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1. India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise "Surya Kiran".

A contingent of 334 personnel of the Indian Army left for Nepal to participate in the 18th edition of the battalion level joint military exercise "Surya Kiran". The exercise will be held at Saljhandi, Nepal from 31 December 2024 to 13 January 2025. The Indian Army contingent will be led by a battalion of 11 Gorkha Rifles, while the Nepali Army contingent will be represented by the Jung Battalion.



2. Jasprit Bumrah creates history - becomes fastest bowler to take 200 Test wickets.

Jasprit Bumrah set the record of becoming the fastest bowler to complete 200 wickets in Test cricket during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the MCG in Melbourne. Bumrah achieved this feat in just 44 Test matches, breaking the Indian record set by Mohammed Shami. Bumrah's brilliant bowling, which included four wickets in the first innings and a crucial wicket in the second innings of the Boxing Day Test, earned him this historic milestone.



3. Kamyaa Karthikeyan Youngest Girl to Climb 7 Highest Peaks in the World.

17-year-old Kamyaa Karthikeyan, a student of Navy Children School, Mumbai, has become the youngest woman in the world to climb the highest peaks of the seven continents of the Earth. She will complete the feat on December 24, 2024 with her father Commander S. She climbed Vinson Massif in Antarctica with Dr. Karthikeyan, thereby completing her challenge of climbing mountain peaks on seven continents.



4. Malayalam writer and Jnanpith Award winner M.T. Vasudevan Nair passes away.

One of the greatest figures of Malayalam literature and cinema, Madath Thekkepat Vasudevan Nair, popularly known as M.T. Vasudevan Nair, died recently at a hospital in Kozhikode, Kerala. The Kerala government has declared two days of state mourning in honour of his contributions and works.



5. Indian Army unveils statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji at Pangong Tso.

The Indian Army unveiled a statue of the great warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Pangong Tso in Ladakh, a significant step towards strengthening strategic and cultural presence near the India-China border. The statue is installed at an altitude of 14,300 feet and is considered a symbol of India's unwavering commitment to border security.



6. RBI took steps to prevent errors in online money transfer.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the introduction of name check facility for Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) transactions. The facility aims to reduce fraud and errors and will be similar to services like UPI and IMPS. Under this, the sender will be allowed to confirm the name of the beneficiary before initiating a transaction.



7. Former US President and Nobel Prize winner Jimmy Carter passes away.

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, died in his hometown of Plains, Georgia at the age of 100. Carter was famous for his moral values, humanitarian work and global peace efforts. His presidency was from 1977 to 1981, in which he faced serious challenges like economic recession, high inflation, interest rates and the Iran hostage crisis.



8. January 1 - Global Family Day.

January 1 is celebrated as Global Family Day, a global day of peace and sharing. This day is celebrated in various parts of the world, especially the United States. Global Family Day was started in the year 2000, and since then it is being celebrated as Global Family Day every year on January 1. The purpose of this day is to unite people around the world and promote the feeling of seeing them as a family.



1. 'Surya Kiran' joint military exercise is being conducted between which two countries?

A - India - Nepal

B - India - Sri Lanka

C - India - America

D - India - Japan

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2. Which Indian bowler has recently become the fastest Indian bowler to complete his 200 wickets in a Test match?

A - Mohammed Siraj

B - Jasprit Bumrah

C - Ravindra Jadeja

D - Hardik Pandya

Jasprit Bumrah achieved the record of becoming the fastest Indian bowler to complete 200 wickets in Test cricket during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Melbourne. He achieved this feat in just 44 Test matches, breaking the record of Mohammed Shami. Bumrah completed 200 wickets on the 8484th ball and took wickets at an average of 19.56, which is an extraordinary achievement.



3. Who is the youngest woman in the world to climb the seven highest peaks of the seven continents of the Earth?

A - Kanya Karthikeyan

B - Usha Sharma

C - Himani Chaudhary

D - Nisha Sharma

17-year-old Kanya Karthikeyan, a student of Navy Children School, Mumbai, has become the youngest woman in the world to climb the highest peaks of seven continents. On December 24, 2024, she climbed Vinson Massif in Antarctica with her father, completing her challenge. She also conquered peaks like Mount Everest, Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Elbrus, Mount Kosciusko, Mount Aconcagua and Mount Denali.



4. Recently, Malayalam writer Vasudevan Nair passed away, he belonged to which state?

A - Tamil Nadu

B - Karnataka

C - Kerala

D - Maharashtra

Malayalam literature and cinema's great writer and filmmaker, M.T. Vasudevan Nair passed away recently. In honor of his contribution, the Kerala government has declared two days of state mourning. Born in 1934 in Palakkad district of Kerala, Nair won a prize in a short story competition during his college days.



5. Recently, the Indian Army has unveiled the statue of which great warrior in Pangong Tso?

- A - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** **B - Shaheed Bhagat Singh**
C - Lala Lajpat Rai **D - Khudiram Bose**

The Indian Army unveiled a 14,300 feet high statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Pangong Tso, Ladakh, which is a significant step towards strengthening the strategic and cultural presence near the India-China border.



6. Recently, RBI has introduced which facility in RTGS and NEFT for transferring money?

- A - Name Check Facility** **B - C.R. Facility**
C - Scan (Finger) Facility **D - None of the following**

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7. Which former US President died recently?

- A - Jimmy Carter** **B - Barack Obama**
C - Donald Trump **D - None of the following**

Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, died at the age of 100. Carter was famous for his moral values, humanitarian work and peace efforts. His presidency (1977-1981) was surrounded by challenges such as economic recession, inflation and the Iran hostage crisis, but he established peace between Israel and Egypt through the Camp David Accords in 1978, which was one of his greatest achievements.



8. Global Family Day is celebrated on?

- A - 1 January** **B - 1 February**
C - 1 March **D - 1 April**

Global Family Day is celebrated on 1 January, which is a symbol of peace and sharing. This day was celebrated for the first time in 2000 and since then every year 1 January is celebrated as Global Family Day. It aims to unite people around the world as one family and promote peace, cooperation and mutual understanding.





One Liner

1. When did the India-Nepal joint military exercise "Surya Kiran" start - **2011**
2. Indian fast bowler Jaspreet Bumrah has become the fastest bowler by taking how many Test wickets - **200 Test wickets**
3. Kanya Karthikeyan has become the youngest girl to climb the 7 highest peaks of the world, she belongs to which city - **Mumbai**
4. M.T. When did Vasudevan Nair receive the Padma Bhushan award - **in 2005**
5. Where has the Indian Army unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji - **Pangong Tso (Ladakh)**
6. Former US President Jimmy Carter, who died recently, received the Nobel Peace Prize in which year - **2002**
7. When did the celebration of Global Family Day begin - **in the year 2000**
8. Recently, the Higher Education Department of which state has decided to implement courses based on Indian knowledge in universities - **Uttarakhand**
9. Which of the following countries is the highest coal producer so far in 2022-24 - **China**
10. Which country has successfully completed the SpaceX mission in December 2024 - **India**

