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History of 4th December

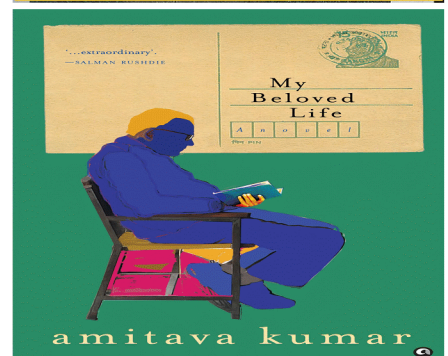
- ◆ **1829** : **Viceroy Lord William Bentinck** abolished the practice of Sati
- ◆ **1888** : Historian **Ramesh Chandra Majumdar** was born.
- ◆ **1898** : Famous **Indian physicist Sargam Chandra** was born.
- ◆ **1959** : **Gandak** Selection and Power Project was signed between **India and Nepal**.
- ◆ **1971** : Indian Navy attacked **Pakistan Navy** and **Karachi**.

Current Affairs Related to 4th December 2024

- ◆ **The mega finals of the Indian Premier League 2025** took place on **November 24 and 25** in **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**. Held at the **Abadi Al Johar Arena**, the two-day event provided an opportunity for the **10 IPL teams** to rebuild and strengthen their battle for the next three seasons. The **IPL mega lottery**, held once every three years, has released a release to refresh its roster by selecting players from a pool of **577 cricket players**, including **367 Indian** and **210 foreign** players.
- ◆ **India and Bosnia and Herzegovina held the 4th Foreign Office Consultations in Sarajevo**, led by **Additional Secretary Kumar Arun Chaudhary** from India and **Tarik Bukvic**, Head of the Department for Asia and Africa from Bosnia. The discussions focused on **political cooperation, trade and investment, scientific cooperation, strengthening cultural engagement and strengthening engagement among students and youth**.
- ◆ **The Gujarat government has launched the Handicraft and Rural Industry Policy 2024** to unite the handicraft and rural industry, preserve handicrafts, and increase their presence in the domestic and global market. The policy focuses on promoting local enterprises through initiatives such as **credit support enhancement, development of miniatures and ODOP scheme and GI tagging**.
- ◆ **The 2024 OPCW Hague Prize was awarded to the Indian Chemical Council during the 29th session** of the Conference of State Parties of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Parties and experts associated with the chemical industry from around the world were present at the event. This is the first time that the award has recognized the efforts of a chemical industry body.
- ◆ **The central government has taken steps to promote the famous tourist destinations** of the country. For this, **40 coal sales worth more than Rs 3295 crore** in **23 states** have been approved by the Center.
- ◆ **Israel's Security Cabinet has approved a ceasefire agreement with Iran-backed Hezbollah**. This will pave the way for ending the conflict in Lebanon. The United States played an important role in this ceasefire agreement. Under this agreement, **Israeli troops will be withdrawn from southern Lebanon** and the **Lebanese army will be deployed in the region**. According to the ceasefire agreement, the **Lebanese army will deploy about 5000 soldiers in the southern region**.
- ◆ **Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched several state economic empowerment initiatives** to improve the state's tourism, transport, agriculture and entrepreneurship sectors. These include **Ura Cabs, Nagaland Tourism Connect, Hornbill Edition and Digital Piggery Insurance**. **Ura Cabs** is a domestic taxi aggregation platform designed to provide seamless travel experience to tourists and stable income opportunities for local taxi operators.
- ◆ **India and Japan inaugurated their first dialogue on economic security in Tokyo, with a focus on enhancing industrial and technology resilience**. Strategic trade and technology were discussed in the dialogue, attended by senior officials and experts from both countries. The meeting was co-chaired by **India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Mistry** and **Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister Masataka Okana** and was attended by representatives from key ministries and agencies.
- ◆ **Kerala was adjudged the best maritime state and Kollam the best maritime district in the Union Fisheries Ministry Awards**. The state has been selected for this award in view of its extensive intervention in the fisheries sector. **Kerala's record growth in marine fish production, unique schemes for the development of fishermen and the fisheries sector, and transparent and timely implementation of centrally initiated schemes** were some of the factors considered for the award.

National & International Current Affairs

- 1. When is Indian Navy Day celebrated every year?**
 (A) 2 December (B) 3 December
 (C) 4 December (D) 5 December
(C) Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year on 4 December to commemorate the achievements of India's naval forces and their role in the nation. The Indian Navy consists of the Civil Navy and the Military Navy which is headed by the President of India. Operation Trident was launched against Pakistan on 4 December 1971 during the war between India and Pakistan.
- 2. Which state has recently approved an investment of Rs 1.36 lakh crore?**
 (A) Kerala (B) Odisha
 (C) Karnataka (D) Telangana
(B) The Odisha government approved 20 major investment companies worth Rs 1.36 lakh crore in nine sectors, indicating a strong quarter for economic growth. These documents are expected to generate more than 74,350 unemployed, which will contribute to the development of industrial and wholesale industries in the state.
- 3. Who has recently become the world's number 1 bowler in the ICC Test rankings?**
 (A) Jaspreet Bumrah (B) Kagiso Rabada
 (C) Josh Hazlewood (D) None of these
(A) India's star fast bowler Jaspreet Bumrah, who wreaked havoc in the first match of the five-match Test series against Australia recently, has become the world's number 1 bowler in Test cricket. After the first Test match played between India and Australia in Perth, the International Cricket Council released the latest ranking of bowlers in Test cricket.
- 4. Recently the central bank of which country has announced to start overnight policy rate at 8 percent?**
 (A) Nepal (B) Maldives
 (C) Sri Lanka (D) India
(C) Recently the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has introduced a single overnight share rating of 8%, which gives support to the country's shareholders and also indicates normalization. This step is after the severe financial crisis and the ongoing debt restructuring process.
- 5. Recently the book 'Dal Thasvamak Sapmi' written by whom has been released?**
 (A) Amitav Kumar (B) Devendra Kumar
 (C) Manik Kotwal (D) None of these
(A) It is the story of a small village man of Bihar, Jadunath Jadu Kunwar and his daughter Jugnu, who face the story of life in childhood from Amit Tej. The novel portrays their journey of love, loss, and growth, while also highlighting important historical events that shaped the country.



6. Recently, who has unveiled the new cottage and rural industry policy?

- (A) Haryana (B) Gujarat
(C) Punjab (D) Rajasthan

(B) Recently, the Gujarat government unveiled the new cottage and rural industry policy in Gandhinagar. Its aim is to create more than 12 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities in this sector in the next five years. The policy was formally unveiled by Cottage Industries Minister Balwant Singh Rajput and Minister of State for Cottage Industries Jagdish Panchal.



7. Recently, goalkeeper Alyssa Neher of which country has announced her retirement?

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

(D) Recently, US women's national team goalkeeper Alyssa Neher has announced her retirement from international football at the age of 36. Neher recorded 12 clean sheets in 22 matches in the World Cup and Olympics and conceded only 12 goals. Two-time World Cup winner Neher earned her 100th cap this year after a decade of service for the national team.



8. Who has been appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Health recently?

- (A) Ashok Chandra (B) Dr. Jay Bhattacharya
(C) Vinod Kumar (D) None of these

(B) Recently, America's newly elected President Donald Trump appointed Stanford School of Medicine professor and Indian-origin Jay Bhattacharya as the Director of the National Institute of Health. Bhattacharya said that he would reform scientific institutions so that they could become credible again.



9. Who has been nominated by Donald Trump as the Special Envoy for Russia and Ukraine recently?

- (A) Keith Kellogg (B) Mike Waltz
(C) Susie Wills (D) None of these

(A) Recently, America's newly elected President Donald Trump gave a chance to another new face in his team. He announced the appointment of retired US General Keith Kellogg as special envoy for Russia and Ukraine. Donald Trump has been elected as the President of America. He will take office on January 20 next year.



10. Recently, which country has signed the Riyadh Design Law Treaty to promote inclusive development?

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

(D) Recently, the member countries of the World Heritage Property Organization added the historic Design Law Treaty after almost two decades of intense deliberations. By signing the final act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty, India furthers its progress to promote inclusive development and ensure protection to ensure equitable access.

