

Weekly Current Affairs

(From 28 December to 4 January)

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[Govt releases draft of Digital Personal Data Protection Rules 2025](#)

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released the draft Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, 2025, on January 3, 2025, to implement the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. These rules aim to strengthen the legal framework for protecting digital personal data and provide a detailed implementation framework.

Key Provisions

- **Notice Requirement:** Data fiduciaries must provide clear notices to individuals about the data they collect, the purpose of collection, and obtain specific and informed consent.
- **Consent Managers:** The rules introduce the concept of consent managers who will work with data fiduciaries to collect and manage user consent.
- **Data Protection for Minors:** Verifiable parental consent is required for processing the personal data of children.
- **Data Breach Notification:** Data fiduciaries must inform the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) within 72 hours of a data breach.
- **Data Deletion:** Users who stop using e-commerce, social media, or online gaming services for an extended period must be given 48 hours' notice before their data is deleted.

- **Data Localisation:** Significant data fiduciaries must ensure that certain personal data is processed within India.
- **Data Protection Impact Assessment:** Significant data fiduciaries must conduct regular assessments and audits to ensure compliance with the DPDP Act.

Public Consultation

The draft rules are open for public feedback until February 18, 2025.



04/01/2025

[Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia Begin Their UNSC Term](#)

New Non-Permanent Members of UNSC: Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia began their two-year term as non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on **1 January 2025**.

Replacements: They replaced Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland.

Ceremony: A flag installation ceremony was held at the **UN headquarters in New York**, where the new members' permanent representatives delivered speeches and installed their national flags outside the Security Council Chamber.

UNSC Composition: The UNSC has 15 members – **5 permanent members** (United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China, France – collectively known as the P5, with veto power) and **10 non-permanent members** serving two-year terms.



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[Kho Kho World Cup in India from January 13 to 19, 2025](#)

Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup: Scheduled in India from January 13 to 19, 2025.

Participation: Features 21 men's teams and 20 women's teams from 24 countries.

Trophies: Men's trophy is blue (trust and determination), women's trophy is green (growth and vitality).

Mascots: Tejas and Tara, gazelles representing speed, agility, and teamwork.

Significance: Aims to establish Kho Kho as a global sport.



03/01/2025

[UPI transactions surge to record 16.73 bn in Dec 2024](#)

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has said that Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has:

- **Record Transactions:** Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed nearly 16.73

billion financial transactions in December 2024.

- **Transaction Value:** The total value of these transactions was approximately 23.25 lakh crore rupees.
- **Year-on-Year Growth:** There was a 39 percent Year-on-Year growth in the transaction count.
- **Growth in Transaction Value:** The transaction value saw a 28 percent Year-on-Year growth.
- **Daily Transactions:** The average daily transaction amount reached 74,990 crore rupees in December last year.



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[India-Myanmar Border Fencing: 9 Km Completed, Work in Progress](#)

Border Fencing with Myanmar:

- Over **9 km of fencing** has been completed at **Moreh in Manipur** as of January 2025.
- The **Border Road Organisation (BRO)** is working on constructing **21 km of fence and road**, a project awarded in February 2024.

India-Myanmar Border Details:

- Total border length: **1,643 km**.

- States along the border: **Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram.**
- Border demarcation completed for **1,472 km** out of 1,643 km.

Hybrid Surveillance Projects:

- Two pilot projects of **Hybrid surveillance systems** are under construction in **Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.**

Union Home Ministry Report: The fencing and surveillance initiatives were highlighted in a report published by the ministry recently.



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[National Sports Awards 2025](#)

The National Sports Awards have been announced on January 2, 2025.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award Recipients:

- **D Gukesh:** World Chess Champion
- **Manu Bhaker:** Double Medalist in Paris Olympics
- **Harmanpreet Singh:** Indian Hockey Team Captain
- **Praveen Kumar:** Gold Medalist in Paris Paralympics

Arjuna Award:

Total recipients: **32 sportspersons**, including:

- **Athletes:** Jyothi Yarraji, Annu Rani
- **Boxers:** Nitu, Saweety

- **Chess Player:** Vantika Agrawal
- **Hockey Players:** Salima Tete, Abhishek, Sanjay, Jarmanpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh
- **Para-Sportspersons:** Rakesh Kumar (Para-Archer), Preeti Pal, Jeevanji Deepthi, Ajeet Singh, Sachin Khilari

Lifetime Achievement Arjuna Awards:

- Veteran Athlete Sucha Singh
- Veteran Para Swimmer Murlikant Petkar

Dronacharya Award for Coaches:

- Subhash Rana (Para-Shooting)
- Deepali Deshpande (Shooting)
- Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey)
- S Muralidharan (Badminton)
- Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football)

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar: Awarded to the **Physical Education Foundation of India**

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy: Awarded to **Chandigarh University, Lovely Professional University,** and **Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar**

Award Ceremony: Awards to be presented by **President Droupadi Murmu** on **17th January 2025** at **Rashtrapati Bhavan.**



02/01/2025

[IMD Declares 2024 as Warmest Year in India Since 1901](#)

The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** reported that **2024 was the warmest year on record in India since 1901.**

IMD Director General, Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, stated that **minimum and maximum temperatures are expected to be higher than normal** across most parts of the country in January, except in some areas of the eastern, northwest, and west-central regions.

However, **western and northern parts of Central India may experience more cold wave days than usual.** Rainfall in **north India from January to March is projected to be below normal.**



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[Magnus Carlsen and Ian Nepomniachtchi share World Blitz Chess Championship Title 2024](#)

In the World Blitz Chess Championship 2024, Magnus Carlsen and Ian Nepomniachtchi shared the title after their final match ended in a tie in New York on 31 December 2024.

World Blitz Chess Championship 2024 – Open Section:

- Carlsen led 2-0 and needed just a draw in the third game to secure the title.
- Nepomniachtchi leveled the score 2-2, forcing tiebreaks.
- After three draws in sudden-death games, Carlsen proposed sharing the title, which Nepomniachtchi accepted.

Women's Section: Ju Wenjun from China defeated Lei Tingjie in the final to win the World Blitz Championship, completing a double after drawing five games.

India's Performance: R. Vaishali, India's lone hope in the knockouts, overcame an initial loss in the quarterfinals against China's Zhu Jiner, winning 2.5-1.5 after four games. In the semifinals, Vaishali lost to Ju Wenjun in a one-sided match, 0.5-2.5.



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[West Bengal lifts Santosh Trophy by defeating Kerala](#)

West Bengal clinched the prestigious **Santosh Trophy national football championship** title by defeating Kerala 1-0 in the final held on December 31, 2024, at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium in Hyderabad.

This victory marks West Bengal's record-extending **33rd title in the tournament's history.**

The match-winner came in the added time of the second half when **Robi Hansda** scored from close range after **Aditya Thapa's** header into the box.

The team, led by coach **Sanjoy Sen**, showcased incredible performance throughout the tournament, overcoming the absence of key striker **Naro Hari Shrestha** due to injury.



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[Romania and Bulgaria fully join Schengen border-free zone](#)

Full Membership: Romania and Bulgaria officially became full members of the Schengen zone on January 1, 2025.

13-Year Wait: This marks the end of a 13-year wait for the two countries to join the borderless area.

Expanded Zone: The Schengen zone now includes 29 members, expanding the borderless area significantly.

Economic Impact: Analysts estimate that joining the Schengen zone will boost Romania's and Bulgaria's GDP by at least one percentage point.

Historic Moment: Leaders on both sides hailed the expansion as a historic achievement.

Austria's Objections: Austria had previously blocked their full entry over migration concerns but dropped its objections after a border protection agreement was reached.

Improved Travel: The removal of land border checks will ease travel and strengthen economic ties between Romania, Bulgaria, and other Schengen countries.



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[NPCI Lifts UPI User Limit for WhatsApp Pay](#)

WhatsApp Pay UPI User Limit Removed: On 31 December 2024, The NPCI has lifted the unified payments interface (UPI) user onboarding cap for WhatsApp Pay, allowing it to extend services to its entire Indian user base of over 500 million.

Previous Restrictions: WhatsApp Pay was previously limited to onboarding 100 million users, with expansion permitted in phases.

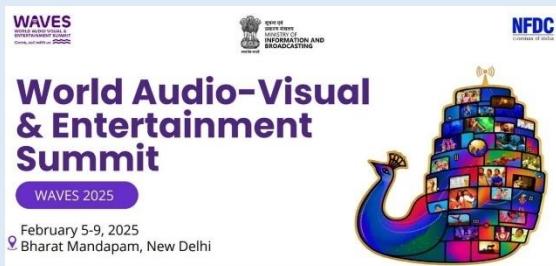
Compliance: WhatsApp Pay must adhere to existing UPI guidelines applicable to third-party app providers (TPAPs).

UPI Transaction Cap Deferred: The rule capping any single app's UPI transaction share at 30% has been deferred until December 31, 2026.

UPI Growth: UPI processes over 13 billion monthly transactions, with Google Pay and PhonePe controlling over 85% of the market. Between January and November 2024, UPI recorded 15,547 crore transactions worth ₹223 lakh crore.

UPI's Impact: Since its 2016 launch, UPI has transformed financial access in India, benefiting 300 million individuals and 50 million merchants.

NPCI Vision: NPCI continues to drive innovations in retail payment systems, aiming for a secure, accessible, and cost-effective digital economy aligned with India's vision of becoming a fully digital society.



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[World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit \(WAVES\) 2025 from February 5th to 9th, 2025](#)

India will host the **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025** from **February 5th to 9th** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking its first-ever hosting of this global event. The summit aims to position India as a global hub for content creation and foster collaborations in the media and entertainment industry.

Key focus areas include **AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics), technological advancements, sustainable production, and global market strategies**, attracting industry leaders and innovators worldwide.



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[India's first glass bridge over sea in Kanyakumari](#)

India's first glass bridge over the sea was inaugurated in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, on 30 December 2024 by Chief Minister MK Stalin.

The **77-meter-long bridge**, built at a cost of ₹37 crores, connects the 133 ft tall Saint

Tiruvalluvar statue (renamed as the "Statue of Wisdom") with the Vivekananda Rock Memorial.

Part of the silver jubilee celebrations of the Tiruvalluvar statue, the bridge offers tourists a breezy walk with a clear view of the sea below.



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[Hemanth Muddappa: The First to 15 National Titles in Indian Motorsports](#)

Hemanth Muddappa secured his 15th National Title on **December 29, 2024** at the fourth and final round of the **MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2024** at the **Madras International Circuit (MIC)**.

Triple Crown Victory: Muddappa triumphed in three different classes, winning two and securing second place in the third.

Unbeatable Lead: Before the final race, Muddappa had already secured his 13th title with an unbeatable lead of 29 points in the 4-stroke 1051 to 1650cc Super Sport class.

Career Milestone: With this win, Muddappa became the first athlete in Indian motorsports to achieve **15 National titles**.

Nickname: He is nicknamed '**LightningR1**' for his exceptional speed.

Team: Muddappa credited his success to his team at **Mantra Racing** and the dedicated mechanics.



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[Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Australia's Victory in the Fourth Test](#)

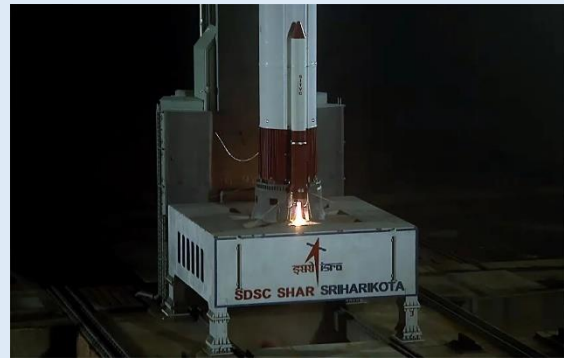
On 30 December 2024, In Border-Gavaskar Trophy Cricket, Australia registered a 184 run victory over India in fourth test in Melbourne.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy

The **Border-Gavaskar Trophy** is a prestigious Test cricket series played between **India and Australia**. Named after legendary cricketers **Sunil Gavaskar** of India and **Allan Border** of Australia, the series has been a thrilling showcase of cricketing prowess since its inception in 1996.

Key Highlights:

- **Format:** The series typically consists of a **5-match Test series**.
- **Historical Significance:** India and Australia have faced off 28 times in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, with India winning 10 series, Australia winning 8, and 10 ending in a draw.
- **Notable Players:** Sachin Tendulkar holds the record for the most runs in the series, while Nathan Lyon leads in the number of wickets taken.
- **Recent Matches:** The latest series in 2024 saw Australia leading 2-1 after four matches, with the final match scheduled in Sydney.
- **Memorable Moments:** The series has witnessed numerous memorable performances, including epic battles between batsmen and bowlers, and dramatic finishes.



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[PSLV-C60: India's Leap Forward in Space Docking Technology with SpaDeX](#)

The PSLV-C60 mission was launched on December 30, 2024, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

Mission Objective: The primary objective of the mission is to demonstrate in-space docking technology using two small spacecraft, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), in a low-Earth circular orbit.

SpaDeX (Space Docking Experiment): SpaDeX is a cost-effective technology demonstrator mission aimed at developing and demonstrating the technology needed for rendezvous, docking, and undocking of two small spacecraft.

Significance: This mission is historic as it aims to make India the fourth country globally to master space docking technology. This capability is crucial for future missions like Chandrayaan-4, the Indian space station, and the manned Gaganyaan mission.

Payloads: The PSLV-C60 carried 24 experimental payloads contributed by academia and startups. These payloads include high-resolution imaging, multi-spectral imaging for vegetation studies, and radiation monitoring.

Technological Milestones: The mission incorporates several cutting-edge technologies such as a compact docking mechanism, laser range finders, power

transfer technology, and inter-satellite communication systems.

Future Operations: Docking operations are set to begin, with the final docking expected by January 7, 2025. Post-docking, electrical power transfer will be tested before the satellites operate their individual payloads for up to two years.



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[Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran Between Indian and Nepal Armies from December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025](#)

Exercise Surya Kiran is a significant joint military exercise between the armies of **India and Nepal**. The 18th edition of this annual training event is scheduled to be held in **Saljhandi, Nepal** from **December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025**.

An Indian Army contingent of 334 personnel has departed to participate in the 18th edition of the Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise Surya Kiran.

Objectives: The exercise aims to enhance interoperability in:

- Jungle warfare
- Counter-terrorism operations in mountains
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief under the United Nations Charter

Focus Areas: Additional areas of focus include:

- Enhancing operational preparedness
- Aviation aspects

- Medical training
- Environment conservation

Significance: The Defense Ministry emphasized that the exercise signifies the strong bonds of friendship, trust, and common cultural linkages between India and Nepal.



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[Bosnia's "Balkan Blues" Earns UNESCO Recognition and Inclusion in National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

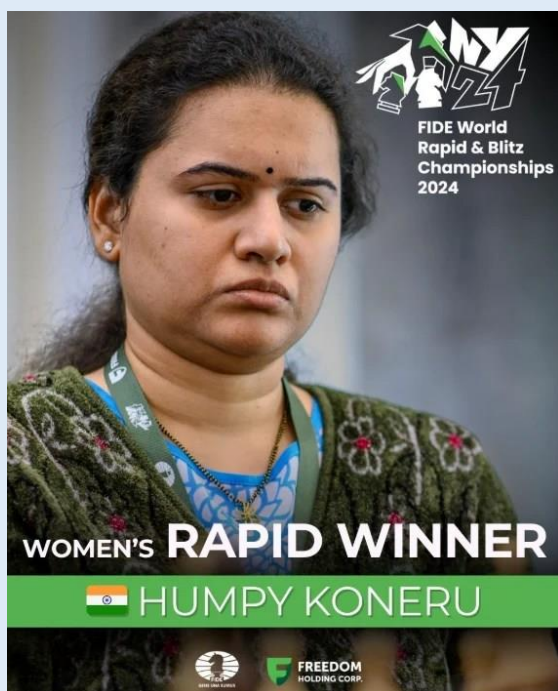
UNESCO Recognition: Bosnia's traditional love song, **Sevdalinka**, often referred to as the **Balkan Blues**, was recognized by UNESCO and included in its National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage on **December 27, 2024**.

Historical Significance: Sevdalinka dates back to the **16th century** and is a blend of South Slavic oral poetry and Ottoman Empire music.

Cultural Preservation: Musicians like **Enes Salman** and **Damir Imamovic** have been instrumental in keeping the tradition alive and promoting it globally.

Modern Interpretations: Younger musicians have reinterpreted Sevdalinka, bringing it to global audiences and ensuring its continued relevance.

Custodians of Tradition: Ethnomusicologists like **Zanin Berbic** play a crucial role in preserving and promoting Sevdalinka through performances and education.



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[Koneru Humpy clinches women's title at World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2024](#)

On December 29, 2024, the World Rapid and Blitz Championship was held in New York.

Winner in Women's Category: India's Koneru Humpy won her second women's title by defeating Indonesia's Irene Sukander. Humpy finished the tournament with 8.5 points from 11 rounds.

Age and Achievement: At 37, she became the second player after China's Ju Wenjun to win the title more than once. Humpy first won the championship in 2019 at Georgia.

Winner in Men's Category: Russia's Volodar Murzin, aged 18, won the men's championship.

Record: Murzin became the second-youngest FIDE World Rapid Champion, following Nodirbek Abdusattorov, who won at age 17.



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[Kaamyia Karthikeyan, 17-year-old become the youngest female in the world to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents](#)

Kaamyia Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old from Navy Children School in Mumbai, becomes the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents.

Seven Summits Conquered: She has climbed Africa's Mt Kilimanjaro, Europe's Mt Elbrus, Australia's Mt Kosciuszko, South America's Mt Aconcagua, North America's Mt Denali, Asia's Mt Everest, and Antarctica's Mt Vinson.

Antarctica Climb: On December 24, 2024, Kaamyia and her father, Commander S. Karthikeyan, reached the summit of Mt Vinson in Antarctica at 17:20 hrs Chilean Standard Time, completing the Seven Summits Challenge.

Recognition: The Indian Navy has congratulated both Kaamyia and her father for this significant achievement.

Early Trekking Experience: Kaamyia began her trekking journey at the age of 7 in Uttarakhand.

Previous Achievements: She was sixteen years old when she scaled Mount Everest.

Awards and Honors: Kaamyia has received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Shakti Puraskar in 2021.



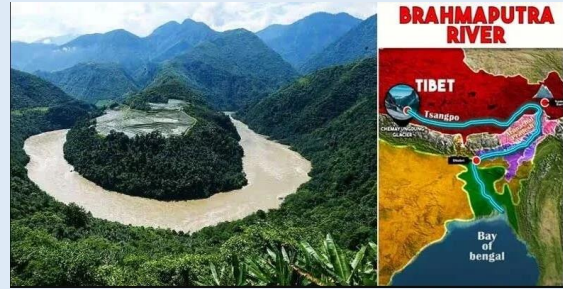
28/12/2024

[Azerbaijan Airline Crash in Kazakhstan](#)

On December 25, 2024, an Azerbaijan Airlines flight, **J2-8243**, crashed near Aktau, Kazakhstan, resulting in the tragic loss of **38 lives** and leaving **29 survivors**. The Embraer 190 aircraft was en route from Baku, Azerbaijan, to Grozny, Russia, when it encountered severe turbulence and loud bangs, leading to a catastrophic crash.

Key Details:

- **Flight Path:** The plane was diverted from its original route due to heavy fog in Grozny and attempted an emergency landing in Aktau.
- **Survivor Accounts:** Passengers reported hearing multiple loud bangs and experiencing a loss of cabin pressure before the crash.
- **Investigation:** Authorities from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Russia have launched investigations to determine the cause of the crash. Initial speculations suggest possible **external interference**, with some sources indicating that Russian air defenses might have mistakenly shot down the aircraft.
- **Casualties:** The crash claimed 38 lives, including both pilots, and left many survivors with serious injuries.



28/12/2024

[China Approves World's Largest Dam on the Brahmaputra River](#)

China has recently approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River, located in Tibet near the Indian border. This ambitious project, estimated to cost around \$137 billion, has raised significant concerns in India and Bangladesh.

Key Details:

- **Location:** The dam will be built at a significant gorge in the Himalayan reaches where the Brahmaputra River makes a U-turn before flowing into Arunachal Pradesh and subsequently into Bangladesh.
- **Scale:** The project is expected to exceed one trillion yuan (\$137 billion), surpassing even China's Three Gorges Dam, currently the world's largest.
- **Purpose:** The primary aim is to develop clean energy and respond to climate change and extreme hydrological disasters. The hydropower facility is estimated to generate over 300 billion kWh of electricity annually, enough to supply energy to approximately 300 million people for a year.
- **Concerns:** India and Bangladesh have expressed apprehensions about potential impacts on water flow and regional stability. There are fears that China could control the water flow and release large amounts of water during conflicts.

- **Safety Measures:** China has assured that extensive geological studies and advanced technology have been employed to ensure the project's safety and minimize ecological impact. The dam will also incorporate measures for disaster prevention and relief.

International Reactions:

- **India's Response:** India has raised concerns about the potential impact on water flow and the ability of China to control water during hostilities. India is also constructing its own dam on the Brahmaputra in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **China's Assurance:** Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning has stated that the project will not negatively affect the lower reaches and that China will continue to maintain communication with countries at the lower reaches through existing channels.



CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS (28 DEC TO 4 JANUARY)

Current Affairs MCQs : 4 January 2025

Q.: When is the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025 scheduled to take place in India?

- A) January 5-10
- B) January 13-19
- C) February 1-7
- D) February 15-21

Show Answer

Ans: B) January 13-19

Kho Kho World Cup in India from January 13 to 19, 2025

Q.: Who are the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)?

- A. United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China, and France
- B. United States, India, Germany, Brazil, and Japan
- C. United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, France, and Germany
- D. China, Russia, Japan, Italy, and Spain

Show Answer

Answer: A. United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China, and France

Q.: What unique power is held by the permanent members of the UNSC?

- A. Power to appoint the UN Secretary-General
- B. Power of veto
- C. Power to dissolve the UN General Assembly
- D. Power to allocate funding

Show Answer

Answer: B. Power of veto

Q.: How long is the term for non-permanent members of the UNSC?

- A. 1 year
- B. 2 years
- C. 3 years
- D. 5 years

Show Answer

Answer: B. 2 years

Q.: Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, 2025, are designed to implement which Act?

- A. Digital Data Protection Act, 2025
- B. Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
- C. IT (Data Protection) Act, 2024
- D. Data Security and Privacy Act, 2023

Show Answer

Answer: B. Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023

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Current Affairs MCQs : 3 January 2025

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Q. Who among the following was awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2025?

- A. Jyothi Yarraji
- B. Harmanpreet Singh
- C. Vantika Agrawal
- D. Nitu

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Answer: B. Harmanpreet Singh

Q. For which sport was D Gukesh awarded the Khel Ratna Award in 2025?

- A. Shooting
- B. Hockey
- C. Chess
- D. Athletics

Show Answer

Answer: C. Chess

Q. Armando Agnelo Colaco, who received the Dronacharya Award in 2025, is a coach in which sport?

- A. Hockey
- B. Badminton
- C. Football
- D. Shooting

Show Answer

Answer: C. Football

Q.: At which location in Manipur has the fencing along the India-Myanmar border been completed in January 2025?

- A. Imphal
- B. Moreh
- C. Churachandpur
- D. Ukhrul

Show Answer

Answer: B. Moreh

India-Myanmar Border: Over **9 km of fencing** has been completed at **Moreh in Manipur** as of January 2025.

Q.: How many financial transactions did Unified Payments Interface (UPI) process in December 2024?

- A. 10 billion
- B. 12.5 billion
- C. 14 billion
- D. 16.73 billion

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Ans: D. 16.73 billion

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) surge to record 16.73 billion financial transactions in December 2024.

[Current Affairs MCQs : 2 January 2025](#)

Q.: When did Romania and Bulgaria officially become full members of the Schengen zone?

- A. January 1, 2023
- B. January 1, 2024
- C. January 1, 2025
- D. January 1, 2026

Show Answer

Ans: C. January 1, 2025

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Q.: Which team won the Santosh Trophy in football by defeating Kerala 1-0 in the final held on December 31, 2024, at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium, Hyderabad?

- A. Kerala
- B. Punjab
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal

Show Answer

Ans: D. West Bengal

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Q.: Who shared the title of the World Blitz Chess Championship 2024 ?

- A) Magnus Carlsen and Ian Nepomniachtchi
- B) Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana
- C) Ian Nepomniachtchi and Ding Liren
- D) Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura

Show Answer

Answer: A) Magnus Carlsen and Ian Nepomniachtchi

Q.: According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), 2024 was:

- A) The driest year on record in India
- B) The warmest year on record in India since 1901
- C) The coldest year on record in India since 1901
- D) The year with the most rainfall in India

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Answer: B) The warmest year on record in India since 1901

The **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** reported that **2024 was the warmest year on record in India since 1901.**

Current Affairs MCQs : 1 January 2025

Q.: India's first glass bridge over the sea was inaugurated in which location?

- a) Rameshwaram
- b) Kanyakumari
- c) Chennai
- d) Mahabalipuram

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Answer: b) Kanyakumari

India's first glass bridge over the sea was inaugurated in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, on 30 December 2024 by Chief Minister MK Stalin.

Q.: Where will the WAVES 2025 Summit take place from February 5th to 9th, 2025 in India?

- a) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- b) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- c) India International Centre, New Delhi
- d) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

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Answer: b) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

India will host the **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025** from **February 5th to 9th** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking its first-ever hosting of this global event.

Q.: What change did the NPCI announce for WhatsApp Pay on 31 December 2024?

- a) Introduction of new payment features
- b) Removal of the UPI user onboarding limit
- c) Implementation of a transaction cap
- d) Ban on UPI services for WhatsApp Pay

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Answer: b) Removal of the UPI user onboarding limit

On 31 December 2024, The NPCI has lifted the unified payments interface (UPI) user onboarding cap for WhatsApp Pay, allowing it to extend services to its entire Indian user base of over 500 million.

[Current Affairs MCQs : 31 December 2024](#)

Q.: What was the primary objective of ISRO's PSLV-C60 mission launched on December 30, 2024?

- a) To launch a manned mission to the Moon
- b) To demonstrate in-space docking technology
- c) To study the effects of space radiation on astronauts
- d) To deploy a new communication satellite

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Ans: b) To demonstrate in-space docking technology

The primary objective of the ISRO's PSLV-C60 mission is to demonstrate in-space docking technology using two small spacecraft, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), in a low-Earth circular orbit.

Q.: The Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Test Cricket is played between India and which country?

- a) England
- b) South Africa
- c) Australia
- d) New Zealand

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Answer: c) Australia

On 30 December 2024, In Border-Gavaskar Trophy Cricket, Australia registered a 184 run victory over India on the fifth and final day of the fourth test in Melbourne.

Q.: In which sport did Hemanth Muddappa become the first athlete to win 15 National Titles?

- a) Badminton
- b) Football
- c) Motorcycle Drag Racing
- d) Tennis

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Answer: c) Motorcycle Drag Racing

Hemanth Muddappa secured his 15th National Title on **December 29, 2024** at the fourth and final round of the **MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2024** at the **Madras International Circuit (MIC)**.

[Current Affairs MCQs : 30 December 2024](#)

Q.: Who is the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents?

- A. Arjun Vajpai
- B. Bachendri Pal
- C. Kaamya Karthikeyan
- D. Poorna Malavath

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Ans: C. Kaamya Karthikeyan

Kaamya Karthikeyan, a 17-year-old from Navy Children School in Mumbai, becomes the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on each of the seven continents.

Q.: Which Indian chess player won her second women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship in December 2024?

- A. Humpy Koneru
- B. Harika Dronavalli
- C. Tania Sachdev
- D. Bhakti Kulkarni

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Ans: A. Humpy Koneru

Winner in World Rapid and Blitz Championship– Women's Category: India's Koneru Humpy won her second women's title by defeating Indonesia's Irene Sukander. Humpy finished the tournament with 8.5 points from 11 rounds.

Q.:What traditional love song from Bosnia has earned UNESCO recognition in December 2024?

- A. Sevdalinka
- B. Fado
- C. Flamenco
- D. Tango

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Ans: A. Sevdalinka

Bosnia's traditional love song, **Sevdalinka**, often referred to as the **Balkan Blues**, was recognized by UNESCO and included in its National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage on **December 27, 2024**.

Q.: Exercise Surya Kiran is a joint military exercise between the armies of India and

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Nepal
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Bhutan

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Ans: b) Nepal

Exercise Surya Kiran is a significant joint military exercise between the armies of **India and Nepal**. The 18th edition of this annual training event is scheduled to be held in **Saljhandi, Nepal** from **December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025**.

Current Affairs MCQs : 28 December 2024

Q.: Where is the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River being constructed?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal

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Ans: A. China

China has recently approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River, located in Tibet near the Indian border.

Q.: Which river is the Brahmaputra known as in Tibet?

- A. Yangtze
- B. Yarlung Zangbo
- C. Yellow River
- D. Mekong

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Answer: B. Yarlung Zangbo

Explanation: The Brahmaputra River is known as the **Yarlung Zangbo** in Tibet. The river originates in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, where it is called the Yarlung Zangbo River or simply Zangbo. It flows eastward through Tibet before making a sharp southward turn at the Great Bend, entering India through Arunachal Pradesh, and becoming the Brahmaputra. As it flows further downstream, it eventually enters Bangladesh, where it is known as the Jamuna River.

Q.: Which country's air defenses are speculated to have mistakenly shot down Azerbaijan Airlines flight J2-8243 near Aktau, Kazakhstan, on December 25, 2024?

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Russia
- D. Turkey

Show Answer

Ans: C. Russia

Initial speculations suggest possible **external interference**, with some sources indicating that Russian air defenses might have mistakenly shot down the aircraft.

