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History of January 23

- ◆ **1565** : The Hindu empire Vijayanagara fell in the battle of Telekot
- ◆ **1571** : The Royal Exchange was started in London
- ◆ **1976** : Kapilvastu, the city of Lord Gautam Buddha, was discovered during excavation.
- ◆ **1920** : Airmail and air transport services started in India.
- ◆ **1966** : Indira Gandhi became the Prime Minister of India.
- ◆ **1965** : Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant was established.

Current Affairs Related to 23 January

- ◆ The interim Budget 2024 to be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, 2024 is important as it comes ahead of the upcoming general elections later in the year. To get information about the government's expenditure plans for the next financial year, it is important to understand the key terms related to the budget. The Union Budget, also known as the annual financial statement, is a comprehensive presentation of the government's expenditure and receipts during a financial year from 1 April to 31 March.
- ◆ Anubhav Awards Scheme, launched by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, is an innovative platform to recognize the contribution made by retired officers to nation building during their tenure in government service. Launched in 2015 under the guidance of the Honorable Prime Minister of India, the scheme is a step towards documenting the administrative history of India through narratives written by retired Central Government employees.
- ◆ In a notable achievement at the Asian Shooting Championships 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia, Rhythm Sangwan won a bronze medal in the women's 25m pistol event and secured a Paris 2024 Olympic quota for India. The feat marked India's 16th shooting quota for the upcoming Olympics, surpassing the previous record of 15 set for the Tokyo 2020 Games.
- ◆ Nashik, Maharashtra hosted the prestigious 27th National Youth Festival. This important program was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The celebration saw the presence of notable dignitaries including Union Ministers Anurag Singh Thakur, Bharti Pawar, Nisith Pramanik, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar.
- ◆ Data and terminology related to diseases based on Ayurveda Siddha, Unani systems will now be included in WHO's ICD 11 classification.
- ◆ The Bloomberg Emerging Markets Local Currency Index will include fully accessible route bonds of the Government of India. This will start gradually from September 2024 and continue for five months. Indian FAR bonds will be included in EM local currency indices with an initial weighting of 20% of their full market value in September 2024. The weight of the FAR bonds will increase monthly in increments of 20% of their full market value during a five-month period ending in January 2025. They will be weighted at their full market value in the indices in January 2025.
- ◆ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science have developed a heat-tolerant vaccine against all existing variants of SARS-CoV.2. This heat-tolerant vaccine will protect against both current and future variants of SARS-CoV.2. According to IISc, RS2 antigen can also be stored at room temperature for up to a month without the need for cold storage. Vaccines generally on the market require cold storage. This will make distribution and storage of these vaccine candidates more economical.
- ◆ In an important step to promote ethical practices in higher education, the University Grants Commission of India has launched Value Stream 2.0. This new guideline comes as a response to surveys that had highlighted unethical practices such as favoritism, sexual harassment and gender discrimination within various educational organizations. Value Stream 2.0 is an updated version of the original Value Stream Guidelines, which the UGC introduced in 2019. The main objective of this revised guideline is to instill human values and professional ethics in higher education institutions across India.
- ◆ Goods and Services Tax revenue data highlights a worrying scenario in which consumption growth across Indian states is not uniform, suggesting potential inconsistency in the national economic recovery.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti celebrated every year?

- (A) 21st January (B) 23rd January
(C) 24th January (D) 25th January

(B) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa. He was one of the most prominent Indian freedom fighters. His army was known as the Indian National Army or Azad Hind Fauj. He also led an Indian national army from abroad against the Western powers during World War II.



2. On which date of this month is the budget session of Parliament starting?

- (A) 28th January (B) 29th January
(C) 30th January (D) 31st January

(D) The budget session of Parliament is starting on 31 January 2024. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the interim budget on February 1. The session will begin with President Draupadi Murmu's address to the joint meeting of both the Houses of Parliament. This session is expected to continue till February 9.



3. Recently, where will Hyundai and IIT Madras establish Hydrogen Innovation Valley?

- (A) Kerala (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Odisha (D) Andhra Pradesh

(B) Recently, Hyundai Motor India and IIT Madras signed an agreement at the Global Investors Meet to set up the Hydrogen Valley Innovation Hub. Under this, Hydrogen Valley Innovation Hub will be established by IITM to provide research and development infrastructure.



4. Who has recently become the first woman to win the Best Environment Officer Award in the Sugar Industry?

- (A) Deepa Bhandare (B) Pushpa Bharti
(C) Pratiksha Singh (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Deepa Bhandare has become the first woman to win the Best Environment Officer award in the sugar industry. Bhandare which is attached to Shri Data Cooperative Sugar Factory in Shirol taluka of Kolhapur. She is one of the very few women executives associated with the sugar industry in the state.



5. Who has recently been appointed as the Managing Director of Bangalore Metro?

- (A) Pushkar Bharti (B) Divyakriti Rao
(C) Maheshwar Rao (D) None of these

(C) Recently the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs appointed Maheshwar Rao as the whole-time Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited. The ministry has said in an order that the Managing Director will not be given any other or additional charge by the Karnataka government without his consent.





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6. Where have the Coast Guards of India and Japan conducted joint exercises recently?

- (A) Indore (B) Jaipur
(C) Chennai (D) Madras

(C) Indian and Japanese coast guards recently conducted a successful joint exercise named Sahyog Kaijin off the coast of Chennai. The exercises are a part of the ongoing cooperation between the two countries under the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in 2006. The focus was on enhancing interoperability and sharing best practices in maritime law enforcement, search and rescue operations and pollution response at sea.



7. Recently GRSE has unveiled the first next generation electric ferry of which state?

- (A) Kerala (B) West Bengal
(C) Maharashtra (D) Himachal Pradesh

(B) Recently GRSE unveiled the first next generation electric ferry of the state of West Bengal. The ship was launched in a traditional manner by Lipi Das, General Manager, GRSE in the presence of Commodore PR Hari IN, Chairman and Managing Director, GRSE, RK Das, Director Commander Shantanu Bose.



8. Recently, major UPI apps have been enabled for real time remittance from which country?

- (A) Singapore (B) Myanmar
(C) Bangladesh (D) Japan

(A) Major UPI apps have recently enabled real-time remittances from the country Singapore. Indians can now receive funds directly into their bank accounts from Singapore in real-time, thanks to the unprecedented UPI-PayNow linkage announced by NPCI. Major UPI and bank apps including SBI, Axis, ICICI, BHIM, PhonePe and Paytm are enabled for this service.



9. Who recently laid the foundation stone of the Regional Homeopathy Research Institute in Guwahati?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Sarbananda Sonowal (D) Amit Shah

(C) The foundation stone of the permanent campus of Regional Homeopathy Research Institute and Integrated AYUSH Wellness Center was laid by Union AYUSH Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal at Azara, Guwahati. Rs 53.89 crore has been sanctioned for this project. Apart from this, he also inaugurated the Panchakarma block and pharmacology and chemistry laboratories for AYUSH at the Central Ayurveda Research Institute in Guwahati.



10. In a recently released report, Burnihat of which state has been declared the most polluted city of India in 2023?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Mizoram
(C) Telangana (D) Kerala

(A) According to think tank Center for Research on Energy and Clean Air, Meghalaya's Burnihat has topped the list of India's most polluted cities in 2023. Burnihat recorded the highest annual average PM10 concentration of 301 micrograms per cubic metre. Delhi, which is known for persistently high air pollution levels during winter, was the eighth most polluted city.

