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History of 8th December

- ◆ **2002** : Cow urine was introduced to the United States after the traditional biodiversity of India, neem, turmeric and jain.
- ◆ **2005** : Rue Redcross and Redcree St Society accepted a red crystal as an additional base.
- ◆ **1721** : The famous Peshwa of the Maratha Empire, Balaji Bajirao, was born.
- ◆ **1947** : Bhai Paramanand, the great revolutionary of the Indian freedom struggle, passed away.

Current Affairs Related to 8th December 2024

- ◆ The government is planning to bring out a national policy document on women labor force participation. The government will bring out a national policy document on women's labor force participation, with a focus on providing a viable care economy structure-like environment. A team from the Ministries of Skill Development, Labour, Rural Development and Women and Child Development is working on it. The document will focus on building caregiving infrastructure to promote women's participation in the labor market.
- ◆ The government will revise the base year for GDP calculation from 2011.2012 to 2022.2023. The government has set up an advisory committee on national accounting statistics to facilitate this change. The committee has members from the central and state governments, RBI, academia and research institutes. ACNAS will identify new data sources. It will give recommendations on the methodology for compiling the national accounts in the revised series.
- ◆ The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index fell to 56.5 in November 2024. Inflation hit the manufacturing sector in November. Job creation was good though. The PMIs are based on a survey of purchasing managers of Manufacturing 400 companies. According to the survey report, input cost inflation accelerated in the third fiscal quarter. Factory employment in India increased for the ninth consecutive month during November, the report on jobs said.
- ◆ The government updated the forest area statistics and implemented forest conservation amendments. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has announced an important update in the country's forest sector assessment. The Forest Survey of India will now use the updated base year of 2022.2023 instead of the previous base year of 2011.2012 to compile gross domestic product and forest area data. The government also announced amendments to the Forest Act 1980 in response to emerging environmental concerns.
- ◆ The fourth edition of the Harimau Shakti exercise between India and Malaysia began. The 78-strong Indian contingent of the Mahar Regiment will participate in the exercise. 123 personnel from the Royal Malaysian Regiment will represent the Malaysian detachment. The main objective of the exercise is to enhance the joint military capacity of both sides to conduct counter-terrorism operations in jungle areas. The exercise will be held till December 15, 2024.
- ◆ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Solar Alliance signed a project implementation agreement to implement new solar projects in Fiji, Comoros, Madagascar and Seychelles. The Wilmington Declaration, released at the Quad Leaders Summit in Delaware USA, said the Quad countries will work together through policy and public finance. This enables allies and partners to deliver on their commitment to catalyze complementary and high-standard private sector investment in clean energy supply chains.
- ◆ A recent study by Oxford University's Said Business School hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Progress Infrastructure Monitoring System, which has been instrumental in accelerating 340 projects worth \$205 billion across India, driving economic transformation have contributed to Soumitra Datta, Dean of SBS, explains how leadership from gridlock to growth powers progress to India's progress ecosystem.
- ◆ India's organic food product exports have reached \$448 million. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority provides financial assistance to its member exporters for the export of organic food products. APIDA is implementing the National Organic Production Programme. These include the recognition of certification bodies, the development of standards for organic products and the promotion of organic farming and marketing. Under this programme, there are 1016 organic certified processing units in India.

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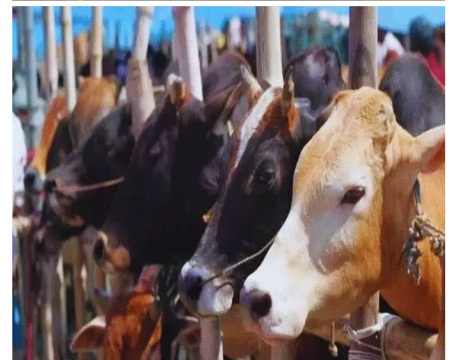
1. When is Bodhi Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 6 December (B) 7 December
(C) 8 December (D) 9 December
(C) Buddha Bodhi Day is a Buddhist holiday celebrated on December 8 every year. On this day, Lord Buddha Siddhartha Gautama experienced enlightenment, also known as Bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali. According to tradition, Gotama Buddha had sat under a peepal tree and meditated for many years to find a solution to the cause of sufferings in human life.



2. Which state will launch an insurance scheme to cover the entire cattle population recently?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Punjab
(B) Recently, Kerala Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry Minister J Chinchurani said that preparations are underway to launch a comprehensive insurance scheme to benefit all cattle in the state. He said that the veterinary ambulance service would be extended to all the block panchayats of the state, and Rs 22 crore would also be earmarked for the maintenance of calves.



3. Which state government has recently declared the Mahakumbh Mela area as a new district?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Kerala
(B) Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has taken an important step and declared the Mahakumbh Mela area as a new district, which will be named Mahakumbh Mela District. It has already been announced to hold the Mahakumbh Mela in January 2025. The purpose of this decision is to streamline the Kumbh and logistical principles for organizing the Kumbh Mela, making it easy for the millions of pilgrims coming from the beaches to organize the fair.



4. ADB has recently signed a \$98 million loan agreement with which country for plant management?

- (A) Japan (B) Singapore
(C) America (D) India
(D) Recently, the Government of India and the Asian Development Bank signed a \$98 million loan to improve horticultural farmers' access to certified disease-free topicals, thereby improving their crop yield, quality and climate impact in the stock market. Improved. The loan for India's silk plant construction program was signed by Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Kai Wei Yeo, Officer-in-charge of ADB's India Resident Mission on behalf of ADB.



5. Which bank has launched Pragati Savings Account recently?

- (A) BOB (B) HDFC Bank
(C) Yes Bank (D) Axis Bank
(B) The bank has recently launched Pragati Savings Account facility for customers in rural and semi-urban areas. The bank's Country Progress Savings Account facility has been launched. The bank's country head payment Parag Rao said that 51 per cent of the bank's branches are in semi-urban and rural areas. Pragati Savings Account aims to build comprehensive banking system for the agricultural sector.



6. Who was recently reappointed as WTO Director-General?

- (A) Qiu Dongyu (B) Abdullah Al Mandos
(C) Ngozi Okonji Iwel (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, congratulated Ngozi Okonji Ewela on his reappointment as Director-General of the World Trade Organization for a second term. The WTO announced that the General Council of the World Trade Organization unanimously approved Dr. Ngozi Okonji Iwela agreed to be reappointed as Director-General for a second four-year term.



7. In which state has recently been launched Bus Sangwari App.

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Assam
(C) Jharkhand (D) Odisha

(A) Recently, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai launched the app in a meeting of Chhattisgarh Rajru Road Safety Council. The app is just a friend app. CM Sai said the Bus Sangwari app will be very convenient for bus passengers, especially those from remote areas.



8. Which country has recently opened the first management supervision center in Antarctica?

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

(B) Recently China inaugurated its first controlled control station in Antarctica, which includes important details of the research presence on the continent. Located in the Larsman Hills of East Antarctica, Zhongshan National Central Bank aims to provide shareholders with sustainable and exceptional reliability that provides valuable data on the impact of human activity on climate change and the environment.



9. According to recent data, how much has the number of tigers in India increased?

- (A) 1411 (B) 1820
(C) 2823 (D) 3682

(D) The effort of material conservation in India has achieved a great achievement. According to recent data, the number of tigers in the country has reached 3682. The number of tigers recorded in this picture is 1411 in 2006, almost double. This much-anticipated boom has once again made India a global leader in the field of tiger conservation.



10. Who did Donald Trump recently appoint to head the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

- (A) Tulsi Gabbard (B) Kash Patel
(C) Keith Calog (D) None of these

(B) Recently wrote Donald Trump posting on the social media platform Truth I am proud to announce that Kashyap Kash Patel will serve as the next director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Kash Patel is considered quite close to Trump. Patel became a member of the House Parliamentary Select Committee on Intelligence in 2017.

