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History of December 1

- ◆ **1933** : Air service started between Kolkata and Dhaka.
- ◆ **1963** : Nagaland became the 16th state of India.
- ◆ **1965** : The Border Security Force was established
- ◆ **1885** : India's famous Gandhian freedom fighter, educationist, journalist and writer Kaka Kalelkar was born.
- ◆ **1991** : AIDS Awareness Day started
- ◆ **1959** : The first color photograph of the Earth was taken from outer space.

Current Affairs Related to 1 December

- ◆ Indian citizens will get visa free entry into Malaysia from December 1. Now Indian citizens can stay in Malaysia without visa for 30 days. Along with India, citizens of China will also be allowed visa-free entry into Malaysia from December 1. Malaysia has taken this step to promote additional tourist arrivals with the aim of increasing economic growth.
- ◆ Mastercard and U Grow Capital are collaborating to provide an end-to-end digital supply chain financing solution for India's MSMEs. Mastercard, a leading global technology company in the payments industry, has formed a strategic partnership with U Grow Capital, a non-banking finance company specializing in micro, small and medium enterprises financing. The collaboration aims to provide financing solutions to small businesses in India, thereby addressing the long-standing challenge faced by MSMEs of limited access to capital.
- ◆ India and the European Union signed an MoU on Semiconductors to establish a strong supply chain and align both sectors with global developments in the semiconductor industry. This collaborative effort aims to establish a strong supply chain, foster innovation, and align both regions with global developments in the semiconductor industry.
- ◆ The Indian rupee closed at a new low of 83.38 against the US dollar, a marginal decline from its previous close of 83.34. The reason for this decline was the increasing demand for dollars from oil companies and the intervention of the Reserve Bank of India to reduce the sharp decline.
- ◆ Berkshire Hathaway, backed by world renowned investor Warren Buffet, sold its entire 2.46 percent stake in Paytm's parent company One97 Communications in the open market for Rs 1371 crore. The investment on his behalf was made in Paytm five years ago. This deal has been done with the help of JP Morgan.
- ◆ Bandhan Bank approved the reappointment of Chandrashekhar Ghosh as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for three years. If the Reserve Bank approves this proposal, the reappointment will be effective from July 10, 2024. The bank said in the information given to the stock exchange that the approval of the board of directors for reappointment is dependent on the approval of the Reserve Bank of India and the shareholders of the bank.
- ◆ The Asian Development Bank's \$170 million loan for Kochi's water modernization project aims to improve urban living, ensure access to clean water, and enhance climate resilience. The Asian Development Bank has approved a substantial loan of \$170 million to promote the modernization of water supply services in Kochi, a rapidly growing city in the south Indian state of Kerala.
- ◆ Between 2001 and 2003, the US allocated \$677 billion in aid to 213 countries, with Afghanistan, Israel, and Iraq topping the list of recipients over the past two decades. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United States will emerge as the leading aid provider in 2022. Data from ForeignAssistance.gov an official platform of the US government, reveals insights about the patterns and destinations of US aid between 2001 and 2023.
- ◆ The acquisition of Chaitanya India Fin Credit by Swatantra Microfin establishes it as India's second largest microfinance company. Ananya Birla-founded Swatantra Microfin Pvt Ltd is set to acquire Chaitanya India Fin Credit Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Sachin Bansal's Navi Group, in a significant deal worth Rs 1,479 crore.
- ◆ Scientists have detected a rare and extremely high-energy particle falling on Earth, which is surprising because it is coming from an empty region of space.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World AIDS Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1 December (B) 2 December
(C) 3rd December (D) 4th December

(A) World AIDS Day is celebrated every year on 1 December. The purpose of which is to raise awareness of the AIDS epidemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, and to mourn those who have died from this disease. The first World AIDS Day was celebrated in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS and honor those affected by the epidemic.



2. Recently, where will the Hornbill Festival 2023 be celebrated?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Assam
(C) Maharashtra (D) Nagaland

(D) Hornbill Festival is celebrated in Nagaland between 1 and 10 December. In which the culture of Nagaland can be seen. Various types of Naga dishes, folk dances and stories are a special part of this festival. The most special thing about the Hornbill Festival is that tourists from all over the country and abroad come to participate in this festival.



3. When is Border Security Force Foundation Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1 December (B) 2 December
(C) 3rd December (D) 4th December

(A) Border Security Force BSF is going to celebrate its 59th Raising Day on 1st December. The Border Security Force is a major armed police force of India and the largest border guarding force in the world. Which was formed on 1 December 1965. It works under the Home Ministry of the Government of India.



4. Which country will recently chair the International Sugar Organization?

- (A) India (B) Canada
(C) America (D) Pakistan

(A) The International Sugar Organization announced in its 63rd Council meeting that India will be the Chair of the organization for the year 2024. The headquarters of this organization is in London. Leading the global sugar sector is a major achievement for the country and reflects the country's growing stature in the region.



5. Recently, RBI has imposed a fine of how many crores of rupees on Citibank, Bank of Baroda, Indian Overseas Bank.

- (A) Rs 5.3 crore (B) Rs 7.9 crore
(C) Rs 10 crore (D) Rs 10.34 crore

(D) Reserve Bank of India imposed a total fine of Rs 10.34 crore on Citi Bank, Bank of Baroda and Indian Overseas Bank. The Reserve Bank said in a statement that the maximum penalty of Rs 5 crore has been imposed on Citibank, NA for non-compliance with the rules related to Depositor Education and Awareness Fund Scheme and the code of conduct in outsourcing of financial services.





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6. Who has recently been nominated by FICCI as its elected president?

- (A) Meera Murati (B) Deepti Babuta
(C) Anish Shah (D) None of these

(C) The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the country's oldest and largest industry body, is all set to welcome Anish Shah as its elected president. This important announcement was made during the FICCI National Executive Committee meeting which highlighted Shah's important role in shaping the future of the apex chamber.



7. Which country's cricketer Imad Wasim has recently retired from international cricket?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Pakistan
(C) India (D) Afghanistan

(B) Pakistan's spin all-rounder Imad Wasim announced his retirement from international cricket. The 34-year-old player has played 55 ODIs and 66 T20 matches for Pakistan so far. Imad did not get a place in the test squad. He last represented Pakistan in a T20 match against New Zealand in April this year.



8. Which state government has recently started the Hot Cooked Meal Scheme at Anganwadi Centers?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka

(A) Dry ration of rice, porridge, wheat etc. is given to children at Anganwadi centres. UP CM Yogi Adityanath has launched the Hot Cooked Meal Scheme for Anganwadi centers of the state. Now children will get hot food like mid-day meal at Anganwadi centres.



9. Where has the Vidya Samiksha Kendra been inaugurated recently?

- (A) Mumbai (B) New Delhi
(C) Shimla (D) Nalanda

(C) Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu recently inaugurated the Vidya Samiksha Kendra in Shimla. This innovative data repository is set to transform the education system of the state by incorporating technology and data driven approaches. It will provide guidance to students, support to teachers, and valuable data for administrators.



10. Which railway station has recently received platinum certification from IGBC?

- (A) Varanasi Railway Station
(B) Vijayawada Railway Station
(C) New Delhi Railway Station
(D) None of these

(B) Recently Vijayawada Railway Station was awarded the Green Railway Certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for its efforts in improving environmental standards and providing eco-friendly services to passengers.

