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History of December 12

- ◆ **1232** : **Ilutmish**, ruler of the **Ghulam** dynasty, captured Gwalior.
- ◆ **1911** : **The capital of India** was shifted from **Calcutta** to **Delhi**.
- ◆ **1996** : **A30-year treaty** was signed between **India and Bangladesh** regarding the sharing of **Ganga** water.
- ◆ **1971** : **The facilities** provided to former kings were canceled by the **Indian Parliament**.

Current Affairs Related to 12 December

- ◆ **Sweden and the United States** sign defense cooperation agreement in **Washington**. This agreement will allow the US access to all military bases in Sweden. Sweden is about to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a transatlantic security alliance. This agreement would create better conditions for Sweden to receive support from the US in the event of war or crisis. It is currently negotiating such agreements with two other Nordic countries, Finland and Denmark.
- ◆ **The government** took the initiative to set up **subsidized food stores at Delhi Metro stations**. To address the rising prices of essential food items, the central government is set to launch retail stores at major metro stations in Delhi. The aim of this initiative is to provide kitchen essentials including onions, pulses and flour to metro passengers at discounted prices. The first proposed store will be located at Rajiv Chowk Metro Station in Central Delhi, marking the beginning of this ambitious project.
- ◆ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** recently partnered with **Watervantah**, a global non-profit, to increase access to safe water.org and sanitation through affordable financing. Which is a renowned global non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to safe water and sanitation through affordable financing solutions.
- ◆ **Indian-origin writer Meera Chand** has shared this prestigious honor with novelist **Suchen Christine Lim** and Malay dance legend **Osman Abdul Hamid**. Singapore awarded its prestigious Cultural Medallion to three distinguished individuals in recognition of their artistic excellence and significant contribution to the country's rich arts and culture.
- ◆ **According to S&P Global**, **LIC** achieved fourth global position in 2022. The top three insurers are Allianz SE, China Life Insurance and Nippon Life Insurance. LIC's reserves reached \$503.7 billion.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced India's decision to extend a **\$250 million line of credit** to Kenya to modernize its agriculture sector after extensive talks with visiting Kenyan President **William Samoyi Ruto**. PM Modi said, I am confident that President Ruto's visit to India will not only strengthen bilateral relations but will also give new impetus to our relations with Africa.
- ◆ **In a strategic move to enhance spatial planning at the Gram Panchayat level**, the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** launched the **Geographical Information System** application known as **Gram Map**. This innovative application leverages geospatial technology to empower Gram Panchayats in their planning efforts.
- ◆ **A wonderful moment was witnessed at the Red Sea International Film Festival**. Bollywood actor **Ranveer Singh** was honored by **Sharon Stone**. This festival was organized in **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**. Hollywood actress **Diane Kruger** and Saudi actor-writer **Abdullah Al Sadhan** were also in the running for this award.
- ◆ **Amazon India** received the **National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**. This recognition serves as a testament to Amazon India's unwavering commitment to fostering a diverse and equitable workplace where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.
- ◆ **The world's largest and most advanced experimental nuclear fusion reactor JT-60SA** has officially started operations in **Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan**. JT-60SA developed as a collaborative effort between the **European Union and Japan**. represents an important step in harnessing the potential of nuclear fusion as a clean and sustainable energy source.
- ◆ **Nearly 20 percent of all tourists** visiting **Sri Lanka** in November came from **India**.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Universal Health Coverage Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 11th December (B) 12th December
(C) 13th December (D) 14th December

(B) The United Nations proclaimed 12 December as International Health Coverage Day by resolution 72/138 on 12 December 2017. The purpose behind celebrating this day is to spread awareness about the need for strong and resilient health systems and multi-dimensional universal health coverage.



2. Recently, PM Modi inaugurated the first Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennial Conference 2023 and said,

- (A) Delhi (B) Kerala
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

(A) PM Modi also inaugurated the Self-reliant India Center for Design and Student Biennial Promotion at the Red Fort. Various theme based installations will be displayed every day of the week-long festival tour. It will also provide channels and opportunities to grow and work with artists, architects and designers as part of the changing economy.



3. Who will host the Short Film Festival on Autism recently?

- (A) Ladakh (B) Bengaluru
(C) New Delhi (D) Thiruvananthapuram

(D) Thiruvananthapuram Center for Autism and Other Disabilities Rehabilitation Research and Education announced an International Short Film Festival on Autism. The CADRRE International Film Festival on Autism, called CIFA, invited entries from short films of one to five minutes in length that explore diverse narratives and experiences related to autism in a positive manner, organizers said.



Kerala Short Film Festival on Autism Kerala Short Film Festival on Autism

4. Recently Prof. Who has become the title sponsor of Patna Pirates team of Kabaddi League?

- (A) Bihar Government (B) Dream 11
(C) Vivo (D) All of the above

(A) Bihar Government will be the title sponsor of Patna Pirates team of Pro Kabaddi League. Patna Pirates players will play wearing jerseys with Anandamoy Bihar written on them. Bihar is becoming a sponsor of any sport for the first time. Pro. Sandeep Kumar of Patna has been selected for the first time in the team of Patna Pirates from Bihar in Kabaddi League.



5. Who has recently become the world number-1 T-201 bowler in the ICC rankings?

- (A) Wanindu Hasanga (B) Rashid Khan
(C) Ravi Bishnoi (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Ravi Vishnai has become the world number-1 T201 bowler in the ICC rankings. Ravi Bishnoi has performed consistently well. He got a chance in the absence of bowlers like Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav and has consistently performed well.





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6. Where has a 115 million year old shark fossil been discovered recently?

- (A) Pune (B) Jaisalmer
(C) Hyderabad (D) Ahmedabad

(B) India's first Early Cretaceous shark fossils, which are about 115 million years old, have been discovered in the Habur Formation of Jaisalmer Basin in Rajasthan by a team of researchers. The findings, detailed in a research paper titled First Early Cretaceous Sharks from India, published in Historical Biology, shed light on a previously unknown chapter of the country's fossil history.

7. How many Indian women are included in the list of 100 most powerful women in the world recently released by Forbes?

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

(A) Four notable Indian celebrities have made it to the latest release of Forbes' annual list of the world's most powerful women. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, HCL Corporation Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Steel Authority of India Chairperson Soma Mandal and Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw have earned a place in this prestigious list.

8. Who has recently become the safest city for the third consecutive year?

- (A) Patna (B) Kanpur
(C) Kolkata (D) Mumbai

(C) According to a recent National Crime Records Bureau report, Kolkata, formerly known as Calcutta, has secured its position as the safest city in India for the third consecutive year. The city recorded the lowest number of cognizable crimes per lakh population among metros, marking a remarkable achievement in ensuring public safety.

9. Recently in which state the crime against women has been 180 times more than the national average?

- (A) Haryana (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Rajasthan

(B) The UP government, which has adopted zero tolerance policy against crime and criminals, has registered a big achievement. This has been revealed in the NCRB report for the year 2022. UP has performed the best in providing punishment in crimes related to women. In Uttar Pradesh, the conviction rate for crimes related to women has been recorded at more than 180 percent than the national average.

10. Who has recently become the first Indian to operate a rover on Mars?

- (A) Akshata Krishnamurthy
(B) Kanchan Devi
(C) Meera Murati
(D) Sumitra Saini

(A) Dr. Akshata Krishnamurthy has achieved this incredible feat in space exploration. His journey with a specialized degree from MIT is a great example of never giving up on your dreams. His work at NASA, especially with the Perseverance rover, is like a guide for others who love space.

