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1. Thailand became the first country in Southeast Asia to recognize gay marriage.

Thailand has legalized gay marriage from January 23. After this decision, many gay couples registered their marriages. The new marriage law uses gender neutral words, removing traditional words like man, woman, husband and wife and giving transgenders the right to marry. Thailand has become the first country in Southeast Asia to implement this law.



2. 6th International Millet Festival

The 6th International Millet Festival was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka on the theme “Transformation of Agri-Food Systems through Agro-ecology: A Global Perspective”. The conference was attended by experts from more than 10 countries, including Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Australia, Kenya, Tanzania, Italy, Peru and England. The event was supported by international organizations such as GIZ Germany and FIBL Switzerland.



3. Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2025

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2025 for outstanding contribution in disaster management. This award is announced every year on 23 January on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. It aims to recognize and encourage the unique contribution and selfless services of individuals and institutions in the field of disaster management.



4. Operation 'Sard Hawa'

The Border Security Force (BSF) has launched Operation 'Sard Hawa' to strengthen security in view of Republic Day on the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan. This campaign will run till January 29 and its main objective is to prevent infiltration and undesirable activities in winter. Under the campaign, BSF has increased vigilance on the border and modern weapons and technical equipment are being used.



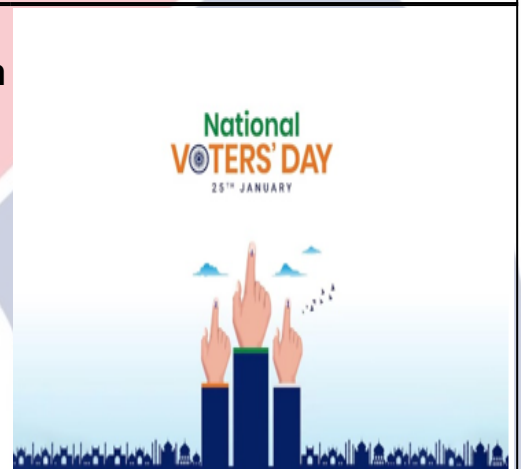
5. Mannan Tribe

Raman Rajamannan, the king of the Mannan community of Kerala and the only tribal king of the state, will participate in the Republic Day parade of 2025. This will be the first time a tribal king will participate in the parade. The Mannan tribe is concentrated in the Idukki district of Kerala, where about 97% of their population lives.



6. National Voters' Day 2025

India is celebrating its 15th National Voters' Day (NVD) on 25 January 2025, which celebrates the power and importance of every vote in strengthening democracy. The day commemorates the establishment of the Election Commission and highlights the important role of voters. The theme of National Voters' Day 2025 is "Vote Jaisa Kuch Nahi, Vote Zaroor Dalenge Hum", which inspires voters to vote as their right and duty.



7. Kerala CM Vijayan unveils disaster risk warning system Kavacham

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated India's first fully integrated disaster warning system, Kavacham (Kerala Warnings, a Crisis and Hazard Management System) on 21 January 2025. The system has been developed under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project and is considered one of the fastest weather warning systems in the world.



8. Government sets target of 10,000 GI tags by 2030

The Government of India has set a target of getting 10,000 Geographical Indication (GI) tags for Indian products by 2030. So far 605 Indian products have been issued GI tags, with the first GI tag being given to Darjeeling tea in 2003. This announcement was made by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal at the GI Samagam held in New Delhi on 22 January 2025.



1. Thailand does not share its border with which of the following countries?

- A - Myanmar
B - Cambodia
C - Laos
D - Timor

Thailand has legalized gay marriage from January 23, making it the first country in Southeast Asia and the third in Asia. The new law uses gender neutral words, giving transgenders the right to marry as well.



2. Where was the 6th International Millet Festival organized?

- A - Mumbai
B - Kolkata
C - Delhi
D - Bengaluru

The 6th International Millet Festival was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka on the theme "Transforming Agri-Food Systems through Agro-Ecology: A Global Perspective". It was attended by experts from more than 10 countries, and was supported by organisations such as GIZ Germany and FIBL Switzerland.



3. Which organisation has been awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2025?

- A - ISRO
B - DRDO Strategists
C - INCOIS
D - NITI Aayog

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award-2025, which is announced every year on 23 January on Netaji's birth anniversary. INCOIS, established in 1999 in Hyderabad, specializes in early warning of maritime hazards.



4. What is the main objective of Operation 'Sard Hawa'?

- A - Providing training for agricultural development
B - Trade on the border
C - Preventing undesirable activities on the border
D - Protecting citizens from cold winds

BSF on the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan launched Operation 'Sard Hawa' in view of Republic Day, which will run till January 29. Its aim is to prevent infiltration and undesirable activities in winter. To increase vigilance on the border, surveillance has been intensified through modern weapons, technical equipment, foot patrolling, vehicles and camels.



5. The Mannan tribe is mainly found in which state of India?

- A - Kerala
B - Tamil Nadu
C - Tripura
D - Rajasthan

Raja Raman Rajamannan of the Mannan community of Kerala will participate in the Republic Day parade of 2025, which will be the first entry of a tribal king in this parade. The Mannan tribe, which mainly lives in Idukki district, has its ancient home in Madurai and their main languages are Tamil and Malayalam.



6. When is National Voters' Day celebrated?

- A - 21 January
B - 25 January
C - 21 January
D - 6 March

India is celebrating its 15th National Voters' Day (NVD) on 25 January 2025, which celebrates the power and importance of every vote in a democracy. This year's theme is "Vote Jaisa Kuch Nahi, Vote Zaroor Dalenge Hum", which motivates voters to cast their votes. NVD is being celebrated after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, and this year India's voter count is going to reach close to 100 crores.



7. Disaster risk warning system "Kavacham" was unveiled by which state government?

- A - Chhattisgarh
B - Andhra Pradesh
C - Odisha
D - Kerala

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated India's first fully integrated disaster warning system, Kavacham, on 21 January 2025. The system has been developed under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project and will enable rescue and rehabilitation efforts during climate change-induced weather events.



8. Where was the GI Tag Samagam 2025 held?

- A - New Delhi
B - Lucknow
C - Jaipur
D - Bangalore

The Government of India has set a target of giving Geographical Indication (GI) tag to 10,000 Indian products by 2030. So far 605 products have received GI tag, the first of which was given to Darjeeling tea in 2003. Union Minister Piyush Goyal announced this target at the GI Samagam on 22 January 2025 and talked about forming a committee.





One Liner

1. Recently, which country of South East Asia has become the first country to recognize gay marriage? - **Thailand**
2. Where was the first International Millet Festival organized? - **Karnataka**
3. For the first time, the tribal king of which community is being included to participate in the Republic Day-2025 parade? - **Mannan community**
4. 'Operation Cold Wind' has been started by the Border Security Force for international border security in which state? - **Rajasthan**
5. When was the Indian National Ocean Information Service Center (INCOIS) established? - **1999**
6. What is the theme of National Voter's Day - 2025? - **"Nothing like vote, we will definitely vote"**
7. Recently, which disaster risk warning system has been launched by the Chief Minister of Kerala? - **Kavacham**
8. How many GI tags have been targeted by the Government of India by the year 2030? - **10,000**
9. Justice Alok Radhe has recently taken oath as the Chief Justice of which High Court? - **Bombay High Court**
10. Recently, virgin coconut oil of which city was launched Which country has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI Tag) - **Nicobar**

