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## 1. Nigeria gets BRICS partner country status.

Recently, Nigeria has been formally declared a partner member of BRICS. This announcement was made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil. BRICS now has a total of 9 official partner countries, which include Nigeria along with Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda and Uzbekistan.



## 2. 10th anniversary of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

The 10th anniversary of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme is being celebrated this year, which is being organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Under this, programs will be organized at the state and district level, in which special events will be held on 22 January, 26 January and 8 March.



## 3. 1200-year-old Buddhist monastery found at Ratnagiri Buddhist site.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found a 1,200-year-old Buddhist monastery at the Ratnagiri Buddhist site in Jajpur district of Odisha. The excavation, which began in December 2024, was led by ASI Deputy Superintendent Prajnaprati Pradhan. Its aim is to understand the history and cultural influence of Buddhism in Odisha.



## 4. Parakram Diwas – 2025

Parakram Diwas-2025 will be celebrated on the occasion of the 128th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The event will be inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi on 23 January 2025 at Cuttack, Netaji's birthplace. Netaji was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha. He received education from Presidency College and Scottish Church College, Kolkata.



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## 5. First Olympic Research Conference held in Gujarat.

India has taken a big step in preparing to host the 2036 Olympics. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and experts from various fields gathered in Gujarat for a four-day event. Organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the meeting aims to develop sustainable sports infrastructure and economic models to present India as an Olympic host.



## 6. 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference concluded in Patna.

The 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference was held on 20 and 21 January 2025 at the Bihar Legislature Complex in Patna, Bihar. The conference is an annual event attended by the presiding officers of the Union, States and Union Territories. The first All India Presiding Officers Conference was held in Shimla in 1921, and the 85th edition of the conference was held on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Constitution.



## 7. Donald Trump - US out of WHO and Paris Climate Agreement

US President Donald Trump signed several executive orders on January 20, 2025, the first day of his second presidential term. These included orders for the US withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement. The Trump administration accused the WHO of mishandling the COVID-19 pandemic and other international health crises and criticised it for succumbing to the influence of countries like China.



## 8. National Girl Child Day - January 24

National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on January 24 in India, which was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2008. The purpose of this day is to spread awareness about the inequalities faced by girls in the country. January 24 is also an occasion to remember former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as Nari Shakti, as on this day Indira Gandhi took charge as Prime Minister for the first time.







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## 1. When was BRICS established?

- A - September 2006  
B - November 2009  
C - April 2003  
D - March 2001

Recently, Nigeria has become the 9th partner member of BRICS, which was announced by the Brazilian Foreign Ministry. Other partner countries of BRICS are - Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda and Uzbekistan. In the summit held in Kazan, Russia in 2024, 13 countries were given partner status, out of which 9 have formally become members.



## 2. Which ministry is celebrating the 10th anniversary of 'Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao' scheme?

- A - Ministry of Women and Child Development  
B - Ministry of Health  
C - Ministry of Home Affairs  
D - Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme. Special programs will be organized at the state and district level on January 22, January 26 and March 8. The inaugural ceremony was held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, in which Union Ministers J.P. Nadda, Annapurna Devi and Savitri Thakur participated.



## 3. Ratnagiri Buddhist site of Jajpur district of Odisha is situated between which rivers?

- A - Ganga and Yamuna  
B - Brahmani and Virupa  
C - Indus and Mahanadi  
D - Saraswati and Vaitarni

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## 4. When is Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary celebrated?

- A - 23 January  
B - 26 January  
C - 14 January  
D - 6 March

Parakram Diwas will be celebrated on 23 January 2025 on the 128th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The event will be inaugurated by Odisha Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi at Cuttack, Netaji's birthplace. Netaji was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha. He studied at Presidency College and Scottish Church College, Kolkata.



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5. In which state was the first Olympic Research Conference held?

- A - Gujarat
- B - Madhya Pradesh
- C - Chhattisgarh
- D - Rajasthan

India has taken a big step towards hosting the 2036 Olympics. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and experts held a four-day meeting in Gujarat, aimed at developing sustainable sports infrastructure and economic models. The meeting discussed India's Olympic hosting vision, learnings from successful Olympic cities, financing models and eco-friendly practices.



6. Where was the 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference held?

- A - Patna
- B - Jaipur
- C - Mumbai
- D - Delhi

The 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference was held in Patna, Bihar on 20-21 January 2025. The conference took place on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Constitution, and its theme was "75th Anniversary of the Constitution: Contribution of Parliament and State Legislative Bodies in Strengthening Constitutional Values."



7. Donald Trump has ordered the withdrawal of WHO from which international organization

- A - World Health Organization
- B - ILO
- C - Security Council
- D - International Court of Justice

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8. National Girl Child Day is celebrated on -

- A - 24 January
- B - 20 January
- C - 30 January
- D - 6 March

National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on 24 January in India, which was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2008. This day is celebrated with the aim of raising awareness on the importance of girls' rights, education, health and nutrition and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is remembered as Nari Shakti, as she took charge as Prime Minister on this day.



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## One Liner

1. Where is the headquarters of BRICS located? - **Shanghai (China)**
2. When was the "Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao" campaign started? - **22 January 2015**
3. In a recent survey, in which district of Odisha has the red old Buddhist monastery been found at a Buddhist site - **In Jajpuri district**
4. When did Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose establish the organization called "Forward Block"? - **1939**
5. Which Olympic Games is India preparing to host? - **Year 2036**
6. Who inaugurated the 85th All India Presiding Officers Conference 2025? - **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla**
7. Donald Trump has ordered the United States to withdraw from which international treaty? - **Paris Climate Agreement 2015**
8. When did the National Girl Child Day start? - **From the year 2008**
9. Who has been appointed as the new ADG of BSF recently? - **Mahesh Kumar Agarwal**
10. Who has been elected as the President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (1851) for the year 2025? - **Dhananjay Shukla**

