



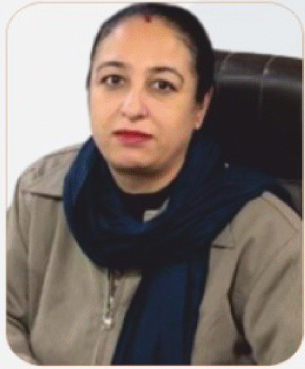
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## History of 5th December

- ◆ **1857** : **Shah Jahan's** younger son Muhammad declared himself **emperor**.
- ◆ **1946** : **Privatisation organization** was established in India.
- ◆ **1950** : **India** became a **protected** state.
- ◆ **1997** : **Lumbini**, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, Pompeii and Hermetic sites in Italy, Sher Shah Suri built **Rohtas Fort in Pakistan** and **Sundarbans** in Bangladesh displayed, including world reserves.

## Current Affairs Related to 5th December 2024

- ◆ **Pankaj Tripathi** has been named the brand ambassador of **Madhya Pradesh Tourism**. The Madhya Pradesh government is planning to develop 50 off-beat destinations to attract more tourists. The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Department aims to promote the rich features of the state, ranging from wildlife sanctuaries and UNESCO World Heritage Sites to spiritual and cultural sites. Madhya Pradesh Tourism and Pankaj Tripathi are all set to invite travellers to visit the state.
- ◆ **Raj Kumar Chaudhary, MD of hydropower giant NHPC, has been given the additional charge** of Chairman of SJVN Limited. Chaudhary is currently working as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC. He has extensive experience in the power sector and hydropower development. He has expertise and in-depth knowledge in all aspects of hydropower project development. He joined NHPC in 1989 as a probationary executive at Koel Karo Hydroelectric Project in Jharkhand.
- ◆ **India successfully tested the K-4 submarine-launched nuclear missile from INS Arighat**. It has a range of 3500 kilometers. The test was conducted in the Bay of Bengal near Visakhapatnam. The K-4 missile, which runs on solid fuel, was launched from a 6000-ton submarine. The first test of the missile was carried out by INS Arighat, which was put into service on August 29.
- ◆ **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar released his book Why India Matters at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library in Dubai, UAE**. During the event, Dr Jaishankar reflected on the complex interplay of global and domestic factors that shaped the themes and key messages of his book. Dr Jaishankar's first book was titled The India Way, but he chose the word India for his second book to capture the authentic voice and spirit of the changing Indian society.
- ◆ **Guidelines on flexible duration degrees for graduate students were approved by UGC**. The University Grants Commission had approved a standard operating protocol for accelerated degree programs. Now students pursuing undergraduate degree programs will have the facility to finish their degree earlier or extend it beyond the prescribed period. Students can use this option to shorten or extend their period of study depending on their learning abilities.
- ◆ **The three-day National Postal Exhibition BIPEX 2024 was held at Gyan Bhawan in Patna, Bihar**. The knowledge invested in postage stamps should be passed on to the next generation. Mr. Arlekar said that postage stamps are an important medium to integrate our tradition, culture and history. Mr. Arlekar also released two books Glory of Bihar and Postal Heritage of Bihar written by Chief Post Master General of Bihar Anil Kumar.
- ◆ **India and Russia agreed to increase joint military exercises**. The 4th meeting of the Working Group on Military Cooperation under the India Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation concluded successfully in Moscow, Russia. The meeting is an important milestone in advancing the long term strategic partnership between the two countries. The Working Group emphasized the importance of continued knowledge sharing and cooperation in areas of strategic interest. The Declaration on India Russia Strategic Partnership was signed in the year 2000.
- ◆ **All India Directors General of Police and Inspectors General of Police Conference held in Bhubaneswar**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the All India Directors General of Police and Inspectors General of Police Conference in Bhubaneswar. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and several other dignitaries attended the summit. The conference focused on national security challenges and emerging responsibilities of police forces.

## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is World Soil Day celebrated every year ?

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

(C) World Soil Day is celebrated every year on 5 December, with the aim of focusing attention on the importance of healthy soils and advocating for the sustainable use of soil resources. An international day to celebrate soils was recommended in 2002 by the International Union of Soil Sciences. In December 2013, the United Nations General Assembly responded by declaring 5 December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day.



### 2. When is International Volunteer Day celebrated every year ?

- (A) 4 December (B) 5 December  
(C) 6 December (D) 7 December

(B) International Volunteer Day is celebrated every year on 5 December. It was passed by resolution in the United Nations General Assembly on 17 December 1985. This day is a global celebration of people's cooperation in making change at all levels. International Volunteer Day is known for economic and social development.



### 3. Recently, India's milk production has increased by how much percent in 2023-2024?

- (A) 3.78% (B) 4.29%  
(C) 5.62% (D) 6.78%

(A) According to the Factory Animal Husbandry Statistics 2024 report, India's milk production is projected to increase by 3.78%, reaching 239.30 million tonnes in 2023-2024, regaining its starting position as the world's largest milk producer. This growth is attributed to the better heritage of dairy farmers and the increase in milk production per capita.



### 4. Recently IIT Kanpur has developed untraceable stealth technology?

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

(D) Recently IIT Kanpur has developed a state-of-the-art stealth technology called untraceable metamaterial surface cloaking system. This system reduces radar detection, thereby enhancing national security by making objects invisible to radar systems.



### 5. Recently Masato Kanda has been elected as the 11th President of which bank?

- (A) NDB (B) ADB  
(C) BRICS Bank (D) None of these

(B) Recently the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank has elected Masato Kanda as the President of ADB. He is currently working as a special advisor to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Japan. He will serve the remainder of President Asakawa's term, which expires on November 23, 2026. ADB is established as a regional development bank.



**6. Who has been awarded Singapore's highest art honour recently?**

- (A) G. Retnam (B) Devendra Kumar  
(C) Manik Kotwal (D) None of these

**(A)** Recently, classical musician Dhanvenothan Ratnam has been awarded Singapore's highest art honour, the Cultural Medallion, for his contribution to Indian music. Ratnam, the first Indian classical musician to receive the Cultural Medallion, has advocated Indian classical music for over 40 years.



**7. Recently, the Ministry of Mines has won which medal for excellence at IITF 2024?**

- (A) Silver (B) Bronze  
(C) Gold (D) None of these

**(C)** Recently, the Ministry of Mines won the Gold Medal for outstanding performance at IITF 2024. The pavilion of the Ministry of Mines has been awarded the first place for excellence in performance among 49 ministries at the Indian International Trade Fair 2024. In which more than 80,000 visitors came.



**8. Recently, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won which medal for excellence in IITF 2024?**

- (A) Gold (B) Bronze  
(C) Silver (D) None of these

**(B)** Recently, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been awarded the bronze medal under the Strong India category for outstanding performance in the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF 2024) held at Bharat Mandapam Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.



**9. Who has been awarded the Rochdale Pioneers Award of the ICA recently?**

- (A) US Awasthi (B) Ashok Chandra  
(C) Vinod Kumar (D) None of these

**(A)** ICA President Ariel Guarca gave this award to Dr. Awasthi during a special ceremony at the ICA Global Cooperative Conference being held for the first time in India. IFFCO Limited is hosting the ICA General Assembly and Global Cooperative Conference 2024 in partnership with ICA and Union Ministry of Cooperatives.



**10. Where has the Syed Modi International 2024 Badminton Tournament started recently?**

- (A) Jaipur (B) Bhopal  
(C) Lucknow (D) Indore

**(C)** Recently PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will face their opponents in the title race in the singles of the Syed Modi India International HSBC World Tour Super 300 Badminton Championship 2024. On this occasion, PV Sindhu's father will also be present at the Babu Banarasi Das Badminton Academy and would also like to see his daughter become a champion.

