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1. Lokpal Day Celebration.

'Lokpal Day' celebration will be held in India on 16 January 2025, which is celebrated as the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the Indian Lokpal. This day is celebrated every year as a result of the notification issued by the Indian Lokpal on 16 January 2014. Lokpal was constituted under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013 to investigate cases of corruption against public functionaries.



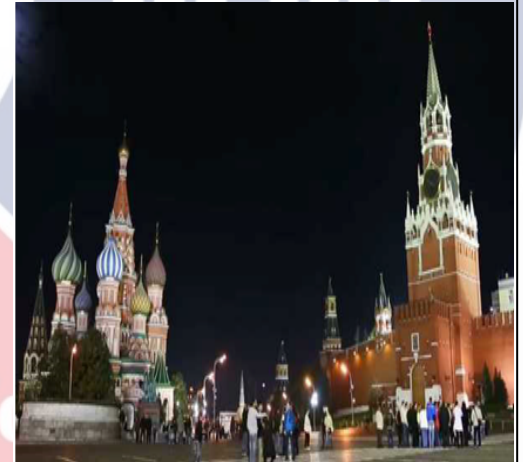
2. Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award winners announced.

The Government of India has announced the recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for 2024, honouring four sportspersons for their exceptional sporting performance. Manu Bhaker, who created history by winning two medals in the same Games edition for the first time since Independence at the Paris 2024 Olympics, was conferred with the award.



3. Russia imposes new tourist tax

From January 1, 2025, Russia has introduced a new tourism tax, replacing its old resort fee. The initiative, implemented through amendments to the Russian tax code, aims to strengthen regional tourism infrastructure. Initially, the tax will be charged to travellers at 1% of their accommodation costs, which will increase to 3% by 2027. The tax will apply to hotels and other accommodations, and its cost will eventually be borne by tourists.



4. Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra takes over Western Air Command of Indian Air Force.

On 1 January 2025, Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra took over the Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF). He replaced Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha, who retired after 39 years of distinguished service. Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra's educational background includes Air Force Test Pilot School (Bengaluru), Air Command and Staff College (USA), Royal College of Defence Study (U.K), and National Defence Academy (Pune).



5. Cabinet approved 7 major schemes to improve the lives and livelihoods of farmers.

The Government of India has unveiled several schemes for agriculture and related sectors, including key components such as Digital Agriculture Mission, Crop Science for Food and Nutrition Security, and Livestock Health. An amount of Rs 2817 crore has been set aside under the Digital Agriculture Mission, which aims to set up farmer registries, comprehensive market databases, digitized land maps, and meteorological monitoring systems.



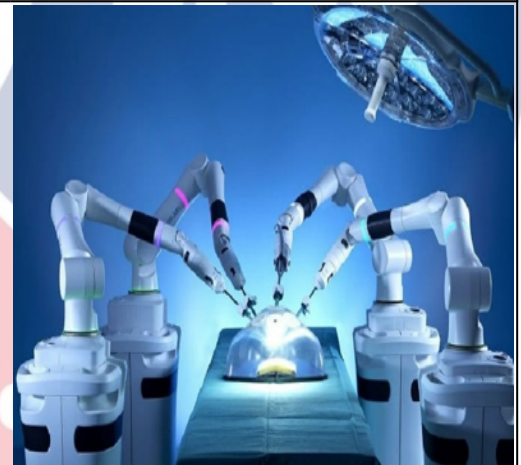
6. Vaishali won bronze medal in women's category of 2024 World Blitz Championship.

Indian chess player R. Vaishali won bronze medal in women's category in the 2024 FIDE World Blitz Championship. The competition was held in New York City, United States on 30 and 31 December 2024. Vaishali defeated China's Zhu Jiner in the quarterfinals, but lost to China's Ju Wenjun in the semifinals, who won the women's section gold medal.



7. Surgical Robot.

Recently, the first surgical robot made in India has been installed at Noble Hospital and Research Centre, Pune, Maharashtra. The system was used to perform robotic right extended hemicolectomy surgery on a patient suffering from colon carcinoma. This robotic surgery is performed by the doctor using robotic arms, wherein the doctor controls the arms through a console and gets a 3D view of the surgery field on a 32-inch monitor.



8. 4 January - World Braille Day

World Braille Day is celebrated annually on January 4 to raise awareness about the importance of Braille for the full realization of the human rights of blind and partially sighted people. The day is being celebrated since 2019. Braille is a tactile alphabet that uses six dots to represent letters, numbers and other symbols. Braille is used by blind and visually impaired people to read printed books and magazines.





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1. Recently, on which day Lokpal Day has been declared?

- A - 16 January B - 18 January
C - 20 January D - 22 January

'Lokpal Day' will be celebrated in India on 16 January 2025, which is the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the Indian Lokpal. This day is celebrated under the notification issued on 16 January 2014. Lokpal was constituted under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013 to investigate corruption against public officials.



2. Which of the following players is not in the category of Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award winners?

- A - Manu Bhaker B - Harmanpreet Singh
C - D Gukesh D - Neeraj Chopra

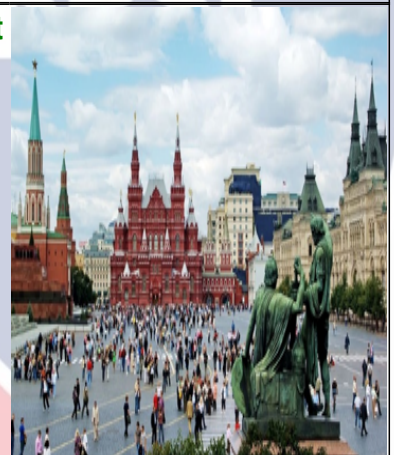
The Government of India announced the recipients of the 2024 Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, honouring Manu Bhaker, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar and D Gukesh for their exceptional sporting performance. Manu Bhaker created history by winning two medals in the same Games edition at the Paris 2024 Olympics.



3. Which country has recently announced the imposition of new tourist tax?

- A - Russia B - Japan
C - America D - India

Russia has introduced a new tourist tax from January 1, 2025, which has been introduced with the aim of strengthening regional tourism infrastructure. Initially this tax will be 1% of the cost of accommodation, which will increase to 3% by 2027. This fee will be applicable to hotels and other accommodations, and will eventually be paid by tourists.



4. Who has recently taken over the responsibility of the Western Command of the Indian Air Force?

- A - Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra B - Air Marshal Deepak Singh
C - Air Marshal Naveen Bharnagr D - Air Marshal Lakhan Singh

Force (IAF), replacing Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha, who retired after 39 years of service. Air Marshal Mishra's educational background includes Air Force Test Pilot School, Air Command and Staff College (USA), Royal College of Defence Study (U.K), and National Defence Academy (Pune). He has flown over 3000 hours after being commissioned as a fighter pilot in 1986.



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5. Recently, how many schemes have been approved by the Central Government for improving the livelihood of farmers?

- A - 5
B - 7
C - 9
D - 11

The Government of India has announced various schemes for agriculture and related sectors. A budget of Rs 2817 crore has been set under the Digital Agriculture Mission, which aims to create farmer registry, market database, digital land maps and weather monitoring systems. Rs 3979 crore has been allocated for crop science for food and nutrition security, which will focus on agricultural research and crop improvement.



6. Which Indian chess player has recently won the bronze medal in the World Blitz Championship in the women's category?

- A - R. Vaishali
B - D. Ravina
C - Himashi
D - Swati Matwal

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7. India's first surgical robot is called?

- A - SSI Mantra
B - SST Mantra
C - R&B Mantra
D - MNC Mantra

Recently, the first surgical robot manufactured in India was installed at Noble Hospital and Research Centre, Pune, which was used for robotic right extended hemicolectomy surgery on a patient suffering from colon carcinoma. This robot is designed by SSI Mantra, having a modular design with more than 5 arms and unique optics with 3D, HD immersive headset.



8. World Braille Day is celebrated on?

- A - 1 January
B - 2 January
C - 3 January
D - 4 January

World Braille Day is celebrated on 4 January to raise awareness about the importance of Braille for the rights of blind and partially sighted people. The day is being celebrated since 2019. Braille is a tactile system in which letters, numbers and other symbols are represented by six dots.





One Liner

1. R. In which sport has Vaishali recently won a bronze medal? - **In the World Blitz Championship (Chess)**
2. Where has the surgical robot manufactured in India been installed recently? - **In Pune's Noble Hospital and Research**
3. When was the announcement made to celebrate World Braille Day made? - **From 2019**
4. When was the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act implemented? - **2013**
5. In which category of sport has Manu Bhaker been awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award? - **In Shooting**
6. When has Russia announced to impose its new tourist tax? - **1 January 2025**
7. Recently Jitendra Mishra has taken charge of which command of the Indian Air Force - **Western Command**
8. Recently the Central Government has announced to spend how much money to strengthen livestock health and production? - **1702 crores**
9. Recently which book has been released by Union Home Minister Amit Shah? - **Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages**
10. 40 years after the Bhopal gas tragedy, how dangerous is the Union Carbide factory Waste removed - **377 tons**

