



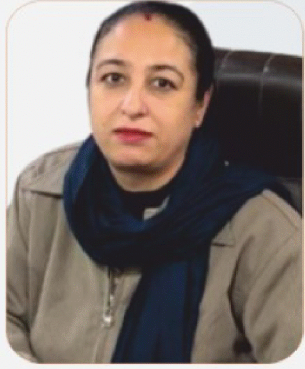
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History of 29th October

- ◆ **1988** : Kamala Devi Chattopadhyay, social reformer, freedom fighter and Gandhian woman of the Renaissance Party in the field of Indian handicraft, died.
- ◆ **1958** : America conducted nuclear tests in Nevada.
- ◆ **2001** : Fantastic tribesmen in Pakistan captured the airstrip, jail and petrol pumps of Chilas town in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.
- ◆ **1999** : A devastating cyclone hit Orissa.

Current Affairs Related to 29th October 2024

- ◆ **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced several juvenile hostels** for the Police Commissionerate, including a 70% increase in boarding hostels and a 25% increase in boarding hostels. The share for training, diet and other expenses of athletes participating in national and international sports events will be increased by an additional Rs 10 crore in the next financial year. The total budget for sports-related expenses will now be Rs 115 crore.
- ◆ **India and Pakistan have agreed to renew their agreement on Netarpur Sahib Mosque** for the next five years. This agreement was signed by Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar a few days after his visit to Islamabad, where he met Pakistan Prime Minister Shahzad Sharif and Deputy Prime Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar. The facility for pilgrims from India and Pakistan has been renewed for the next five years, so that the pilgrimage facility will remain uninterrupted.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India has expanded the alert list of unauthorized foreign exchange shares** by adding 13 new shares, taking the total number to 88. This list includes the names of shares which are not authorized to make delivery in forex or operate electronic trading platforms under the Foreign Exchange Management Act 1999.
- ◆ **The new UPI bank has received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India**, ending a nine-month ban on its shares by the Reserve Bank of India. The announcement is expected to increase the volume of crowd in UPI and strengthen its market position. In January 2024, RBI had banned the addition of new UPI customers. Due to this, the company's UPI market share increased from 13% to 7%. In March, the shareholders were allowed to work as a recognized party holiday provider, partnering with four banks SBI, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and Yes Bank.
- ◆ **The chairman of the bank, Mohammad Muizzu, has announced the implementation of India's Uni Pyramid Patriots** to improve the business economy and coaching financial inclusion and transaction. This is part of a broader strategy to strengthen ties with India, in which President Muizzu first took a stand against the Indian military presence.
- ◆ **The central government in an official order said that it has abolished the export tax on parboiled rice.** Stocks have increased in India, the world's largest exporter of grains, and the country is expected to have a bumper crop after abundant monsoon rains. The decision to remove the tax comes after the move to reduce the duty from 20% to 10% last month to boost exports. The government also approved the resumption of exports of non-basmati white rice in September 2024.
- ◆ **Steel Writers of India Limited organized the Excellence in Inclusion, Efficiency & Diversity** and Excellence in Distributed Workforce Management at the prestigious ASH RAM India Annual Conference 2024 in New Delhi. The awards are a testimony to the leading HR initiatives and initiatives being adopted by SAIL for the overall development of the organization's workforce at its various plants and units across the country. The company makes its employees the core of its success and all its employees the focal point.
- ◆ **Vietnam's parliament has elected army general Luong Cuong as the new head of state**, marking a significant step towards stability after a period of political turmoil. The National Assembly elected Cuong to replace Tom Lam as president, who remained president after being appointed as the Communist Party's Republican leader in August. Luong Cuong's election is widely seen as a major step towards bringing stability to Vietnam's political landscape.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be organized by Odisha in Bhubaneswar from when to when?

- (A) 8 to 10 November 2024 (B) 8 to 10 January 2025
(C) 8 to 10 March 2025 (D) 8 to 10 December 2025

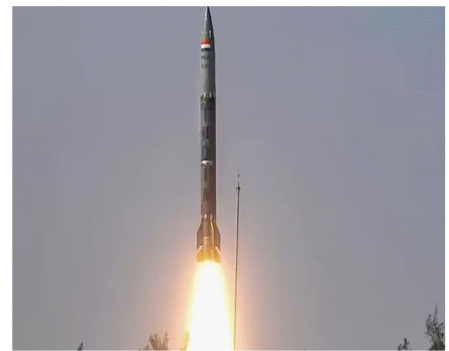
(B) Recently, the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be organized by Odisha in Bhubaneswar from 8 to 10 January 2025. In this regard, the proposal sent by the Union Ministry of External Affairs has been approved by Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. President Draupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several Union Ministers and other dignitaries including the Chief Minister of Odisha will attend this program.



2. Recently in which state India will develop a new missile testing range?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Kerala
(C) Telangana (D) Karnataka

(A) Recently, the establishment of a new missile test range in Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh has been approved under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The initiative aims to strengthen India's defense powers, especially for strategic missile testing. This new facility will focus on surface-to-air missiles, anti-tank missiles and other advanced squadrons under the Defense Research and Development Organization.



3. Who will be awarded the Kalidas Samman award recently?

- (A) Alok Ranjan (B) Kalikesh Singh
(C) Raghupati Bhatt (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government has selected the city's artist Raghupati Bhatt for the prestigious Kalidas Samman of the year 2023 for his contribution in the field of painting. Under this award, a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh and a citation will be given. This award will be given to Raghupati Bhatt at a ceremony organized in Ujjain on November 12.



4. Recently India and Pakistan have extended the Kartarpur Corridor till when?

- (A) 2026 (B) 2027
(C) 2028 (D) 2029

(D) 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 uninterrupted operation of the corridor.



5. Which country has recently become the 69th member of ADB?

- (A) Israel (B) Brazil
(C) North Korea (D) South Africa

(A) In a significant development in the international financial assistance sector, Israel has recently become the latest non-regional member of the Asian Development Bank. The Manila-based financial institution announced the news, which is a major step for Israel to expand its global base and economic reach. Israel officially assumed appointment as the 69th member and 20th non-regional member of the Asian Development Bank, completing all the necessary institutions.



6. Who has been appointed as the first woman CEO of HSBC recently?

- (A) Pam Kor (B) Subhashree
(C) Ranjita Sen (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Pam Kor has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer by HSBC. This appointment of Pam Kor of Indian origin is also special because for the first time in the history of 160 years, HSBC has selected a woman for this. Indians dominate the world and the command of many big companies is in the hands of people of Indian origin.



7. Recently the Pravasi Parichay 2024 program has been organized in the Indian Embassy of which country?

- (A) Yemen (B) Oman
(C) Israel (D) Saudi Arabia

(D) Recently, the 2024 edition of the Embassy's flagship diaspora engagement program Pravasi Parichay was inaugurated by the Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Suhail Ejaz Khan, in the Embassy Auditorium in Riyadh. The week-long cultural festival kicked off with a specially curated event titled Classical Languages of India aimed at highlighting the rich linguistic diversity of the country.



8. Who has recently won the 24th National Para Swimming Championship?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Rajasthan
(C) New Delhi (D) Madhya Pradesh

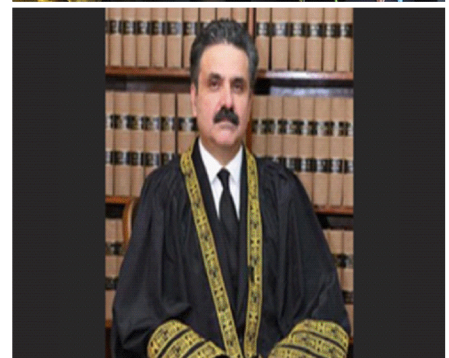
(A) Karnataka recently won the 24th National Para Swimming Championship. In which the winner topped the competition by becoming the overall champion with a total of 392 points. In this competition, the scores of the top positions were assessed, in which Maharashtra stood second with 378 points, while Rajasthan stood third with 248 points.



9. Recently Justice Yahya Afridi has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of which country?

- (A) Maldives (B) Bangladesh
(C) Pakistan (D) Sri Lanka

(C) Recently, the three most senior judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan nominated the next Chief Justice in a special parliamentary committee meeting. During this, the committee chose Rata Yahya Afridi as the next Chief Justice. Law Minister Azam Nazir Tariq said that the nomination of Republic Afridi has been sent to the Prime Minister with a two-thirds majority.



10. Where was the United Nations Biodiversity Conference held recently?

- (A) Singapore (B) Colombia
(C) Malaysia (D) Bhutan

(B) Recently, the United Nations Biodiversity Conference was held in Colombia, in which environmental leaders from about 200 countries participated. This important gathering is being held with the aim of assessing historical surveys to prevent and reverse the loss of biodiversity. The meeting was held following the Kunming Montreal Global Tribal Diversity Agreement signed by 196 countries, an ambitious agreement to protect the planet's diverse ecosystems.

