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**Ques : Which state signed an MOU with State Bank of India (SBI) and Union Bank of India (UBI) to offer insurance benefits to state government employees ?**

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Assam
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Meghalaya

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Assam government has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SBI and UBI to provide insurance coverage to state government employees.
- The agreements aim to offer zero-premium insurance coverage and other advantages to approximately 4 lakh permanent state government employees.
- Term Life Insurance : A minimum coverage of Rs.10 lakh for natural death, which includes death due to illness or accidents
- Permanent Total Disability insurance Coverage of up to Rs.1 crore
- Permanent Partial Disability insurance Coverage of up to Rs.80 lakh
- Accidental Death Insurance A minimum coverage of Rs.1 crore
- Air Accidental Insurance Minimum coverage of Rs.2 crore for deaths caused by air crashes

**About Assam :**

- Capital : Dispur
- CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor : Lakshman Acharya

**About State Bank of India (SBI) :**

- Established : 01 July 1955
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Challa Sreenivasulu Setty



### About Union Bank of India :

- Established : 1919
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : A. Manimekhalai
- Tagline : Good People to Bank with

### Recently signed banking agreements

- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has teamed with Vivifi Finance to start a pilot operation offering unsecured loans to gig workers.
- Mizoram government entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with its partner banks – State Bank of India (SBI), Mizoram Rural Bank (MRB), and Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank Limited (MCAB) for the disbursement of loans under the Bana Kaih (handholding) Scheme.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Federation of Cold Storage Associations of India (FCAOI) have signed an MoU to improve agricultural infrastructure and cold chain development in India
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) partnered with Bank of Bhutan, Bhutan's largest commercial bank, to modernize its digital core and improve customer experience.
- Magma HDI General Insurance has partnered with IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (ICFL), a prominent NBFC to enhance the availability of motor, health, and commercial insurance solutions for customers.
- M2P Fintech has partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide smooth and safe payment experiences.
- Tata Power Renewable Energy, a unit of Tata Power, has partnered with Canara Bank to offer cheap financing for rooftop solar installations.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank by assets, to provide entrepreneurs with world-class banking and financial services.
- Aditya Birla Housing Finance (ABHFL) has partnered with the National Housing Bank (NHB) to further the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana's (PMAY) mission of 'Housing for All'.
- Times Internet, in cooperation with ICICI Bank, has launched the Times Black ICICI Bank Credit Card, an ultra-premium offering designed for high-net-worth individuals (HNIs) and wealthy clients.
- Federal Bank has partnered with Ecofy, India's first green-only non-banking financial company (NBFC) backed by Eversource Capital, to offer innovative financing options for MSMEs investing in commercial rooftop solar installations.





**Ques : Which bank Enhances Digital Rupee App with Accessibility Features ?**

- (a) Karnataka Bank
- (b) Central Bank of India
- (c) Indian Overseas Bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Punjab & Sind Bank

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Union Bank of India has improved digital accessibility by introducing additional features to its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) app, often known as the Digital Rupee (e₹).
- Union Bank is the first Public Sector Bank (PSB) to deliver such inclusive capabilities, paving the path for increased financial inclusion and innovation.
- The Digital Rupee, issued and regulated by the Reserve Bank of India, is a digital version of fiat currency that allows for wallet-based transactions, interoperability with UPI QR codes, auto-load capabilities, and real-time settlements.
- Union Bank's new accessibility features aim to empower people with diverse abilities, particularly those who are visually impaired, by improving the user experience.

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**Ques : What are the Interest rate on Saving deposits for Jan-March 2025 ?**

- (a) 3%
- (b) 3.25%
- (c) 3.75%
- (d) 4%
- (e) 4.25%

**Answer : option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Centre has chosen to keep the returns payable on modest savings plans unchanged for the January to March 2025 quarter, making it the fourth quarter in a row that these rates have not changed.
- The interest rates on minor savings schemes such as the Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) are reset quarterly using a formula based on the returns on government assets with similar maturities.
- Since 2016, the Union Ministry of Finance has revised interest rates on modest savings schemes on a quarterly basis.

**Interest rates for Jan-March 2025 :**

- Savings Deposit- 4%
- 1-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 6.9%
- 2-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.0%
- 3-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.1%
- 5-Year Post Office Time Deposits- 7.5 %
- 5-Year Recurring Deposits- 6.7%
- Senior Citizens Savings Scheme- 8.2%
- Sukanya Samriddhi Account- 8.2%
- Monthly Income Account- 7.4%
- National Saving Certificates (NSC)- 7.7%
- Kisan Vikas Patra- 7.5% (will mature in 115 months)
- Public Provident Fund- 7.1%





**Ques : What is the name of the transaction banking platform launched by Federal Bank?**

- (a) FinnAxia
- (b) FedOne
- (c) SmartBank
- (d) FedPay
- (e) E-Banking

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Federal Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, has unveiled FedOne, a new transaction banking platform built on Nucleus Software's FinnAxia technology.
- The implementation, which was completed following a 10-month partnership, intends to improve the bank's corporate banking offerings.
- Federal Bank, a renowned private sector bank in India, has launched FedOne™, powered by Nucleus Software's FinnAxia® transaction banking platform, marking a critical milestone in its digital transformation path.
- FedOne™ aims to transform corporate banking by streamlining processes and leveraging sophisticated technology to help Federal Bank capitalize on new business possibilities and provide great value.

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## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- YES Bank Limited & Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI) Ladies Organisation (FLO) Launched 'YES PowherUp' to empower women entrepreneur in promoting their businesses .
- ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has established the ICICI Prudential Rural Opportunities Fund, an open-ended equity strategy focused on rural and adjacent themes. It starts on January 9, 2025 and ends on January 25, 2025.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has introduced a first-of-its-kind health insurance that covers women's critical illnesses and procedures.
- Shriram Finance Limited, a financial services company, has developed a new vertical to manage all of its green finance commitments.
- Poonawalla Fincorp, a non-banking finance company under Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has implemented AI in HR operations to reduce risks and increase hiring accuracy.
- LazyPay, a leading digital financial services provider by PayU, has launched 'LazyPay EMI' in partnership with its partner lender, PayU Finance. Consumers can finance purchases between Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 1 lakh with flexible repayment options ranging from 3 to 12 months .
- BOBCARD LIMITED has launched the TIARA Credit Card, a premium credit card specifically developed for women.
- Golden Jubilee (GJF) Scholarship Scheme 2024 Launched by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) .
- IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has created a holographic digital avatar of brand ambassador Amitabh Bachchan using AI technology.
- The Federal Bank sponsored an initiative named "Kaliyum Karyavum" to teach life skills to schoolchildren using traditional art forms.
- Paytm launched Unified Payment Interface(UPI) Lite Auto Top-Up which was designed to streamline small, frequent transactions for users, making everyday payments quick and hassle free.





**Ques : The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has provided guidance on the GST treatment of which type of transactions?**

- (a) Real estate transactions
- (b) Vouchers
- (c) Cross-border transactions
- (d) Capital goods
- (e) Input tax credit adjustments

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) shed light on the GST approach of voucher-based transactions. According to the CBIC, vouchers are classified into two sorts.
- The first group includes Reserve Bank of India-approved prepaid instruments such as gift cards and digital wallets. These vouchers are treated as 'money' under the GST structure, thus transactions using them are not categorized as the supply of goods or services.
- The second group includes non-prepaid vouchers, which are not classified as prepaid instruments. These vouchers function as claims for certain goods or services and are classified as 'actionable claims'. These transactions, like their prepaid counterparts, do not count as a supply of goods or services for GST purposes.
- The CBIC stated that, regardless of the form of voucher, transactions involving vouchers will not be considered the supply of goods or services. However, the items or services that can be redeemed with these vouchers may still be liable to GST.
- Regarding unused vouchers, when vouchers go unused after their expiry date, known as breakage, the money from these unredeemed vouchers is not taxable under GST.







**Ques : Who has been appointed as the chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?**

- (a) Faiz Ahmed Kidwai
- (b) Rajiv Bansal
- (c) Sanjeev Kumar
- (d) Arun Kumar
- (e) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, a senior IAS officer, has been named chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.
- The Madhya Pradesh cadre Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the 1996 batch is now the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's Additional Secretary.
- Senior bureaucrat Akash Tripathi has been named Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power.
- Kamal Kishore Soan, who was previously Additional Secretary in the Labour Ministry, will now serve as Additional Secretary and Mission Director of the Jal Jeevan Mission, which is part of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- Shubha Thakur, Additional Secretary in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has been appointed to the Inter State Council Secretariat of the Home Ministry.





### Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Amit Aggarwal : Secretary, of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Manish Singhal : Secretary General of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) (replace Deepak Sood)
- Sachin Tendulkar : Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) Membership
- Sandip Kumar Mishra : Director of the National Testing Agency (NTA)
- K N Renuka Pujar : first transgender guest lecturer at a Karnataka institution
- Dr. Sandip Shah : Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- Abhijit Majumder : Chief financial officer (CFO) of Oil India
- Arunish Chawla : Revenue Secretary
- Suman Berry : Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
- Unsoo Kim : Managing Director (MD) of Hyundai Motor India for 3 years
- Pradeep Chugh : Company secretary of Hyundai Motor India
- Sriram Krishnan : Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence
- Rupam Roy : General Secretary (GS) of All India State Bank Officers' Federation (AISBOF)
- Arun Kumar Bishoyi : President of All India State Bank Officers' Federation (AISBOF)
- Retired Supreme Court Justice V. Ramasubramanian : Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission
- Madan B Lokur : chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC)
- Raj Kumar Chaudhary : Additional charge of CMD for the government-owned hydropower company SJVN Limited (Replaced Sushil Sharma)



**Ques : How much aid has the Government of India announced for the quake-hit nation of Vanuatu?**

- (a) \$5 lakh
- (b) \$10 lakh
- (c) \$15 lakh
- (d) \$20 lakh
- (e) \$25 lakh

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The Indian government has provided a \$5 lakh help package for Vanuatu, a tiny Pacific Ocean country devastated by the earthquake. The funding will be utilized to help with relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction operations in the country.
- Vanuatu, a South Pacific Ocean island nation, was rocked by successive earthquakes on December 17 and 22, 2024.
- On December 17, the country experienced its first earthquake of 7.3 magnitude, killing around 14 people and injuring over 200 others. To deal with the dead and devastation caused by the earthquake, the government ordered a dawn-to-dusk curfew across the country.
- On December 22, 2024, a second earthquake of magnitude 6.1 rocked the country, sparking widespread panic.
- The successive earthquakes caused severe damage to various business and residential buildings, as well as embassies and a hospital, which collapsed due to the powerful earthquake.





**Ques : Who among the following has not been selected for the 2024 Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?**

- (a) Harmanpreet Singh
- (b) Vantika Agrawal
- (c) Praveen Kumar
- (d) Manu Bhaker
- (e) Gukesh D

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has released the names of the 2024 National Sports Award recipients.
- President Droupadi Murmu will present the awards at a ceremony on January 17, 2025, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The National Sports Awards include the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the Arjuna Award, the Dronacharya Award, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy, and the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna is the country's highest sporting honor. It was previously known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award until being renamed in 2021 to the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

**Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024 :**

- Shri Gukesh D : Chess
- Shri Harmanpreet Singh : Hockey
- Shri Praveen Kumar : Para-Athletics
- Ms. Manu Bhaker : Shooting

**Arjuna Awards (Lifetime) for Outstanding Performance in Sports 2024**

- Shri Sucha Singh : Athletics
- Shri Murlikant Rajaram Petkar : Para-Swimming





## **Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games 2024 :**

### **Regular Category :**

- Shri Subhash Rana : Para-Shooting
- Ms. Deepali Deshpande : Shooting
- Shri Sandeep Sangwan : Hockey

### **Lifetime Category :**

- Shri S Muralidharan : Badminton
- Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco : Football

### **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar :**

- Physical Education Foundation of India

### **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2024 :**

- Overall Winner University : Chandigarh University
- 1st Runner Up University : Lovely Professional University
- 2nd Runner Up University : Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

## **Arjuna Awards for Outstanding Performance in Sports 2024 : 32 PLAYERS**

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### Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Bahrain's prestigious 'Medal of Efficiency' (First Class) by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa : Dr. Ravi Pillai
- "Great Place to Work" certification for January 2025–2026 : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- SKOCH Award : Maharashtra government's initiative 'Shasan Aplya Dari' ('Government at Your Doorstep')
- 34th Vyas Samman for 2024 : Hindi writer Suryabala for Her novel "Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary" which was published in 2018
- Prestigious "Gold Award" in the State Energy Conservation Award 2024 : RINL, the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant
- Royal honors 'kighthood' and 'damehood' by King Charles III : Oscar award winning filmmaker Christopher Nolan and his wife, Emma Thomas
- Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri : Rashtriya Tansen Samman 2023
- Sanand Nyas Sanstha from Indore : Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman 2023
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi : Kuwait's highest civilian honour, the Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer
- Mrs. India USA 2024 : Caitlin Sandra Neil, a 19-year-old Indian-American teenager born in Chennai, India
- Miss Teen India USA 2024 : Sanskriti Sharma from Illinois
- 14th PSE Excellence Awards in 3 Category : "Corporate Governance" and "Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability" and "Operational Performance Excellence" : Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
- Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) National Awards 2024 (in 8 category) : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- US Navy's prestigious Distinguished Public Service Award : Tom Cruise
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar : Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership by the South Indian Education Society (SIES)
- Biocon Group Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw : Jamsetji Tata Award by the Indian Society for Quality (ISQ)
- Best FIFA Men's Player : Vinícius Junior of Spain and Real Madrid football club of Spain
- Best FIFA Women's Player : Aitana Bonmatí of Spain and Barcelona football club of Spain
- Best FIFA Women's Coach : Emma Hayes, coach of the United States women's team
- Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper : Emiliano Martínez of Argentina and English club Aston Villa
- Good Design Award Australia 2024 : Air India Limited, India's leading airline based in New Delhi







**Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI)?**

- (a) Faiz Ahmed Kidwai
- (b) Anil Kumar Gupta
- (c) Ashutosh Agnihotri
- (d) Arun Kumar
- (e) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Ashutosh Agnihotri, an IAS officer now serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of Home, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- Agnihotri, a 1999-batch IAS officer from the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, brings extensive administrative experience and skills to administrative tasks.
- The Food Corporation of India, founded in 1965, plays an important role in the country's food security by acquiring, storing, and distributing critical food grains through the Public Distribution System.
- The organization also helps farmers by assuring minimum support prices and storing buffer stockpiles to keep market prices stable.

**About Food Corporation of India :**

- Founded- 14 January 1965
- Headquarters- New Delhi
- Founder- Government of India
- CMD – Ashutosh Agnihotri
- Owner- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, GoI





**Ques : The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of One-time Special Package on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP). It belongs to which Department ?**

- (a) Department of Higher Education
- (b) Department of Official Language
- (c) Department of Fertilizers
- (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- (e) Department of Consumer Affairs

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Department of Fertilizers' proposal to extend the One-time Special Package on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) beyond the NBS subsidy of Rs 3,500 per MT for the period from January 1, 2025 until further orders to ensure farmers' sustainable availability of DAP at affordable prices.
- The tentative budgetary required for the above would be up to Rs. 3,850 crore. The P&K fertilizer subsidy is administered by the NBS Scheme as of April 1, 2010.
- Continuing to prioritize farmers' welfare, the government has provided significant relief to farmers by keeping the price of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizer steady.
- In July 2024, the Cabinet approved a one-time Special Package on DAP beyond the NBS subsidy at Rs 3,500 per MT from 01.04.2024 to 31.12.2024, with an estimated financial cost of Rs 2,625 crore.
- The Cabinet authorized the extension of the Special Package on DAP at its meeting today (1.1.2025), with an estimated financial impact of up to Rs. 3850 crore.





**Ques : Whom did Jyoti Sharma succeed as the CEO of Nasscom Foundation?**

- (a) Nandan Nilekani
- (b) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- (c) Nidhi Bhasin
- (d) Falguni Nayar
- (e) Shikha Sharma

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Nasscom Foundation has named Jyoti Sharma as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), following Nidhi Bhasin.
- Sharma has over 20 years of experience delivering social impact by directing program development, resource mobilization, and stakeholder engagement.
- The Nasscom Foundation, founded in 2001, is a non-profit organisation that represents the Indian technology industry.

**Ques : On which day 67th Foundation Day of DRDO is celebrated ?**

- (a) 1 January 2025
- (b) 2 January 2025
- (c) 3 January 2025
- (d) 4 January 2025
- (e) 5 January 2025

**Answer : Option B**





### Explanation :

- On January 2, 2025, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) celebrated its 67th Foundation Day.
- Since its establishment in 1958, DRDO has expanded to 52 laboratories and 5 DRDO Young Scientist Laboratories (DYSLs), covering a wide range of defense technologies.
- Raksha Mantri emphasized the importance of DRDO in achieving the 'Year of Reforms' goals

### Ques : World Braille Day celebrated on which day ?

- (a) 1 January
- (b) 2 January
- (c) 3 January
- (d) 4 January
- (e) 5 January

### Answer : Option D

### Explanation :

- Every year on January 4th, we celebrate World Braille Day.
- The goal is to create awareness about the value of Braille as a communication tool for the blind and partially sighted.
- In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared January 4 as World Braille Day in honor of Louis Braille, the visionary who developed the braille system.
- The originator of the braille code, Louis Braille, was born on January 4, 1809, in Coupvray, France. Braille was three years old when he hurt his eye with a sharp tool while playing in his father's shop. Even with the finest care, the infection in one eye quickly spread to the other, leaving him entirely blind.





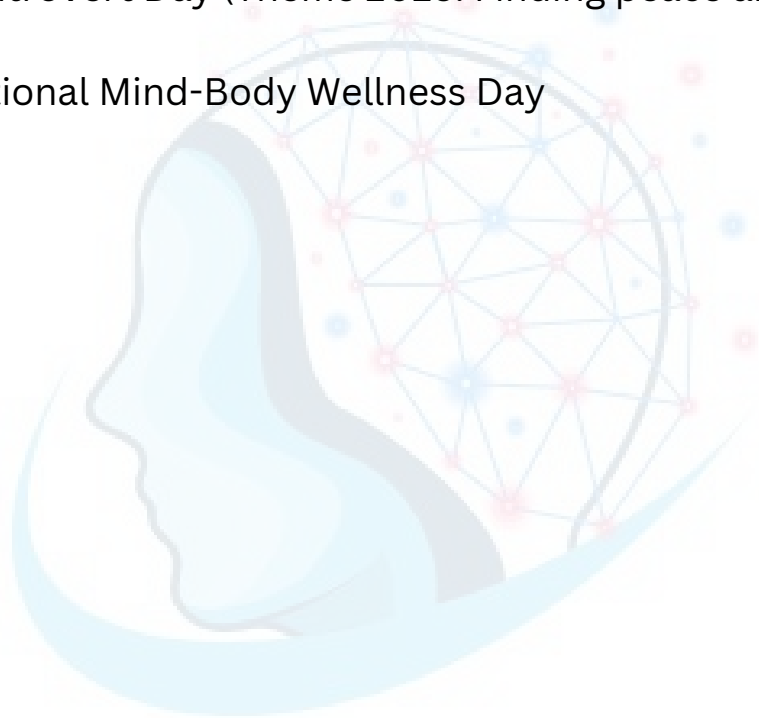
### Important days :

- 9 December : International Anti-Corruption Day (Theme 2024: Uniting with Youth Against Corruption to Shape Tomorrow's Integrity)
- 9 December : International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide
- 10 December : World Human Rights Day (Theme 2024: Our Rights, Our Future)
- 11 December : International Mountain Day (Theme 2024 - Mountain solutions for a sustainable future: innovation, adaptation, and youth)
- 11 December : United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Day
- 12 December : International Day of Neutrality
- 12 December : International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day
- 13 December : National Horse Day
- 14 December : National Energy Conservation Day (Theme 2024: Powering Sustainability: Every Watt Counts)
- 16 December : Vijay Diwas 2024 (Commemorates India's decisive victory over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak War)
- 18 December : International Migrants Day (Theme 2024: Recognizing the contributions of migrants and protecting their rights)
- 18 December : Minorities Rights Day
- 18 December : World Arabic Language Day (Theme 2024: Arabic Language and AI: Driving Innovation While Preserving Cultural Heritage)
- 19 December : Goa Liberation Day
- 20 December : International Human Solidarity Day (Theme 2024: Promote friendship and collaboration)
- 21 December : World Meditation Day (Theme 2024: Inner Peace, Global Harmony)
- 21 December : World Basketball Day
- 22 December : National Mathematics Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Mathematics: The Bridge to Innovation and Progress)
- 23 December : Kisan Diwas, also known as National Farmer's Day (Theme 2024: Empowering 'Annadata's' for a Prosperous Nation)
- 24 December : National Consumer Rights Day
- 25 December : Good Governance Day





- 26 December : Boxing Day
- 26 December : Computer Operators' Day
- 26 December : Veer Bal Divas A Day of Valor And Righteousness
- 27 December : International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
- 29 December : International Cello Day
- 1 January : Global Family Day (Theme 2025: Let's Start the Year With Love, Unity, and Appreciation)
- 2 January : World Introvert Day (Theme 2025: Finding peace and calm in a noisy world)
- 3 January : International Mind-Body Wellness Day



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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

A Book “Chhaunk: On Food, Economics and Society (Juggernaut)” Authored by Nobel Prize laureate Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee and Cheyenne Olivier is Released at Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF).

As of December 31, 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that 98.12% of the ₹2,000 denomination banknotes have been returned to the banking system, with ₹6,691 crore still held by the public.

Gangadhar National Award for Poetry 2023 has been given to Odia poet Prativa Satpathy by Sambalpur University on Occasion of Sambalpur University's 58th foundation day on January 5, 2025.

Gangadhar National Award for Poetry Established in 1989. It recognizes excellence in the field of poetry and is named after the eminent Odia poet Gangadhar Meher. A citation, shawl, and a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000 given to the winner.

Sanjiv Ranjan Appointed as Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat in Ebene, Mauritius for 3 Years. Replaced Salman Al-Farisi of Indonesia.

IDBI Bank has approved the issuance of Long-Term Bonds to finance Infrastructure and Affordable Housing projects, raising up to Rs.10,000 crore. Bond issuance will take place in tranches, with Rs.5,000 crore expected by March 31, 2025, and the remaining amount over FY 2025–26.

Mission MAUSAM Approved in September 2024. It is Led by Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) with the Aim to make India “Weather Ready” and “Climate Smart”, complying with the international standards by 2026. It has an Outlay of Rs 2,000 crore for 2 years.

