



Career Strategists IAS

Helpline -: 011-49324938, 9990606400

Add -: B-1/44 Sector 18 Rohini Delhi
110089

2024-12-26

CURRENT AFFAIRS



SPORTS
NEWS



NATIONAL
AFFAIRS



BANKING
NEWS



AWARDS
NEWS



DEFENCE
NEWS



INTERNATIONAL
NEWS



SCI-TECH
NEWS



USEFUL FOR

- ★ UPSC
- ★ BPSC
- ★ UPPSC
- ★ MPPSC
- ★ SSC etc.

1. V. Ramasubramanian appointed NHRC Chairperson.

The appointment of Justice (Retd.) V. Ramasubramanian as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was confirmed by President Draupadi Murmu on 23 December 2023. The post was vacant since 1 June 2014, when the term of Justice Arun Kumar Mishra ended. Earlier, Vijaya Bharti Sayani was handling the responsibility of the acting chairperson of NHRC.



2. Launch of "Jagrati App" and Jagrati Dashboard

On the occasion of National Consumer Day recently, 'Jago Grahak Jago App', 'Jagrati App', and 'Jagrati Dashboard' were launched. The development of these apps is part of important research done by 11T BHU students. These apps are part of an intelligent cyber physical system that works in real time and runs on the Airavat AI supercomputer under the National Supercomputing Mission using AI and data analytics.



3. India's first bio-bitumen national highway.

Recently, India's first bio-bitumen national highway was inaugurated in Nagpur district of Maharashtra. It is based on a 1 km section of the Nagpur-Mansar National Highway project, in which the road has been built by mixing 15% bio-bitumen in asphalt. This is the first national highway in the country, which is constructed with bitumen obtained from a crop residue called Ligreen.



4. Documentation and Preservation of Traditions of Tribal Communities (PESA Act).

On the occasion of National PESA Day 2024, a one-day national workshop was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India and the State Government of Jharkhand. The main objective of the workshop was to spread public awareness about the provisions of PESA Act-1996 and sensitize tribal communities about their rights.



5. Udaan Yatri Cafe - Cheap food will be available at airports

The Government of India has launched the "Udaan Yatri Cafe" initiative to address the growing concerns of expensive food and beverages at airports. It aims to provide affordable snacks and beverages to passengers. The initiative has been launched as a pilot project at Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport.



6. Jaishankar receives Sri Chandrasekharend Saraswati Award for Leadership

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was conferred the "Sri Chandrasekharend Saraswathi National Award of Excellence" by the Society of South Indian Education (SIES) for his outstanding contribution to India's foreign policy and global leadership. In his acceptance speech, he emphasised India's growing confident presence and drew inspiration from the teachings of Mahaperiyavar, which spoke of brotherhood and global cooperation.



7. 15th Finance Commission grants Rs 1598.80 crore to Uttar Pradesh and Rs 446.49 crore to Andhra Pradesh for rural development.

The Central Government has released the second installment of the 15th Finance Commission's unallocated grants to the rural local bodies of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh during the financial year 2024-25. An amount of Rs 1598.80 crore was released to Uttar Pradesh, while Andhra Pradesh has received a grant of Rs 420.99 crore.



Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Government of India

सत्यमेव जयते

8. President appoints 5 new governors.

President Draupadi Murmu announced the appointment of new governors of 5 states on 24 December 2023. Former Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been appointed as the Governor of Manipur. The list of other governors includes Arif Mohammad Khan for Bihar, Vishwanath Arlekar for Kerala, retired General V.K. Singh for Mizoram and Hari Babu Kebhampati for Odisha.



1. The new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission has been appointed-

A - V. Ramasubramanian

B - C. Sohan Das

C - Mehak Arora

D - Namit Mehta

Justice (Retd) V. Ramasubramanian was appointed as the chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) by President Draupadi Murmu on 23 December 2023. The post was vacant since 1 June 2014. Justice Ramasubramanian's judicial career was in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court, where he delivered 102 landmark judgments.



2. 'Jagriti App' and 'Jago Grahak Jago' app have been created by the students of which institute-

A - IIT Kanpur

B - IIT BHU

C - IIT Delhi

D - IIT Kharagpur

On the occasion of National Consumer Day, 'Jago Grahak Jago App', 'Jagriti App' and 'Jagriti Dashboard' were launched. These apps have been developed as part of research done by the students of IIT BHU. These apps work on the Airavat AI supercomputer under the National Supercomputing Mission using AI and data analytics.



3. India's first bio-bitumen national highway has been launched in which state-

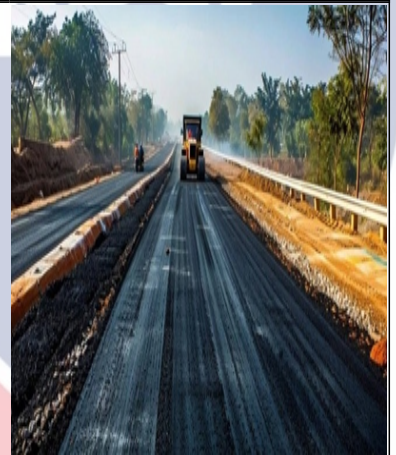
A - Maharashtra

B - Jharkhand

C - Rajasthan

D - Uttar Pradesh

India's first bio-bitumen national highway was inaugurated in Nagpur district of Maharashtra. It has been built in a 1 km stretch of the Nagpur-Mansar National Highway Project by adding 15% bio-bitumen, which is obtained from a crop residue called Ligreen. The project has been jointly constructed by Pune-based biotech company Prapt Industries and CRRI.



4. When did the National PESA Act come into force-

A - 24 December - 1996

B - 24 December - 1997

C - 24 December - 1998

D - 24 December - 1999

On National PESA Day 2024, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the State Government of Jharkhand organized a one-day national workshop. Its objective was to spread public awareness about the provisions of the PESA Act-1996 and sensitize tribal communities about their rights. In the workshop, Vivek Bhardwaj and Vinay Kumar explained the importance of the PESA Act, which gives tribal communities rights over the management of water, forest and land.



5. 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' has been started from which airport-

A - Jaipur

B - Kolkata

C - New Delhi

D - Shimla

The Government of India has launched the "Udaan Yatri Cafe" initiative to solve the problem of expensive food and beverages at airports. It was started as a pilot project at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. The aim of this initiative is to provide snacks and beverages to passengers at affordable rates.



6. Which minister of the Government of India has received the Shri Chandrashekharendra Saraswati Award-

A - Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

B - S. Jaishankar

C - Amit Shah

D - Nitin Gadkari

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was awarded the "Shri Chandrashekharendra Saraswati National Excellence Award" for his contribution to India's foreign policy and global leadership. In his speech, he emphasised India's confident global presence and drew inspiration from Mahaperiyavar's teachings, such as brotherhood and global cooperation.



7. The chairman of the 16th Finance Commission (Central) is-

A - Arvind Panagariya

B - Tejasvi Surya

C - Ram Madhav

D - Shaktikanta Das

The Central Government has released the second installment of the 15th Finance Commission's unallocated grant to the rural local bodies of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh in the financial year 2024-25. Uttar Pradesh has received a grant of Rs 1598.80 crore and Andhra Pradesh Rs 420.99 crore, which is for all eligible panchayats of the state.



8. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Manipur recently-

A - Arif Mohammad Khan

B - Vishwanath Arlekar

C - General V.K. Singh

D - Ajay Kumar Bhalla

President Draupadi Murmu appointed new governors of 5 states on 24 December 2023. Ajay Kumar Bhalla for Manipur, Arif Mohammad Khan for Bihar, Vishwanath Arlekar for Kerala, General V.K. Singh for Mizoram and Hari Babu Kebhampati for Odisha were appointed as Governors. The Governor is appointed under Article 153 of the Constitution, his tenure is 5 years and it depends on the pleasure of the President.





One Liner

1. Before being appointed as the Chairman of NHRC, who was its acting Chairman - **Vijaya Bharti Sayani**
2. India's first bio bitumen national highway has been built in which city - **Nagpur**
3. The full form of PESA is - **(Panchayat Extension Scheduled Areas)**
4. Recently, which award has been received by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar - **Shri Chandrashekharend Saraswati Award**
5. In which article of the Constitution is the provision of Finance Commission made - **Article 280**
6. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Mizoram - **General V.K. Singh**
7. In which article of the Constitution is the provision of the Governor of the state - **Article 153**
8. Recently the government has approved the 'track and trace mechanism' to prevent which theft - **To prevent tax evasion**
9. How many tableaux have been selected from various states and union territories for the Republic Day Parade 2025 - **15**
10. Recently which state has been recognized by the Wall Street Journal as one of the global destinations for 2025 - **Madhya Pradesh**

