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### History of January 31

- ◆ **1561** : Bairam Khan, under the patronage of Mughal emperor Akbar, was assassinated in Patan, Gujarat.
- ◆ **1599** : On the orders of Britain's Queen Elizabeth I, Britain's first East India Company was established in India.
- ◆ **1963** : The peacock was declared the national bird of India.
- ◆ **1983** : The first dry port started in Kolkata.
- ◆ **1923** : Somnath Sharma, the first Indian martyr to receive the Param Vir Chakra, was born.

### Current Affairs Related to 31 January

- ◆ NPCI is continuously taking several steps to increase digital payments in the country. Now apart from India, payments can be made through UPI in many countries of the world. An agreement has been signed between NPC and Google to promote UPI payments. The MoU will enable Indian travelers to make payments in other countries through Google Pay. In such a situation, the problem of carrying cash or foreign currency while going abroad will end.
- ◆ According to the new guidelines announced by the Education Ministry, coaching centers cannot enroll students below 16 years of age, make misleading promises and cannot guarantee rank or good marks. The decision comes after complaints to the government regarding rising cases of student suicides, incidents of fire in coaching centers and lack of facilities as well as the teaching methods adopted by them. No coaching center will hire tutors with qualifications less than graduation.
- ◆ MP lands e-Sakshi mobile application has been launched by Rao Inderjit Singh. MPLADS e-Sakshi mobile application is for revised fund flow process under MPLADS scheme. The mobile app will provide convenience and accessibility to MPs. With this app, MPs will be able to propose, track and monitor projects at their fingertips. It enhances decision making processes and enables quick responses to emerging needs or issues. This will streamline communication between MPs and concerned officials.
- ◆ Houthi attacks on merchant vessels in the Red Sea could have a negative impact on oil importing countries, including India. Houthi rebels in Yemen have attacked commercial shipping vessels in response to the war in Gaza.
- ◆ China is facing a demographic crisis as its population is set to decline for the second consecutive year in 2023. The decline is due to a decline in the birth rate and an increase in deaths, especially after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- ◆ L&T Construction's Railway Strategic Business Group has won a landmark contract worth Rs 10,000-15,000 crore for a critical section of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project. The mega order received from a Japanese agency overseeing the Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project involves the construction of 508 route km of high speed electrification works.
- ◆ Samvesha Project launched by Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facility Map. I-STEM is an initiative of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, which plans to organize around 50 symposiums across India in 2024. The objective of the project is to connect researchers with scientific institutions through an online portal.
- ◆ The project of depositing artificial reefs in the sea bed was launched by Union Fisheries Minister Shri Parashotham Rupala through video conferencing at Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram. This project is a joint initiative of the Central and State Government. Its objective is to increase the income of fishermen by increasing the fish population in the area. The project is being implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana with a total outlay of Rs 13.02 crore.
- ◆ Indian Army developed a complete secure mobile ecosystem. The Sambhav ecosystem works on state-of-the-art contemporary 5G technology. It has been developed in collaboration with national centers of excellence in academia and industry. It has been developed in line with the vision of self-reliant India in the defense sector. The initiative is an alignment of the government's vision of dual-use infrastructure and civil military fusion in technology.
- ◆ The 2023 Global Climate Highlights report was released by the Copernicus Climate Change Service of the European Union. 2023 has been declared the hottest year on record. According to the report, the global average temperature in 2023 was 14.98 degrees Celsius. This is 0.17 degrees Celsius more than the global average temperature of 2016.



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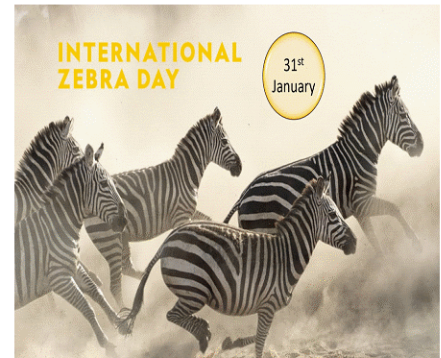
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### National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is International Zebra Day celebrated every year?**

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

**(D)** Every year on January 31, people around the world celebrate International Zebra Day. The purpose of this day is to spread knowledge about how you can support the conservation of this animal. International Zebra Day aims to help raise awareness of the living conditions of zebras and how their numbers can be saved from further decline.



**2. Recently, Adani Group will invest how many crores of rupees on setting up a data center in Maharashtra.**

- (A) Rs 30,000 crore (B) Rs 50,000 crore  
(C) Rs 70,000 crore (D) Rs 80,000 crore

**(B)** Adani Group will now build hyper scale data center in Maharashtra. Adani Enterprises Limited, the flagship company of Adani Group, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maharashtra Government for this. Under the agreement, Adani Group will invest Rs 50 thousand crore to build a hyperscale data center of 1 GW capacity in Maharashtra.



**3. Which bank has recently launched Money2India mobile banking app?**

- (A) ICICI Bank (B) HDFC Bank  
(C) RBI (D) SBI

**(A)** Recently ICICI Bank Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank Limited, has launched its latest mobile banking app, Money2India. ICICI Bank aims to provide Canadian customers a seamless platform for 24/7 fund transfer to any Indian bank without the need to open an account with ICICI Bank Canada.



**4. Recently MeitY Secretary has launched India's first Graphene Center and IoT CoE in which state?**

- (A) Odisha (B) Jammu and Kashmir  
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka

**(C)** Recently MeitY Secretary S Krishnan inaugurated the India Innovation Center for Graphene and Center of Excellence in Intelligent Internet of Things Sensors in Kerala. Digital University Kerala and CMET Thrissur play an important role as technical partners in setting up these pioneering centres.



**5. Who recently became the brand ambassador of Rupay Prime Volleyball League Season 3?**

- (A) Hrithik Roshan (B) Deepika Padukone  
(C) Shahrukh Khan (D) Virat Kohli

**(A)** Rupay Prime Volleyball League has taken a significant step forward in its marketing and promotional efforts by appointing acclaimed Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan as the brand ambassador for its third season. The development marks a remarkable merger of sports and entertainment, which promises to enhance the visibility and appeal of the league.





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6. Who has become the batsman who has scored the most centuries in T20 recently?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Rohit Sharma  
(C) Hardik Pandya (D) Pant Cummins

**(B)** Recently Rohit Sharma scored his fifth century in T20 International. In the third T20 being played against Afghanistan in Bangalore, Rohit Sharma scored 121 runs in 69 balls with the help of 11 fours and 8 sixes. Rohit became the player to score the most centuries in the format.



7. Who has recently received an investment of Rs 22000 crore on the second day of the World Economic Forum 2024?

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

**(A)** Microsoft, Hitachi, Lulu Group etc. promised projects in the state in the World Economic Forum meeting. On the second day of the World Economic Forum 2024 held in Davos, Karnataka signed a total investment of Rs 22000 crore with Microsoft, Web Rex, Hitachi and other four companies. MoU has been signed for.



8. Where has Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024 been started recently?

- (A) Kerala (B) Tamil Nadu  
(C) Punjab (D) Chhattisgarh

**(D)** Recently Mahtari Vandana Yojana 2024 has been started in Chhattisgarh state. Only married women of Chhattisgarh are eligible for this scheme. The annual income of the beneficiary's family should be less than Rs 2.5 lakh. The age of women applying for the scheme should be between 23 to 60 years.

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9. Who has recently been ranked the second most valuable IT brand in the global list?

- (A) Infosys (B) TCS  
(C) Accenture (D) None of these

**(B)** Tata Consultancy Services, a leading name in the global IT services sector, has achieved a significant milestone by being ranked the second most valuable IT services brand in the world as per the 2024 Global 500 IT Services ranking by Brand Finance. This achievement underlines TCS's commitment towards innovation, sustainability and global expansion, making it a leader in the technology industry.

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10. Recently which state's fruit Kachhi Kharek (dates) has got GI tag?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Uttar Pradesh

**(A)** Desi Kharek of Kutch district of Gujarat has got the Geographical Indication tag. This is the third agricultural product of Gujarat which has got GI tag. Before this, Kesar mango of famous Gir of Gujarat and wheat seeds of Bhalia region have also got GI tag. Kharek cultivation was first started in the country 425 years ago in Kutch district of Gujarat.

