

Today in History on 12 DEC

- **1787 - Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.**

Pennsylvania, which became the second state to ratify the United States Constitution on December 12, 1787, was also the first state to witness the historic and far-reaching confrontation between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over amendments defining citizens' rights.



- **1911 - Capital of India shifted from Calcutta to Delhi.**

On 12 December 1911, during the Delhi Durbar, the then ruler of India George V along with Queen Mary announced that the capital of India would be shifted from Kolkata to Delhi. Subsequently, Delhi was declared the official capital on 13 February 1931. The word Delhi comes from the Persian word 'Dehlij' as Delhi was a 'dehlij' for the Gangetic plains.



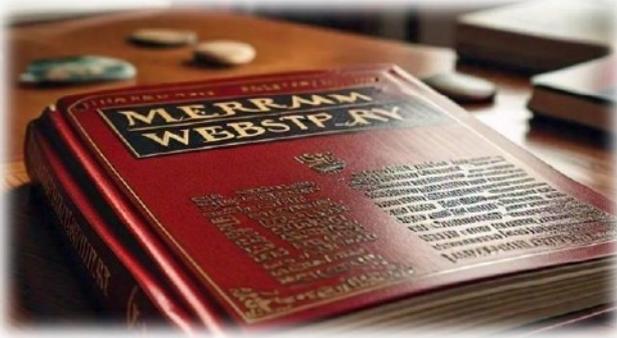
- **1800 - Washington DC was made the capital of the United States.**

Washington was established as the capital of the United States as the result of a compromise reached after seven years of negotiations by members of the U.S. Congress as they attempted to define the concept of a "federal enclave". The new federal territory was named the District of Columbia in honor of explorer Christopher Columbus, and the new federal city was named after George Washington.



- **1958 - Guinea became a member of the United Nations.**

marked by deep divisions. Chosen based on a rise in searches and usage, the word encapsulates the societal, cultural, and political divides that shaped 2024.



➤ Dubai Breaks Record with World's Largest Gold Bar, Weighing Over 300 KG

Dubai has unveiled the world's largest gold bar, setting a new Guinness World Record on December, 2024. Weighing 300.12 kg, the bar is valued at approximately \$25 million (₹211 crore). Displayed at the Dubai Gold Souk Extension, this monumental gold bar is a symbol of Dubai's commitment to excellence in the precious metals industry.



➤ INS Tushil Commissioned into Indian Navy

INS Tushil, a Russian-built guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at

Kaliningrad, Russia, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, and other senior officials. This event marks a significant milestone in India-Russia naval cooperation and highlights the growing maritime strength of India, especially in the face of increasing Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean.



➤ India's CPI Inflation Drops to 5.5% in November

India's retail inflation is projected to have fallen to 5.53% in November, down from a 14-month high of 6.21% in October, primarily driven by moderating vegetable prices. The decline reflects a slowdown in core inflation, providing much-needed relief to households impacted by soaring food costs in recent months. While food prices, particularly vegetables, remain a concern, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) steady interest rates suggest a cautious approach towards managing inflation amid economic slowdowns, according to a recent report by Morgan Stanley.



PM Modi Launches LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana for Women Empowerment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana in Panipat, Haryana, aiming to empower women by integrating them into the insurance sector. The initiative seeks to train and enroll 100,000 women in the first year and 200,000 women within three years as career agents. Targeting women aged 18-70 with a minimum education level of 10th grade, the scheme offers financial independence and contributes to societal welfare.



Indian Television Academy (ITA) Awards 2024 A Celebration of Excellence in Television

The Indian Television Academy Awards (ITA) 2024 was a grand celebration of the best in Indian television, showcasing exemplary talent and storytelling. Held with much fanfare, the event honored iconic shows, remarkable performances, and innovative narratives that have shaped Indian television over the past year. The ceremony was a testament to the dynamic evolution of television content in India, highlighting its ability to captivate audiences while pushing creative boundaries.



Current affairs MCQS on 12 DEC

Q.1. When is Universal Health Coverage Day celebrated?

- (a) 09 December
- (b) 10 December
- (c) 11 December
- (d) 12 December

Answer: (d) 12 December

International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) is observed every year on 12 December. The occasion highlights the need for a healthcare system that provides access to quality health care to all. On 12 December 2012, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed a resolution to accelerate progress towards universal health coverage (UHC), ensuring that everyone, everywhere has access to quality, affordable health care. On 12 December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe 12 December as International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day).

Q.2. Recently, the highest number of mobile malware attacks have been detected in which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) America
- (c) India
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) India

According to the recently published Zscaler ThreatLabz 2024 Mobile IoT and OT Threat Report, India has been found to be the most targeted country for mobile malware. The Zscaler ThreatLabz 2024 Mobile IoT and OT Threat Report published by cloud company Zscaler Inc analyzes security reviews of mobile and IoT/OTI (IoT/OT) hackers from June 2023 to May 2024.

Q.3. Recently, the Central Government has signed a loan agreement of \$ 50 million with ADB (Asian Development Bank) for water conservation in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (b) Meghalaya

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$50 million loan agreement aimed at enhancing water security by constructing water-harvesting systems that will improve access to water and reduce communities' vulnerability to the impacts of climate change in Meghalaya. The loan agreement for the Climate Adaptation Community-Based Water-Harvesting Project in Meghalaya was signed by Ms. Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India and Ms. Mio Oka, Country Director, Bank's Mission in India, on behalf of the Asian Development Bank.

Q.4. Recently, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has inaugurated the '6th Regional Industry Conference' in which state?

- (a) Jabalpur
- (b) Narmadapuram
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Narmadapuram

Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav inaugurated the sixth regional industry conference in Narmadapuram by lighting the lamp. Industrialists are continuing to come to attend the conference. Apart from Narmadapuram, Betul, Harda, industrialists from all over the country are participating in the conference. Apart from this, representatives from Canada, Mexico, Netherlands, Vietnam, Malaysia are also participating in it. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will discuss with the industrialists. The way to set up new industries will also open. The Chief Minister has declared the year 2025 as the year of industry and employment.

Q.5. Recently, who has won the PSU Transformation Award for innovation?

- (a) BPCL
- (b) HPCL
- (c) SECI
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) SECI

Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Limited, under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has received the third Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Transformation Award. The award was given under the category "Innovative Product Development" for "Robust and Distributable RE (FDRE) Supply to Discoms on Demand" at the felicitation ceremony held in New Delhi.

Q.6. Recently the President of which country has resigned?

- (a) Syria
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan

Answer: (a) Syria

Bashar al-Assad left Syria after the rebels attacked. Now Russia has reported that he has also resigned from the post of President. The rebels overthrew Assad's long rule after a week of fierce attacks. Moscow said that Assad stepped down after talks with the parties involved in the conflict. They also

agreed to hand over power to the rebels in a peaceful manner.

Q.7. Recently John Mahama has won the presidential election of which country?

- (a) Sudan
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Peru
- (d) None of the above

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(b) Ghana

Ghana's Vice President and ruling party candidate Mahamudu Bawumia has conceded defeat to opposition candidate and former President John Dramani Mahama in the West African country's presidential election. Before the official announcement, Mr Bawumia told reporters that he respected the decision of Ghanaians to vote for change. "I have just called His Excellency John Mahama to congratulate him as the President-elect of the Republic of Ghana," he said at his residence in the capital, Accra.

Q.8. Recently OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) has estimated India's GDP to be what percentage in FY 25?

- (a) 6.8
- (b) 6.9
- (c) 6.4
- (d) 6.6

Answer: (a) 6.8

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised its forecast for India's GDP growth for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) to 6.8% from 6.7%. This growth has been made possible by public infrastructure spending, strong private consumption and improving agricultural output. This growth is expected to continue through FY25 and FY26, with investment and rural income growth playing a central role in the economy's expansion. Despite global economic uncertainties and geopolitical risks, India's economic resilience points to a bright future.

Q.9. Recently which country has won the Under-19 Asia Cup for the second consecutive time?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) India
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Australia

Answer: (c) Bangladesh

Bangladesh successfully defended their title by defeating India by 59 runs in the 11th ACC Under-19 Men's Asia Cup Final in Dubai, UAE. Bangladesh, who won the previous edition in 2023, won the Under-19 Men's Asia Cup title for the second consecutive time.

Q.10. In which country has the Urjaveer scheme been started recently?

- (a) Vijayawada
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Vijayawada

Vijayawada: As part of its efforts towards enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability, the state government will launch the UrjaVeer programme aimed at empowering individuals to promote and sell energy-efficient appliances, which will contribute to both economic growth as well as energy and environmental conservation.

Q.11. Recently, the sex ratio in the country has increased from 918 to what?

- (a) 925
- (b) 930
- (c) 980
- (d) 928

Answer: (b) 930

According to provisional data from the Health Management Information System of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the sex ratio (SRB) in the country has increased from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in 2023-24. Also, according to data from the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) of the Department of School Education

and Literacy, the national gross enrollment ratio of girls in school at the secondary level has increased from 75.51 percent in 2014-15 to 79.4 percent in 2021-22, including rural areas.

Q.12. Recently an educational seminar was organized on the topic "India Nepal Buddhist Cultural Heritage"?

- (a) Lumbini
- (b) Kaushambi
- (c) Kathmandu
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Lumbini

The second edition of the India-Nepal Cultural Festival, organised by the Indian Embassy in Nepal, was held at Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. The festival comprised a number of events, including cultural performances by Indian and Nepalese artists as well as an academic seminar on the shared Buddhist cultural heritage of the two countries.

Q.13. Where was the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 organized?

- (a) Jaisalmer
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Udaipur
- (d) Jodhpur

Answer: (b) Jaipur

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit in Jaipur, showcasing Rajasthan as a leading investment hub. With its rich resources, heritage and skilled youth, Rajasthan offers opportunities in infrastructure, manufacturing and tourism. Supported by the Make in India initiative and MSME policies, Rajasthan contributes Rs 84,000 crore in exports, strengthening its manufacturing sector. Rajasthan excels in renewable energy, mineral reserves and unique cultural assets, boosting tourism and economic growth. Initiatives such as e-visa, Udan Yojana and heritage tourism have transformed Rajasthan into a vibrant investment destination.

Q.14. Recently, which airline has been declared the best airline in the 'Air Help' 2024 ranking?

- (a) United Airlines
- (b) Qatar Airways
- (c) Brussels Airlines
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Brussels Airlines

Brussels Airlines has been declared the world's best airline for 2024 according to AirHelp, with a score of 8.12. Qatar Airways is in second place with 8.11, while United Airlines and American Airlines are tied for third with a score of 8.04. The ranking is based on customer feedback, on-time performance and claim processing efficiency.

Q.15. Recently SEBI has imposed a fine of how many lakh rupees on Reliance Securities?

- (a) 09 lakh
- (b) 10 lakh
- (c) 06 lakh
- (d) 08 lakh

Answer: (a) 09 lakh

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a fine of ₹9 lakh on Reliance Securities Limited (RSL) for violating stock broker rules and market regulations. The action was taken after reviewing the records and documents of RSL in the period from April 2022 to December 2023.