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### History of January 1

- ◆ **1664** : Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj started the Surat campaign.
- ◆ **1772** : After the death of Peshwa Madhav Rao I his younger brother Narayan Rao assumed the throne.
- ◆ **1949** : Ceasefire was declared in Kashmir.
- ◆ **1915** : Mahatma Gandhi was awarded the Saffron-e-Hind by the Viceroy for his work in South Africa.
- ◆ **1992** : India and Pakistan exchanged lists of their nuclear installations for the first time.

### Current Affairs Related to 1 January

- ◆ The Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended that the Center should extend the deadline for the scheme for rapid adoption and manufacturing of electric vehicles by at least three years. Whereas the deadline of this scheme is 31 March 2024. Its budget outlay is Rs 10,000 crore. The main objective of the FAME-II scheme is to provide incentives on the purchase of electric and hybrid vehicles and to add economical charging stations.
- ◆ The Center has launched a massive survey and registration process to identify eligible beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin among 75 especially vulnerable tribal groups in 18 states and union territories. The Ministry of Rural Development uses its dedicated online application Aawas+ App to identify beneficiaries of the Rural Housing Scheme. Under the Prime Minister's Tribal Justice Maha Abhiyan, there is a plan to construct a total of 4.9 lakh houses especially for the vulnerable tribal groups.
- ◆ Wheebox in collaboration with various agencies including All India Council for Technical Education, Confederation of Indian Industry and Association of Indian Universities has published the India Skills Report 2024, which highlights India's skills landscape and the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the workforce.
- ◆ Researchers have discovered a new species of Cyperaceae in the lateritic hills of Kannur district. The name of this species is Fimbristylis geliliana. This species is named after the late plant taxonomist Abdul Jalil. This genus was one of the largest genera of the Cyperaceae family, represented by 320 species distributed in tropical and subtropical regions.
- ◆ The Supreme Court in Union of India and Others vs. Air Commodore N.K. The Sharma case made it clear that tribunals, working within the strict parameters of their governing laws, cannot direct the government to make policy.
- ◆ Vita Dani has created history as the first Indian appointed to the Governing Board of the International Table Tennis Federation Foundation, a significant achievement in her illustrious career. Commenting on his remarkable achievement, Vita Dani expressed his excitement and said, it is a great feeling to join such an organization. Which aligns perfectly with my vision for the growth of table tennis and its impact on the community.
- ◆ UNESCO Asia Pacific Prize 2023 awarded. Its objective is to encourage private sector participation and public-private collaboration in the preservation of the cultural heritage of the region for the benefit of present and future generations. According to UNESCO's Bangkok office, the jury evaluated a total of 48 projects from 8 countries and 12 projects were selected for the honour.
- ◆ Bengaluru-based fintech slice-backed North East Small Finance Bank has announced the appointment of Satish Kumar Kalra as its interim managing director and chief executive officer. This important step comes as part of the ongoing merger process between Slice and NESFB, marking a unique development in the fintech and banking sector.
- ◆ Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Raghuram Rajan, along with economist Rohit Lamba, has released a ground-breaking book titled Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future. This latest addition to Rajan's literary output marks a significant exploration into the possibilities and challenges of India's economic trajectory.
- ◆ Under IRDAI Vision 2047, the government aims to provide insurance for all by 2047, which means that every citizen has adequate life, health and property insurance coverage and every enterprise is supported by appropriate insurance solutions.



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### National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently when will Khelo India Youth Games start in Tamil Nadu state?

- (A) From 1 January 2024
- (B) From 8 January 2024
- (C) From 15th January 2024
- (D) From 19th January 2024

**(D)** Khelo India Youth Games, a highlight of India's sporting landscape, will begin its 2023 edition on 19 January 2024 in Chennai, Madurai Trichy and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. The southern state has been proudly chosen as the host, and the Games will be held in four vibrant cities of Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore.



2. When is World Family/World Peace Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st January
- (B) 2nd January
- (C) 3rd January
- (D) 4th January

**(A)** World Family Day is celebrated every year on 1 January. Through this day, ideas of global unity and goodwill are promoted among the people. This day is celebrated on New Year's Day with the hope that the coming year will bring positive changes in the world, both micro and macro.



3. Recently, in which state will the country's first AI city be built?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Madhya Pradesh
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Andhra Pradesh

**(C)** Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state, is set to set up the country's first AI city in Lucknow. The initiative aims to create a thriving hub for artificial intelligence, integrating cutting-edge technology, research centers and academic institutions to foster innovation and nurture the workforce of the future.



4. Who has recently been appointed the coach of the SAFF Championship Under-19 Indian women's team to be played in February?

- (A) Pushpa Bharti
- (B) Shukla Dutta
- (C) Fatima Wasim
- (D) None of these

**(B)** Recently, former player Shukla Dutta was appointed the coach of the country's Under-19 women's football team before the SAFF Championship to be held in February next year. Former Indian Under-17 women's team coach Shukla Dutta will be assisted by the all-women support staff along with former Indian international player Samanthare and goalkeeping coach Lorembam Ronibala Chanu.



5. Who has recently been selected for the Sahitya Akademi Award?

- (A) Sorokhaibam Gambhini
- (B) Anjali Singh
- (C) Pratima Garg
- (D) None of these

**(A)** Recently, Tripura's famous Manipuri poet Sorokhaibam Gambhini has been selected for the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award. He has been given this award for his poetry book Yachangba Nang Hallo. According to PIB, Sahitya Akademi has announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 24 languages.





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6. Which country's player Dean Elgar has recently retired from international cricket?

- (A) South Africa (B) England  
(C) New Zealand (D) Sri Lanka

(A) Recently, former South African Test captain Dean Elgar has announced his retirement from international cricket. He will bid goodbye to cricket after the upcoming Test series against India. 36-year-old Elgar has informed Cricket South Africa about his decision. Elgar has given a shock even before the start of the series.



7. Who has recently appointed Kartik Aryan as its football brand ambassador?

- (A) Zee Sports (B) Star Sports  
(C) Sony Sports (D) None of these

(C) Sony Sports Network ushers in a new era of football excitement in India by appointing Bollywood heartthrob and Gen Z icon Kartik Aryan as its official brand ambassador for the beautiful game. This strategic partnership aims to bring football closer to a wider Indian audience and ignite passion for the game across generations.



8. Recently, to which IIT the alumni have donated Rs 57 crore?

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

(B) The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay said the Class of 1998 has pledged a sum of Rs 57 crore as its part for its legacy project. This is the largest amount given to the institute by a batch of alumni, surpassing the Rs 41 crore donation made by the class of 1971 during its golden jubilee celebrations in 2022, according to a statement from IIT Bombay.



9. Which university has recently won the Molana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy?

- (A) Guru Nanak Dev University  
(B) Allahabad University  
(C) Banaras Hindu University  
(D) None of these

(A) Recently, Guru Nanak Dev University has once again created history by winning the most prestigious and prestigious Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy in Indian sports for the 25th time in its 54 years of history. Guru Nanak Dev University is the only university in the country, which will host the Moka Trophy for the 25th time by the Honorable President of the country at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 9 January 2024.



10. Who recently released the collected works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya?

- (A) Rajnath Singh (B) Nirmala Sitharaman  
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Amit Shah

(C) Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the first series of 11 volumes comprising the collected works of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya. The collection released is a bilingual masterpiece, containing content in both English and Hindi. Spread over approximately 4,000 pages, these volumes carefully collect the writings and speeches of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya from different corners of the country.

