

Today in History on 05 DEC

➤ 1946- Government organization was established in India.

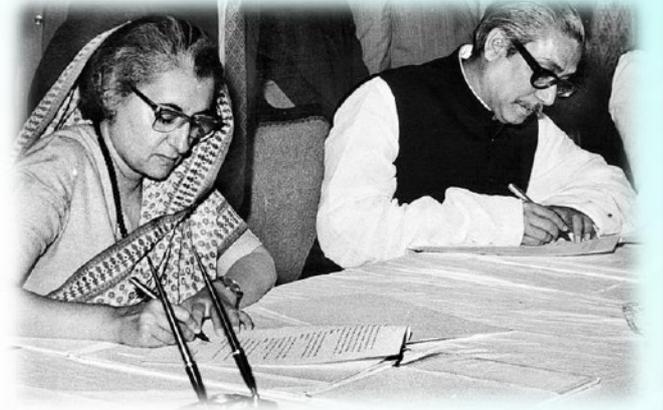
Government organization was established in India in the year 1946. The members of the Constituent Assembly were indirectly elected on the basis of adult suffrage. Their election was completed in July 1946. After the partition of India, out of the total members (389), only 299 remained in India. Out of which 229 were elected. Whereas 70 were nominated.



➤ 1971- India recognizes Bangladesh as a country.

In 1971, an internal crisis in Pakistan led to the third war between India and Pakistan and East Pakistan seceded, creating an independent state called Bangladesh. These events changed the relationship between the United States and the region. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was then a prisoner of the West Pakistan government, was made President and

Tajuddin Ahmed was made Prime Minister of Bangladesh. This event led to the official declaration of Bangladesh as an independent state.



➤ 1973- Gerald Ford is sworn in as the 38th President of the United States.

Gerald Ford's inauguration as the 38th President of the United States took place in 1974 in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C. Ford became the 38th President of the United States, although he took the official oath of office at 12:05 p.m. After former President (and now private citizen) Nixon left the building, White House staff began preparing for President Ford's swearing in.



➤ 1999: Yukta Mookhey wins the title of Miss World.

Yukta Inderlal Mookhey is an Indian civil activist and the winner of the Miss World 1999 pageant. She is the fourth Indian woman to win Miss World and was also crowned Femina Miss India World in 1999. She is a former model and actress and has also appeared in Hindi films.



➤ 1998: Russia agrees to supply 'Krivak-class' multi-purpose frigates to Indian Navy.

The Krivak class, Soviet designation Project 1135 Burevestnik (Stormy Petrel), is a series of frigates and patrol vessels built in the Soviet Union from the 1970s onwards, primarily for the Soviet Navy. Some later sub-branches, such as Nerei (Nereus), were designed for coastal patrol by the KGB Border

Troops. Until 1977, ships of this class were considered large anti-submarine warfare vessels.



Important NEWS on 05 DEC

➤ India's First Vertical Lift Rail Bridge: The New Pamban Bridge

The New Pamban Bridge, India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge, is replacing the 105-year-old Pamban Bridge to enhance connectivity between the Indian mainland and Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu. This state-of-the-art bridge is a leap in railway infrastructure, designed for speed, safety, and modern train compatibility.



➤ Ayush Ministry's Decadal Milestones Unveiled by Shri Shripad Naik

The Ministry of Ayush has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past decade, emerging as a global leader in traditional medicine. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi since its inception in 2014, the Ministry has achieved significant milestones in public health, education, research, and economic growth.

Aligning its initiatives with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC), the Ministry has effectively integrated traditional Indian medicine into mainstream healthcare, enhanced global outreach, and promoted economic sustainability.

leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, PRAGATI has become a game-changer in driving accountability, fostering collaboration between federal and regional authorities, and expediting the completion of long-delayed infrastructure projects.



➤ UNESCO Declares West Bengal a Top Heritage Tourism Destination

West Bengal's tourism sector has received international recognition with UNESCO declaring it a top destination for heritage tourism. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee emphasized the state's significant progress in religious, heritage, and tea tourism. This development has not only boosted tourism but also generated employment for thousands of youth.



➤ "Oxford & Gates Foundation Highlight PRAGATI's Role in Infrastructure Growth"

India's digital governance platform, PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation), has revolutionized the nation's infrastructure development landscape. Launched under the



➤ India Highlights Green Initiatives at UNCCD COP16 in Riyadh

India joins 197 nations at the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), which commenced on December, 2024, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, marking the convention's first-ever session in West Asia. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini lead India's delegation, presenting the ambitious Aravalli Green Wall Project and showcasing India's commitment to combating desertification.

position of Chief Justice, following the trailblazing Justice Shirani Bandaranaike.



➤ India Launches First 'Uber Shikara' Service in Srinagar

In a landmark move, Uber has launched Asia's first water transport service, Uber Shikara, in the scenic Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. This innovative initiative aims to offer a seamless and modern way for tourists to experience the traditional shikara ride, a popular attraction in the region, combining technology with Kashmir's cultural heritage.



➤ Murdu Fernando Becomes Sri Lanka's 2nd Female Chief Justice

Justice Murdu Nirupa Bindushini Fernando was ceremonially sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka on December, 2024, before President Anura Kumara Disanayake at the Presidential Secretariat. This landmark event marks a significant milestone in Sri Lankan judicial history as Justice Fernando becomes the second woman to hold the esteemed



Current affairs MCQS on 05 DEC

Q.1. When is International Volunteer Day celebrated?

- (a) 02 December
- (b) 03 December
- (c) 04 December
- (d) 05 December

Answer: (d) 05 December

International Volunteer Day, also known as International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, is celebrated every year on December 5. The day aims to provide an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of volunteers and organizations and to promote volunteerism, encourage governments to support volunteer efforts, and recognize the contribution of volunteers to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local, national and international levels.

Q.2. Recently, "Mission Arun Himveer" has been launched by which state government to help agricultural horticultural products?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (c) Arunachal Pradesh

The Arunachal Pradesh government has launched Mission Arun Himveer to enhance market linkages for local agriculture and horticulture producers. In a significant move, the Arunachal Pradesh Agricultural Marketing Board (APAMB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), North East Frontier, in the presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

Q.3. Recently which bank has launched Pragati savings account?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) BOB

- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) SBI

Answer: (a) HDFC Bank

Private sector major HDFC Bank announced the launch of 'Pragati' savings account, aimed at semi-urban and rural (SUR) people across India, as the lender steps up its focus on deposit mobilisation. "With 51 per cent of its branches in semi-urban and rural areas, HDFC Bank continues to support rural economies and drive financial inclusion.

Q.4. Recently who has been reappointed as the Director General of WTO (World Trade Organization)?

- (a) Ngozi Okonji-Iweala
- (b) Qu Dongyu
- (c) Abdullah Al Mandous
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Ngozi Okonji-Iweala

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus congratulated Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on her reappointment as Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) for a second term.

Q.5. Recently who has become the first Kiwi player to score 9000 runs in the New Zealand cricket team?

- (a) Kane Williamson
- (b) Joe Root
- (c) Daryl Mitchell
- (d) None of the above

Answer : (a) Kane Williamson

New Zealand star Kane Williamson created history, becoming the first batsman from the country to cross the 9,000-run mark in Test cricket. Williamson achieved the feat on Day 3 of the New Zealand vs England first match at Hagley Oval in Christchurch. The former captain, who is making a comeback after recovering from a back injury suffered during the series against India, achieved the feat in New Zealand's second innings where he scored 61 runs. The 34-year-old Williamson completed 9000 runs in just 103 Tests, making him the third-fastest batsman

to reach 9000 runs along with legends like Kumar Sangakkara and Younis Khan.

Q.6. Recently, whom has Donald Trump nominated as the head of FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)?

- (a) Keith Kellogg
- (b) Tulsi Gabbard
- (c) Kash Patel
- (d) None of the above

Answer : (c) Kash Patel

President-elect Donald Trump nominated his close confidant Kash Patel for the powerful post of Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, making him the highest-ranking Indian American in his incoming administration. "I am proud to announce that Kashyap 'Kash' Patel will serve as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Kash is a brilliant lawyer, investigator, and 'America First' fighter who has spent his career exposing corruption, defending justice, and protecting the American people," Mr Trump announced on his owned social media platform Truth Social.

Q.7. Recently, which state government will launch an insurance scheme to cover the entire cattle population?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Kerala

Answer: (d) Kerala

Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister J Chinchurani inaugurated the free insurance protection scheme for cattle of dairy farmers in the State by Kerala Feeds. He said with this ambitious initiative, the State government aims to provide insurance coverage for all the cattle in the State within the next three financial years. The Minister said the scheme is being implemented with the support of the Central Government.

Q.8. Recently, who has won the FIPI 2023 award?

- (a) IOCL

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

Answer: (b) BPCL

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has received notable recognition at the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) Awards 2023. It has been honoured with several awards, reaffirming its leadership, innovation and commitment to excellence in the energy sector.

Q.9. Which country is the host of UNCCD COP16 recently?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) India

Answer: (a) Saudi Arabia

The Sixteenth Conference of the Parties (COP16) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification began in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, marking the first time West Asia is hosting the event. India joined 197 countries celebrating the 30th anniversary of the UNCCD, with its delegation led by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. India will present the Aravalli Green Wall Project (AGWP), targeting restoration of 1.15 million hectares of land in four states. The AGWP integrates indigenous afforestation, biodiversity conservation, GIS tools, water management and community participation. The conference, which will run till December 13, showcases India's leadership in combating desertification and promoting global sustainable land management.

Q.10. Recently, in which state, two-day 'Mengong' festival was celebrated?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Assam
- (d) Manipur

Answer: (a) Meghalaya

Meghalaya is celebrating the Megong Festival 2024. It celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Meghalaya, especially the Garo tribe. Under the theme 'Echoes of Traditions', the festival features international and national artists, traditional games, and exhibitions of handlooms and handicrafts. Over 3 lakh visitors attended the event. It aims to bring out local talents and promote the vibrant culture of the Garo people, so that their traditions can be preserved for future generations.

Q.11. What is the name of the newly declared district in Uttar Pradesh for the management of the 2025 Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj?

- (a) Sangam Nagar
- (b) Maha Kumbh Mela
- (c) Triveni Nagar
- (d) Mela Puri

Answer: (b) Maha Kumbh Mela

The Uttar Pradesh government declared the Mahakumbh Mela area in Prayagraj as a new district. The decision, taken under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is aimed at streamlining management for the Mahakumbh Mela 2025. The district, named Mahakumbh Mela, ensures smooth administration for the grand religious event from January 13 to February 26, 2025. The district boundaries cover revenue villages and parade area. The Mela Officer will have the powers of an executive magistrate, district magistrate and additional district magistrate. The move is to ensure smooth operations for the grand religious event while promoting Indian culture.

Q.12. Who recently chaired the 236th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees of EPFO?

- (a) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (b) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Mansukh Mandaviya

Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the

236th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in New Delhi. Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Labour & Employment and Vice-Chairman, CBT, EPFO, Shobha Karandlaje, Secretary, Labour & Employment and Co-Vice-Chairman, CBT, EPFO, Smt. Sumita Davara, Secretary, Labour & Employment and Co-Vice-Chairman, CBT, EPFO and Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthy, Central Provident Fund Commissioner and Member Secretary were also present in the meeting.

Q.13. Recently ADB (Asian Development Bank) has signed a loan agreement of \$ 98 million with which country for plant management?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) Indonesia

Answer: (b) India

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a US\$98 million loan agreement to boost horticulture productivity in the country. The Finance Ministry has said that the agreement will help establish a mechanism to produce disease-free planting material, enhance crop yield, quality and resilience to climate change.

Q.14. Recently, with the help of World Bank, Artificial Intelligence Center will be established in which state of India?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Punjab

Answer: (c) Haryana

A global Artificial Intelligence (AI) centre will soon be set up in Haryana with the assistance of the World Bank. The initiative was discussed in a meeting between Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and representatives of the World Bank. Minister of

Industry and Commerce, Environment, Forest and Wildlife and Foreign Cooperation Rao Narbir Singh was also present in the meeting.

Q.15. Recently "Bus Sangwari App" has been launched in which state?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (a) Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh has launched 'Bus Sangwari App' to ease bus travel, especially in remote areas. Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai introduced the app and called it important for improving governance and public convenience. The app allows one to get bus timetables and route information without visiting the bus stand. Currently, it gives information on more than 5000 buses running in the state. GPS integration allows real-time tracking of buses and soon inter-state bus details will also be included.