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## Today in History on 06 JAN

### ➤ 1921 - Bihar Vidyapeeth founded by Mahatma Gandhi.

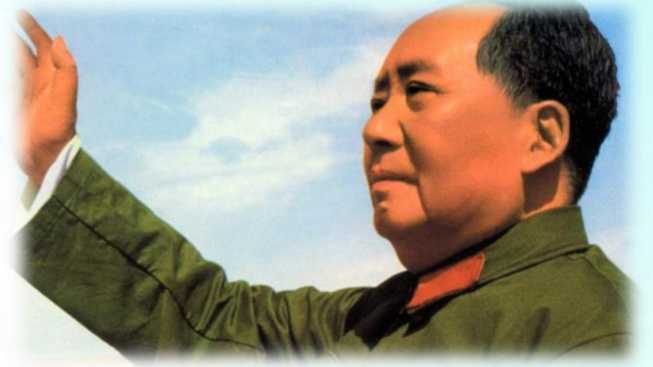
Bihar Vidyapeeth is an Indian educational institution founded by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in 1921 but it was confiscated by the British in 1942. It was started by Shri Rajendra Prasad in Patna and the land was donated by Maulana Mazharul Haq. Its first institute was opened on Patna-Gaya Road which is currently known as Buddha Marg. It was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi along with Mohammad Ali Jauhar and Kasturba Gandhi. There is a proposal to make Bihar Vidyapeeth a central university in 2022.



### ➤ 1950: Britain recognised the Communist government of China.

India was the first non-Communist country to recognise Communist China in 1950. The People's Republic of China was engaged in a diplomatic war with its rival Taiwan, the Republic of China. India established diplomatic relations with the PRC on 1

January 1950, becoming the first non-Communist country to do so.



### ➤ 1976: China conducted a nuclear test at Lop Nor site.

China conducted a nuclear test at Lop Nor site in 1976. China has conducted 45 nuclear tests. The first test was on October 16, 1964, and the last test was on July 29, 1996. China detonated its first nuclear bomb at the Lop Nor test site in Xinjiang province. In total, China has conducted 23 atmospheric tests and 22 underground tests at the site.





#### ➤ 1947: Indian National Congress Committee accepted the partition of India.

In 1947, the All India Congress accepted the partition plan of the British. That plan was known as the 'Mountbatten Plan'. The partition of India was the division of British India into two separate countries, India and Pakistan, on religious grounds and it happened on 15 August 1947.



#### Important NEWS on 06 JAN

#### ➤ 1929: Mother Teresa returned to Calcutta (now Kolkata) to serve the neglected and poor people in India.

In the year 1929, Mother Teresa returned to Calcutta (now Kolkata) to serve the neglected and poor people in India. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on October 17, 1979. Mother Teresa, who had a special affection for India, voluntarily took Indian citizenship in 1948 and in 1980 she was awarded the country's highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna.

#### ➤ Government Considers Honorary Senior Ranks for Retiring Paramilitary Personnel

The Indian government is contemplating the introduction of honorary senior ranks for retiring Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel who have not been promoted due to organizational constraints. This initiative aims to enhance morale among retiring personnel and acknowledge their service. He said that if a person was retiring on a Constable's rank and was eligible to be promoted as Head Constable (HC), he or she may use the HC's rank. Similarly, if an HC is eligible to be promoted as Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), he or she may use the insignia for ASI.

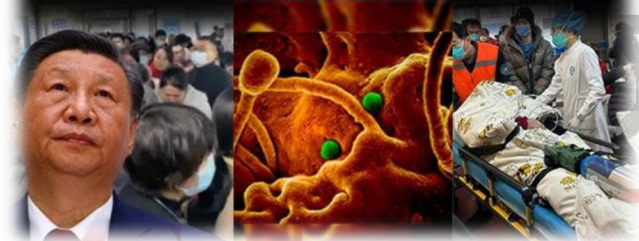




#### ➤ Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) Outbreak in China

China is currently experiencing a significant increase in human metapneumovirus (HMPV) cases, leading to concerns about a potential health crisis reminiscent of the COVID-19 pandemic. Reports indicate that hospitals are becoming overcrowded, with suggestions of multiple viruses, including HMPV, influenza A, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, and COVID-19, contributing to the situation. Despite some claims of a state of emergency, there has been no official confirmation from Chinese authorities.

#### BIG REVEAL ON CHINA'S DEADLY VIRUS



#### ➤ Blinkit Launches 10-Minute Ambulance Service in Gurgaon

Blinkit CEO Albinder Dhindsa announced the launch of an instant ambulance service, where residents of Gurgaon can book an ambulance through the Blinkit app and have it arrive within 10 minutes. This initiative aims to address the critical need for quick emergency medical transport in urban areas. The service, which includes Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances, marks a significant step toward providing fast and reliable medical aid.



#### ➤ SBI Enhances NRI Account Opening with TAB-Based Digital Onboarding

The State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a TAB-based end-to-end digital onboarding process for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to streamline the opening of Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) accounts. This initiative, launched on January, 2025, aims to eliminate physical paperwork and expedite account setup through digital document verification.



#### ➤ Project VISTAAR: A Digital Revolution in Indian Agriculture

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has partnered with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to launch Project VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources). This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of India's



agricultural extension system through digitalization, providing farmers with improved access to innovative technologies and advisory services.



#### ➤ Sai Paranjpye to Receive Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award

Sai Paranjpye, a legendary director and writer in Indian cinema, is set to be honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the upcoming Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) 2025. Known for her impactful slice-of-life films such as Sparsh, Chashme Buddoor, Katha, and Saaz, Paranjpye is regarded as a pillar of India's parallel cinema movement, which gained prominence in the 1970s and 1980s.



#### ➤ Odia Poet Prativa Satpathy to Receive Gangadhar National Award

The Gangadhar National Award for Poetry 2023 will be conferred upon the renowned Odia poet Prativa

Satpathy by Sambalpur University on its 58th foundation day on January 5. The award, instituted in 1989, recognizes excellence in the field of poetry and is named after the eminent Odia poet Gangadhar Meher. Over the years, many distinguished poets have received the award, and Prativa Satpathy is the latest recipient. This award aims to honor poets who have made significant contributions to the literary world.



#### Current affairs MCQS on 06 JAN

Q.1. Recently, the 31st National Children's Science Congress will be organized in which city?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: (a) Bhopal

Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav inaugurated the 31st National Children's Science Conference held in Bhopal. More than 700 child scientists, teachers and mentors from India and Gulf countries such as Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia attended the event. The theme of the event is "Understanding ecosystem for health and well-being." The event aims to inspire children to develop scientific temper and solve social problems through innovation. Activities include Chandrayaan mission exhibition, water rocketry, robotics, hydroponics, environmental snakes and ladders, cheetah conservation exhibition and scientific folklore.





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**Q.2. Which Indian bowler has secured the first position in the latest ICC Test rankings released recently?**

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Jaspreet Bumrah
- (c) Ravichandran Ashwin
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (b) Jaspreet Bumrah**

Indian fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has created history. In the latest ICC Test rankings, Bumrah has not only topped the bowlers' list, but he has also achieved the highest rating points ever by an Indian bowler. Bumrah has overtaken R Ashwin. At the same time, Yashasvi Jaiswal has also reached the fourth position.

**Q.3. Recently, the Deputy Foreign Minister of which country 'Majid Takht Ravanchi' has come on a two-day visit to India?**

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) UAE
- (c) Iran
- (d) Kuwait

**Answer: (c) Iran**

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Majid Takht-Ravanchi is visiting India for a two-day diplomatic dialogue aimed at strengthening bilateral ties. The visit marks the 19th round of Iran-India political consultations, which will be held in New Delhi. The two countries are trying to enhance their economic cooperation, with bilateral trade reaching nearly \$17.5 billion in the last fiscal year despite ongoing sanctions against Iran.

**Q.4. Recently, India's renewable energy capacity has exceeded how many gigawatts by 2024?**

- (a) 200
- (b) 500
- (c) 400
- (d) 300

**Answer: (a) 200**

India has risen to the top of the list of clean energy superpowers, with installed capacity of over 200 gigawatts and investments projected to double to over \$32 billion by 2025. India's annual renewable energy capacity addition is expected to grow faster than any other major economy, including China, by 2030. India's capacity addition is projected to grow from 15 gigawatts in 2023 to 62 gigawatts in 2030. Its installed capacity will reach 205 gigawatts by the end of 2024.

**Q.5. Recently, which state government has launched a statewide campaign to promote the culture of reading books among students?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Maharashtra

**Answer: (d) Maharashtra**

Maharashtra has launched a 15-day campaign to promote reading habits among students. Higher and technical education minister Chandrakant Patil announced the initiative. Students are being encouraged to read books other than their textbooks. Colleges and universities will organise events such as group reading, storytelling, book discussions, workshops and competitions. A government resolution outlines the details of the campaign and makes its annual observance in January mandatory. Committees at various levels will ensure effective implementation across the state. The final winners of the activities will be felicitated at a special event.

**Q.6. Recently, Arif Mohammad Khan has taken oath as the 42nd Governor of which state?**

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: (b) Bihar**

Arif Mohammad Khan took oath as the 42nd Governor of Bihar. He replaced Rajendra







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Vishwanath Arlekar, who has been appointed as the Governor of Kerala. He was administered the oath by Chief Justice of Patna High Court K Vinod Chandran at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan. Many prominent political figures including Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav were present on the occasion.

**Q.7. Who will be awarded the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award recently?**

- (a) Vitul Kumar
- (b) Bhavnesh Kumar
- (c) Sai Paranjape
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Sai Paranjape**

Veteran Indian cinema director and writer Sai Paranjape will be honoured with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the upcoming Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival (AIFF) 2025. Known for her influential slice-of-life films such as Sparsh, Chashme Badoor, Katha and Saaz, Paranjape is considered a pillar of India's parallel cinema movement, which gained prominence in the 1970s and 1980s. The award recognises her extensive contributions to both Indian cinema and Marathi literature. The 10th edition of the festival is scheduled to take place from January 15 to 19, 2025, in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, where Paranjape will be honoured with the prestigious award.

**Q.8. Recently, in which country has a campaign been launched to end child marriage?**

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Myanmar

**Answer: (c) Nepal**

After India launched the 'Child Marriage Free India' campaign, Nepal has also taken a significant step in the South Asia region by launching a nationwide campaign to end child marriage. Just Rights for Children (JRC) and Backward Education Society (BASE) Nepal are strategic partners in the 'Child

Marriage Free Nepal' campaign launched by the Government of Nepal.

**Q.9. Recently, the 24th National Vanvasi Krida Competition was concluded in which country?**

- (a) Raipur
- (b) Surat
- (c) Pune
- (d) Jaipur

**Answer: (a) Raipur**

The team of Birsa Munda Vidyapeeth of Sevakunj Ashram Karidar, which went to participate in the 24th National Vanvasi Sports Competition held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, on behalf of Uttar Pradesh, became the champion. The students of Birsa Munda Vidyapeeth of Sevakunj Ashram Karidar went to Raipur, Chhattisgarh to participate in the 24th National Vanvasi Sports Competition organized by All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram. 300 archers from 29 states across the country took part in it. The players of Sevakunj Ashram, who participated on behalf of the state, made the team champion. In the junior category archery competition, Aditya Singh, a player of Sevakunj Ashram Karidar from UP, won gold in 40 meters, bronze in 30 meters and silver in overall.

**Q.10. Recently, which country's Foreign Minister Abdullah Khalil has visited India?**

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Iran
- (c) Turkey
- (d) Pakistan

**Answer: (a) Maldives**

Maldives Foreign Minister Abdullah Khaleel arrived here on a three-day visit to explore ways to strengthen bilateral ties in several key areas, including maritime security, trade and investment. Khaleel's visit to India comes nearly three months after Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu's visit to India. The Maldives Foreign Minister will hold wide-ranging talks with his Indian counterpart S







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Jaishankar on almost all aspects of India-Maldives relations.

**Q.11. Recently how many athletes will be awarded the Khel Ratna Award 2025?**

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

**Answer: (c) 04**

Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker and chess world champion D Gukesh are among the four winners of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award announced by the Sports Ministry. In addition, 17 para-athletes have also been included in the list of 32 Arjuna Award winners in recognition of their stellar success at the Paris Paralympics. The other two Khel Ratna winners announced by the ministry for the year 2024 are men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh and para-athlete Praveen Kumar.

**Q.12. Recently K S Manilal passed away, who was he?**

- (a) Botanist
- (b) Writer
- (c) Singer
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Botanist**

Renowned botanist and Padma Shri awardee Katungal Subrahmanyam Manilal died due to age-related ailments in Thrissur at the age of 86. He was famous for translating the 17th century Latin botanical work "Hortus Malabaricus" into English and Malayalam and contributed significantly to documenting India's rich botanical heritage.

**Q.13. Recently who has released the book titled Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages?**

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Ajit Paswan

**Answer: (c) Amit Shah**

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah released the book 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Through the Ages: A Visual Narrative of Continuities and Linkages' in New Delhi. Several dignitaries including Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and President of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar were present on the occasion. Shri Amit Shah highlighted the role of the book in documenting geo-cultural unity and underlined the unbreakable connection of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh with India.

**Q.14. Who will receive the 'Gangadhar National Award' recently?**

- (a) Pratibha Satpathy
- (b) Rajat Verma
- (c) Jitendra Mishra
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Pratibha Satpathy**

Sambalpur University will confer the Gangadhar National Poetry Award for the year 2023 on renowned Odia poet Pratibha Satpathy on its 58th Foundation Day on January 5. Established in 1989, the award recognises excellence in the field of poetry and is named after eminent Odia poet Gangadhar Meher. Several eminent poets have received the award over the years and Pratibha Satpathy is the latest recipient. The award aims to honour poets who have made significant contributions to the literary world.

**Q.15. Where was the World Blitz Chess Championship organized recently?**

- (a) New York
- (b) Tokyo
- (c) Beijing
- (d) Paris

**Answer: (a) New York**

India's chess player R Vaishali won the bronze medal in the women's category of the 2024 FIDE World Blitz Championship. Earlier, Koneru Humpy won the gold medal in the women's category of the 2024 World Rapid Championship. The 2024 FIDE World







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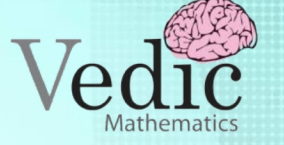
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Blitz Championship was held in New York City, United States. It was held right after the conclusion of the 2024 FIDE World Rapid Championship at the same venue.

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