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History of January 14

- ◆ **1761** : The third battle of Panipat took place between the Maratha rulers and Ahmad Shah Durrani in India.
- ◆ **1969** : The name of the southern Indian state of Madras was changed to Tamil Nadu.
- ◆ **1982** : Mrs. Indira Gandhi announced a 20-point program.
- ◆ **1999** : India's first state-of-the-art air traffic complex, New Delhi, was dedicated to the nation.
- ◆ **1937** : Hindi litterateur Jaishankar Prasad passed

Current Affairs Related to 14 January

- ◆ The National Health Authority is launching a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under its flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. It aims to assess the performance of hospitals based on the value of health care services rather than the quantity of services provided. The system will usher in the concept of value-based care, where payment will be outcome-based. Hospitals will be paid commensurate with the quality of treatment provided.
- ◆ State-owned oil marketing company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited announced the launch of Low Smoke Superior Kerosene Oil for the Indian Army in Jammu. BPCL has thus emerged as the first OMC to commence supply of new LSLA grade SKO supplies to the Army. The company will also work towards improving the service level in this regard and addressing issues related to smoke and odor in the use of SKOs.
- ◆ Payments bank Paytm Payments Bank Ltd has appointed Surinder Chawla as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. The company said that this appointment has been made after getting approval from the Reserve Bank of India. However, the RBI has retained the restrictions imposed on PPBL for adding new customers. PPBL has appointed veteran banker Surinder Chawla as its new Managing Director and CEO.
- ◆ PM launched Aspirational Block Program to improve the performance of backward blocks on various parameters. The government had announced the program in the Union Budget 2022-23. This will promote overall development in areas that need additional support. Initially it will cover 500 districts in 31 states and union territories. Half of these blocks will be in the six states of Uttar Pradesh (68), Bihar (61), Madhya Pradesh (42), Jharkhand (34), Odisha (29) and West Bengal (29).
- ◆ The government is planning to abolish the telecom body Digital Communications Commission. Digital Communications Commission is a multi-ministerial apex decision making body to oversee all important telecom matters. Its responsibility will be transferred to the Department of Expenditure under the Ministry of Finance. The government is taking this step at a time when the government is expanding and strengthening digital services across the country. The Telecom Commission was set up by the government through a resolution in 1989.
- ◆ India and Panama signed an MoU to enhance cooperation for training of diplomats. They also discussed ways to improve economic, health, financial and people-to-people ties between India and Panama.
- ◆ President Draupadi Murmu laid the virtual foundation stone of 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The project is being implemented by state-owned energy firm SJVN Limited through its subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited, and is being developed on 5000 acres of land directly purchased near Bandarwala village of district Bikaner in Rajasthan.
- ◆ The Board of Control for Cricket in India has announced the new selection committee. Chetan Sharma has been re-elected for this post. Apart from them, the names of Shiv Sunder Das, Subroto Banerjee, Salil Ankola and Sreedharan Shatar were stamped. BCCI had received applications from more than 600 people for the post of selector. The selection committee is selected by the Cricket Advisory Committee. The BCCI informed that Chetan Sharma will once again be the chairman of the selection committee.
- ◆ Kerala has become the first state in the country where the banking sector has now gone completely digital.
- ◆ Renowned academician, poet and Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee, Professor Rahman Rahi passed away at the age of 98 in Srinagar.

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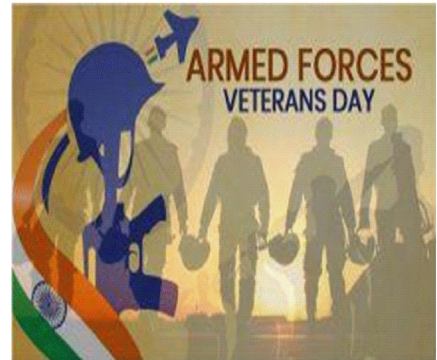
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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is the Armed Forces Veterans Day celebrated every year?

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

(D) Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated every year on 14 January. This day is being celebrated since 2017. Earlier this day was called Armistice Day. On the occasion of this day, a program will be organized at the National War Memorial, in which the Chief of the Army Staff, the Chief of the Navy and the Chief of the Air Force will participate.



2. When and how long will Innovation Week be celebrated?

- (A) 10-16 January (B) 11-17 January
(C) 12-18 January (D) 13-19 January

(A) The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is organizing the Startup India Innovation Week from January 10 to January 16. The result of the efforts made by the government is that at present there are more than 87000 startups in the country. Startup India Innovation Week 2023 will include knowledge sharing sessions for entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs and other supporters.



3. When is Pongal day celebrated every year?

- (A) 13-14 January (B) 14-15 January
(C) 15-16 January (D) 16-17 January

(B) Pongal Day is celebrated every year on 14-15 January. This can be compared to Navanna which is the harvest festival. Pongal means boom or upheaval in Tamil. Traditionally, it is a festival dedicated to prosperity, in which rain, sunlight and farm cattle are worshiped to bring prosperity.



4. Which state government has formed a board to provide pension to MNREGA workers?

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

(A) The Kerala cabinet approved a scheme to ensure benefits like pension and medical aid to people employed under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the poll-bound state. It has recommended that Governor Arif Mohammad Khan issue an ordinance in this regard. With this, Kerala became the first state in the country to form a welfare board for the beneficiaries of employment guarantee programmes.



5. Who released the diary of CM Hemant Biswa Sarma recently?

- (A) Sanjeev Sanyal (B) Chetan Bhagat
(C) Justice Ranjan Gogoi (D) Kaushal Ahuja

(C) Former Chief Justice of India and Rajya Sabha member Ranjan Gogoi has released a diary of Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma. The name of this diary is Chief Minister's Diary No. 1, it has been written by the CM of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma himself. In this diary, the complete details of the first year of CM Biswa's tenure have been given.



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6. Which bank has recently launched Jahan Bandhan, vehicle trust campaign?

- (A) Bandhan Bank (B) Dhan Lakshmi Bank
(C) UCO Bank (D) AU Small Finance Bank

(A) Jahan Bandhan, Vahan Trust campaign has been launched by Bandhan Bank. Bandhan Bank has roped in cricketer Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador for the campaign. This is the first time that Bandhan Bank has appointed a pan India brand ambassador. In the last seven years, Bandhan Bank has established its presence in 34 states and union territories.



7. Which state has become the first fully digital banking state in the country?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala
(C) Sikkim (D) Assam

(B) Kerala has become the first fully digital banking state in the country where now the banking sector has gone completely digital. Thrissur has become the first district in the state to implement full digital banking in the year 2021. Vijayan said that this achievement has been possible due to the development of infrastructure and technological advancement in the banking sector.



8. Zozilla provides an important link between

- (A) Sikkim and West Bengal
(B) Arunachal Pradesh and Lhasa
(C) Uttarakhand and Tibet
(D) Ladakh and Kashmir Valley

(D) For the first time, the Zojila pass connecting Ladakh to Kashmir was opened. It usually remains closed during winter due to heavy snowfall, cutting off the Ladakh region from Kashmir. Despite heavy snowfall in Zojila, the Border Roads Organization kept the pass open and facilitated Ladakh sector connectivity. Zojila is a high mountain pass located in the Kargil district of Ladakh.



9. Which company has recently launched Low Smoke Superior Kerosene Oil for the Army?

- (A) Indian Petroleum (B) Hindustan Petroleum
(C) Reliance Petroleum (D) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(D) Recently Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Company launched Low Smoke Superior Kerosene Oil for the Army. Normal kerosene emits a lot of smoke, which is harmful for the health of army personnel in every way. Army personnel use it at high altitudes, where the oxygen level is much lower than before.



10. Who has recently been elected the speaker of the US House of Representatives?

- (A) Manoj Verman (B) David Sharma
(C) Kevin McCarthy (D) Alexander Moore

(C) Recently, Kevin McCarthy has been elected speaker of the US House of Representatives. Kevin McCarthy, 57, has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, replacing Nancy Pelosi. Kevin McCarthy is a member of the Republican Party.



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