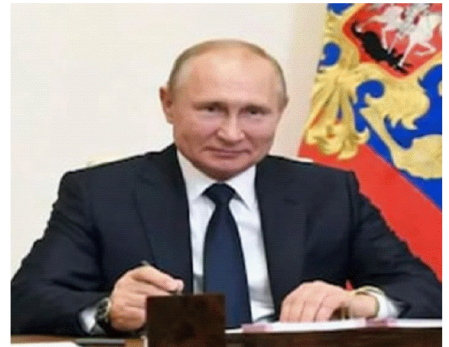
(C) 3 depots will be set up by the Indo-Russian joint venture for the Vande Bharat Sleeper Project recently. India Russia joint venture Kinet has acquired the Marathwada Rail Coach Factory in Latur for the manufacture of Vande Bharat sleeper train sets. Currently, the work of installing equipment is going on in it. And it will be equipped with a state-of-the-art assembly line.



3. Recently, President Vladimir Putin of which country has approved record spending on the army?

- (A) Russia (B) Australia
(C) India (D) China

(A) Russian President Vladimir Putin has approved a big defense budget for 2025. The Russian government has approved \$126 billion for national defense. This is about 32.5 percent of the total government expenditure. This year's budget is about \$28 billion more than last year's defense spending. The war in Ukraine has been the largest military conflict in Europe since World War II.



4. Recently which bank has sanctioned a loan of \$ 188.28 million for the backward classes of Maharashtra?

- (A) SBI (B) RBI
(C) ICICI Bank (D) World Bank

(D) The World Bank has sanctioned a loan of \$ 188.28 million on Maharashtra, which aims to promote economic development in the state's backward classes. This loan has been provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which includes an advanced period of 15 years and a grace period of 5 years. The main focus of this project is to strengthen district sustainable governance.



5. Recently Anna Chakra and SCAN Portal have been launched by whom?

- (A) Pralhad Joshi (B) Nirmala Sitharaman
(C) Amit Shah (D) Narendra Modi

(A) Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Consumer Power Shri Pralhad Joshi launched Anna Central Chakra and SCAN Portal, which is India's Public Distribution System. And the principle is an important step towards modernizing the claim mechanism. The aim is to ensure the supply of show-rooms and electronics of the logistics network of PDS across India.



6. Recently Nepal and which country have signed a framework with China on the Belt and Road Initiative?

- (A) Japan (B) China
(C) Russia (D) India

(B) Nepal and China signed the Execution Framework for the Belt and Road Initiative in Beijing. This has paved the way for the implementation of BRI projects. Foreign Secretary Amrit Bahadur Rai and Liu Sushe of China's National Development and Reform Commission have signed the BRI framework agreement.



7. Recently the 10-year government bond yield has come down to the lowest level in how many years?

- (A) 3 years (B) 4 years
(C) 5 years (D) 6 years

(A) Recently the 10-year government bond yield has come down to a 3-year low. It has reached the lowest level in almost three years due to the expectation of easing of interest rates by the domestic central bank. Data showed that India's economic growth slowed more than expected in the September quarter, following which bond yields fell.



8. Who recently won the Turner Prize for the Alter Alter exhibition?

- (A) Alan Cumming (B) Ewan McGregor
(C) Jasleen Kaur (D) None of these

(C) Jasleen Kaur is a Scottish artist. Her exhibition Alter Alter features a unique installation of a Ford Ascot car decorated with a giant doily. Kaur beat three other finalists, Philippines-born Pio Abad, Manchester-born Claudette Johnson and English artist Delene Le Bas.



9. Which international conference on Value from Waste has been organised by CII recently?

- (A) Second (B) Fourth
(C) Sixth (D) Ninth

(D) CII organised the Ninth International Conference on Value from Waste. The main goal of the conference was to address waste issues using technology, creativity and international collaboration. The second edition of the National Circular Economy Framework was released during the conference. CII created NCEF to help industries create sustainable business strategies.



10. Recently, which state has banned eating beef in public and public places?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Bihar (D) Telangana

(A) Recently, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced an important step for a complete ban on beef shops and stores in restaurants and public places across the state. The purpose of this decision is to control beef hotels and public and commercial places more stably.

