

Most Important Points Of 01st December in History

➤ **1848 – Franz Joseph I becomes Emperor of Austria.**

He was the eldest son of Archduke Franz Karl, the brother and heir apparent of Emperor Ferdinand I. Franz Joseph succeeded his father as heir apparent after he abdicated the throne, and became Emperor of Austria at the age of 18, following Ferdinand's abdication at the end of the Hungarian Revolution in 1848.



➤ **1971 – The United Arab Emirates declares independence from Britain.**

The UAE declared its independence on December, 1971, following the completion of treaties with Great Britain. The United States recognized the UAE the following day, on December 3.

Prior to 1971, the Trucial Sheikdoms of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al-Qaiwain, Fujairah, and Ras al-Khaimah were under British protection. Thus, the United States had very limited relations with these sheikdoms.



➤ **1976 – Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba.**

Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz was a Cuban politician and one of the primary leaders of the Cuban Revolution. He was Prime Minister of Cuba from February 1959 to December 1976 and then President of the Council of State of Cuba (President) until he resigned in February 2008. He was currently First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba. He died on 25 November 2016.



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➤ **1965 - Border Security Force was established.**

On December, 1965, the BSF was formed as a special force responsible for guarding India's borders. The Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 began with Pakistani attacks on Indian border posts, which exposed significant structural problems in India's border security strategy.

Before the formation of the BSF, the Indo-Pak border was guarded by state police forces from 1947 to 1965. The police forces operated independently of the federal government and had little or no communication with other states.



➤ **1999 - Private sector investment in the insurance sector was allowed in India.**

The government nationalised the general insurance business in 1971. The insurance sector opened up to private companies after the LPG reforms in 1991. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) was formed in 1999 as an autonomous body to regulate and develop the insurance industry.



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National News

➤ **Cabinet Approves ₹2,781 Crore Rail Multitracking Projects in Maharashtra and Gujarat**

In a key infrastructure move, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved two critical multitracking railway projects worth ₹2,781 crore. These projects aim to strengthen the Indian Railways network in Maharashtra and Gujarat, enhancing both passenger and freight capacity. The approved projects will expand the railway network by approximately 224 km, benefitting over 32 lakh people across 4 districts and 585 villages.



Key Points:-

- Enhances access to Dwarkadhish Temple, a major pilgrimage destination
- Strengthens connectivity in the Saurashtra region
- Supports tourism and regional development
- Improves logistics for freight movement, especially bulk goods

National News

➤ **Cyclone Ditwah Nears Tamil Nadu Coast**

Cyclone Ditwah, a cyclonic storm forming over the southwest Bay of Bengal, is tracking northwest and expected to reach the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and southern Andhra Pradesh by November 30, 2025, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). With the system intensifying, the IMD has issued alerts for several regions along India's southeast coast, cautioning residents and activating emergency protocols.



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International News

➤ Jakarta Becomes World's Most Populous City, Surpassing Tokyo: UN Report 2025

Jakarta has officially overtaken Tokyo to become the world's most populous city, according to the United Nations' World Urbanisation Prospects 2025 report. With an estimated population of 42 million, the Indonesian capital now leads a list dominated by rapidly expanding Asian megacities. This shift comes as a result of the UN's updated criteria, which aim to provide a more standardised and globally comparable framework for defining and measuring urban populations.



Key Points:-

- The shift in rankings is attributed to revised urban delimitation criteria by the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- Earlier assessments were based on varying national definitions of city boundaries, often favouring cities like Tokyo with expansive administrative coverage.

Appointments

➤ PUMA Appoints Ramprasad Sridharan as New Managing Director for India

PUMA, one of the world's leading sportswear brands, has announced the appointment of Ramprasad Sridharan as the new Managing Director for its India operations, effective December 2025. With this leadership transition, PUMA aims to strengthen its market position and accelerate brand and digital transformation across India. Sridharan will report directly to Matthias Bäumer, PUMA's Chief Commercial Officer. He succeeds Karthik Balagopalan, who has stepped down to pursue new opportunities outside the company.



Sports

➤ Javokhir Sindarov Crowned 2025 FIDE World Cup Champion

The 2025 FIDE World Cup concluded with a thrilling finale as Uzbek prodigy Javokhir Sindarov clinched the championship title after a tense tiebreak battle against Chinese Number 1 Wei Yi. This month-long event, featuring 206 players, delivered unforgettable drama, technical brilliance, and historical milestones. Sindarov's victory not only earned him the prestigious title but also carved his name in history as the youngest FIDE World Cup Champion.



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- **10-Year-Old Giovanna de Sequeira Wins Bronze for India at World Jiu-Jitsu Championship**

In a proud moment for Indian sports, ten-year-old Giovanna de Sequeira clinched a bronze medal at the World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2025 held in Abu Dhabi. Competing in the under-28kg Infant/Girls Gi category, Giovanna impressed judges and spectators alike with her discipline, technical precision, and resilience—a performance made even more remarkable given her recent recovery from a serious knee injury.



State News

- **U-Turn Man of Tamil Nadu**

G Manuneethi, Civil engineer from Theni, is widely known as 'The U-Turn Man. He has introduced very simple, low-cost traffic engineering solutions to enable uninterrupted traffic flow. He developed the U-turn model by closing traditional junctions and moving turning points 100 metres away. His traffic innovations across Tamil Nadu created multiple signal-free corridors.



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Q.1. Recently, Andhra Pradesh created three new districts, increasing the total number of districts from 26 to how many?

A. 27

C. 29

B. 28

D. 30

1. C

The Andhra Pradesh government has approved the creation of three new districts in the state, increasing the total number of districts from 26 to 29. The proposal, passed by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, also provides for the creation of five new revenue divisions and one new mandal. These administrative changes are aimed at improving governance, facilitating access to civic services, and addressing local needs.

Q.2. In how many states/union territories is the second phase of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being conducted?

A. 10

C. 14

B. 12

D. 15

2. B

Under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Phase II, voter list updates are progressing rapidly in 12 states and union territories. According to the latest Election Commission data, nearly 400 million (79%) forms have been digitized so far. Among states, Goa leads the process, with a digitization rate of over 95%.

Q.3. Recently, TDB provided financial assistance to Electrowaves Electronics Pvt. Ltd., a company from which state?

A. Solan

B. Parwanoo

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C. Mandi

D. Baddi

3. B

The Technology Development Board (TDB) has provided financial assistance to Electrowaves Electronics Private Limited, Parwanoo, Himachal Pradesh, to support the commercialization of electric vehicle (EV) chargers designed, developed and manufactured in India.

Q.4. Which bill has the Assam government recently introduced in the Assembly?

A. Assam Anti-Corruption Bill

C. Assam Women Safety Bill

B. Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill 2025

D. Assam Civil Protection Bill

4. B

The Assam Assembly has passed the Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025, making it one of the states with the strictest ban on polygamy (marrying a second time without legally annulling the first marriage). The law is being seen as a major step towards protecting women's rights, ensuring accountability in marriage, and improving socio-legal standards.

Q.5. Recently, RBI allowed 1729 Capital to acquire a 7.14% stake in which bank?

A. ESAF Small Finance Bank

C. Suryoday Small Finance Bank

B. Ujjivan SFB

D. Jana SFB

5. C

According to an exchange filing, the Reserve Bank of India has confirmed that 1729 Capital and its affiliated companies can hold a 7.14% stake in Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB). As of September 2025, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) held a 3.81% stake in the bank. This approval will not change the bank's operations, but the increased stake will be officially recognized.



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Q.6. The recent new pricing agreement between Gavi and UNICEF relates to which vaccine?

A. RTS,S

C. HPV

B. R21/Matrix-M™

D. Pneumonia

6. B

Gavi (the Vaccine Alliance) and UNICEF announced a landmark pricing agreement for the R21/Matrix-M™ malaria vaccine, aimed at significantly expanding its access and affordability. Malaria still kills nearly half a million children each year, and this initiative is a major step towards saving another seven million by the end of this decade. The deal was made possible with initial financial support from Gavi, supported by the International Finance Facility for Immunization (IFFIm). This model helps convert long-term donor commitments into immediate funding.

Q.7. Which team did the Indian women's kabaddi team recently defeat in the Kabaddi World Cup 2025?

A. Iran

C. Chinese Taipei

B. South Korea

D. Thailand

7. C

The Indian women's kabaddi team made history once again, winning the Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025. India successfully defended its title by defeating Chinese Taipei 35-28 in the final in Dhaka, Bangladesh. With this victory, India further cemented its dominance in global kabaddi.

Q.8. Where was the ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol 2025 recently held?

A. Doha

C. Cairo

B. Tokyo

D. Paris

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8. C

The ISSF World Rifle/Pistol Championships 2025 took place in Cairo, Egypt. Organized by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), this major international event featured 720 shooters from 70 National Olympic Committees (NOCs). Competitions were held in both individual and team rifle and pistol events, with top shooters from around the world taking part.

Q.9. For which Indian state has ADB recently approved a USD 400 million RBL scheme?

A. Gujarat

C. Tamil Nadu

B. Maharashtra

D. Karnataka

9. B

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced it has approved a \$400 million results-based loan (RBL) program to significantly improve road connectivity in Maharashtra. The initiative will upgrade 34 districts, with a special focus on improving access in climate-sensitive and economically disadvantaged regions like Marathwada and Vidarbha.

Q.10. For which assessment year was information on foreign assets concealed in the recent CBDT AEOI analysis?

A. AY 2024-25

C. AY 2023-24

B. AY 2025-26

D. AY 2022-23

10. B

During its audit of the automatic exchange of information for the financial year 2024-25, the CBDT found high-risk cases where foreign assets were not disclosed in the income tax returns for the assessment year 2025-26. The CBDT receives information on foreign assets of Indian citizens from partner countries that are part of the Common Reporting Standards (CRS). It also receives



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such information from the US under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act. This allows it to detect any information about foreign assets concealed by taxpayers in their income tax returns.

Q.11. Where was the third joint committee meeting of the India-UAE CEPA recently held?

A. Abu Dhabi

C. New Delhi

B. Dubai

D. Sharjah

11. C

India and the UAE held the third meeting of the Joint Committee under the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in New Delhi. India and the UAE have seen significant growth in bilateral trade, which is projected to exceed US\$100.06 billion (USD) by FY 2024-25, an increase of 19.6%. This cements the UAE's position as one of India's key trading partners.

Q.12. Canara Bank recently appointed Sunil Kumar Chugh to which position?

A. Chairman

C. Executive Director

B. CMD

D. CFO

12. C

Canara Bank has appointed Mr. Sunil Kumar Chugh, formerly Chief General Manager of Punjab National Bank, as its new Executive Director. This appointment, made by the Central Government, is for a term of three years from the date of assumption of charge or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Q.13. Where was the India-Nepal joint military exercise 'Surya Kiran 2025' recently held?

A. Pokhara

B. Kathmandu



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C. Pithoragarh

D. Birganj

13. C

The 19th edition of the joint military exercise "Exercise Suryakiran XIX - 2025" began in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. The Indian contingent consists of 334 soldiers, mostly from the Assam Regiment. The Nepali contingent also consists of 334 soldiers, mostly from the Devi Datta Regiment.

Q.14. INS Sahyadri recently conducted exercises with the navy of which country?

A. Japan

C. Philippines

B. Vietnam

D. Thailand

14. C

INS Sahyadri, an indigenously designed and built stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, conducted exercises with the Philippines Navy before being deployed to the Port of Manila, Philippines. The ship is currently on an operational deployment in the Indo-Pacific region and is participating in several multilateral and bilateral naval exercises with friendly nations, including Malabar-2025, AUSINDEX-2025, JIMEX-25, and its first bilateral exercise with the Republic of Korea Navy.

Q.15. Three Indian naval ships (LCU 51, 54, and 57) recently visited which country?

A. Maldives

C. Indonesia

B. Sri Lanka

D. Myanmar

15. B

Three Indian Navy ships – Landing Craft Utility (LCU 51, LCU 54, and LCU 57) – were on a port visit to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Upon arrival, the ships were ceremonially welcomed by the Sri Lankan Navy (SLN). During the operational turnaround (OTR), the Commanding Officers of the

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three LCUs met the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and the Commander of the Western Naval Area (CWNA), Sri Lanka Navy. During the visit, operational interoperability between the two navies, ongoing maritime initiatives, and future opportunities for cooperation were discussed.

