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Ayodhya Sets Guinness World Record

- **Festival of lights Diwali** is being celebrated with religious fervour in Uttar Pradesh. State witnessed the **Grand Deepotsav** on the **banks of Saryu river** in Ayodhya.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that this year is special and divine for Ayodhya, as the **500-year wait ended this year on January 22** and Lord Ram returned to the newly constructed temple.



- Ayodhya city brightened up with the largest ever display of **25 Lakh 12 thousand 5 hundred 85 earthen lamps** on the 55 ghats of Saryu river and created a world record yesterday evening.
- Thousands of volunteers lit the lamps along with the **bank of Saryu River** through lanes of the city and at houses. Whole city was illuminated with the lights and clourful decorations on the theme of Ramayana.
- This year another world record was created, in which **1,121 batuks performed** the largest aarti together on the ghats of Saryu.
- This was 8th Deepotsav in a row at Ayodhya after Yogi Adityanath came into power but first since the consecration ceremony of lord Rama at the Ram janmabhoomi Temple. A grand drone and laser show was also organized to mark the occasion.

India-Albania

- **India and Albania held bilateral consultations** in Tirana. During the consultations, both sides undertaken a comprehensive review of bilateral, regional, and international issues.
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- Both sides exchanged views on **regional and global issues of mutual interest**. The Indian side was led by Additional Secretary (Central Europe) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Arun Kumar Sahu.
- The Albanian side was led by **Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs** of Albania, Endrit Yzeiraj. Mr. Sahu also met with Albania's Deputy Minister of Economy, Culture, and Innovation, Olta Manjani.
- During the meeting, both sides discussed issues pertaining to trade, investment, tourism, and cultural exchanges and relations. India opened its resident mission in Albania in August this year.

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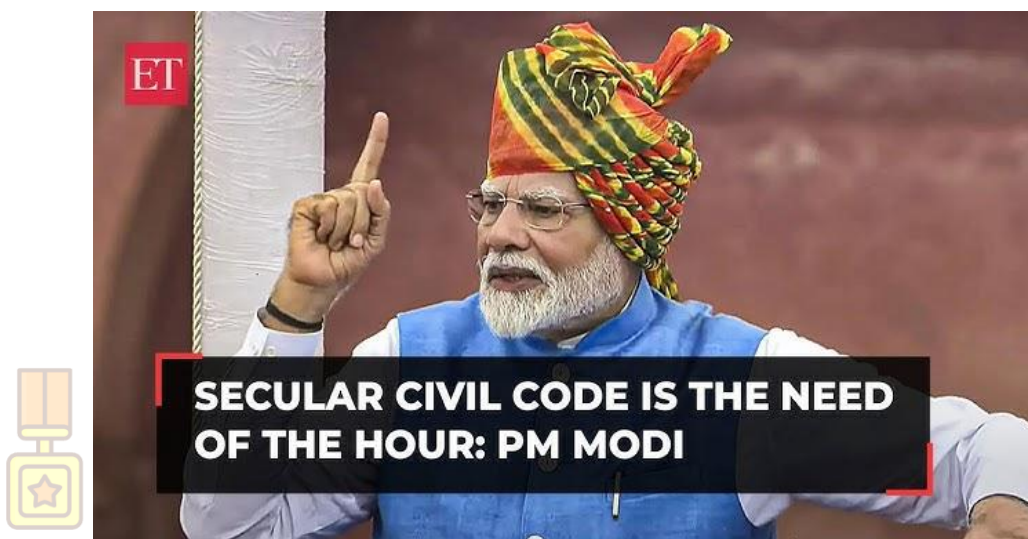
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Secular Civil Code

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India is moving towards One Nation Civil Code that is a **Secular Civil Code**. Addressing 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' celebrations at Kevadia in Gujarat, Mr Modi said that the pursuit of a **secular civil code** is key to ending discrimination.
- Prime Minister said, today we are all seeing the success of **One Nation Identity – Aadhar** and the world is also discussing it. He said, earlier, there were different tax systems in India, but we created the **One Nation One Tax System – GST**.



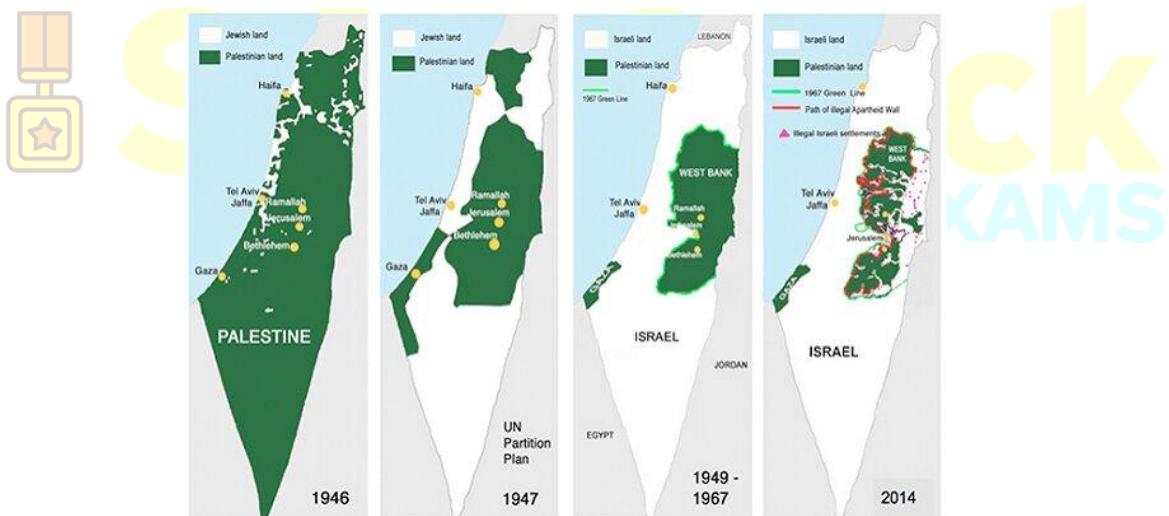
- Prime Minister said, his government strengthened the country's power sector with **One Nation One Power Grid** and integrated the facilities available to the poor through **One Nation One Ration Card**.
- Mr Modi said, we have provided the facility of **One Nation One Health Insurance** to the people of the country in the form of **Aayushman Bharat**.
- He said, under these efforts of ours for unity, we are now working towards **One Nation One Election**, which will strengthen India's democracy, which will give optimum outcome of India's resources and the country will gain new momentum in achieving the dream of a developed India.

Support For Palestine

- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Parvathaneni Harish**, emphasised **India's commitment** to increasing support for Palestine. He was addressing the **UN Security Council debate on the Middle East in New York**.



- Highlighting India's solidarity, Mr. Harish noted that India's current development assistance for Palestine amounts to **120 million US dollars, including 37 million US dollars** contributed to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).
- India has also sent six tonnes of **medicines and medical supplies to UNRWA**, with the first shipment delivered on October 22.



- Mr. Harish also condemned the **terror attacks in Israel on October 7**, last year. He further called for an **immediate ceasefire and the release of all hostages**, emphasizing **India's support for a two-state solution**.
- He urged the global community to unite for peace, underscoring India's role as a committed partner in fostering stability in the region

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak

- **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak** has been awarded to **463 personnel of various States and Union Territories**, Central Armed Police Forces and Central Police Organisations for the year 2024.
- The medal is given to recognize excellent work, promote high professional standards and boost the morale of the officers in the fields of **Special Operation, Investigation, Intelligence and Forensic Science**.
- The **Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak** was instituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs on **1st February** this year.
- The Ministry said, the medal will be announced every year on the occasion of the **Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st of October**. The award will be conferred on **members of the Police Forces, Security Organization**, Intelligence Wing, National Security Guard in consideration for excellence in Operations, exceptional performance, indomitable and daring intelligence service.



Duma Boko

- **Duma Boko**, the presidential candidate of the **Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC)**, was declared **Botswana's sixth president**.
- According to the **southern African country's electoral law**, the polling will determine **61 members of the National Assembly and 609 local councillors**, with the party that holds at least **31 parliament seats** to be declared as the winner.



- While the counting is yet to be finalised, **UDC has already secured 34 members** of the National Assembly, and the ruling party, the Botswana Democratic Party, got four seats.
- Earlier, **outgoing President Mokgweetsi Masisi** conceded defeat as preliminary results showed his ruling party lost its parliamentary majority after nearly six decades in power. The **BDP has governed the diamond-rich Southern African nation since 1966.**

Mount Fuji

- **Japan's iconic Mount Fuji** has yet to receive its **first snowfall of the season**. This is unprecedented, marking the latest date without snow since records began in **1894**.
- The previous record was **October 26, noted in 1955 and 2016**. This year, warm weather has **delayed the formation of the snowcap**.
- Mount Fuji typically sees its first snow **around October 2**. Last year, the snow appeared on October 5.



- The absence of snow this year marks an **important shift in weather patterns**. The snowcap is essential for the mountain's ecosystem and is a key feature for climbers and tourists.
- **This prolonged warmth has continued into September**, preventing the cold air needed for snowfall. Experts suggest that climate change may be influencing these unusual weather patterns.
- The **rising global temperatures contribute** to the warmer conditions experienced in Japan. Such changes can disrupt traditional seasonal weather, including snowfall.

Mansi Ahlawat

- In Wrestling, **India's Mansi Ahlawat** has clinched the **bronze medal in the women's 59kg category at the Seniors World Championships**, in Tirana, Albania. Mansi defeated Laurence Beauregard of Canada, 5-NIL, in the bronze medal match last night. Risako Kinjo of Japan won the Gold, Tserenchimed Sukhee of Mongolia grabbed the Silver, while Elena Heike Brugger of Germany shared the Bronze with Mansi.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Village Is Home To India's First Writers' Village

- A. Kalsi
- B. Raipur
- C. Doiwala
- D. Thano

ANSWER: D

2. Which Country Opted Out Of China's Belt And Road Initiative (BRI)

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. South Africa
- D. Argentina

ANSWER: A

3. Which Fintech Firm Completed Its Merger With North East Small Finance Bank

- A. Paytm
- B. PolicyBazaar
- C. Slice
- D. PhonePe

ANSWER: C

4. Which Indian Bank Awarded 'Best Bank In India' By Global Finance Magazine

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Axis Bank

ANSWER: C

5. Which Village In Rajasthan Is Implementing A Zero-waste Model Using Green Technology

- A. Dhankya village
- B. Aandhi village
- C. Kalakh village
- D. Govindgarh village

ANSWER: B

6. Who Became First Indian Table Tennis Player To Reach Top Eight At The WTT Champions Montpellier 2024 Tournament In France

- A. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
- B. Manika Batra
- C. Sharath Kamal
- D. Harmeet Desai

ANSWER: B

7. Which Country Received Rooftop Solar Systems For Religious Sites From India As Part Of A \$17 Million Energy Partnership Project

- A. Nepal
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

8. Which City Was Awarded 'City With The Best Public Transport System' At The 17th Urban Mobility India Conference 2024

- A. Bhubaneswar
- B. Srinagar
- C. Jammu
- D. Gurugram

ANSWER: A

9. Name Of The Mobile Application Launched By Home Minister Amit Shah For Easy Birth And Death Registration

- A. CRS mobile app {Civil Registration System}
- B. Suraksha app
- C. Jan Seva app
- D. DigiLok app

ANSWER: A

10. Which City Recently Became The Most Polluted In The World

- A. Delhi
- B. Beijing
- C. Mumbai
- D. Lahore

ANSWER: D

11. Name Of India's First Heli Ambulance Service

- A. Raksha
- B. Prana
- C. Sanjeevani
- D. Jeevanraksha

ANSWER: C

12. Which Bank Has Been Recognized As One Of The Best Companies For Women In India 2024

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. DBS Bank
- D. Axis Bank

ANSWER: C

13. Name Of The Newly Discovered Saturn-sized Exoplanet By Indian Scientists

- A. TOI-4455
- B. TOI-5678
- C. TOI-1234
- D. TOI-6651b

ANSWER: D

14. Name Of The Campaign Recently Launched In India To Raise Awareness About Dyslexia

- A. Act4Dyslexia
- B. Dyslexia Support Movement
- C. Learning Disabilities Initiative
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: B

15. Marapi Volcano, Which Was Erupted Recently, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Mexico
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Vietnam

ANSWER: C

16. Gabon Which Was Seen In The News, Is Located In Which Region

- A. Africa
- B. Europe
- C. Australia
- D. Asia

ANSWER: A

17. Mount Fuji, Which Recently Remained Snow-less, Is Located In Which Country

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Japan
- D. Portugal

ANSWER: C

18. Which Day Is Celebrated As Ayurveda Day 2024

- A. 28 October
- B. 29 October
- C. 30 October
- D. 31 October

ANSWER: B

19. Which Of The Following Upanishads Is Composed In Prose Form

- A. Isa Upanishad
- B. Katha Upanishad
- C. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- D. Svetasvatara Upanishad

ANSWER: C

20. Who was the founder of Yoga philosophy

- A. Jaimini
- B. Kapila
- C. Akshapada Gautam
- D. Patanjali

ANSWER: D

