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CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY

2024

Awards

The former Chief Minister of Bihar, popularly known as Jan Nayak, who has been chosen to be awarded the Bharat Ratna – **Shri Karpoori Thakur**

The hospital of Uttar Pradesh which has been chosen for the 2024 Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar – **60 Parachute Field Hospital, Agra**

The organisation which has been awarded the CNN-News18 Indian of the Year 2023 Award – **Indian Space Research Organisation**

Defence

The inaugural edition of India-Saudi Arabia Joint Military Exercise held at Mahajan, Rajasthan from 29th January to 10th February 2024 is named – **SADA TANSEEQ**

The exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force with French Air and Space Force (FASF) and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Air Force over the Arabian Sea on 23 January 2024 was named – **Exercise Desert Knight**

The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces exercise conducted at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh from 22nd January to 3rd February 2024 is named – **Exercise Khanjar**

The 2nd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces exercise conducted at Anshas, Egypt from 22nd January to 1st February 2024 is named – **Exercise Cyclone**

The first ever bilateral exercise by Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Thai Navy (RTN) which was conducted from 20 to 23 December 2023 has been named – **Exercise Ayutthaya**

The joint exercise held by the Coast Guards of India and Japan in the Bay of Bengal was named – **Sahyog Kaijin**

The first indigenously manufactured Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) manufactured by Adani Defence and Aerospace which was unveiled by Indian Navy Chief Admiral Hari Kumar is named – **Drishti 10 Starliner**

The state-of-the-art indigenous assault rifle developed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), a unit of DRDO, in collaboration with a private industry partner is named – **Ugram**

The India-UAE joint military exercise conducted in Mahajan, Rajasthan from 2nd to 15th January 2024 is named – **Exercise Desert Cyclone**

Sports

The team which has won the first edition of FIH Hockey5s World Cup defeating India in the finals, in the tournament held from 24 to 27 January 2024, in Muscat, Oman – **The Netherlands**

The Indian cricketer who has become the first cricketer (male) to play in 150 T20 internationals (Harmanpreet Kaur was the first cricketer to achieve the feat) – **Rohit Sharma**

Places

The venue of 19th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement held from 15 to 20 January 2024 – **Kampala, Uganda**

The city in which the tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (125 ft without pedestal and 206 ft with pedestal) was unveiled by AP CM Shri Jagan Mohan Reddy – **Vijayawada**

The venue of India International Science Festival 2023 conducted from 17 to 20 January 2024 – **Faridabad**

The venue of the Beach Games 2024, the first multi-sports beach games in India, held from 04 to 11 January 2024 – **Diu**

The venue of International Purple Fest 2024, India's first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that celebrates persons with disabilities, held from 08 to 13 January 2024 – **Panaji, Goa**

The place in Uttar Pradesh at which the first all-girls Sainik School was inaugurated by the Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh – **Vrindavan, Mathura**

Persons

The renowned Urdu poet, winner of Sahitya Akademi award in 2014, who passed away on 14 January 2024 – **Munawwar Rana**

The member of Renaissance Party who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France (the youngest till date at the age of 34) – **Mr. Gabriel Attal**

Miscellaneous

The lunar lander of Japan launched in September 2023, which has successfully soft-landed on the surface of moon is named – **SLIM (Smart Lander for Investigating Moon)**

The city in which four-day aviation show named Wings India 24 was held from 18 January to 21 January with the theme Connecting India to the World in Amrit Kaal: Setting the Stage for India Civil Aviation @2047 – **Hyderabad**

The Union Cabinet has named the international airport at Ayodhya as – **Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham**

Republic Day Parade Awards 2023

Awards by Panel of Judges

- Best Marching Contingent among the three services – Sikh Regiment Contingent
- Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces – Delhi Police Women Marching Contingent
- Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)
 - First – Odisha (Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat)
 - Second – Gujarat (Dhordo: A Global Icon Of Gujarat's Border Tourism)
 - Third – Tamil Nadu (Kudavolai System in ancient Tamil Nadu – Mother of Democracy)
- Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments) - Ministry of Culture – (Bharat : Mother of Democracy)
- Special Prize - Central Public Works Department (Central Vista -Viksit Bharat Ka Pratibimb)
- Special memento to 'Vande Bharatam' – Dance Group

Online Poll Awards

- Best Marching Contingent among the three services – Rajputana Rifles Regimental Marching Contingent
- Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces - CRPF Woman Marching Contingent
- Best three Tableaux (States/UTs):
 - First - Gujarat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat's Border Tourism)
 - Second - Uttar Pradesh (Viksit Bharat Samradh Virasat)
 - Third – Andhra Pradesh (Transforming School Education in Andhra Pradesh – Making Students Globally Competitive)

- Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments) – Vibrant Villages (Ministry of Home Affairs)

FIFA The Best Awards 2023

- Best FIFA Men's Player: Lionel Messi (Argentina)
- Best FIFA Women's Player: Aitana Bonmati (Spain)
- Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper: Ederson (Brazil)
- Best FIFA Women's Goalkeeper: Mary Earps (England)

Sports and Adventure Awards 2023

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presented the Sports and Adventure Awards 2023 on January 9, 2024)

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2023

1. Shri Chirag Chandrashekhar Shetty (Badminton)
2. Shri Satwik Sai Rankireddy (Badminton)

Dronacharya Award, 2023

1. Shri Lalit Kumar (Wrestling)
2. Shri RB Ramesh (Chess)
3. Shri Mahaveer Prasad Saini (Para Athletics)
4. Shri Shivendra Singh (Hockey)
5. Shri Ganesh Prabhakar Devrukhkar (Mallakhamb)
6. Shri Jaskirat Singh Grewal (Golf)
7. Captain Bhaskaran E (Kabaddi)
8. Shri Jayanta Kumar Pushilal (Table Tennis)

Arjuna Award, 2023

1. Shri Ojas Pravin Deotale (Archery)
2. Ms Aditi Gopichand Swami (Archery)
3. Shri Sreeshankar M (Athletics)
4. Ms Parul Chaudhary (Athletics)
5. Shri Mohammed Hussamuddin (Boxing)
6. Ms R. Vaishali (Chess)
7. Shri Mohammad Shami (Cricket)
8. Shri Anush Agarwalla (Equestrian)
9. Ms Divyakriti Singh (Equestrian)

10. Ms Diksha Dagar (Golf)
11. Shri Krishan Bahadur Pathak (Hockey)
12. Ms Pukhrambam Sushila Chanu (Hockey)
13. Shri Pawan Kumar (Kabaddi)
14. Ms Ritu Negi (Kabaddi)
15. Ms Nasreen (Kho-Kho)
16. Ms Pinki (Lawn Bowl)
17. Shri Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (Shooting)
18. Ms Esha Singh (Shooting)
19. Shri Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (Squash)
20. Ms Ayhika Mukherjee (Table Tennis)
21. Shri Sunil Kumar (Wrestling)
22. Ms Antim (Wrestling)
23. Ms Naorem Roshibina Devi (Wushu)
24. Ms Sheetal Devi (Para-Archery)
25. Mr Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy (Blind Cricket)
26. Ms Prachi Yadav (Para Canoeing)

Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award, 2023

1. Ms Kavitha Selvaraj (Kabaddi)
2. Ms Manjusha Kanwar (Badminton)
3. Shri Vineet Kumar Sharma (Hockey)

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, 2023

1. Late Ms Savita Kanswal (Mountaineering)
2. Shri Tulsi Chaitanya Mothukuri (Swimming)
3. MWO Shri Anshu Kumar Tiwari (Skydiving)
4. Shri Parveen Singh (Mountaineering)

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, 2023

1. JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University)
2. Odisha Mining Corporation Limited

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy, 2023

1. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Australian Open 2024

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's Singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Zheng Qinwen (China)
Men's Doubles	Rohan Bopanna (India) and Matthew Ebden (Australia)	Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)
Women's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) and Elise Mertens (Belgium)	Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
Mixed's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) and Jan Zielinski (Poland)	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) and Neal Skupski (UK)

Note: Rohan Bopanna became the oldest first-time world No. 1 at age of 43.

Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023

All India clean City Rank 1: **Indore and Surat**

All India Clean City Rank 3: **Navi Mumbai**

All India Clean City Rank 1, 2 & 3 (population < 1 lakh): **Sasvad, Patan and Lonavala**

Cleanest Cantonment Board: **Mhow Cantonment Board**

Best Safai Mitra Surakshit Sheher: **Chandigarh**

Cleanest Ganga Town Rank 1: **Varanasi**

Latest GI tags

- Red Ant Chutney from Odisha's Mayurbhanj district
- Kachchi Kharek, the indigenous date variety from Kutch in Gujarat

Important Days of January

World Braille Day: 04 January 2024

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 2019

International Day of Education: 24 January 2024

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

Theme: **Learning for Lasting Peace**

First Observed in: 2019

International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust: 27 January 2024

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

Theme: **Recognizing the Extraordinary Courage of Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust**

First Observed in: 2006

World Leprosy Day: 28 January 2024 (Last Sunday of January)

Designated by: World Health Organisation

Theme: United for Dignity

ICC Awards 2023

- Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Pat Cummins** (Australia)
- ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Usman Khawaja** (Australia)
- ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Virat Kohli** (India)
- ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Suryakumar Yadav** (India)
- ICC Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Rachin Ravindra** (New Zealand)
- Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Natalie Sciver Brunk** (England)
- ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Chamari Athapaththu** (Sri Lanka)
- ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Hayley Matthews** (West Indies)
- ICC Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year 2023: **Phoebe Litchfield** (Australia)
- ICC Umpire of the Year 2023: **Richard Illingworth** (England)
- ICC Spirit of Cricket Award: **Zimbabwe**

BCCI Awards 2024

- Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award - Men: **Farokh Engineer, Ravi Shastri**
- Polly Umrigar Award - Best International Cricketer - Men: **Shubman Gill** (2022-23)
- Best International Cricketer - Women: **Deepti Sharma** (2022-23)
- Dilip Sardesai Award - Most Runs in Test Cricket: **Yashasvi Jaiswal** (2022-23)
- Dilip Sardesai Award - Highest Wickets in Test Cricket: **Ravichandran Ashwin** (2022-23)
- Highest Run-Getter in ODIs - Women: **Jemimah Rodrigues** (2022-23)
- Highest Wicket-Taker in ODIs - Women: **Devika Vaidya** (2022-23)
- Lala Amarnath Award - Best All-Rounder in Ranji Trophy: **Saransh Jain** (2022-23)

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Trans Harbour Link

- Also named Mumbai Trans Harbour Link and Sewri–Nhava Sheva Trans Harbour Link
- Construction started: 24 April 2018
- Inaugurated on: 12 January 2024
- Length: 21.8 km
- It is the longest sea bridge in India and the 12th longest sea bridge in the world.

Launch of XPoSat Satellite by ISRO

- Launch date: 01.01.2024
- Launch vehicle: PSLV-C58
- Launched from: Sriharikota
- XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) is the first dedicated scientific satellite from ISRO to carry out research in space-based polarisation measurements of X-ray emission from celestial sources. It carries two payloads namely POLIX (Polarimeter Instrument in X-rays) and XSPECT (X-ray Spectroscopy and Timing). POLIX is realized by Raman Research Institute and XSPECT is by Space Astronomy Group of URSC.

81st Golden Globe Awards

Awarded by: Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA).

Ceremony held on: January 7, 2024

Ceremony held at: Beverly Hills, California

- Best Motion Picture (Drama): **Oppenheimer** directed by Christopher Nolan
- Best Motion Picture (Musical or Comedy): **Poor Things** directed by Yorgos Lanthimos
- Best Motion Picture (Animated): **The Boy and the Heron** directed by Hayao Miyazaki
- Best Motion Picture (Non-English): **Anatomy of a Fall** (France) directed by Justine Triet
- Best Actor (Drama): **Cillian Murphy** for Oppenheimer
- Best Actress (Drama): **Lily Gladstone** for Killers of the Flower Moon
- Best Director: **Christopher Nolan** for Oppenheimer
- Multiple Wins: **Oppenheimer** (5 awards)
- Most nominations were received for: **Barbie** (9 nominations)

Launch of Perigrine Lunar Lander

- Launch date: 08.01.2024
- Launch vehicle: Vulcan Centaur

- Launched by: United Launch Alliance. USA
- Launched from: Cape Canaveral
- Peregrine Lunar Lander flight 01, is an American lunar lander built by Astrobotic Technology, selected as a part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS). It is the first US-built lunar lander launched since the crewed Lunar Module from the Apollo program.

Books in News

Four Stars of Destiny by General Manoj Mukund Naravane

Padma Awards 2024

Padma Vibhushan

1. Art: Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali
2. Art: Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi
3. Public Affairs :Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu
4. Social Work :Shri Bindeshwar Pathak (Posthumous)
5. Art :Ms. Padma Subramanyam

Padma Bhushan

1. Public Affairs: Ms. M. Fatima Beevi (Posthumous)
2. Literature & Education (Journalism): Shri Hormusji N. Cama
3. Art: Shri Mithun Chakraborty
4. Trade and Industry: Shri Sitaram Jindal
5. Trade and Industry: Shri Natarajan Chandrasekaran
6. Trade and Industry: Shri Young Liu
7. Medicine: Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta
8. Public Affairs: Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee (Posthumous)
9. Public Affairs: Shri Ram Naik
10. Medicine: Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel
11. Public Affairs: Shri Olanchery Rajagopal
12. Art: Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt
13. Others (Spiritualism): Shri Togdan Rinpoche (Posthumous)
14. Art: Shri Pyarelal Sharma
15. Medicine: Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur
16. Art: Ms. Usha Uthup
17. Art: Shri Vijaykanth (Posthumous)

18. Literature and Education (Journalism): Shri Kundan Vyas

Padma Shri

Art

1. Shri Khalil Ahamad
2. Shri Badrappan M
3. Shri Kaluram Bamaniya
4. Ms. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya
5. Ms. Naseem BanoShri Ramlal Bareth
6. Ms. Geeta Roy Barman
7. Shri Som Datt Battu
8. Ms. Takdira Begum
9. Shri Drona Bhuyan
10. Shri Ashok Kumar Biswas
11. Ms. Smriti Rekha Chakma
12. Shri A Velu Ananda Chari
13. Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar
14. Shri Mahabir Singh Guddu
15. Ms. Anupama Hoskere
16. Shri Jankilal
17. Shri Ratan Kahar
18. Shri Dasari Kondappa
19. Shri Jordan Lepcha
20. Shri Binod Maharana
21. Ms. Uma Maheshwari D
22. Shri Ram Kumar Mallick
23. Shri Surendra Mohan Mishra (Posthumous)
24. Shri Ali Mohammed and Shri Ghani Mohammed (Duo)
25. Ms. Kiran Nadar
26. Shri Narayanan EP
27. Shri Bhagabat Padhan
28. Shri Sanatan Rudra Pal
29. Shri Binod Kumar Pasayat
30. Ms. Silbi Passah
31. Ms. Shanti Devi Paswan & Shri Shivan Paswan (Duo)
32. Shri Romalo Ram
33. Ms. Nirmal Rishi

34. Shri Pran Sabharwal
35. Shri Gaddam Sammaiah
36. Shri Machihan Sasa
37. Shri Omprakash Sharma
38. Shri Godavari Singh
39. Shri Seshampatti T. Sivalingam
40. Ms. Urmila Srivastava
41. Shri Nepal Chandra Sutradhar (Posthumous)
42. Shri Gopinath Swain
43. Shri Laxman Bhatt Tailang
44. Shri Jagdish Labhshanker
45. Shri Balakrishnan Sadanam Puthiya Veetil
46. Shri Babu Ram Yadav

Literature and Education

1. Shri Raghuvver Choudhary
2. Shri Joe D Cruz
3. Shri Pierre Sylvain Filliozat
4. Shri Rajaram Jain
5. Shri Yashwant Singh Kathoch
6. Shri Zahir I Kazi
7. Shri Surendra Kishore (Journalism)
8. Shri Sridhar Makam Krishnamurthy
9. Shri Pakaravur Chitran Namboodiripad (Posthumous)
10. Shri Harish Nayak (Posthumous)
11. Shri Fred Negrit
12. Shri Mani Narayana Prasad
13. Shri Bhagwatilal Rajpurohit
14. Shri Navjivan Rastogi
15. Shri Kethavath Somlal
16. Ms. Aswathi Thirunal Gouri Lakshmi Bayi Thampuratty
17. Shri Kirella Vittalacharya

Medicine

1. Ms. Prema Dhanraj
2. Shri Radha Krishan Dhiman
3. Shri Manohar Krishana Dole
4. Shri Yazdi Maneksha Italia

5. Shri Hemchand Manjhi
6. Shri Chandrashekhar Mahadeorao Meshram
7. Shri G. Nachiyar
8. Shri Radhey Shyam Pareek
9. Shri Dayal Mavjibhai Parmar
10. Shri Chandrashekar Channapatna Rajannachar

Others

1. Shri Sarbeswar Basumatary (Agriculture)
2. Shri Sathyanarayana Beleri (Agriculture)
3. Ms. K. Chellammal (Agriculture)
4. Ms. Charlotte Chopin (Yoga)
5. Shri Chitta Ranjan Debbarma (Spiritualism)
6. Ms. Yanung Jamoh Lego (Agriculture)
7. Shri Sanjay Anant Patil (Agriculture)
8. Shri Kiran Vyas (Yoga)

Public Affairs

1. Shri Sasindran Muthuvel

Science and Engineering

1. Shri Narayan Chakraborty
2. Shri Ram Chet Chaudhary
3. Shri Shailesh Nayak
4. Shri Hari Om
5. Shri Eklabya Sharma
6. Shri Ram Chander Sihag
7. Shri Ravi Prakash Singh

Social Work

1. Ms. Parbati Baruah
2. Shri Dukhu Majhi
3. Ms. Chami Murmu
4. Shri Shankar Baba Pundlikrao Papalkar
5. Shri KS Rajanna
6. Shri Sangthankima
7. Shri Gurvinder Singh

8. Shri Somanna
9. Ms. Maya Tandan
10. Ms. Sano Vamuzo
11. Shri Jageshwar Yadav

Sports

1. Shri Rohan Machanda Bopanna
2. Ms. Joshna Chinappa
3. Shri Uday Vishwanath Deshpande
4. Shri Gaurav Khanna
5. Shri Satendra Singh Lohia
6. Ms. Purnima Mahato
7. Shri Harbinder Singh

Trade and Industry

1. Ms. Kalpana Morparia
2. Ms. Shashi Soni

Civil Service

1. Shri Guruprasad Mohapatra (Posthumous)