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History of December 27

- ◆ **1911** : **Jana Gana Mana** was sung for the first time during the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress
- ◆ **1861** : **Public bidding** for tea was held for the first time in Calcutta.
- ◆ **1945** : **The World Bank** was established to strengthen the global economy.
- ◆ **1945** : **The International Monetary Fund** was established with 29 member countries.

Current Affairs Related to 27 December

- ◆ **Actor Amitabh Bachchan** announced to become the owner of Mumbai team in the Indian Street Premier League. ISPL is India's first tennis ball T10 cricket tournament to be played inside the stadium, according to a press release. The first such tournament in the country will be organized in Mumbai from March 2 to 9. Amitabh Bachchan will help those playing cricket on street corners to play in the stadium and showcase their talent. He has become the owner of the Mumbai team in the Indian Street Premier League.
- ◆ **Indian Navy has joined hands with Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur to enhance its technology.** An MoU has been formally signed at Naval Headquarters in New Delhi. Under this, technology development and innovative solutions will be taken forward. Assistant Chief of Staff Rear Admiral K Srinivas and Director of IIT Kanpur Professor S Ganesh have signed the agreement. IIT Kanpur Director Professor A Ganesh said that this will increase strategic partnership.
- ◆ **Shares of State Bank of India have reached new highs, rising by a massive 17% in the last month** to reach a record high of Rs 659.50. This surge has outperformed the market, with the S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 up nearly 9% and the Nifty PSU Bank index up 14% during the same period.
- ◆ **RBI has granted final authorization to Razorpay and Cashfree as payment aggregators, which** will help them onboard new merchants and strengthen their dedication towards innovative payment solutions. Payment processing giants Razorpay and Cashfree have received final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as payment aggregators. This significant development comes after a year-long gap in onboarding new traders in compliance with the RBI advisory.
- ◆ **India's October 2023 FDI reaches** 21-month high of \$5.9 billion on strong inflows and low repatriations.
- ◆ **Former US President Donald Trump** has suffered a major setback in the US Capitol violence case. Donald Trump has been disqualified for the post of President by the Colorado Supreme Court. However, Republican Party presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy has reacted to Trump's disqualification.
- ◆ **Accenture, a global leader in professional services, has made a significant advancement** in the field of artificial intelligence with the establishment of its Generative AI Studio in Bengaluru, India. Accenture, a global leader in professional services, has made a significant advancement in the field of artificial intelligence with the establishment of its Generative AI Studio in Bengaluru, India. This state-of-the-art facility is set to become a central hub for the development and application of generic AI technologies, demonstrating Accenture's commitment to advancing AI solutions for businesses.
- ◆ **Senior IPS officer Maheshwar Dayal** officially took over the role of Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services. Dayal brings a wealth of experience to his new position, with a distinguished career marked by various leadership roles in multiple districts and specialized units.
- ◆ **The central government issued an advisory to the states after the first case of JN.1 variant** was detected in the country. The advisory directed the states to ensure effective compliance of the detailed and revised operational guidelines for COVID 19 surveillance strategy. States were also asked to ensure that there is adequate testing in all districts.
- ◆ **The European Union (EU) has expressed disappointment over India's refusal to join interim mediation** to resolve the ongoing dispute related to import duty on certain information and communication technology (ICT) products such as smartphones and components.



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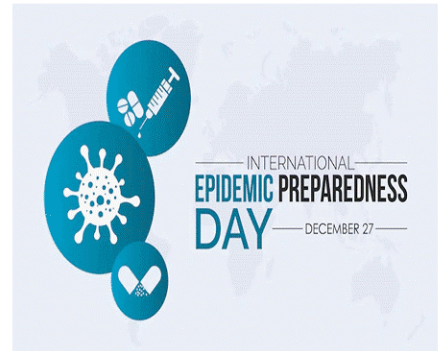
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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Epidemic Preparedness Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 24th Decembe (B) 25th Decembe
(C) 26th Decembe (D) 27th Decembe

(D) International Epidemic Preparedness Day is observed on 27 December to address the great need of raising awareness, exchange of information, scientific knowledge and best practices and quality education to prevent the lethality of pandemics. The objective of the day is to facilitate exchange of information, dissemination of scientific knowledge and ensure exchange of best practices at the international level.



2. Which ministry recently signed an agreement to purchase six high-tech patrol vessels for the Indian Coast Guard?

- (A) Ministry of Finance (B) Ministry of Defense
(C) Ministry of Coal (D) Ministry of Culture

(B) The Defense Ministry signed a contract worth Rs 1614.89 crore with Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Limited for the procurement of six next generation offshore patrol vessels. The contract was signed under procurement category. These new next generation offshore patrol vessels will replace the existing aging offshore patrol vessels. These ships will help the Indian Coast Guard in search and rescue operations.



3. Recently Quality of India and which state signed MoU for transformation in agriculture sector?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Gujarat

(A) Quality Council of India and Government of Andhra Pradesh signed an MoU to bring about transformation in the agriculture sector. Quality Council of India will provide comprehensive technical assistance to agriculture and allied sectors. As per the agreement QCI will provide its expertise in developing and designing a robust conformity assessment framework for the agriculture sector of the state.



4. Who has recently been awarded the prestigious National Order of Merit Gold Medal of Bhutan?

- (A) Mamata Banerjee (B) S. Jaishankar
(C) Poonam Khetrapal (D) Amit Shah

(C) Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh has been awarded the National Order of Merit Gold Medal of Bhutan. Dr. Singh is an Indian citizen. She is the first female Regional Director of the WHO South East Asia Region. During his tenure, Bhutan became one of the first countries to eliminate measles and rubella.



5. Which bank has recently raised Rs 7425 crore through infrastructure bond issue?

- (A) State Bank of India (B) HDFC Bank
(C) Federal Bank (D) Punjab National Bank

(B) Recently HDFC Bank has raised Rs 7425 crore through infrastructure bond issue. The bank has raised these funds to finance infrastructure and affordable housing projects. 7A42A500 bonds of face value Rs 1A00A000 were issued to raise Rs 7425 crore.





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6. Who recently launched the National Geology Data Repository Portal?

- (A) Prahlad Joshi (B) Anurag Thakur
(C) Smriti Irani (D) RK Sinha

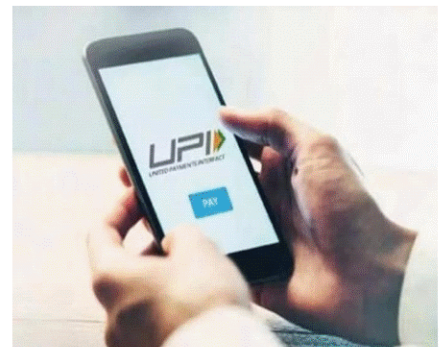
(A) Union Minister Prahlad Joshi launched the National Geology Data Repository Portal in New Delhi and also inaugurated a road show on important minerals. It is a comprehensive online platform to access, share and analyze geospatial information across India. The Geological Survey of India was established in 1851 primarily to find coal reserves for the railways.



7. According to the recent report, in the last 6 years, UPI transactions have increased from Rs 1 lakh crore to how many lakh crore.

- (A) 100 lakh crore (B) 104 lakh crore
(C) 120 lakh crore (D) 139 lakh crore

(D) Recently, the value of UPI transactions has increased from Rs 1 lakh crore in FY 2017-2018 to Rs 139 lakh crore in FY 2022-2023, showing a strong CAGR of 168 percent. In the current financial year, UPI achieved a staggering figure of 8572 crore transactions.



8. Which state has recently started its WhatsApp channel?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Telangana (D) Tamil Nadu

(B) Uttar Pradesh Police has taken an important step towards increasing public outreach and transparency by becoming the first police in the country to launch WhatsApp channel for its headquarters and all district units. The objective of this initiative is to publicize the commendable work of the District Police and provide timely information about the action taken in criminal and law and order incidents.



9. According to the recent report, India's total debt has increased to how many lakh crore rupees in the September quarter.

- (A) 205 lakh crores (B) 225 lakh crores
(C) 295 lakh crores (D) 300 lakh crores

(A) According to a recent report, the total debt of the country increased to 2.47 trillion dollars in the July-September quarter of the current financial year. This information has been given in a report. The total debt in the January-March quarter of the last financial year was \$2.34 trillion.



10. Recently Raman Singh has been elected the speaker of which state assembly?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Jharkhand

(C) Recently, former Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Raman Singh has been unanimously elected Speaker of the Chhattisgarh Assembly. Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai proposed to elect former CM Raman Singh as speaker. This proposal was supported by Deputy CM Arun Sao and Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel.

