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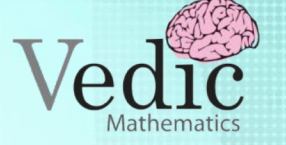
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## Today in History on 24 JAN

### ➤ 1826: Birth of the first Indian barrister Gyanendra Mohan Tagore.

The first Indian barrister Gyanendra Mohan Tagore was born on 24 January 1826. Gyanendra Mohan Tagore was the son of Prasanna Kumar Tagore and grandson of Gopi Mohan Tagore, one of the founders of Hindu College, from the Pathuriaghata branch of the Tagore family. He won a scholarship of Rs 40 per month and joined the Calcutta Medical College in 1842, but did not complete his medical education. While a student at Hindu College, his classmates included Rajnarayan Bose and Govind Chandra Dutt (father of Toru Dutt). When Hindu College opened, conservative sections of Hindu society thought that Western education would not affect the rigid structure of Hindu society.



### ➤ 1857: University of Calcutta established.

The University of Calcutta was established on January 24, 1857. It is one of the oldest universities in India. It was established during British colonial rule. It is the oldest multidisciplinary university in the Indian subcontinent and South East Asian region. The jurisdiction of the university is limited to some districts of West Bengal, but at the time of its establishment its catchment area extended from Kabul to Myanmar.



### ➤ 1950: 'Jana Gana Mana...' accepted as the national anthem of India.

The song Jana Gana Mana, originally composed in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore, was adopted in its Hindi version by the Constituent Assembly as the national anthem of India on January 24, 1950. It was written by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. It was first sung at the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress on December 27, 1911.





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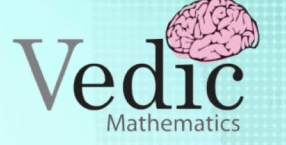
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➤ 1950: Rajendra Prasad was elected the first President of the Republic of India.

Dr Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India, serving from January 1950 to May 1962. Born on 3 December 1884 in Jiradei, Bihar, Prasad was a prominent figure in the Indian freedom struggle and a stalwart of Indian politics, renowned for his humility, intelligence and devotion to the nation. Prasad received his education from the University of Calcutta, where he was a brilliant student. He initially pursued a career in law and was known for his keen legal acumen. However, the call for national independence shook him and he became deeply involved in the freedom struggle.

➤ 1952: First International Film Festival held in Bombay (now Mumbai).

The first edition of IFFI was organised by the Films Division of the Government of India under the patronage of the first Prime Minister of India. Held in Mumbai from 24 January to 1 February 1952, the festival was later moved to Madras, Delhi, Calcutta and Trivandrum. It featured around 40 feature and 100 short films in total.



## Important NEWS on 24 JAN

### ➤ UNESCO and MeitY Partner on AI Readiness Assessment in India

In a significant move to align India's artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem with global ethical standards, UNESCO's South Asia Regional Office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Ikigai Law, organized a two-day stakeholder consultation on the AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM).



### ➤ U S Withdraws from WHO and Suspends Foreign Aid

On January, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order initiating the United States' withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) and suspending all foreign aid for 90 days. This decision has sparked significant global concern and debate. In addition to exiting the WHO, President Trump ordered a 90-day suspension of all U S foreign aid programs. This pause aims to

reassess and realign aid distribution with U S foreign policy objectives.



### ➤ Yala Glacier in Nepal Set to Vanish by 2040s Due to Climate Change

Yala Glacier, situated in Nepal's Langtang National Park, has been a focal point for glaciological studies due to its significant retreat over recent decades. Recent analyses predict that this glacier may vanish by the 2040s, underscoring the profound impacts of climate change on the Himalayan cryosphere.



### ➤ Nigeria Joins BRICS as Partner, Aims for Global Collaboration

On January, 2025, Nigeria was officially admitted as a partner country of the BRICS bloc, which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. This strategic move aims to bolster Nigeria's economic and diplomatic ties with leading emerging economies. The announcement was made by Brazil's Foreign Ministry, highlighting Nigeria's significant role in strengthening South-South cooperation and advocating for global governance reforms.



#### ➤ Chhattisgarh CM Launches Rs 10K Annual Aid Scheme for Labourers

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai has launched a scheme to provide Rs 10,000 annually to landless labourers in the state, continuing his commitment to support vulnerable sections. This initiative is part of a larger series of welfare measures promised during the pre-poll campaign. The scheme aims to benefit approximately 7.5 lakh landless agricultural labourers in Chhattisgarh, reflecting the government's focus on improving their financial stability.



#### ➤ DRDL's Groundbreaking Active Cooled Scramjet Engine Test

The Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a Hyderabad-based facility under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has made significant strides in developing next-generation hypersonic technology. This advanced technology revolves around the Supersonic Combustion Ramjet (Scramjet), a revolutionary propulsion system designed for hypersonic missiles. Recently, DRDL achieved a historic milestone by successfully conducting a ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor for 120 seconds, marking a first for India.



#### ➤ Justice Alok Aradhe Appointed as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court

The central government has issued a notification confirming the appointments of Justice Alok Aradhe as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. These transfers aim to strengthen judicial leadership in two of India's busiest high courts.



sustainable development and to make efforts in this direction.

Q.2. Recently, the third National Mines Ministers Conference has started in which city?

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

**Answer: (b) Odisha**

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said Odisha hosted the third National Mining Entrepreneurs' Conference which will pave the way for more investments in the state. The two-day conference at Konark in Puri district was attended by Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy as the chief guest in the inaugural session.

Q.3. Recently, Home Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of 'Shooting Range' in which city?

- (a) Greater Noida
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Surat

**Answer: (c) Hyderabad**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (NPA) in Hyderabad city. He was present at the 20th Raising Day of the National Disaster Response Force in Vijayawada. CISRs are used to help military personnel improve their shooting skills and prepare them for challenging scenarios. They are equipped with advanced target systems and control software, which can help improve shooting skills. They also have several safety features.

Q.4. Recently, Russian President Putin has signed a new comprehensive strategic partnership agreement with which country after bilateral talks?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Brazil

#### Current affairs MCQS on 24 JAN

Q.1. When is International Education Day celebrated?

- (a) 21 January
- (b) 22 January
- (c) 23 January
- (d) 24 January

**Answer: (d) 24 January**

Every year 24 January is celebrated as International Education Day to highlight the importance of education. The importance of education in our lives is incomparable. Its purpose is to remember the contribution of education to world peace and



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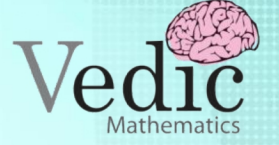
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(c) Ukraine

(d) France

**Answer: (a) Iran**

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian deepened military ties between their countries by signing a 20-year strategic partnership that could worry the West. Under the agreement, Russia and Iran will step up cooperation in a range of areas, including between their security services, military exercises, warship port visits and joint officer training.

**Q.5. Recently, who has released a new book 'The World After Gaza'?**

(a) Pankaj Mishra

(b) Shankar Shah

(c) Piyush Garg

(d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Pankaj Mishra**

Pankaj Mishra's latest book, The World After Gaza, is a poignant exploration of the ongoing war in the Palestinian Gaza Strip, a conflict he describes as a devastating blow to the ideals of human rights and morality. Published by Juggernaut Books, the treatise delves deeply into the atrocities and systematic injustices of war, offering a stark reflection on global moral decay. In an exclusive interview, Mishra shares insights into the book's origins, its context, and its warnings about the dangerous trajectory of global politics.

**Q.6. Recently Denis Law passed away. Who was he?**

(a) Actor

(b) Journalist

(c) Footballer

(d) Director

**Answer: (c) Footballer**

Manchester United footballer Denis Law has died aged 84. He began his football career at Huddersfield Town and rose to fame at Manchester United. He spent 11 years at the club and won the league title in 1965 and 1967 and the European Cup in 1968. He scored 237 goals in 404 matches, making him the

club's third-highest goalscorer behind Wayne Rooney and Sir Bobby Charlton. He formed the famous 'Holy Trinity' with Charlton and George Best, which is revered by Manchester United fans. He is the only Scottish player to win the Ballon d'Or, which he won in 1964.

**Q.7. Recently in which state FDA (Food and Drug Administration) has allowed homeopathic doctors to prescribe allopathic medicines?**

(a) Uttarakhand

(b) Kerala

(c) Maharashtra

(d) Haryana

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**(c) Maharashtra**

The Maharashtra Food and Drugs Administration recently issued a directive allowing homeopathic doctors who have completed a certificate course in modern pharmacology to prescribe allopathic medicines.

**Q.8. Which organization developed the Pralaya missile?**

(a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

(c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

(d) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

**Answer: (b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

India's first tactical quasi-ballistic missile Pralay missile will be showcased in the Republic Day parade. It is a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of 150-500 kilometers, developed to meet the strategic needs of the army. Pralay can carry a conventional warhead of 350-700 kg and can attack enemy targets with great accuracy. It has been developed by DRDO.

**Q.9. Where have 23 species of blood-sucking flies been recorded recently?**

(a) Andaman Nicobar





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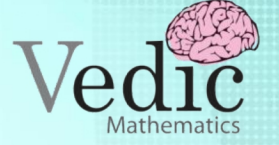
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(b) Andhra Pradesh

(c) Karnataka

(d) Assam

**Answer: (a) Andaman Nicobar**

Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have identified 23 species of blood-sucking flies in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 13 of which have been recorded for the first time in the country. These small insects, also called midges, resemble flies in appearance but are more closely related to mosquitoes in their feeding habits. Belonging to the Culicoides genus, they are locally called bhusi files.

**Q.10. Which cricket team has won the 2024-25 Vijay Hazare Trophy?**

(a) Karnataka

(b) Tamil Nadu

(c) Himachal Pradesh

(d) Rajasthan

**Answer: (a) Karnataka**

Karnataka men's senior cricket team won their 5th Vijay Hazare Trophy by defeating Vidarbha by 36 runs in the 2024-25 final. The final was played at the Kotambi Stadium in Vadodara, Gujarat. The win ended Karnataka's five-year title drought in domestic cricket. The Vijay Hazare Trophy, organised by the BCCI, is a premier 50-over one-day tournament in which 38 Ranji teams participate.

**Q.11. Where was the 67th National Conference of 'Mission Vikassheel Bharat' held recently?**

(a) Jaipur

(b) Mumbai

(c) New Delhi

(d) Panaji

**Answer: (c) New Delhi**

The 67th National Conference on Mission Developed India 1947-2047 was held at the Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The event aimed to promote the growth and recognition of small businesses, start-ups, individuals and corporations across India. It included a panel discussion on 'Promoting Collective

Action: Multi-Sectoral Collaboration to Promote Ethical and Responsible Business Practices'. Various professionals and business leaders were felicitated for their contributions at the summit, presenting them with business and community awards.

**Q.12. Uttarakhand government has signed an agreement with which country to achieve carbon neutrality?**

(a) Argentina

(b) Sweden

(c) Iceland

(d) USA

**Answer: (c) Iceland**

Taking a significant step towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2070, the Uttarakhand government has initiated a collaboration with Iceland, a global leader in geothermal energy, to harness the geothermal potential in the state. The partnership aims to explore Uttarakhand's vast geothermal resources, paving the way for sustainable energy solutions. Through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Iceland's Varkis Consulting Engineers, the state is set to leverage geothermal energy for power generation, marking a significant milestone in the development of renewable energy resources in India.

**Q.13. Who has been awarded 'INSA Fellowship 2025' recently?**

(a) Sanjay Prasad

(b) Rajat Verma

(c) Dr. Krishna Ella

(d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Dr. Krishna Ella**

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) conferred its prestigious India Fellowship for 2025 to Dr Krishna Ella, co-founder and executive chairman of Bharat Biotech, which developed India's first indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine, Covaxin. The fellowship recognises Dr Ella for his outstanding contributions to the development of new vaccine technologies, improvements in existing





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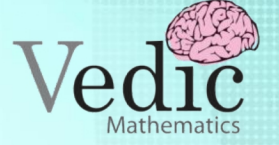
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ones, and new knowledge and discoveries in the field of biotechnology.

**Q.14. National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) has been jointly developed by the United States and which country?**

- (a) France
- (b) Norway
- (c) Greece
- (d) Australia

**Answer: (b) Norway**

Taiwan will deploy the advanced National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) in northern Taiwan to protect Taipei. NASAMS is a medium-range, ground-based air defense system developed by Raytheon (USA) and Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace (Norway). The system defends against aircraft, helicopters, cruise missiles, UAVs and air-to-surface threats. It protects high-value assets and population centers and has been part of the US capital's air defense since 2005. NASAMS is the first networked short- and medium-range system, integrated with other defense equipment.

**Q.15. Who has recently been appointed by AngelOne as its group CEO?**

- (a) Ambrish Kanghe
- (b) Jayen Mehta
- (c) Ashwini Bhide
- (d) P Sehgal

**Answer: (a) Ambrish Kanghe**

Angel One, one of India's leading financial services platforms, has announced the appointment of Ambareesh Kenghe as its Group Chief Executive Officer, effective March 2025. With rich experience in fintech, technology, and e-commerce, Kenghe is set to guide Angel One through a period of increasing competition and rapid change in the financial services industry.

