



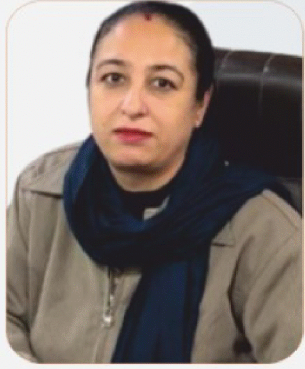
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## History of 28th October

- ◆ **1851** : British Indian Association was established in Bengal.
- ◆ **1627** : Akbar's son Jahangir died.
- ◆ **1867** : Sister Nivedita, disciple of Swami Vivekananda, was born.
- ◆ **1913** : Jain Shvetambara Terhapanthi Sabha was established.

## Current Affairs Related to 28th October 2024

- ◆ **Sister Nivedita, disciple of Swami Vivekananda, was born.** RBI said 28th December 2024: RBI said that India's real GDP growth rate is likely to be 7.2% in the financial year 2024-2025. Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that India's growth is intact as its fundamental drivers consumption and investment demand are gaining momentum. Mr Das said in RBI's monthly bulletin that India's real GDP growth rate is expected to be 7.2% in FY2024-2025.
- ◆ **The curtain lift press conference for the third edition of Swavalamban 2024 Indian Navy Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation** was held in New Delhi. Speaking at the event, Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Deputy Chief of the Indian Navy, said that the Navy has made significant progress in enhancing India's defence capabilities through innovation and indigenisation. Swavalamban 2024 will be held on 28-29 October 2024 at Bharat Paigam, and it promises to be a bigger and more comprehensive event.
- ◆ **India and Pakistan have agreed to extend the Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor Agreement** for another five years. It was signed to facilitate pilgrims from India to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur in Narowal, Pakistan through the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor. The renewal of this agreement will guarantee the continued operation of the corridor so that pilgrims from India can use it to travel to Pakistan to visit the holy Gurdwara.
- ◆ **Members of the Food and Agriculture Organization adopted the Rome Declaration on Water Scarcity in Agriculture.** The Rome Declaration on Water Scarcity in Agriculture aims to address water scarcity and the climate crisis. The Water Scarcity in Agriculture Initiative was launched at the UN Climate Conference in 2016 to support countries in addressing the challenges of water scarcity. Under this declaration, countries have committed to mobilize more political support in terms of policies, legal and institutional frameworks.
- ◆ **Shri Amit Shah addressed the 14th All India Home Guards and Civil Defence Conference** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. According to Shri Amit Shah's address, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed his commitment to make India a fully developed country by 2047. He further said that the service and security aspects of Home Guards and Civil Defence can help in fulfilling the objective of building a developed India.
- ◆ **Paytm has received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India** to add new UPI users. However, the approval is subject to compliance with all procedural guidelines and circulars. In March, NPCI had allowed Paytm to participate in UPI as a third party application provider. RBI cited persistent non-compliance and continued material supervisory concerns.
- ◆ **India's fourth nuclear submarine was launched.** This submarine is larger and more capable than INS Arihant, which was originally a technology demonstrator developed under the Advanced Technology Vessel program. The 'S4' is larger and can carry up to several K4 submarine-launched ballistic missiles. The third SSBN Aridaman is currently undergoing sea trials and is expected to be inducted into service by 2025. It aims to strengthen deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ◆ **Steel Authority of India Limited has received the SHRM, HR Excellence Award.** SAIL has received these awards for Excellence in Inclusion, Equity and Diversity and Excellence in Managing a Distributed Workforce categories. It has received these awards at the SHRM India Annual Conference 2024 held recently in New Delhi. These awards are a testimony to the HR practices and initiatives being undertaken at SAIL. Steel Authority of India Limited was established in 1954. It is India's largest steel producing company.

## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is International Animation Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 28 October (B) 29 October  
(C) 30 October (D) 31 October

(A) International Animation Day is celebrated every year on 28 October to celebrate the art of animation and the artists behind animation. It was created in the year 2002 by the International Animated Film Association, which is a member of UNESCO. 2002 was declared by ASIFA as International Animation Day, honoring the birth of animation, the first public performance of Emile Reynaud's Theatrical Motorcade in Paris on 28 October 1892.



### 2. According to GTRI, India can reach how many billion dollars per year in solar imports while working towards its 2030 renewable targets?

- (A) \$10 billion (B) \$20 billion  
(C) \$30 billion (D) \$40 billion

(C) India is set to add 15 gigawatts to its solar capacity in 2023-24 and the total by September reached 90.8 gigawatts. This is a substantial increase from just 2.8 gigawatts in 2014. The need for India to establish an independent solar manufacturing ecosystem has been underlined by think tank Global Trade Research Initiative.



### 3. Recently, how many games have been removed from the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow in 2026?

- (A) 3 (B) 5  
(C) 7 (D) 9

(D) Recently, badminton, shooting, cricket, hockey, squash, table tennis, wrestling, triathlon and archery have been excluded from the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow in 2026. It was decided to remove these major sports due to lack of budget. There will be only 10 events in the Glasgow Commonwealth and it will be held from 23 July to 2 August 2026.



### 4. Who has recently been awarded the 2024 Global Anti-Racism Championship Award?

- (A) Raghupati Bhatt (B) Kalikesh Singh  
(C) Alok Verma (D) Urmila Chaudhary

(D) Recently, a prominent social activist of Nepal, economist Chaudhary has been awarded the prestigious Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024. This has been conferred on him by Assistant DC by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. During this, a ceremony was organized by the State Department. Economist Chaudhary was ethnically and socially marginalized.



### 5. Who has recently launched the new logo of BSNL?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Jyotiraditya Scindia  
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) None of these

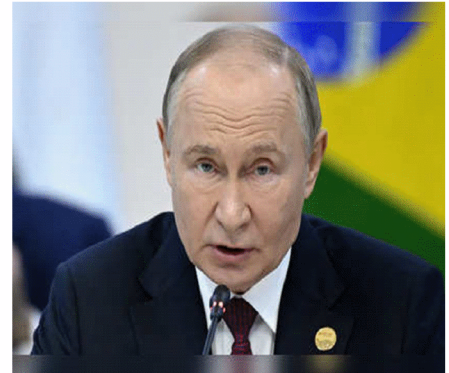
(B) Recently, Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched the new logo of BSNL and seven customer-centric services. Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia officially launched the new logo of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and seven new customer centric services.



6. Which country recently presented the outline of the BRICS grain exchange proposal?

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

(D) Recently, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in his opening statement at the summit of the leaders of the BRICS countries that Russia has proposed the creation of the BRICS grain exchange, which can later be expanded to trade other major commodities. Putin told the leaders that the BRICS countries are among the world's largest grain, legume and oilseed producers.



7. Who has recently become the new CEO of Google?

- (A) Anil Raturi (B) Prabhakar Raghavan  
(C) K. Ranjit Singh (D) None of these

(B) Recently, the world's largest tech company Google has entrusted an important responsibility to Indian IITian Prabhakar Raghavan. Raghavan, who grew up in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is an alumnus of Madras University. Google has appointed him as the Chief Technologist. Prabhakar Raghavan's annual salary package is Rs. 300 crores.



8. Which country has recently been declared malaria-free by WHO?

- (A) Egypt (B) Sudan  
(C) Ethiopia (D) South Africa

(A) Recently, the World Health Organization has officially declared Egypt malaria free. This success of Egypt is the result of its century of efforts. It is worth mentioning that Egypt was battling this disease for centuries, but now this disease has been confined to the pages of history. This is a big milestone for the health sector in this country with a population of more than 10 crores.



9. Who has recently become the new chairman of the Staff Selection Commission?

- (A) Jitendra Singh (B) Alok Verma  
(C) S Gopalakrishnan (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Shri S Gopalakrishnan IAS, who is currently Director General, National Productivity Council, Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission on the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India. He will replace Shri Rakesh Ranjan IAS on voluntary retirement from 31 October 2024.



10. Where was the Phool Walon Ki Sair festival, a symbol of culture and unity, held recently?

- (A) Dehradun (B) New Delhi  
(C) Thiruvananthapuram (D) None of these

(B) The Phool Walon Ki Sair festival in Delhi is considered a symbol of culture and unity of the country. This festival is organized every year by the flower sellers of Delhi. It was started by Mughal emperor Akbar II in 1812. It is a three-day festival and is usually held in the month of September. This festival is held just after the rainy season.

