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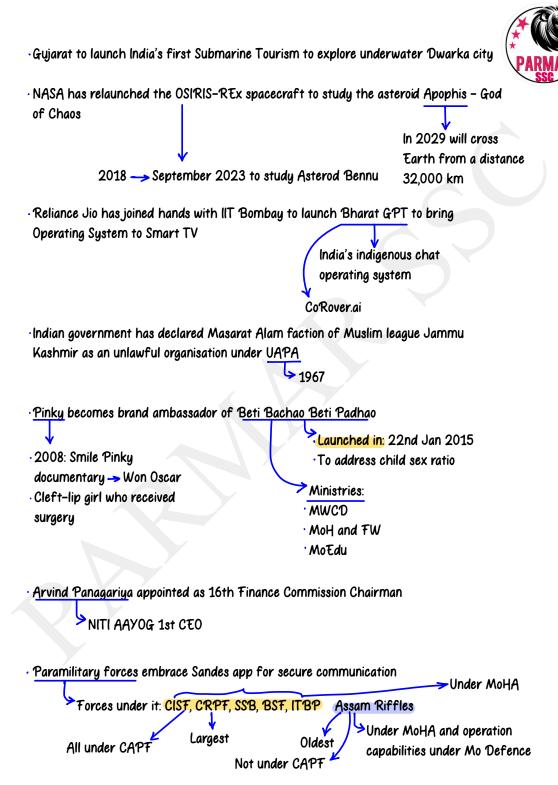


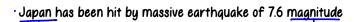
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Reason: Japan falls under Ring of Fire

- Measured by Richter scale
- · Intensity: measured by Mercalli scale (1-12)
- · Gujarat sets Guinness Record for performing mass Surya Namaskar > 50,000 participants at 108 different sites

Biggest site: Modhera Sun Temple

- ·India's first All Girls Sainik School inaugurated in Vrindavan
- ·India-UAE joint military exercise Desert Cyclone commences in Rajasthan

Capital: Abu-Dabi

Mahajan Field

Riffles

- · Sanjiv Khanna has been appointed as a new Executive Chairperson of NALSA
- -About NALSA
- ·NALSA Legal service Authority Act 1987
- ·Estd. 1995
- A legal body that was given power to setup Lok Adalat
- Art 39A: to provide free legal aid to poor
- · Statutory body
- ·Himachal Government issued notification to grant ST status to Hatti community

Announced by Himachal CM: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

National Legal

Services Authority

Who issues status to such communities?

*First the issue initiated by **President*

State Government*

89th CA: bifurcated NCST

7 and NCSC

338 B, 102nd CA

Registrar General of India -> NCST

·Worlds largest Lithium reserve in Salton Sea at California, USA At present Chile on top



·Prof. B R Damboj receives MS Swaminathan award for Agronomic Excellence

In Agronomy field

Father of Green Revolution in India
1st Recipient of World Food Prize

Governor of Karnataka: Thawar Chand Gehlot

*Hockey5s World Cup 2024 1st edition will be held from 28-31st Jan 2024 in Muscat,

Oman Hockey

> Hockey total player: 11

Hockey5s: 5 player including goal

keeper + 4 substitute

Reusable Launch vehicle

ISRO to launch GSAT-20 satellite on SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket

Communication satellite

Announced by: New Space India

Limited

ANTRIX

Two commercial

·New Space India

Limited

Ka Band will be

used

· Earth Observation Satellite launched by: PSLV

· Communication Satellite launched by: GSLV (more payload)

Chandrayaan-3: GSLV Mark-III (launch vehicle)

4 tonne (4000 kg)

·Ola Electric becomes first electric vehicle company to get PLI approval

Through Product Linked Incentives
Scheme

· Vasanthalakshmi Narshimhchari gets Nritya Kalanidhi Award

By Madras Music Academy in the field of Dance ·France has become the first European country to issue Digital Schengen VISA



Common VISA to travel all 27 European Union countries

Schengen Agreement: 1985 in Luxembourg

- 2028 Olympic Games: Los Angeles, USA
- 2026 Winter Olympics: Milan and

Costinha, Italy

- · Vice Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi appointed as new Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
- ·PM Modi launches Lakshadweep's 1st on-grid solar project with battery storage

To promote: Household Rooftop Solar Panel

India's first Multisport Beach Games will be organised in Goghla Beach in Daman and Diu

Blue Flag certified

Top: Madhya Pradesh (total 17 medals →7 Golds)

beach

2nd: Maharashtra

· India joins Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO)

HQ: UK

·Russia takes over BRICS Championship from 1st Jan 2024 onwards

·<mark>BRICS:</mark> 10 countries (Egypt + Ethiopia + Iran + Saudi

Arabia and the UAE recently joined)

·Estd. 2009

. New plant of Polygonums Genus species, discovered in Pench Tiger reserve, Maharashtra



In Maharashtra +
Madhya Pradesh
Border

Raghuram lyer has been appointed as new CEO of Indian Olympic Association

> Estd. 1927

President: PT Usha

Google DeepMind along with Stanford University develops ALOHA Robot -Can do household work

- . Tangail, Korial and Garad of West Bengal and Adi Kekir, Tibetan Carpet and Wancho craft of Arunachal Pradesh gets Gl Tags
- · Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey assumes charge of 4th Secretary General of BIMSTEC
 - ·BIMSTEC: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral

Technical and Economic Cooperation

- ·HQ: Dacca, Bangladesh
- Made from Bangkok Declaration
- · Countries:
- B: Bangladesh
- → I: India
- →M: Myanmar
- -S: Sri Lanka
- →T: Thailand
- →Nepal
- →Bhutan After USA, Russia, ESA

·ISRO has become 4th space agency in the world to launch a spacecraft that has entered the Sun's orbit — ADITYA-L1 through Polar Satellite Launcher Vehicle c-57 and placed at L1 point

·Speaker of Lok Sabha Om Birla inaugurates Panchayat se Parliament Tak Program



·SVAMITVA Scheme got gold prize in National Award for E-Governance 2023 in Category of use of emerging technology for providing citizen centric services

- ·SVAMITVA Scheme: 24 April —>Panchayati Raj Diwas is celebrated
- · By Mo Panchayati Raj
- ·To provide an Integrated Property Validation

Golden Globe Awards: Drama Category

·Best Film: Oppenheimer

Best male actor: Cillian Murphy for Oppenheimer

*Best actress: Lily Gladstone

Father of Atomic Bomb

*Best director: Christopher Nolan for Oppenheimer

Golden Globe Awards: in Musical/Comedy Category

·Best Film: Poor Things

·Best male actor: Paul Giamatti

·Best actress: Emma Stone

· IAS Senthil Pandian becomes India's envoy to WTO

World Trade Organization

Estd: 1995 replacing GATT of 1948 Under Marrakesh Agreement of 1997 HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

- Senior IAS Officer Vikas Sheel appointed Executive Director of Asian Development Bank

· Estd: 1966

·HQ: Manila, Philippines

Total: 68 countries



 IAF C-130 J with Garud Commandos makes night landing at Kargil, ALG for the first time

·India's 1st Healthy and Hygienic food street Prasadam inaugurated in Ujjain,

Mahakaleshwar Temple

On banks of Shipra

·Uttar Pradesh to set up Pharma Park in Lalitpur, Bundelkhand

Biotech park: Pilibhit Meditech park: Jewar

- · Jyoti Randhawa golf player becomes 1st Indian to win Senior European Tour's Qualifying School Terms associated: Birdie, Eagle, Albatross
- OLA Krutrim becomes India's fastest Unicorn and first Al Unicorn

 Announced by OLA CEO: Bhavesh Agrawal
- . Noarem Roshibina Devi from Manipur has become the first female Wushu athlete of the year
- · A rare Golden Tiger spotted in Kaziranga National Park, Assam

Famous for one-horned rhinoceros

- NASA ends Mars Helicopter Mission Ingenuity and it stops flying after nearly 3 years of exploration
- IREDA releases vigilance journal Pahal
 Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency

Nirmala Sitharaman to equal Morarji Desai's record with 5 consecutive budget presentation Has presented budget 6 times



Full time Finance Minister

1st Feb: Interim Budget will be presented

Vote on Account
Full Budget: July

- · Padma Award 2024
- ·Padma Vibhushan: Venkaiah Naidu, Vyjayantimala, Chiranjeevi, Bindeshwar Pathak and Padma Subramanyam
- ·Padma Bhushan: total 17 including Mithun Chakraborty, M Fathima Beevi
- Padma Shri: Total: 110
- · Cycle Alvaro hits Madagascar
- ·Microsoft launched program Al Odyssey to upskill 100,000 of Indian developers in Al
- * Gabriel Attal become France's youngest 1st gay PM
 - India to chair, host UNESCO's world Heritage Committee for 1st time in July in New Delhi

 Paris. France
- 🅇 Divyakriti Singh become 1st Indian woman to get Arjuna award for Equestrian Sports

Terms associated: Dressage, Vaulting, Show jumping

· INF P-81 reached Guam Island, USA to participate in Exercise Sea Dragon 24

Countries that can participate: India, Japan, Australia, USA, South Korea · USA launched a lander PEREGRINE-1 to moon



· DRDO has developed a fully indigenous assault rifle UGRAM

Intermediate riffle cartridge

 Himachal CM lauds mountaineer Praveen Singh on being conferred with Tenzing Norway National Adventure Award

Edmund Hillary in 1953 first to climb Mt. Everest

·Singapore's Changi Airport is the World's Best Airport for year 2023

For the 12th time

India's top airport: Indira Gandhi International AirPort (36th rank)
2nd position: Hamad International AirPort, Qatar

- ·IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka
- · Hanuman Gandhi Laddu of Ayodhya will receive GI Tag
- · Maharashtra Govt. has declared a new Wildlife Habitat Atpadi Conservation Reservation for the Canid wild dog family in Sangli, Atpadi
- Navy got the first Indian-made Medium altitude long endurance drone DRISHTI 10 UAV from Adani Defence
- ·Swachh Sarvekshan 2023 -- MoHA

City Ranking State Ranking

lst 1s

Indore (MP), Surat (Gujarat) Maharashtra

2nd

Madhya Pradesh

3rd 3rd

Navi Mumbai (MH) Chhattisgarh

. PM Modi inaugurated India's longest Sea bridge Atal Setu Bridge of 28.8 km (22 km exculding roadways)



Will connect Sewri (Mumbai) to Chirle (Navi Mumbai)

- Aman Sehrawat wins Gold medal in Zagreb Open 2024

 Capital of Croatia

 Wrestling
- ·Sheel Vardhan Singh former DG of CISF assumes role as UPSC member
- 9th Asian Winter Game 2025 going to be held in Harbin, China

Motto: Dream of Winter, Love Among Asia

Mascot: Binbin and Nini (tiger)

- · Joint Exercise Sahyog Kajjin between India and Japan successfully conducted in Chennai
- ·DRDO has successfully conducted the flying test of AKASH New Generation Missile, Surface to Air Missile from Integrated Test Range located in Chandipur Coast, Odisha

Short range missile by Bharat Dynamics Limited + DRDO From Abdul Kalam Island

ISRO presented with Indian of the Year Award for the year 2023 in the category Outstanding Achievement

Estd on 15 Aug 1969

India ranks at 80th spot in Henley Passport Index 2024, offers VISA-free travel to 62 countries

1st: France, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Spain, and Japan

· Last: Afghanistan

- ·Savita Kanswal posthumously honoured with Tenzing Norgay Award
- · UP Govt. has built India's first cow century in Muzaffarnagar under Rashtriya Gokul Mission

· Classical Singer Prabha Atre passed away at the age of 91

Kirana Gharana, UP

> Padma Shri: 1990

Padma Bhushan: 2002

Founder: Abdul Karim Khan

. Vibhushan: 2022

Indian Army has adopted Topa Pir in Punch district as model village under Sadbhavna

Programme

Welfare activities to be carried out

in Ladakh

Indian Naval ships Cheetah, Guldar and Kumbhir decommissioned at Port Blair after 40 yrs

Developed in Poland. Gdunia Shipuard

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty got Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

Badminton plauers

 Lost Liang and Wang in Malaysian Open

Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

- · 1st male: Viswanathan Anand
- 1st female: Karnam Malleshwari
- Rohit Sharma has created two world record against Afghanistan in 2nd T20 Match

 1st player to hit 5 centuries in T20
- ·Tim Southee New Zealand player has become the 1st bowler to take 150 T20 Wickets while playing against Pakistan

Asian Shooting Championship 2024

- ·Organised in: Jakarta, Indonesia
- . Yogesh Singh (India) wins Gold Medal in Men's 25m centre fire pistol
- -Indian Army develop SAMBHAV mobile app which will secure communication with instant connectivity

 Secure Army Mobile Bharat Vision
- ·India's National Highway Steel Slag road section on NH-66 Mumbai-Goa National Highway inaugurated

Srinagar to Kanyakumari Longest NH: NH 44

75th Emmy Award

Outstanding Comedy Series

Film: The Bear

Actor: Jeremy Allen White

Actress: Quinta Brunson

Sitcom: Abott Elementary

Outstanding Drama Series

- · Film: Succession
- Actor: Kieran Culkin
- Actress: Saran Snook
- ·Aitana Bonmati from Spain and Lionel Messi from Argentina win FIFA best player award for 2023
- ·PM Modi inaugurated NACIN Campus in Andhra on 16th Jan

National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics

· Joint Naval Exercise between India and Thailand name has been changed to Ayutthaya

Meaning: The invincible one

Connected to Ayodhya

Total: 9 categories

IUCN categorised the Himalayan Wolf in vulnerable category

Red list

·HQ: Gland, Switzerland





 \cdot Sumit Nagpal: 1st Indian man in 35 years to beat a seed player at Grand Slam

Against Alexander Bublik (Kazakhstan)

In female category: Aryna Sabalenka (winner)

Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (18-year-old) chess prodigy from Chennai, achieved a historic milestone in his career by defeating World Champion Ding Liren from China

No. 1 ranked Indian Chess Player for the 1st time

Tata Steel Master Chess Tournament in Wijk aan Zee at Netherlands

- Indian Army launched Operation SARVASHAKTI to thwart Pak's attempts to revive terrorism in Kashmir

 Pir Panjal Range, Kashmir
- ·Indian Army has launched Project Shaurya Sankalan to preserve its Rich and Glorious History

Book

- ·Gandhi: A Life in Three Campaigns
- ·Launched by: M J Akbar with his co-author Natwar Singh
- ·Prakhar Chaturvedi form Karnataka surpassed Yuvraj Singh's record by scoring 404 not out runs in Kuch Behar Trophy
- NITI AAYOG published a discussion paper named "Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005–2006", it analysed data of 2014–2023 and conducted the multi dimensional poverty that has drastically reduced in India
 - 24.82 Cr Indians have escaped poverty according to 2005-06 data
 - · Longest decline: UP->Bihar --> Madhya Pradesh







- 3. Leaders
- 4. Aspiring leaders
- 5. Emerging Startup Ecosystem

·PM Modi launches PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme

·By Mo Earth Sciences
¡Aim: to revolutionise the understanding of
Earth system

· Sue Redfern Cricket Umpire from England is first ICC appointed female neutral umpire for a bilateral series between Australia and South Africa

·PM Modi launched an initiative name Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana

1 crore households rooftop solar panels

Rooftop Solar Performance of 4 GW-2022 (could not achieved and extended till 2026

·Dr S Jaishankar declared "Persian" as India's new Classical Language according to New Education Policy 2020

·Jio has emerged as the Strongest Brand for 2024, in the Strongest Brand for 2024, in the latest report Global 500–2024 Published by brand Finance

·World's tallest Ambedkar statue to be unveiled on 19 Jan in Vijayawada

· Senior IPS Officer Daljit Singh Chaudhury appointed Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

·Kuwait Dinar has been declared as the Strongest Currency in the world





Sreeja Ahulia clinches Maiden International Title at WTT Feeder Corpus Christi

Table Tennis



- Andhra Pradesh launches Caste Census becomes second state after Bihar
- Himachal Skier Sahil Thakur lone Indian in Winter Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon South Korea

 Belongs to Alpine skier

India's first indigenously develop "Havisure" Hepatitis A vaccine launched in Hyderabad

Can prevent serious

Forms

Hepatitis A. B. C

- . Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced science city to be set up in Gurgaon, Faridabad
- ·Man Singh becomes 2nd Indian man to win gold medal at Asian Marathon Championships

Time: 2 hrs 14 mins 19 secs

·Biennial*

Gopi Thunakal won

Held at: Hong Kong

liver diseases

Marathon

Distance to be covered: 42.195

km/28 miles

- -Tata Groups bags 5 year IPL sponsorship right for \$300 million
- ·Ravi Dahiya win bronze medal at Grand Prix De France
- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched first pilot project to make jet fuel from alcohol in Pune
- Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Ayush Diksha Centre, catalysing India's shift to integral healthcare system
- First Hydrogen Price Index to be developed in gift city, Gujarat

 Hydrogen trading at Global level



· GIFT City --> Gandhinagar

Gujarat International Finance Tech City
 Joint Agreement between IGX + Gujarat
 State Petroleum Corporation to establish
 the trading centre

- ·90,000 NATO Troop to start Biggest-Ever Drills Steadfast Defender NATO
- · Estd: 1949
- · HQ: Brussels, Belgium
- 'Total: 31 countries (29 European countries + 2 North American countries)
- · Sweden soon to be a part of NATO

USA Canada

- · Alia Bhatt becomes first Indian woman to receive Honorary Award at Joy Awards, 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- · India-Kyrgyzstan joint special force exercise Khanjar commences in Himachal Pradesh

 Bakloh
- · India-Switzerland Free Trade Agreement concluded after 16 year negotiation saga
- ·Uttar Pradesh's 60 Parachute Field Hospital to be awarded Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prbandhan Puraskar
- ·Bihar's 11th CM Kapoori Thakur to get Bharat Ratna posthumously

.Padma Vibhushan: 2nd -> 5

·Padma Bhushan: 3rd -> 17·

Padma Shri: 4th->110

One of them: Fathima Beevi (1st female judge of Supreme Court)

Padma Vibhushan





- 1. Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali: Art | Tamil Nadu
- 2. Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi: Art | Andhra Pradesh
- 3. Shri M Venkaiah Naidu: Public Affairs | Andhra Pradesh
- 4. Shri Bindeshwar Pathak (Posthumous): Social Work | Bihar
- 5. Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam : Art | Tamil Nadu

>>> Bharatanatyam

·Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar to inaugurate Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman Campaign on 26 January to commemorate, 75th year of India as Republic

1 year long campaign

.2nd edition of India-Egypt joint special force, exercise Cyclone conducted in Anshas, Egypt

ICC Awards 2023

- 'Garfield Sobers Trophy (best male cricketer): Pat Cummins
- 'Rachael Henhoe Flint Trophy (best female cricketer of the year): Nat Sciver-Brunt
- Best ODI Male Player: Virat Kohli
- Best ODI Female Player: Chamari Athapaththu
- ·Best Male T20 Player of the year: Surya Kumar Yadav
- ·Best Female T20 Player of the year: Hayley Mathews
- Best Test Cricketer of the year: Usman Khwaja
- Indian documentary feature film "To Kill a Tiger" gets nominated for 96th Academy
 Award
- ·Kochi to host country's first Carbon Neutral Sports city, featuring International Cricket Stadium
- ·Ravi Shastri and Farok Engineer honoured with CK Naidu Lifetime Achievement Award

Related to cricket

. Indian overtook Hong Kong as world's fourth largest stock market



Odisha to establish world first Melanistic Tiger Safari — Simplipal Tiger Reserve

- · India, France and UAE conduct Mega Air Exercise Desert Knight over Arabian Sea
- ·Rohan Bopanna (age: 43) makes history as worlds number one in Doubles

Along with Mathew Ebden

Female category: Aryna Sabalenka Male category: Jannik Sinner (Italy)

- .12 products of Arunachal Pradesh got Gl Tag
- ·Ayodhya Ram Mandir inaugurated by PM Modi
 - Architecture by: Chandrakanta B Sompora
 - · No steel and Iron used
 - Total length: 360 ft
 - Height: 161 ft
 - Total 5 shikhars
 - Nagara style
 - Ram Temple stamps released by PM Modi



· Tallest Ram Mandir to be built in Perth,

Australia

- Republic Day 2024
- ·Theme: 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Bharat Loktantra ki Matruka'
- · Chief Guest: Emmanuel Macron
- -Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman given to: Dr. Ritu and Naveen