

Today in History on 14 JAN

- **1761: Third Battle of Panipat between the Marathas and Afghan ruler Ahmad Shah Abdali.**

The Third Battle of Panipat was fought on 14 January 1761 at Panipat, in which the northern expeditionary force of the Maratha Empire faced a coalition led by Ahmad Shah Durrani, king of Afghanistan. The coalition included two Indian Muslim allies: the Rohilla Afghans of Doab and Nawab Shuja-ud-Daula of Awadh.



- **1969: Madras renamed Tamil Nadu.**

On 14 January 1969, Madras State was renamed Tamil Nadu, meaning "Tamil country". Initially, Madras State included modern Andhra Pradesh, northern Kerala (Malabar) and the coastal parts of Bellary and Dakshina Kannada districts of Karnataka.



- **1974: World Football League was founded.**

The World Football League (WFL) was founded on January 14, 1974. It was an American football league. The first season began on July 10, 1974 and lasted for 19 weeks. 12 teams participated in this season.

The final match of this season was World Bowl 1, which was won by the Birmingham Americans. The aim of this league was to popularize American football around the world.



- **2020: Kerala government filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the Citizenship Amendment Act**



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(CAA). Kerala became the first state to take such a step.

The Kerala government has filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Kerala is the first state to challenge this law. In the petition, the Kerala government has described this law as discriminatory and a violation of fundamental rights. For this, the Kerala government has filed a case in the Supreme Court under Article 131 of the Constitution.



➤ Josip Broz Tito was elected the first President of Yugoslavia in 1953.

Josip Broz Tito became the President of Yugoslavia on January 14, 1953. He was the President of Yugoslavia from 1953 to 1980. Tito was repeatedly re-elected President and was eventually declared President for Life. Tito was a Yugoslav revolutionary and statesman. He was also the General Secretary of the Yugoslav Communist Party. He led the Yugoslav resistance movement during World War II.



Important NEWS on 14 JAN

➤ Blue Origin's New Glenn Rocket to Launch on January, 2025

Blue Origin is poised to launch its New Glenn rocket on January, 2025, marking a significant milestone in the company's space exploration endeavors. This inaugural mission aims to demonstrate the rocket's capabilities and establish Blue Origin as a formidable competitor in the commercial space industry.



➤ UP Govt Teams Up with Google Cloud for AI Agri Network

The Uttar Pradesh government has signed an MoU with Google Cloud (India) to launch the Uttar Pradesh Open Network for Agriculture (UPONA).





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Powered by Gemini AI and Beacon technology, this digital public infrastructure aims to revolutionize agriculture in the state by providing farmers with one-stop access to advisory services, credit, mechanization, market connectivity, and real-time data on weather and microclimates.



➤ Justice B N Srikrishna to Lead Advisory Board of Equal and OneMoney

Retired Justice B N Srikrishna has been appointed as the Chairman of the newly established Advisory Board for Equal, an identity verification and data-sharing platform, and its strategic investee, OneMoney, an account aggregator. This appointment aligns with the government's recent release of the draft rules for the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, signaling a stronger regulatory push for data security and privacy.



➤ Swiggy's 'Snacc' App: 15-Minute Delivery Sparks Industry Debate

Swiggy has introduced 'Snacc', a standalone application promising delivery of snacks, beverages, and meals within 15 minutes. This initiative aligns with the industry's shift towards rapid food delivery services. Launched on January, 2025, in select Bengaluru areas, Snacc offers a diverse menu, including items like chocolate cookies, Indian breakfast, coffee, tea, eggs, rolls, sandwiches, meals, and cold beverages.



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➤ PARTH Yojana: Preparing Youth for Recruitment in Security Services

The PARTH Yojana (Police Army Recruitment Training & Hunar) is an innovative scheme launched in Madhya Pradesh with the objective of providing pre-recruitment training to the state's youth for entry into the Indian Army, Police, and Para-Military forces. Announced by CM Mohan Yadav during the State Level Youth Festival, the scheme emphasizes both physical and mental preparation while instilling patriotism and discipline among participants.





➤ PhonePe, ICICI Lombard Launch Maha Kumbh Mela Insurance

In anticipation of the Maha Kumbh Mela, scheduled from January to February 26, 2025, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, PhonePe has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance to offer specialized insurance coverage for attendees. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive and affordable protection for millions of devotees participating in this significant spiritual gathering.



➤ India's Economic Growth Projections for FY2025-26: Bank of Baroda

Recent forecasts indicate that India's economy is poised for significant growth in the fiscal year 2025-26, with projections ranging from 6.6% to 6.8%. This anticipated expansion underscores India's resilience and its pivotal role in driving regional economic development.

Current affairs MCQS on 14 JAN

Q.1. What is the name of the portal launched by the government to make genome data accessible to researchers in India and abroad?

- (a) Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) Portal
- (b) Indian Genomic Repository (IGC) Portal
- (c) Genome Access Portal
- (d) Life Science Data Bank

Answer: (a) Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) Portal

India launched the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) portal, making 10,000 whole genome samples accessible globally. The data set enables advances in genomics, personalised healthcare and medicine. The IBDC supports seamless access to genetic data, assisting researchers to study genetic variations and develop precision genomic tools. The Framework for Exchange of Data Protocol (FeED) ensures ethical and secure genomic data sharing under Biotech-PRIDE guidelines. The GenomeIndia project led by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) creates a comprehensive genetic diversity database for cutting-edge research. India plans to sequence 10 million genomes, which will boost innovation in healthcare, agriculture and biotechnology.

Q.2. Recently, the Parliament of which country has appointed 'Joseph Aoun' as the President?

- (a) Ethiopia
- (b) Ghana



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(c) Lebanon

(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Lebanon

Lebanon's parliament has elected the country's army chief, General Joseph Aoun, as president, ending a two-year presidential vacancy. The election marks a crucial moment in Lebanon's political landscape, with potential implications for regional dynamics.

Q.3. Recently, which country has announced restrictions to prevent illegal immigration?

(a) Maldives

(b) Britain

(c) America

(d) China

Answer: (b) Britain

Britain announced a new sanctions regime, the world's first, to tackle human trafficking crime gangs and stop the illicit finance that fuels such operations, as part of measures to crack down on illegal migration. The government said the new sanctions are to target irregular migration and organised immigration crime, allowing authorities to target individuals and entities making dangerous journeys.

Q.4. Recently, the National Youth Festival 2025 has been organized in which country?

(a) New Delhi

(b) Hyderabad

(c) Varanasi

(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) New Delhi

On the occasion of National Youth Day, celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will participate in the Develop India Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. He will interact with 3,000 active youth leaders from across India. He will also address the gathering on this occasion.

Q.5. Recently, the 21st edition of the Third Eye Asian Film Festival has started in which country?

(a) New Delhi

(b) Mumbai

(c) Beijing

(d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Mumbai

The Third Eye Asian Film Festival has begun in Mumbai. The film 'The Black Dog' has won the Best Film Award at the Cannes Film Festival. On this occasion, famous lyricist and screenwriter Javed Akhtar will be honoured with the 'Asian Cinema Culture Award'. Along with this, journalist Rafiq Baghdadi will be given the 'Satyajit Ray Memorial Award'. A total of 61 films have been selected for this festival which will run till January 16, which will be shown. These films will be shown in Andheri, Sion and Thane of Maharashtra.

Q.6. Recently, the Himachal Pradesh government has renamed the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration in whose honor?

(a) Dr. Manmohan Singh

(b) Ratan Tata

(c) Pranab Mukherjee

(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Dr. Manmohan Singh

Taking a historic decision, the Himachal Pradesh government has decided to rename the state's renowned institute 'Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration' (HIPA) after former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. This decision was taken in the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu in Shimla.

Q.7. Recently the 23rd Divya Kala Mela has been organized in which state?

(a) Andhra Pradesh

(b) Kerala

(c) Gujarat

(d) Bihar

Answer: (c) Gujarat





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The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) under the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is gearing up for the 23rd Divya Kala Mela. The vibrant event will be held at Akota Stadium, Vadodara, Gujarat. The inauguration will be led by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri B.L. Verma, along with esteemed dignitaries from the Government of Gujarat. The fair promises to be an important platform to showcase the talents and products of Divyang entrepreneurs and artisans from across India.

Q.8. Recently, which state government has launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana'?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (a) Goa

Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' under the state's 'Swayampurna Goa 2.0' initiative. The scheme aims to empower women by training them and providing them opportunities to become Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) agents. Through this, financial literacy will be promoted among women and life insurance coverage will be expanded at the grassroots level.

Q.9. Which country has topped the recently released Hemley Passport Index 2025?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Japan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Singapore

Answer: (d) Singapore

According to the recently released Henley Passport Index 2025, India has slipped from 80th position last year to 85th position in the list of the world's most powerful passports. Singapore has retained its status as the world's most powerful passport. The rank of the United States passport has dropped from 7th position in 2024 to 9th position in 2025. This

time too, Afghanistan has retained its status of the world's worst passport.

Q.10. Recently, who has inaugurated the special 'Kumbhwani' channel of All India Radio?

- (a) Yogi Adityanath
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnav
- (d) Amit Shah

Answer: (a) Yogi Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inaugurate the special Kumbhwani channel (FM 103.5 MHz) of All India Radio dedicated to Mahakumbh 2025 at the Circuit House in Prayagraj. On this historic occasion, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan will also join the program through online platform. During this program, the Chief Minister will also launch Kumbh Mangal Dhvani.

Q.11. Who has recently launched the SNACC app with 15-minute delivery?

- (a) Zomato
- (b) Blanket
- (c) Swiggy
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Swiggy

Swiggy has launched an independent application called 'Snack', which promises delivery of snacks, beverages and meals within 15 minutes. The initiative is in line with the growing trend towards faster food delivery services in the industry. Swiggy launched Snack in select areas of Bengaluru. The app offers a diverse menu including chocolate cookies, Indian breakfast, coffee, tea, eggs, rolls, sandwiches, meals and cold drinks. Snack has partnered with brands such as Blue Tokai and The Whole Truth as well as third-party food providers. Unlike Bolt, a feature present in Swiggy's main app, Snack operates independently and uses products stocked from centralised locations, ensuring consistent and faster service.





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Q.12. Recently, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge was inaugurated at which place?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam

Answer: (a) Jammu and Kashmir

The Anji Khad Bridge is India's first cable-stayed rail bridge. It is one of the notable engineering achievements of the Indian Railways in Jammu and Kashmir. It is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project. The bridge promises to enhance connectivity in the Kashmir Valley and the recent trial run brings the project closer to completion.

Q.13. Recently, who has been awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2025?

- (a) Sanjeev Kumar Sharma
- (b) Devjit Saikia
- (c) Dr. Syed Anwar Khurshid
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Dr. Syed Anwar Khurshid

Eminent Indian physician based in Saudi Arabia, Dr Syed Anwar Khurshid will be honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2025, the highest honour given by the Government of India to overseas Indians. The award honours his remarkable contribution to healthcare, community welfare and strengthening ties between India and Saudi Arabia.

Q.14. Recently, where has Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone of India's first green hydrogen hub?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Prayagraj
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Visakhapatnam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the country's first Green Hydrogen Hub project under the National Green Hydrogen Mission

at Pudimadaka near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The Prime Minister, who was on a visit to Visakhapatnam, also laid the foundation stone of various projects worth over Rs 2 lakh crore in the state. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu was also present on the occasion.

Q.15. Recently Gyanada Kakati has passed away. Who was she?

- (a) Actress
- (b) Writer
- (c) Singer
- (d) Journalist

Answer: (a) Actress

Veteran Assamese film star Gyanada Kakati, who was one of the first Indian actresses to gain global recognition, died at a hospital due to age-related ailments. She was 94. She was one of the first Assamese and first Indian actresses to gain international recognition and fame when her film 'Puberun' directed by veteran filmmaker Prabhat Mukherjee was selected to be screened at the Berlin International Film Festival in 1959.

