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## 1. Three High Courts to get new judges.

The Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, has recommended the appointment of seven additional judges as permanent judges for the Delhi, Karnataka and Punjab and Haryana High Courts. The decision was taken on December 12, 2024 at a meeting of the Collegium, which comprised Justice B.R. Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Hrishikesh Roy and Justice Abhay S. Oka.



## 2. India Maritime Heritage Conference 2024.

The first India Maritime Heritage Conference (IMHC 2024) to honour India's rich maritime heritage was organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on December 11-12. The conference was organised with the aim of highlighting India's maritime past and establishing the country as a global maritime power. It was attended by key ministers, maritime experts and international dignitaries and emphasised on sustainable maritime practices, employment opportunities and innovation.



## 3. Tabla player Ustad Zakir Hussain passes away.

World-renowned tabla player and Padma Vibhushan Ustad Zakir Hussain passed away at the age of 73. He was suffering from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and was hospitalised in San Francisco for the past two weeks. Born in Mumbai in 1951, Zakir Hussain was the son of tabla legend Ustad Alla Rakha. He showed exceptional talent right from childhood and started performing at the age of only seven.



## 4. NCL launches CSR initiative 'Charak' in Singrauli.

Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) has launched Project 'Charak' under the guidance of Ministry of Coal, aimed at providing free treatment for critical illnesses to economically weaker sections. The initiative will benefit residents of Singrauli and Sonbhadra districts whose annual family income is less than Rs 8 lakh. The project covers treatment of critical illnesses such as cancer, TB, HIV, heart disease, organ transplant, burn injuries and neurological problems.



## 5. India becomes global leader in green steel.

India has taken a significant step towards decarbonisation of the steel sector by launching its first "Taxonomy of Green Steel". Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurated the system at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, which establishes India as a global leader in green steel production.



## 6. Mikheil Kavelashvili wins Georgia presidential election.

Former footballer and MP of Georgia's ruling Georgian Dream Party Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected the new President of Georgia. He was elected unopposed as President through direct voting by a 300-member electoral college, with 224 out of 225 members voting in his favour. The election took place under constitutional changes, as a result of which the system of direct election of the President was abolished.



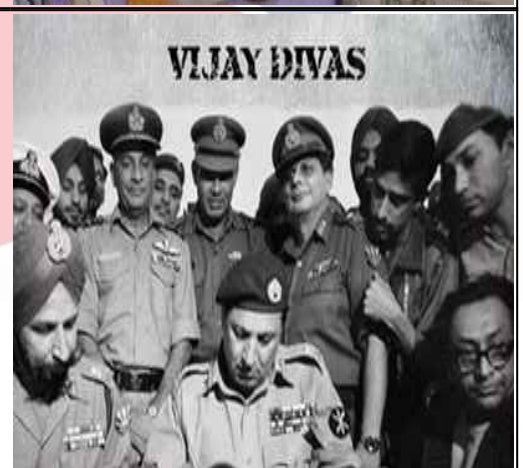
## 7. Public Sector Banks: A Remarkable Achievement.

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) posted the highest ever net profit of ₹1.41 lakh crore in 2023-24, reflecting significant reforms in the sector. The gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio declined to 3.12% in September 2024. A net profit of ₹85,520 crore was recorded in the first half of 2024-25. Along with this, a dividend of ₹61,964 crore was paid to shareholders in the last three years



## 8. "16 December - Vijay Diwas".

Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 16 December, dedicated to India's decisive victory in the Indo-Pak War of 1971. The war was triggered by a humanitarian crisis in East Pakistan (present-day Bangladesh), resulting in the surrender of 93,000 Pakistani soldiers and the formation of Bangladesh as an independent nation. On this day, in 1971, Pakistan's Lieutenant General A.A.K. Niazi signed the surrender instrument in Dhaka.



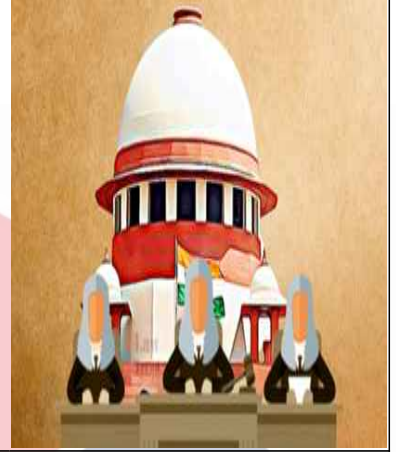


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1. Which judge has been recommended for appointment as permanent judge of Delhi High Court?

- A - Justice Ramchandra Dattatraya Hudder  
B - Justice Shalinder Kaur  
C - Justice Harpreet Singh Brar  
D - Justice Venkatesh Naik Thavaranaik

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2. Which Union Minister inaugurated this conference?

- A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi  
B - Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar  
C - Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal  
D - Union Minister Nitin Gadkari

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3. World-renowned tabla player Ustad Zakir Hussain died at what age?

- A - 70 years  
B - 71 years  
C - 72 years  
D - 73 years

World-renowned tabla player and Padma Vibhushan Ustad Zakir Hussain died at the age of 73 from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Mumbai in 1951, and was the son of tabla legend Ustad Alla Rakha. He started performing at the age of only seven and received rigorous training from his father. Zakir Hussain took Indian classical music to new heights and worked with renowned musicians like Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.



4. Which project has been launched by Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)?

- A - Ayushman Bharat  
B - Charak  
C - Swachh Bharat  
D - Ujjwala

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**5. India has launched which system which is a significant step towards decarbonisation of the steel sector?**

**A - Green Energy System**

**B - Green Steel Classification System**

**C - Green Manufacturing System**

**D - Green Industrial System**

India has launched its first "Taxonomy of Green Steel" towards decarbonisation of the steel sector. Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurated it in New Delhi. Under this system, India will have to invest Rs 10 lakh crore for a production capacity of 120 million tonnes, and aims to produce only green steel from 2030.



**6. Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected as the new President of Georgia as an MP of which party?**

**A - Georgian Unity Party**

**B - Georgian Dream Party**

**C - Georgian National Movement**

**D - Georgian Social Democratic Party**

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**7. How much net profit did Public Sector Banks (PSBs) earn in 2023-24?**

**A - ₹1.1 lakh crore**

**B - ₹1.41 lakh crore**

**C - ₹1 lakh crore**

**D - ₹85,520 crore**

In 2023-24, India's Public Sector Banks (PSBs) achieved a historic financial milestone. This year, these banks earned the highest ever net profit of ₹1.41 lakh crore, a clear indication of the reforms undertaken in the sector and the stability of the banking system. This net profit was made possible as a result of PSBs improving their operations, increasing asset quality and sound risk management strategies.



**8. When is Vijay Diwas celebrated?**

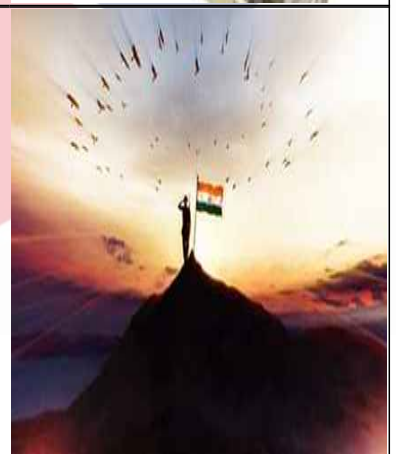
**A - 15 August**

**B - 26 January**

**C - 16 December**

**D - 2 October**

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## One Liner

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2. This conference was inaugurated by which Union Minister - **Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal**
3. World-renowned tabla player Ustad Zakir Hussain died at what age - **73 years**
4. Which project has been launched by Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) - **Charak**
5. India has launched which system which is an important step towards decarbonization of the steel sector - **Green Steel Classification System**
6. Mikheil Kavelashvili has been elected as the new President of Georgia as an MP of which party. - **Georgian Dream Party**
7. How much net profit did Public Sector Banks (PSBs) earn in 2023-24 - **₹1.41 lakh crore**
8. When is Vijay Diwas celebrated. - **16 December**
9. Recently, which state government has established three new medical colleges in Baghat, Hathras and Kasganj - **Uttar Pradesh**
10. Global 2024 What is the rank of India in Hunger Index (GHI) - **105**

