

## Today in History on 07 DEC

- **1856 - First officially solemnised 'Hindu widow' marriage in the country.**

The Hindu Widow Remarriage Act 1856, also called Act XV, 1856, passed on 16 July 1856, legalised the remarriage of widows in all jurisdictions of India under the rule of the East India Company. The law was enacted on 26 July 1856. It was drafted by Lord Dalhousie and passed by Lord Canning before the Indian Rebellion of 1857. It was the first major social reform law after the abolition of Sati in 1829 by Lord William Bentinck.



- **1944 - General Radescu forms a government in Romania.**

Nicolae Radescu was a Romanian Army officer and political figure. He was the last pro-communist Prime Minister of Romania, serving from 7 December 1944 to 1 March 1945. The 1944 Romanian coup d'état, known in Romanian

historiography as the Act of 23 August, was a coup d'état led by King Michael I of Romania on 23 August 1944 during World War II.



- **1972 - The most beautiful picture of Earth taken from space**

On 7 December 1972, the crew of NASA's last manned mission Apollo-17 took the most amazing picture of Earth from the spacecraft. This amazing picture is called "Blue Marble". There was a special reason for this picture being special. In fact, this was the first time that the South Pole was also seen in a picture of Earth. Although it was completely surrounded by clouds, Africa was clearly visible in it.



#### ➤ 1966 - NASA launched ATS-1 satellite

NASA launched ATS-1 satellite on 7 December 1966. This satellite was fitted with a black and white weather camera, which took a picture of the Earth and the Moon together. This is the first such picture in which the Earth and the Moon were seen together. When ATS-1 clicked this picture, it was about 35,888 km from the Earth and 4.34 lakh km from the Moon. This picture of the Earth and the Moon together was received on 22 December 1966.



#### ➤ 2002 - Turkey's Azra Anin becomes Miss World.

Turkey's Azra Anin becomes Miss World in 2002. Turkey's Azra Anin won the 2002 Miss World crown in the pageant, which was moved to Britain after riots broke out in Nigeria. She beat Miss Colombia Natalia Peralta and Miss Peru Marina Mora Montero, who came in second and third respectively, to take

the title in a competition broadcast to 142 countries from London's Alexandra Palace.



#### Important NEWS on 07 DEC

#### ➤ US Approves \$1.17 Billion Deal for Indian Navy Chopper Equipment

In a significant boost to India's naval capabilities, the outgoing Biden administration has approved a \$1.17 billion deal under the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program to supply advanced communication systems, sensors, and logistical support for the Indian Navy's Sikorsky MH-60R multi-role helicopters. The deal, part of a broader strategy to counter challenges in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) from China and Pakistan, underscores the growing defense partnership between India and the United States.



### ➤ Adani Defence Delivers 2nd Drishti-10 Drone to Indian Navy for Maritime Security

Adani Defence has delivered the second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy, enhancing the nation's maritime capabilities. This marks a significant leap in India's indigenous defence technology, underscoring the country's focus on self-reliance. The Drishti-10 drone is a highly advanced intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) platform designed to monitor vast maritime territories, mitigate piracy, and provide over-the-horizon surveillance with unmatched endurance.



### ➤ Morgan Stanley Cuts India's FY25 GDP Growth to 6.3%

Morgan Stanley has revised India's GDP growth projection for FY25 down to 6.3%, from its previous estimate of 6.7%. This downward revision comes after India's GDP growth slowed to 5.4% in the July-September 2024 quarter, marking its lowest level since March 2023. This reflects a broader economic slowdown, driven by weaker private consumption and capital expenditure (capex), though the services sector showed resilience.



### ➤ RBI Increases UPI Lite Wallet and Transaction Limits

In a bid to enhance digital payments, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the UPI Lite wallet limit to Rs 5,000, with an increase in the per-transaction limit to Rs 1,000. This adjustment, announced after the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on October, 2024, aims to promote wider adoption of UPI Lite and ease offline transactions, providing a more seamless experience for users.



### ➤ SEBI Fines Reliance Securities ₹9 Lakh for Rule Violations

SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has imposed a ₹9 lakh penalty on Reliance Securities Ltd (RSL) for breaching stock broker norms and market regulations following an inspection. The action was triggered after a review of RSL's records and

documents by SEBI, NSE, and BSE from April 2022 to December 2023. The inspection identified multiple violations including poor record-keeping, unauthorised terminal use, and lack of proper office segregation.



### Centre Launches eMaap Portal for Fair Trade and Consumer Protection

The Indian government is introducing the National Legal Metrology Portal (eMaap) to promote fair trade practices and enhance consumer protection. This initiative is aimed at ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance with legal metrology standards. As part of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs' effort, the portal will streamline services for businesses and consumers, fostering a balanced marketplace.



### PMGDISHA Achieves 6.39 Crore Digital Literacy Milestone

The Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), launched to bridge the digital literacy gap in rural India, has successfully trained 6.39 crore individuals, surpassing its target of 6 crore rural households as of March 31, 2024. This initiative, under the Digital India Programme, aimed to empower one member per rural household with essential digital skills.



### Current affairs MCQS on 07 DEC

Q.1. Recently Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has been elected as the first woman president of which country?

- (a) Cameroon
- (b) Malawi
- (c) Namibia
- (d) Botswana

Answer: (c) Namibia

Namibia's Vice President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has been elected as the country's first female president, winning 57% of the vote. She defeated IPC's Panduleni Itula, who got 26%, and SWAPO has maintained its 34-year dominance. Nandi-Ndaitwah's victory has ensured that SWAPO has remained in power since Namibia's independence in

1990. She has held a number of key roles, including foreign minister, and is seen as a unifying figure. SWAPO also won 51 of the 96 seats in the National Assembly. Despite political stability, Namibia faces challenges such as high unemployment and inequality.

**Q.2. Who will organize the first visually impaired women's T20 World Cup recently?**

- (a) Australia
- (b) England
- (c) India
- (d) None of these

**Answer: (c) India**

India has been selected to host the first Women's T20 Blind World Cup to be held in 2025. This was finalised at the Annual General Meeting of the World Blind Cricket Council held in Multan. It is worth noting that India had earlier withdrawn its name from the Men's T20 Blind Cricket World Cup to be held in Pakistan, citing security concerns.

**Q.3. What is the name of the innovative water purification technology introduced at the National Zoological Park in Delhi?**

- (a) Nano Bubble Technology
- (b) Flocculation
- (c) Electrodeionization
- (d) Ultra Bubble Technology

**Answer: (a) Nano Bubble Technology**

Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment and Climate Change launched Nano Bubble Technology at National Zoological Park, Delhi. Nano Bubble Technology uses ultra-small bubbles of 70-120 nanometer size to purify water. These bubbles remain suspended in water for months, enabling effective gas transfer and cleaning. They remove algae, digest organic waste, separate particles and transfer oxygen efficiently. This technology is chemical-free, sustainable and improves aquatic health. It benefits wastewater treatment, fermentation and biological processes in various

industries. Nano Bubble Technology ensures clean water and healthy ecosystem.

**Q.4. Who will host the International Maritime Conference recently?**

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Surat

**Answer: (a) Chennai**

The World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC), a triennial global event under the aegis of the World Maritime Technology Congress, will be held in Chennai. This marks the return of the conference to India after a gap of 15 years, with the last edition being held in Mumbai, said CV Subba Rao, Forum Chairman of the conference.

**Q.5. Recently the 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship has started in which country?**

- (a) Bhubaneswar
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Gaya

**Answer: (b) New Delhi**

The 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship 2024 began in New Delhi. This is the first time India is hosting the Asian Women's Handball Championship. The 19th Asian Women's Handball Championship 2022 was held in the South Korean cities of Incheon and Seoul, with South Korea winning. The 20th edition of the championship was to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, but was later shifted to India.

**Q.6. Recently, Ratapani Sanctuary has become the 9th tiger reserve of which state?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Assam
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: (d) Madhya Pradesh**

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified Ratapani Tiger Reserve (Tiger Sanctuary) of Madhya Pradesh as the 57th Tiger Reserve of the country under the centrally sponsored scheme Project Tiger. In November this year, the Union Ministry had notified Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve of Chhattisgarh as the 56th Tiger Reserve of India.

**Q.7. Where was the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2024 held?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bhopal

**Answer: (a) New Delhi**

The 29th Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit was held in New Delhi. It was attended by 61 countries, 30 global speakers and 11 international ministers. The summit focused on building partnerships and promoting global cooperation for a sustainable future. It was organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The summit has been held every year since 1995. The last summit in March 2023 was attended by 67 countries, over 2000 business representatives and 400 international delegates.

**Q.8. Recently, former cricketer Ian Redpath of which country has passed away?**

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) Australia
- (c) England
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (b) Australia**

Former Australia batsman Ian Redpath passed away at the age of 83. Redpath played 66 Tests and five ODIs in his international career that spanned from 1964 to 1976. The former Australia cricketer made

his Test debut against South Africa at the iconic MCG where he came close to scoring a century but was dismissed for 97. His first Test century came against the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1969 where he smashed 132 against the mighty Caribbean bowling attack of Wes Hall, Charlie Griffith, Garry Sobers and Lance Gibbs.

**Q.9. Recently, which word has been declared as the Word of the Year by Oxford University?**

- (a) Manifest
- (b) Brat
- (c) Brain Rot
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Brain Rot**

The Oxford Word of the Year for 2024 is 'brain rot'. The word addresses mental degradation from excessive consumption of trivial online content. Taken from Thoreau's 1854 work, it gained popularity on TikTok and is now widely used. Other shortlisted words were 'demure', 'dynamic pricing', 'lore', 'romance' and 'slope'. Previous winners were 'rise' and 'goblin mode'.

**Q.10. Recently, which award has been given to the Bihar Pavilion in the 43rd Indian International Trade Fair?**

- (a) Gold
- (b) Silver
- (c) Bronze
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Gold**

The Bihar Pavilion was awarded the prestigious Gold Medal at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) for its exceptional design, thematic presentation and focus on sustainability practices. The award ceremony was held at the Amphitheatre of Musical Fountain located next to Hall 1 at Bharat Mandapam.

**Q.11. In which country has emergency been imposed recently?**

- (a) South Korea  
(b) Italy  
(c) Pakistan  
(d) Singapore

**Answer: (a) South Korea**

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has declared emergency martial law, saying the move was necessary to protect the country from "communist forces" amid a parliamentary dispute over a budget bill. The surprise move comes as Yoon's People's Power Party and the main opposition Democratic Party are locked in a bitter dispute over next year's budget bill. Opposition lawmakers approved a significantly reduced budget plan through a parliamentary committee last week.

**Q.12. Who has recently won the Astor Guardian Global Nursing Award 2024?**

- (a) Maria Victoria Juan  
(b) H. Richard  
(c) Maria Edward  
(d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Maria Victoria Juan**

Nurse Maria Victoria Juan has been awarded the Astor Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024, a prestigious honor that celebrates exceptional contributions to the nursing profession worldwide. Maria, whose career has been a testament to dedication and resilience, was selected for the award for her outstanding efforts in transforming the healthcare landscape, particularly in the Philippine Army Health Services and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

**Q.13. Recently, 'Murdu Fernando' has become the second woman Chief Justice of which country?**

- (a) Singapore  
(b) Malaysia  
(c) Bhutan  
(d) Sri Lanka

**Answer: (d) Sri Lanka**

Justice Murdu Nirupa Bindushini Fernando was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka. This

historic appointment is an important milestone in the judicial history of Sri Lanka, as Justice Fernando is the second woman to hold the position. The first woman was Justice Shirani Bandaranaike.

**Q.14. Recently, Asia's first water transport service "Uber Shikara" has been launched in which country?**

- (a) Chilika Lake  
(b) Buller Lake  
(c) Dal Lake  
(d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Dal Lake**

Uber has launched Asia's first water transport service "Uber Shikara" at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir. Tourists can now book pre-scheduled Shikara rides through Uber's app. The service was inaugurated by Prabhjeet Singh, President, Uber India and South Asia. Uber Shikara combines technology and tradition to increase accessibility and promote tourism in Kashmir. It has partnered with seven local Shikara operators and plans to expand as per demand. The service operates from Nehru Park, with reasonable prices set by the government and no charges levied on Shikara partners.

**Q.15. Recently 'Raj Manchanda' has passed away. Who were they?**

- (a) Journalist  
(b) Squash player  
(c) Writer  
(d) None of the above

**Answer: (b) Squash player**

Former Indian squash champion Brigadier Raj Manchanda passed away. Manchanda, a six-time national champion, breathed his last at the age of 79. Arjuna Awardee Raj Manchanda was the most popular face of the Indian squash world. He was the national champion six times in a row between 1977 and 1982. He also won an unprecedented 11 titles for the Army.