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## MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS JANUARY – 2024

### DATES & DAYS

- **1 JAN:- 66th DRDO Foundation Day**
- DRDO Founded:- 1958. Chairman:- Dr Sameer V Kamat
- **4 JAN:- World Braille Day**
- Observed since 2019 .Birth anniversary of Louise Braille founder of Braille Script used by blind persons. Braille Script was founded in 1824.
- **9 JAN :- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas / NRI Day** to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian Community in the development of India .
- Celebrated since 2003. It marks Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa in 1915.
- **10 JAN :- World Hindi Day**
- On 10TH Jan 1975 the first ever World Hindi Conference took place in Maharashtra's Nagpur . Celebrated since 2006.
- THEME :- "Hindi –Bridging Traditional Knowledge & Artificial Intelligence".
- **11 JAN :- Death Anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri** . He passed away on this day in 1966 in Tashkent , Uzbekistan
- **11-17 Jan :- National Road Safety Week**
- THEME :- "Be a Road Safety Hero"
- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH ) organizes the event to promote road safety practices.
- **12 JAN :- National Youth Day**
- Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekanada. GOI officially declared it as National Youth Day in 1984 & since 1985 it has been celebrated across the country.
- **10-18 JAN :- Startup India Innovation Week** . Organized by Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) , Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- **14 JAN :- Armed Forces Veteran Day**
- initially called Armistice Day. Celebrated to honour sacrifice of our veterans in serving the nation. It was on this day in 1953 that the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army Field Marshal KM Cariappa retired from the service. It was celebrated since 2016.
- **15 JAN :- 76TH Army Day 2024**
- Army Day parade took place in Lucknow . On Jan 15 , 1949 Gen KM Cariappa took charge of Indian

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Army & became first Commander-in-Chief of Independent India. Indian Army will observe 2024 as "Year of Technology Absorption"

- **16 JAN :- National Startup Day**
- **Objective :-** to promote & encourage upcoming businesses in the country.
- On January 15, 2022, PM Modi first announced the adoption of the day.
- **19 JAN :-** 19th National Disaster-Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day  
NDRF was formed in 2006 under Disaster Management Act. It functions under Ministry of Home Affairs. Director General of NDRF :- Atul Karwal
- **21 JAN :-** Tripura, Manipur & Meghalaya Foundation Day.
- On 21 Jan, 1972 states of Tripura, Manipur, & Meghalaya became full-fledged states under the North Eastern Region ( Re-organization) Act of 1971.
- **23 JAN :-** Parakram Diwas
- **127<sup>th</sup>** Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- **24 JAN:-** National Girl Child Day
- Initiated by Ministry of Women & Child Development in 2008 as a part of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) campaign, which aims to promote gender equality & eliminate gender-based discrimination.
- **24 JAN :-** International Day of Education
- **THEME 2024 :-** "Learning for lasting peace"
- **25 JAN :-** 14th National Voters Day
- National Voters Day is celebrated on Jan 25 every year since 2011. To mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India on 25th January 1950.
- **THEME 2024 :-** "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For Sure".
- **26 JAN :-** 75th Republic Day Parade 2024
- celebrated as constitution of India came into effect on 26 Jan 1950. 2024 Twin Themes :- "Viksit Bharat" & "Bharat-Loktantra ki Matruka". Chief Guest :- French President Emmanuel Macron.
- **26 JAN :-** International Customs Day 2023
- Theme :- "Customs Engaging Traditional & New Partners with Purpose".
- **26 JAN :-** International Day of Clean Energy 2024
- Declared in 2023 by UNGA
- **THEME :-** "Clean Energy for People & Planet".
- **27 JAN :-** International Day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust
- It is annually observed in remember & honour 6 million jewish victims & millions of other victims of Nazism during World War –II. UNGA designated in November 2005.
- **28 Jan :-** Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
- **28 Jan :-** World Leprosy Day .
- Celebrated on last Sunday of January .

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- **Theme :-** Beat Leprosy .Aim to eradicate the stigma associated with leprosy & to promote the dignity of people affected by the disease.
- **30 JAN :-** Martyr Day or Shaheed Diwas .
- It marks Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- GOI , with the approval of President of India , has constituted 16th Finance Commission in pursuance to Article 280(1) of the Constitution. Dr. Arvind Panagariya , former VC , NITI Aayog will be the Chairman.
- Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey has been appointed as Secretary to the Commission.
- Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey assumes role as a Secretary General of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation)
- Vikas Sheel appointed as Executive Director of Asian Development Bank for a period of three years .
- Gabriel Attal appointed as France's New Prime Minister.
- Bhutan's Tshering Tobgay to become PM for second time.
- Sheel Vardhan Singh appointed as UPSC Member.  
It have a maximum of 10 members each appointed for a term of six years or until they attain the age of 65.
- Swachh Bharat Mission Anthem for 2024 :- Play back Singer Kailash Kher anthem :- "Naya Sankalp Hai , Naya Prakalp Hai" .
- Annual awards launched in 2016 as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban.
- Vice Admiral AN Pramod appointed Director General Naval Operations.
- Lai Ching-te to be the President of Taiwan.
- Praveen Achuthan Kutty sworn in as DCB Bank MD & CEO.
- Daljit Singh Chaudhary appointed as new Director General of SSB (Sashastra Seema Bal) [SSB Estb – 1963 primarily responsible for guarding the country's borders with Nepal & Bhutan]
- Justice **Prasana Bhalachandran Varale** sworn in as Judge of Supreme Court.

## **AWARDS**

- Bishati Bharat from Anantapur District (AP) selected for National Youth Award 2024 [conferred every year by Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.]
- Professor BR Kamboj (VC of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University) receives Prestigious MS Swaminathan Award in recognition of his contributions as a scientist in the field of Agronomy.  
MS Swaminathan Award :- instituted in 2004 .

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Award carries cash prize of Rs 2 lakh , A medal , & a Citation . Award is open to all , irrespective of his / her nationality.

- National One District One Product (ODOP) Awards 2023 :-  
Districts Awards (Agriculture) :-

RANK	DISTRICT	STATE	PRODUCT	AWARD
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Andhra Pradesh	Araku Coffee	Gold
2	Uttarkashi	Uttarakhand	Red Rice	Silver3
3	Shopian	J & K	Apple	Bronze
4	Kandhamal	Odisha	Turmeric	Bronze

- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced “Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar” 2023 given to corporate entities (both in private & public sector) , Sports Control Boards , NGO , including sports bodies at the state & National level who have played a visible role for sports promotion & development.

S . NO.	CATEGORY	Entity awarded for Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023
1.	Identification & Nurturing of budding / young talent	Jain deemed to be University , Bengaluru
2	Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	Odisha Mining Corporate Limited

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been conferred with 1st prize for “Digital Transformation initiatives in Land Governance through SVAMITVA Scheme” at 2nd annual “Public Policy Dialogues” Conclave of the Bharti Institute of Public Policy (BIPP) , Indian School of Business (ISB) ,Hyderabad during 3-5 Jan,2024.

SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages & Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) Scheme launched on National Panchayati Raj Day (24 April) 2021. Aim to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India.

- President Droupadi Murmu presented National Sports & Adventure Awards 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

6 Categories of National Sports Awards :-

- 1). Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023
- 2). Arjuna Award 2023
- 3). Dronacharya Award 2023
- 4). Major Dhyan Chand Award 2023
- 5). Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Rolling Trophy 2023
- 6). Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2022
- 7). Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023

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- Indore , Surat “Cleanest Cities” in India : Swachh Survekshan Awads 2023 organised by ,Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.  
Top 3 awards for best performing states :- Maharashtra , M.P. , Chhattisgarh.  
Cleanest Cantonment :- Mhow  
Cleanest Ganga Town :- Varanasi  
Best Safaimitra Surakshit Shehar :- Chandigarh
- Theme for 2023 :- “Waste to Health”
- Theme for Cleanliness Survey for 2024 :- “Reduce , Reuse , & Recycle.”
- Govt has invited nominationa for Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar -2024 in the field of Science , Technology & Innovation.
- Awards shall be announced on 11th May 2024 (National Technology Day).Award ceremony for all categories of awards will be held on 23rd August 2024 (National Space Day)
- 75th Primetime EMMY AWARDS were held at Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>WINNER</i>
<i>Drama Series</i>	<i>Succession</i>
<i>Comedy Series</i>	<i>The Bear</i>
<i>Limited or Anthology Series</i>	<i>Beef</i>
<i>Reality Competition Program</i>	<i>The Amazing Race</i>
<i>Talk Series</i>	<i>The Daily Show with Trevor Noah</i>

### **FIFA Football Awards 2023:-**

- **Argentina's Lionel Messi** received Best Men's Player AWARD. **Aitana Bonmati** was named FIFA's best women football player.
- Assam Govt. has announced that it will confer the Assam Baibhav Award , the state's highest civilian honor to member of Parliament & CJI Ranjan Gogoi.
- 4<sup>th</sup> wings India Awards 2024 hela at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad, Telangana:- Banglore & Delhi Airports jointly bagged the best airport award in the Civil Aviation Sector .The awards were presented by Union Civil Aviaion Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia.Theme :- “Connecting India with World in Amritkal”
- **PADMA AWARDS for 2024** :- total 132 Padma Awards announced list comprises 5 Padma Vibhushan , 17 Padma Bhushan , 110 Padma Shri Awards.  
[30 awardees are women , 8 persons from category of Foreigners/NRI / PIO/OCI , 9Posthumous]
- **PADMA VIBHUSHAN :-**
- Former Vice-President :- M.Venkaiah Naidu [Andhra Pradesh] (Public Affairs)  
Actors :- Chiranjeevi [Andhra Pradesh] & Vyjayanthimala Bali [Tamil Nadu] (Art)  
Bharatnatyam Dancer :- Padma Subrahmanyam [Tamil nadu] (Art) Bindeshwar Pathak founder of Sulabh International [ Bihar] (Posthumous) (Social Work)

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- **PADMA BHUSHAN** :- posthumously conferred :
- Late actor Vijayakant M Fathima Beevi (Public Affairs) the first female judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- Satyabrata Mookherjee (Public Affairs) former president of BJP in West Bengal
- **Togdan Rinpoche** spiritual leader in Ladakh.
- **Young Liu (Trade & Industry)** chairman of Taiwan's Foxconn Group has also been conferred with a Padma Bhushan.
- Socialist Icon & Ex Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur awarded Bharat Ratna. Bharat Ratna :- highest civilian Award of the country established in 1954.  
Recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the P.M. to the President of India.  
The number of Bharat Ratna is restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year.

### PADMA SHRI (7 in Sports)

- Tennis Star Rohan Bopanna
- Squash Player Joshna Chinappa
- Hockey Player Harbinder Singh
- Mallakhamb Practitioner Uday Deshpande
- Archer Purima / Mahtao
- Para Badminton Coach Gaurav Khanna
- Para Swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia



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### **DEFENCE**

- First India – UAE joint military exercise , “Desert Cyclone 2024 ” will take place from 2-15 Jan ,2024 in Rajasthan.
- Rajnath Singh launches India’s first All-Girls Sainik School in Vrindavan.
- DRDO has developed & launched new assault rifle named “Ugram” [it have an effective range of 500 metres].
- 4th Edition of multilateral Exercise Sea Dragon 24 (Anti –Submarine Warfare ).Indian Navy’s P-8I Aircraft reaches Guam USA for Exercise Sea Dragon 24.
- **India-Thailand first Naval exercise Ayutthaya.** Indigenously built Indian Naval Ships INS Kulish &INS LCU 56 participated in inaugural edition of the exercise.
- IAF conducts “Exercise Desert Knight”.
- Exercise Khanjar commences in H.P. Indian – Kyrgystan joint special forces Exercise Khanjar.

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

- The book Srirangam –The Resplendent Kingdom of Rangaraja by Hindu Group of Publications was launched during Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam on Dec 23.
- Ex-Indian Army Chief Gen MM Narvane’s Autobiography “Four Stars of Destiny”.
- External Affairs Minister S.Jaishankar unveils his latest book “Why Bharat Matters”
- General VK Singh releases book “Sanskriti ke Ayaam” written by Manorama Mishra published by National Book Trust.
- Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad launches book “Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir Ek Sajhi Virast : Kuchh Ansuni Baten”. Co-Authored by Geeta Singh & Arif Khan Bharti with a foreword by RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat.
- Jaya Jaitly’s new book “Inspirations for Graphic Design from India” released which is Co-Authored by Dimple Bahl published by Arthshila Trust.
- A book named “**Gandhi A Life in Three Campaigns**” launched written by M.J. Akbar. Book delves into the life & struggles of Mahatma Gandhi, particularly focusing on three pivotal mass campaigns he led: Non-Cooperation Movement (1920) , Salt Satyagraha (1930) , Quit India Movement (1942) .
- **Book “An Uncommon Love : The Early Life of Sudha & Narayana Murthy” authored by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.** The book offers ab intimate view into the lives of one of India’s most respected couples , Sudha & Narayana Murthy , the co-founder of Infosys.
- Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar releases book titled “**Fertilising the Future :Bharat’s March towards Fertilizer Self Sufficiency**” written by Mansukh Mandaviya.

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### FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

- 2023 National Street Food Festival concludes in New Delhi .organized by National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI). It is first zero waste street food festival in India.
- Aatmnirbhar Bharat Utsav inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi hosted by DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade , Ministry of Commerce and Industry .External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar & Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated Aatmnirbhar Bharat Utsav.
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) will organize Uttar Purvi Mahotsav 2024 from January 13-17 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- **76th Dhanuyatra Festival** :- world famous 11 day long Bargarh Dhanuyatra began in Odisha (11-25 Jan) . In 1947-48 as a part of the celebration of the country's Independence & is held annually.  
**Festival is based on Krishna Leela** & will showcase the mythological story of Krishna & his maternal uncle Kansa. It is considered to be world's largest open air theatrical festival that finds a mention in Guinness Book of World Records.
- Department of Culture of GOI has accorded National Festival status to Dhanu Jatra in Nov 2014.
- Thai Pooasam Festival is mainly celebrated in Tamil Nadu on Paush Purnima celebrated the victory of Hindu God Murugan over demon Surapadman.
- Festivals of harvest :- Makar Sankranti , Pongal , Uttarayan , & Magh Bihu celebrated in different parts of the country .
- Makar Sankranti :- festival that honours Sun god & signals the conclusion of winter. According to Hindu beliefs sun moves from Dhanu rashi to Makar rashi during Makar Sankranti.
- Different Names of Sankranti Festival
- **Assam** – Magh Bihu or Bhoghali Bihu
- **Gujarat & UP** –Uttarayan or Kicheri
- **Bihar** – Til Sakraat or Dahi Chura
- **Tamil Nadu** – Pongal
- **West Bengal** – Poush Sankranti
- **HP** – Magha Saaji
- **Maharashtra & Goa** – Haldi Kumkum or Maghi Sankrant
- **Karnataka** – Suggi
- **Kerala** – Makaravilakku (Sabrimala Temple)

### SPORTS

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bodies at the state and national level ,who have played a visible role for sports promotion & development. Identification and nurturing of budding/young talent given to Jain deemed to be University ,Bengaluru ; Encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility given to Odisha Mining Corporate Limited.

- David Warner announces retirement from One Day Interational Cricket.
- India's first ever multi sport beach games commence at Ghoghala Beach in Diu .
- 9th Asian Winter Games also known as Harbin 2025 will be held in Harbin , China from feb 28 to March 9 , 2025.  
SLOGAN :-"Dream of Winter , Love among Asia".  
MASCOTS :- "Binbin" & "Nini" two Siberian tiger cubs inspired by real tiger cubs born in Heilongjiang Siberian Tiger Park.  
Official Emblem :- "Breakthrough" creatively blends Chinese Cultural elements with Olympic symbols.
- First multi – sports beach games in India.Organized at Blue Flag Certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu . M.P. emerges overall champion ; 2nd - Maharashtra ; Lakshadweep secured gold medal in Beach Soccer. [12 beaches in India have Blue Flag Certification given to cleanest beaches promoting sustainable tourism.]
- ICC announces groups for T20 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 [ 9th Edition jointly hosted by West Indies and U.S.]. [First won by India (2007) defeated Pakistan; 2nd time won by England in 2022 defeated Pakistan.]
- Asian Champion Aman Sehrawat won gold medal in Men's 57 kg at Zagreb Open 2024 Wrestling Tournament in Croatia.
- DRDO conducted a successful flight test of new Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) Surface to Air Missile (SAM) Tested from Chandipur off coast of Odisha.
- SteelFab 2024 Exhibition in UAE .
- **Real Madrid wins against Barcelona** in Spanish Super Cup held in Riyadh , Saudi Arabia. [Barcelona are the most successful team in the competition with 14 titles.]
- **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** surpasses Vishwanathan Anand to become India's number one chess player.
- **Sumit Nagal** becomes first Indian Man in 35 years to beat seeded player at Australian Open.
- **Sue Redfern (of England)** to be the first ICC appointed female neutral umpire in bilateral series. She will officiate in upcoming ICC Women's Championship & T20I matches between Australia & South Africa.
- Indian cricket team Captain Rohit Sharma has created history by becoming first batsman to score five centuries in T20 Internationals.
- Asian Shooting Championship 2024 was held in Jakarta , Indonesia from Jan 8 to 17.
- **6th Edition of Khelo India Youth Games** opening ceremony was inaugurated by PM Modi at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai.

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- **Mascot** :- Veera Mangai (Rani velu Nachiyar popularly known as Veera Mangai) was an Indian queen who waged a war against British colonial rule.

**LOGO** :- figure of poet Thiruvalluvar

- Wrestler **Ravi Kumar Dahiya** claims Bronze Grand Prix De France 2024.
- **Man Singh (Athletics)** clinches gold at the Asian Marathon Championships 2024 in Hong Kong.

### ICC Men's Awards 2023:-

CATEGORY	WINNER
<i>Cricketer of the Year 2023 (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy)</i>	<i>Pat Cummins (Australia)</i>
<i>ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023</i>	<i>Virat Kohli (India)</i>
<i>Test Cricketer of the Year 2023</i>	<i>Usman Khawaja (Australia)</i>
<i>T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023</i>	<i>Suryakumar Yadav (India)</i>

### ICC Women's Awards 2023:-

Category	Winner
<i>Cricketer of the Year 2023 (Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award)</i>	<i>Nat Sciver- Brunt (England)</i>
<i>ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023</i>	<i>Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka)</i>
<i>T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023</i>	<i>Hayley Matthews (West Indies)</i>

### **MISC.**

- Amruta Someshwara , Scholar and Folklore Expert passes away in Mangaluru , Karnataka . He won many awards including Bhasha Samman Award of Sahitya Akademi (2016) , Gaurav Shree Award of Karnataka Sahitya Academy (2020) . [Bhasha Samman Award established by Sahitya Akademi in 1996.]
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurates "Panchayat Se Parliament Tak" programme . This programme was hosted by Parliament for 500 women representatives of Panchayati Raj institutions and urban local bodies at Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi .Aimed at empowering and supporting women grassroot leaders.
- 29th International Yoga Festival being organized in Puducherry.
- Govt. of India constitutes 16th Finance Commission with Dr. Arvind Panagariya as its Chairman . He was previously former vice-chairman of NITI Aayog. Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey has been appointed as Secretary to Commission .
- Govt extends Automobile Industry's PLI (Production Linked Incentive) Scheme by 1 Year with Partial Amendments announcement made by Ministry of Heavy Industries. PLI-AUTO Scheme will boost manufacturing of Advanced Automotive Technology (AAT) Products. Scheme is focused on Zero Emission Vehicles i.e. Battery Electric Vehicles and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle.

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- Prime Minister to participate in All India Conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police 2023 at Rajasthan International Center in Jaipur .
- Govt distributes over 1.64 crore Ayushman Cards Nationwide during Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra which was flagged off by PM Modi on 15th November 2023 from Khunti , Jharkhand .
- Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved overarching scheme “PRITHvi Vigyan (PRITHVI)” of Ministry of Earth Sciences. For understanding of Earth Sciences in India.
- Election Commission of India introduced new regulations for allocating symbols to Registered Unrecognised Political Parties ( RUPPs). This is done under The Election Symbols (Reservation & Allotment) Order, 1968.
- 10th World Tamils Economic Conference & Global Economic Summit to be held in Chennai organized by Madras Development Society and World Tamils Economic Foundation.
- J&K becomes first UT to implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana (a Central Sector Scheme for MSME) launched on 17th sep2023. This scheme support artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands & tools . A Stipen of 500Rs per day & a free modern toolkit worth 15000 Rs for trained Vishwakarmas.
- Gujarat breaks Guinness Record : largest Surya Namaskar Assembly performed simultaneously at 108 places in state on 1st day of year. The venues also included iconic Modhera Sun Temple.
- The Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) has roped in a renowned leather puppeteer from Kakinada , Thota Balakrishna ,to mentor ten young puppeteers and preserve the art of leather puppetry (Tholubommalata) , as part of “Kala Disha” Project.
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurates Mega North India StartUp Expo at Kathua , J & K.
- Theme:- “Emerging Startup Trends in North India”
- Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY is the world’s largest health insurance scheme fully financed by the government , launched in Feb 2018 ,it offers a sum insured of Rs 5 lakh per family for secondary care & Tertiary care.
- PM Modi inaugurates Lakshadweep’s 1st On-Grid Solar Project at Kavaratti with state-of-the-art Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) technology .
- 16th BRICS Summit will be held in Kazan , Russia in October 2024.
- Ratle Hydroelectric Project (850 MW built on Chenab River in Kishtwar in J & K ) to Power Rajasthan for 40 years.
- An inscription written in Kannada & Sanskrit said to be of 10th century A.D. Kadamba period has been discovered in Mahadeva temple at Cacoda in Southern Goa. T. Murugeshi ,a retired professor from Udupi district studied the inscription. Sanskrit and Kannada were official languages of Kadambas of Goa.
- Jallikattu ,the traditional bull taming sport began in Thatchankurichi village in Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu.
- GI Tag to Odisha’s product :- Lanjia Saura Paintings , Dongaria Kondh Shawl , Khojuri Guda , Nayagarh Kanteimundi Brinjal , Dhenkanal Magji , Simplipal “Kai” Chutney , Koraput Kalajeera Rice.

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- GI Tag to Arunachal's Product :- Wancho Wooden Craft, Adi Kekir (Ginger).
- GI Tag to West Bengal Products :- Tangail Saree, Garad Saree, Korial Saree, Kalonunia Rice , Sundarban Honey.
- GI Tag :- Gujarat's Kachchhi Kharek (Dates) , J&K Ramban Anardana.
- 54th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting will take place from Jan 15-19 2024 in Davos-Klostern ,Switzerland.
- Gangasagar Mela to begin in West Bengal .It is world's second largest Hindu Fair after Kumbh. Mela is held at Sagar Island.
- 13th State level Philatelic Exhibition "KARNAPEX 2024- A Festival of Stamps" organized by Karnataka Postal.
- 10th Edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit held in Gandhinagar , Gujarat.
- "Prasadam " India's First Hygienic Food Street in Ujjain.
- Chandubi Festival was celebrated along Chandubi Lake in Assam to promote eco-tourism.Festival provides livelihood to different tribes – Rabhas , Garos, Gorkhas , and tea tribes.
- 50th Edition of Karbi Youth Festival will be held in Assam.
- International Camel Festival kicked off in Bikaner , Rajasthan.
- Govt's ZED (Zero Effect , Zero Defect ) Scheme for MSMEs hits 1 lakh certification milestone . [ZED :- launched in October 2016 .Scheme provides financial assistance of upto 75% of total cost of certification with a maximum subsidy ceiling of Rs 50,000. ZED Certification is valid for three years.]
- 6th Edition of Youth Co: Lab fellowship launched in New Delhi led by UNDP [United Nations Development Programme].Aims to support youth-led startups .Youth Co :Lab was co-created in 2017 by UNDP & Citi Foundation .
- Inland Waterways Authority of India operating under Ministry of Ports , Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) i.e. Sarbananda Sonowal hosted first ever meeting of Inland Waterways Development Council in Kolkata.
- PM Modi launches "Swachh Mandir" Campaign . Cleanliness campaign at all pilgrimage sites from Jan 14 to 22.
- I-STEM (Indian Science, Technology & Engineering facilities Map) is launching Samavesha project at IISC Bengaluru. GOI is planning to conduct around 50 Samavesha across India in 2024.
- India summons Maldives high commissioner over derogatory remarks against PM Modi . Maldives High Commissioner – Ibrahim Shaheeb . President of Maldives :- Mohamed Muizzu
- Tropical cyclone "Alvaro" hits Madagascar .first cyclone of 2024.
- Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina ( Awami League Party) wins fourth straight term.
- NSO : Indian economy to grow at 7.3% in current financial Year (FY 2023-24).
- Denmark announced Green Fuels Alliance India (GFAI) at GIM (Global Investors Meet ) 2024 held in Denmark under Green Strategic Partnership signed between India & Denmark in 2020. GFAI aims to accelerate collaboration in sustainable energy solutions sector .

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- PM Modi will inaugurate BAPS (Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha) Hindu Temple in Abu Dhabi on 14th Feb.
- Aditya L1 ,ISRO first space based solar observatory is injected into its final orbit Lagrange Point – 1.
- Grand diaspora gathering scheduled in Abu Dhabi titled -“Ahlan Modi” (Hello Modi) Event. According to UN International Migration 2020 report , UAE boasts the largest Indian Diaspora population at 3.5 million , surpassing USA (2.7million) & Saudi Arabia (2.5 million) .
- India to chair UNESCO'S World Heritage Committee for first time in July . India is set to chair & host 46th session of World Heritage Committee from July 21 – 31, 2024 in New Delhi. [UNESCO World Heritage Committee Estb in 1972 ; madeup of 21 member states & meets once a year.
- Prime Minister pays homage to **Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji on his Prakash Parv (17th Jan)**. 10th Sikh guru – Guru Gobind Singh Ji was born on Dec 22 , 1666 in Patna Sahib , Bihar . Before his passing in 1708 he declared the Guru Granth Sahib , the sacred Sikh scripture. One of his most notable achievements was founding Khalsa Panth in 1699 , a community of baptized Sikhs dedicated to living a life of courage , sacrifice, & service. He introduced 5 Ks :- Kesh , Kangha , Kirpan , Kachera & Kara.
- Noted Urdu poet Munawwar Rana passed away . In 2014 he was honoured with Sahitya Akademi Award for his poem “Shahdaba”.
- President of India , Smt Droupadi Murmu will confer Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar , 2024 to 19 exceptional children in an award ceremony which will take place at Vigyan Bhawan on 22nd Jan 2024.
- In June 2022 , Surat in Gujarat became the first city in India to get a processed steel slag road. Steel slag roads are roads built using steel slag a by product of steel production .These are green technology that can offer a sustainable & durable road network.
- Kachchi Kharek (dates) from Kutch receives GI Tag second fruit from Gujarat after Gir Kesar mango.
- Department of Science & Technology, GOI is organizing 9th edition of IISF 2023 from 17-20 Jan 2024 . Theme :- “Science & Technology public Outreach in Amrit Kaal” .
- Host – Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) –Translational Health Science & Technology Institute located in Faridabad (Haryana).
- Vice President inaugurates 12th General Assembly of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP) in New Delhi.
- Theme – “ABCP – The Buddhist Voie of Global South”.
- All India Secretaries' Conference on Water Vision @ 2047 to be held at Mahabalipuram , Tamil Nadu on 23-24 Jan .A film & a book titled “jal Shakti Abhiyan :Catch the Rain – A journey”will be released.
- Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram presented “Onavillu”( ceremonial bow) to Ayodhya's Ram Mandir.[handicrafted by Vilayil Veedu family , depicts all incarnations of Lord Vishnu] Onavillu is made using wood obtained from Kadamba & Mahagani trees.

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- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy unveiled tallest statue of Dr B.R. Ambedkar at Swaraj Maidan in Vijaywada.
- Tallest Ambedkar statue in the world. **Also called as the “Statue of Social Justice” statue is 125 feet tall constructed** on an 81 foot pedestal taking total height to 206 feet
- Maharashtra’s Pench Tiger Reserve India’s First Dark Sky Park & fifth such park in Asia. India’s first dark sky Reserve is the Hanle Dark Sky Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR) in Ladakh in the Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary.
- PM Modi inaugurated the new campus of the National Academy of Customs , Indirect Taxes & Narcotics in Andhra Pradesh.
- **World Economic Forum** has agreed to setup its Centre for **4th Industrial revolution (C4IR) in Hyderabad.**
- CM A. Revanth Reddy & WEF President Borge Brende entered into an agreement during WEF-2024 in Davos in Switzerland.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated 800 crore “Srimandir Parikrama Prakalpa” or Jagannath Temple heritage corridor project around Sri Jagannath Temple in Puri.
- **Puri Heritage Corridor Project** is a part of Augmentation of Basic Amenities & Development of Heritage & Architecture (ABADHA) Scheme.
- **India’s wildlife officials confirmed first ever sighting of the rare Tibetan Brown Bear**
- [Scientific Name :- Ursus Arctos Pruinus in high altitudes of North Sikkim .  
IUCN Status :- Endangered]
- 2nd International AYUSH Conference inaugurated in Dubai .
- 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos , Switzerland. THEME:- “Rebuilding Trust”
- [WEF found :- 24 jan 1971 HQ – Cologny , Switzerland Founder :- Klaus Schwab]
- 19th NAM Summit under Uganda’s leadership being held under the theme “Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence”.
- NAM (Non- Aligned Movement Estb in 1961 in Belgrade, former Yugoslavia under the leadership of Indian PM Pt. J.L. Nehru , President of Egypt –Gamal Abdel Nasser & President of Yugoslavia Josip Broz Tito ) is a forum of 120 countries .
- Dr S Jaishankar led the Indian delegation.
- GOI under New Education Policy has decided to include Farsi (Persian) as one of nine classical languages of India.
- India’s recognized 6 languages as classical :-
- Tamil (2004) , Sanskrit (2005), Kannada (2008) , Telugu (2008) , Malayalam (2013) , Odia (2014) .  
Eighth Schedule of Indian Constitution lists classical languages (6) & official languages (22).

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- Lambert Fisher Glacier –World’s largest glacier (visible from space) located in Antarctica.[80km wide over 400 km & about 2500 m deep].  
It is fastest moving ice streams in the world.
- Punganur Cow –India’s Shortest Humped Cattle Breed native to Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh’s Rayalaseema region.
- They are considered world’s shortest humped cattle.
- India placed 4th out of 145 countries in Global Firepower Index.
- Top – US , 2nd – Russia , 3rd – China [military strength rankings] ; Pakistan- 9th
- REC Limited issues inaugural Yen denominated Green Bonds aggregating to 61.1 Billion Japanese Yen –first Yen Green Bonds issuance by any Indian PSU ; largest Yen denominated issuance from India.
- India set “To Kill a Tiger “ nominated for best documentary feature at Oscars 2024.
- Justice Shivraj V Patil’s autobiography “Time Spent Distance Travelled “ released in English & Kannada .
- India elected as first Vice Chair of FAO COFI Sub Committee on Fisheries Management.
- H.P. introduces “My School–My Pride” Campaign for education in Govt. schools.
- Shree Ram Janambhoomi Temple is designed by celebrated architect Chandrakant B Sompura .  
His grandfather , Prabhakar Sompura designed the revived Somnath Mandir in Gujarat in 1949.  
Black stone used for Lord Ram’s Idol originates from Karnataka .
- Core of the Temple :- Rajasthan’s Makrana Marble .
- 2100 kg Asthadatu Bell :- Gujarat.
- Intricately Carved wooden doors & handcrafted Fabrics – Arunachal Pradesh & Tripura  
Temple constructed in traditional Nagara style .It is supported by 392 pillars & has 44 doors.  
ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) team led by Professor BB Lal (former Director General of ASI) excavated Babri Masjid/Ram Janambhoomi in 1976.
- Govt will launch “Pradhanmantri Survodaya Yojana” with the target of installing rooftop solar on one crore houses.
- This wil not reduce the electricity bill of the poor & middle class but also make India self reliant in the field of energy.
- Govt had earlier declared plan to add 50 GW of renewable energy capacity annually for next 5 year to achieve the target of 500 GW by 2030.
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurated a year long pan India campaign Hamara Samvidhan , Hamara Samman to commemorate the 75th Year of India as Republic.  
Campaign by the Ministry of Law & Justice.
- PM Young achiever’s Scholarship Award Scheme for a Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBC, EBC & DNT (Denotified Nomadic Tribes) Students .

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Income from all sources does not exceed Rs 2,50,000 /- per annum. It comes under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

- Launched for OBCs in 1998-99.
- For EBC/DNT in year 2014-15.
- Union Ayush minister Sh Sarbananda Sonowal lays foundation stone for "Ayush Diksha" Centre at Bhubaneswar.
- Cameroon starts world's first malaria vaccine program for children. Cameroon will use the first of two recently approved malaria vaccines, known as Mosquirix.
- Odisha to establish a melanistic tiger safari a first of its kind in the world. Similipal Tiger Reserve is the only home for melanistic tigers in wild in the world.
- Kochi to get country's first carbon – neutral sports city featuring international cricket stadium.
- WHO certifies Cabo Verde Malaria free ; third African country after Mauritius & Algeria to do so.
- ICC Umpire of the Year 2023 (David Shepherd Trophy) :- Richard Illingworth.
- Head Coach Ravi Shastri will be honoured with BCCI 's Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Japan's SLIM spacecraft landed on moon became fifth country in world to do so. Target area was Shioli Crater south of the lunar equator. It is called "Moon Sniper" in Japanese language.



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