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History of January 17

- ◆ **1601** : Mughal Emperor Akbar entered the impregnable fort of Asirgarh.
- ◆ **1941** : Freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose left for Germany from Calcutta.
- ◆ **1946** : The first meeting of the United Nations Security Council took place.
- ◆ **198** : Colonel JK Bajaj became the first Indian to reach the North Pole.
- ◆ **1979** : The Soviet Union conducted a nuclear test.

Current Affairs Related to 17 January

- ◆ **India and Japan will hold joint exercises to strengthen cooperation in air defence.** India and Japan are set to conduct joint air exercise Veer Guardian 2023 to boost air defense cooperation between India and Japan. This exercise will be held from 12 January to 26 January 2023 at Hyakuri Air Base in Japan, in which the Indian Air Force and Japan Air Self Defense Force are participating.
- ◆ **Russia will send a rescue spacecraft to the International Space Station to bring back the three stranded crew members.** In February, Russia will send a Soyuz MS-23 spacecraft to the International Space Station to bring back three crew members. A meteorite damaged the Soyuz MS-23 spacecraft that was supposed to bring the crew members back to Earth.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of 3 new Multi State Cooperative Societies.** A national level Multi-State Cooperative Seed Society will be set up under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 2002. It will serve as an apex organization for production, procurement, processing, branding, labelling, packaging, storage, marketing and distribution of quality seeds. It will promote strategic research and development and also develop a system for conservation and promotion of indigenous natural seeds. This will boost seed replacement rate and variety replacement rate and help in increasing productivity.
- ◆ **A rove beetle species found in the Western Ghats has been rediscovered** near the town of Udhagamandalam by a group of researchers. This is a species of beetle which has been rediscovered after 120 years.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved Antyodaya Anna Yojana and New Integrated Food Security Scheme** to provide free food grains to primary household beneficiaries. The new scheme has been named Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.
- ◆ **A light and sound show titled Jai Hind has been organized at the Red Fort located in the national capital Delhi.** Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated it. In this program, a dramatic presentation of India's history and valor from the 17th century till date will be given. The program, divided into three parts, will bring to life key episodes in India's history including the rise of the Marathas, the 1857 War of Independence, the rise of the Indian National Army and the trials of the I&N.
- ◆ **The High Commission of India signed an MoU to establish a Hindi Chair at Sabaragamuwa University, Sri Lanka.** MoU has been signed for establishment of Hindi Chair as part of cultural engagement of India through Indian Council for Cultural Relations. The appointment of Indian faculty will help the Hindi Chair introduce students to India, its history and culture, and also pave the way for the popularization of Hindi.
- ◆ **The High Commission of India signed an MoU to establish a Hindi Chair at Sabaragamuwa University in Sri Lanka.** Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay and University Vice-Chancellor Professor Uday Ratnayake have signed this agreement with the aim of cultural engagement between the two countries through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.
- ◆ **The book titled Revolutionaries The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom was released by Home Minister Amit Shah** at a function in New Delhi. HM Shah said that the Prime Minister has invoked Panch Pran. Out of these Panch Pranas, two important resolutions are to eradicate the colonial mindset and to be proud of our roots.
- ◆ **DRDO developed a UAV for operations in the Himalayan Frontier.** To improve logistics operations in the Himalayan frontier, DRDO has developed a UAV capable of carrying a load of 5 kg.

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National & International Current Affairs

1. When will the Tribal Dance Festival be held in New Delhi?

- (A) 21st to 22nd January (B) 22nd to 23rd January
(C) 23rd to 24th January (D) 24th to 25th January
(C) As part of the Republic Day celebrations 2023 and to mark the 126th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, a military tattoo and tribal dance festival Adi Shaurya Parv Parakram will be held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. The two-day festival will showcase the might of the Armed Forces and the ethnic beauty of India's tribal culture.



Tribal Dance Festival & Military Tattoo

2. Which organization recently launched a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under AB PM-JAY?

- (A) Supreme Court (B) National Health Authority
(C) Allahabad High Court (D) None of these
(C) Recently the Allahabad High Court institution introduced a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under AB PM-JAY. This new initiative will introduce the concept of value-based care, where payment will be outcome-based and providers will be rewarded according to the quality of treatment provided.



3. Global Economic Prospects is issued by

- (A) World Bank
(B) International Monetary Fund
(C) World Economic Forum
(D) United Nations Development Program
(A) Recently the World Bank released the Global Economic Prospects Report 2023. In this report, the World Bank has once again reaffirmed its faith in the Indian economy. The World Bank has stated that the Indian economy will be the fastest growing among the 7 largest emerging markets and developing economies.



4. The Union Cabinet has approved a scheme worth how many crores to promote RuPay and BHIM UPI?

- (A) Rs.1200 crores (B) Rs.1800 crores
(C) Rs 2600 crores (D) Rs 3600 crores
(C) The main objective of this incentive scheme is to promote the use of RuPay debit cards and low value transactions done through Unified Payments Interface. Under this scheme, financial incentives will be provided to banks to promote point-of-sale and e-commerce transactions for the financial year 2022-23.



5. Recently, Virat Kohli has scored his 45th ODI century, whose record has been equaled continuously.

- (A) Sachin Tendulkar (B) Kapil Dev
(C) Ajit Agarkar (D) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(A) Kohli scored his 45th ODI century in Guwahati. During this, Virat equaled a record of Sachin Tendulkar and broke a record. This is Kohli's first century at home since November 2019. This is the 73rd century of his international career.



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6. Nutrition company Herbalife Nutrition India Pvt Ltd has partnered with which international women cricketer as a nutrition sponsor?

- (A) Karnam Malleshwari (B) Harmanpreet Kaur
(C) PT Usha (D) Smriti Mandhana

(D) Nutrition company Herbalife Nutrition India Pvt Ltd is partnering with international women cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the nutrition sponsor. Herbalife Nutrition has signed over 100 sponsorship deals with various world-class athletes, teams and events.



7. Which ministry has recently approved purchase proposals worth Rs 4276 crore?

- (A) Ministry of Culture (B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Defense (D) None of these

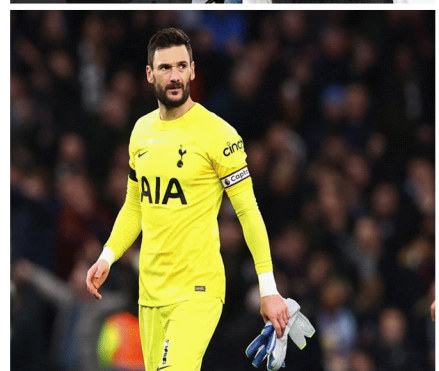
(C) The Central Government took a major decision to strengthen the combat capabilities of the armed forces along the Line of Actual Control with China. Defense Ministry has approved three procurement proposals including Helina Anti-Tank Guided Missile at a cost of Rs 4276 crore. Of these, two proposals are for the Army and the third for the Navy. The Defense Acquisition Council headed by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the proposals.



8. Recently which country's captain Hugo Lloris retired from international football?

- (A) France (B) China
(C) America (D) Sri Lanka

(A) France football team captain Hugo Lloris has announced his retirement from international football at the age of 36. They have taken this decision three weeks after losing the final against Argentina in the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Lloris made his international debut in November 2008 at the age of 21 in a friendly against Uruguay. He is also the most capped player for France in the World Cup.



9. The player has scored the second highest ever score in Ranji Trophy history for India.

- (A) Shubman Gill (B) Shreyas Iyer
(C) Prithvi Shaw (D) Cheteshwar Pujara

(C) The player has scored the second highest ever score in Ranji Trophy history for India. Opener Prithvi Shaw achieved the feat on the second day of Mumbai's Group B match against Assam. He scored a total of 379 runs during his innings. The record for most runs in Ranji Trophy is held by Bhausaheb Nimbalkar of Maharashtra, who scored an unbeaten 443 against Kathiawar in December 1948.



10. Which Indian public sector bank has recently received approval from RBI to hold special Rupee vostro accounts of three Sri Lankan banks?

- (A) Canara Bank (B) Indian Bank
(C) Punjab National Bank (D) State Bank of India

(B) Indian Bank has obtained regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India to maintain exclusive Rupee Vostro accounts of three Sri Lankan banks. Sri Lanka is currently going through a serious foreign exchange crisis.



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