

# Daily Current Affairs

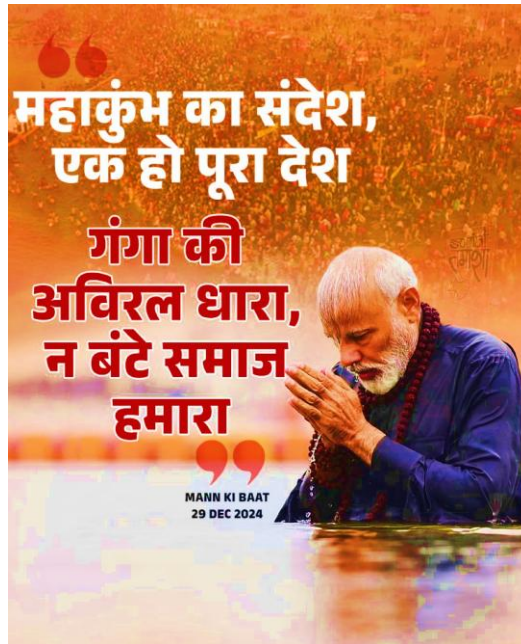
## 30 December 2024

### Mann Ki Baat Programme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Said That **Constitution Is The Guiding Light Of The Nation And** Stated That It Is A Matter Of Great Honour That The Indian Constitution Is Completing 75 Years On 26th January Next Year. He Mentioned That A **Special Website Constitution75.Com** Has Been Created To Connect Citizens With The Legacy Of The Constitution. People Can Read The Preamble Of The Constitution And Upload Their Video In The Website.



- Giving The Slogan Of Mahakumbh Ka Sandesh, **Ek Ho Poora Desh**, He Expressed Hope For An Undivided Society, Just Like The Uninterrupted Flow Of The Ganga. Mr Modi Said That For The First Time, **An AI Chatbot Will Be Used In The Kumbh Event**. All Kinds Of Information Related To Kumbh Will Be **Available In 11 Indian Languages** Through The AI Chatbot. Devotees Will Also Get The **Facility Of A Digital Lost And Found Center**.



- Touching The Topic Of Animation, **Mr Modi Was Pleased To Note That Krish, Trish And Baltiboy, KTB, Is A Superhit Animation Series Among Children.**



- PM Was Pleased To Share That For The First Time, The **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit**, WAVES Summit, Is Going To Be Organised In India Next Year. This Summit Is An Important Step Towards Making **India A Hub Of Global Content Creation.**



- Mr Modi Highlighted **Two Big Achievements Of India** In The Field Of Health. He Said The **First Achievement Has** Been In The Fight Against Malaria, World Health Organization Report Mentions That There Has **Been An 80 Percent Reduction In India** In The Number Of Malaria Cases And Deaths Due To It Between 2015 & 2023. Mr Modi Mentioned That In The **Tea Gardens Of Jorhat In Assam**, Malaria Used To Be A Major Cause Of Concern For People Until Four Years Ago. But When The **Tea Garden Dwellers United To** Eradicate It, They Started Getting Success To A Great Extent. Prime Minister Also Praised **Kurukshetra District Of Haryana For Presenting A Very Good Model** For Controlling Malaria.





- PM Also Shared A Study Of The **World-renowned Medical Journal Lancet**, Which Found That The Chances Of **Starting Cancer Treatment On Time In India** Have Increased A Lot, Timely Treatment Means Starting The Treatment Of A Cancer **Patient Within 30 Days** And The '**Ayushman Bharat Yojana**' Has Played A Big Role In This.



- Mr Modi Shared That A **Unique Olympic** Has Started In Bastar Called **Bastar Olympics**. Taking Place In The Region Which Was **Once A Witness To Maoist Violence**. The Mascot Of The Bastar Olympics Is – '**Wild Water Buffalo**' And '**Hill Myna**'.
- Prime Minister Said The Story Of Punem Sanna From Dornapal In Sukma Is An Inspiring Tale Of New India. **Punem, Who Was Once Under Naxal Influence**, Is Today Winning Medals By Racing On A Wheelchair. Archer Ranju Sori From Kondagaon Has Been Chosen As The '**Bastar Youth Icon**'.



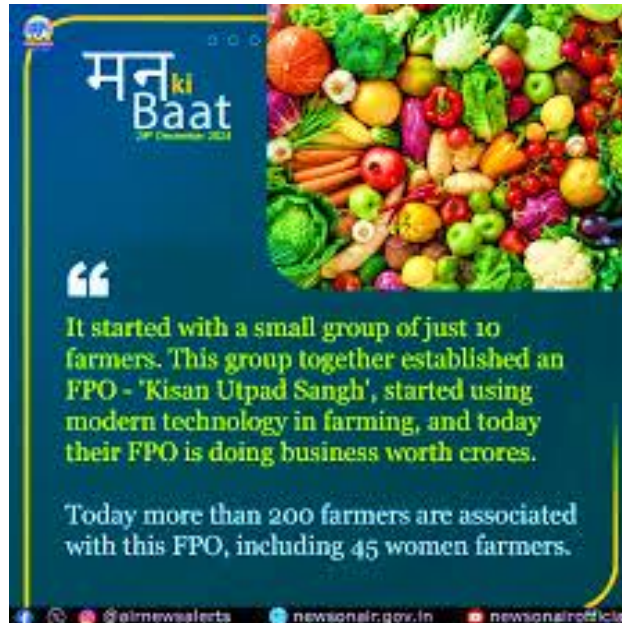
- He Spoke About Students From Egypt Who Have Made Paintings Of Indian Gods And Goddesses, Dance Forms And Great Personalities. **PM Also Expressed Pride That A Tamil Teaching Programme Was Started In Fiji With The Support Of The Indian Government.**



- He Added That This Is The **First Time In The Last 80 Years** That Trained Tamil Teachers Are **Teaching The Language In Fiji**. Mentioned The Vegetable Revolution In **Kalahandi, Odisha**.



- **A Small Group Of 10 Farmers** Established A Farmers Producer Organisation, FPO, Called **'Kisan Utpad Sangh'** And Started Using Modern Technology In Farming.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Aircraft At Navi Mumbai Airport

- **First commercial aircraft successfully** landed on the runway of **Navi Mumbai International Airport**. The **IndiGo A320**, which took off from Mumbai Airport, made a direct landing at Navi Mumbai International Airport. Following the successful landing, the aircraft was given an air salute.



- The **certification test also included a technical evaluation** of landing and take-off manoeuvres. Senior officials from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Airports Authority of India (AAI), and other key agencies, including senior officials from CIDCO, were present for the event.
- In October, an army aircraft had successfully landed on the runway, while the **Air Force's Sukhoi 30 aircraft** had flown a short distance from the runway.



## Chitwan National Park

- In Nepal, the five-day long **18th Elephant and Tourism Festival** is ongoing in **Sauraha, Chitwan** with **domestic and international tourists** flocking **Chitwan National Park**.
- The Elephant and Tourism Festival is organised to celebrate the English **New Year and Christmas** and **promote regional tourism**.



- **The festival witnessed an elephant walk**, elephant bath, elephant football, beauty contest, elephant picnic, elephant-friendly football penalty competitions, elephant-friendly musical walks, elephant health check-up camps, tableau performances including local costumes and art and culture, and cultural performances by national and local troupes.
- **The Elephant Festival featured more than 80 elephants**, both private and government-owned. Due to animal rights activism, elephant polo was scrapped from the festival.

## PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

- The **Delhi High Court** has issued a **directive** to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, ordering the government to **sign a Memorandum of About (MoU)** with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by January 5.
- This directive comes despite the Model Code of Conduct being in effect due to upcoming Assembly elections. The **Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health**

**Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** is a key initiative by the Central government. It aims to enhance public health infrastructure across India.



## Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

- The initiative also focuses on preparing for **future pandemics and health emergencies**. The Delhi High Court has been involved in ongoing petitions since 2017.
- Court has previously directed the Delhi government to implement recommendations from the **Dr. Sarin Committee, Formed to assess and recommend improvements to health infrastructure in Delhi**, this committee has influenced court directives and government actions since its establishment in 2017.

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### PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

Pan-India Health Infrastructure Scheme for World-Class Facilities

- Creation & improvement of long-term public healthcare infrastructure
- Health infrastructure in each district, making them self-reliant
- Comprehensive capacity building through increased investment
- Outlay of Rs 64,180 crore over 5 years



- Currently, the **PM-ABHIM** is only being piloted at the **Indira Gandhi Hospital**. The pilot focuses on establishing diagnostic labs. It stated that the benefits and funds of the **scheme must reach the residents of Delhi**.
- The court clarified that funds allocated for PM-ABHIM should not be diverted to other projects. The **court noted that 33 states and union territories** have already implemented PM-ABHIM. It deemed the delay in Delhi's implementation as unjustified. The **court's emphasis on urgency** marks the need for immediate action.

## Black Sea Oil Spill

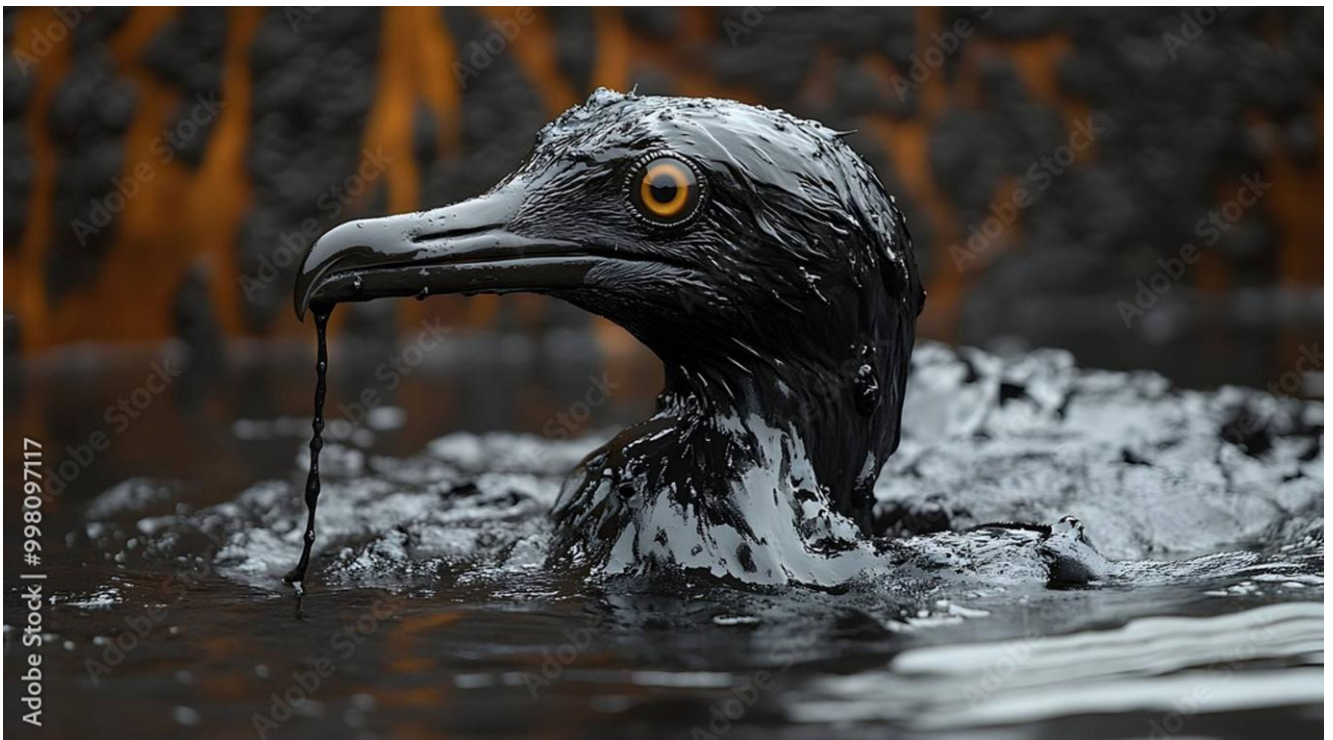
- **Russian authorities have declared a federal-level emergency** in response to a catastrophic oil spill along the **Black Sea coast**. The spill, which occurred on **December 15, has led to widespread pollution** across the region, severely affecting local communities, marine ecosystems, and the coastal economy.
- On December 15, two **Russian-flagged oil tankers were severely** damaged during a storm near the Kerch Strait, leading to the release of thousands of tons of heavy fuel oil, known as **mazut, into the Black Sea**.



- The spill has **polluted approximately 55 kilometers (34 miles)** of coastline. The situation worsened as initial cleanup efforts by local authorities proved inadequate. The **southern Krasnodar region declared** a regional state of

emergency, citing insufficient personnel and equipment to manage the environmental disaster.

- Thousands of volunteers joined the cleanup, but the scale of pollution demanded federal intervention. On December 21, Russia's Emergency Situations Minister, **Alexander Kurenkov**, convened an **emergency commission** to declare a federal-level emergency.



- This formalized the allocation of federal resources and funds to manage the aftermath and intensify cleanup operations. According to Viktor Danilov-Danilyan, head of the Water Problems Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, at **least 200,000 tons of soil along the Black Sea coast** have been contaminated with fuel oil.
- The spill has resulted in severe damage to marine and coastal ecosystems. Coastal communities **are bearing the brunt of the disaster**. High levels of oil pollution in the water and on the beaches have raised concerns that these areas will be unable to attract tourists during the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Tourism is a critical source of income for these regions, and this setback could have long-term economic consequences.



- **Declaration of a federal emergency allows the Russian government to:** Mobilize additional resources from the federal budget, Deploy specialized equipment and personnel to accelerate cleanup efforts, Coordinate operations between local, regional, and federal agencies.
- **Local residents have voiced their dissatisfaction** with the initial response, describing it as disorganized and under-resourced. The lack of sufficient equipment and personnel during the critical early stages of the spill exacerbated the environmental impact.

## Koneru Humpy

- In Chess, **India's Koneru Humpy wins her second women's** title beating Indonesia's Irene Sukander in the World Rapid and Blitz Championship held in New York.
- **Humpy finished the tournament** with 8.5 points from 11 rounds to secure her victory. Aged 37, the top ranked Indian is only the second player after China's Ju Wenjun to clinch the title more than once.





- **Indian Chess Grandmaster Humpy** previously won in **2019 at Georgia**. In the men's category, Russia's Volodar Murzin, aged 18, claimed championship. **Murzin's victory places him as the second-youngest FIDE World Rapid Champion** behind Nodirbek Abdusattorov, who won at age 17.

## Cricketer Of The Year Award 2024

- **International Cricket Council** has announced the nominees for the ICC awards 2024. Indian Pacer **Arshdeep Singh has been named among** the nominees for the T20I Cricketer of the Year award, joining Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza, Pakistan's Babar Azam and Australia's Travis Head.
- **Arshdeep starred in the T20 World Cup triumph** for India and took 36 wickets in T20 Internationals, this year. In the Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year category **India's Shreyanka Patil is amongst** the final list of nominations for the iconic award, while **Smriti Mandhana is shortlisted for the Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year award**.



- **ICC has also announced nominations for the Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year, Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year and Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year award.**
- **However, no Indian player was able to make the cut. The ICC Awards 2024 comprises 12 individual awards, with shortlists in nine categories being revealed by the ICC between 28 to 30th December. Winners of the ICC Awards will be announced in late January, next year.**

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **FPO, Called 'Kisan Utpad Sangh Is Initiative Of**

- A. Odisha
- B. Gujarat
- C. Goa
- D. Bihar

**ANSWER: A**

2. **Kanha, Pench And Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves Are Located In Which State**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Which Category Was Not One Of The Seven Recognized In The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024**

- A. Bravery
- B. Innovation
- C. Literature
- D. Sports

**ANSWER: C**

**4. RBI Has Constituted An Eight-member Committee To Develop In The Financial Sector. Who Will Lead This Committee**

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. Pushpak Bhattacharyya
- D. Nandan Nilekani

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Which Organization Won The Prestigious Gold Award At The Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Award 2024**

- A. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- B. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- C. Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)
- D. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Which Two UK Universities Have Filed Applications To Set Up International Campuses At Gujarat's GIFT City**

- A. University of Cambridge and University of Oxford
- B. Queen's University Belfast and Coventry University
- C. University of Edinburgh and University of Manchester
- D. University of Bristol and University of Warwick

**ANSWER: B**



**7. Pro-active \_\_\_\_\_ And Timely Implementation Called PRAGATI Platform, In Which What Stands For G**

- A. Government
- B. Governing
- C. Globalization
- D. Governance

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Where Will The World's Largest Dam, Approved By China, Be Constructed**

- A. Yangtze River
- B. Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) in Tibet
- C. Mekong River
- D. Yellow River

**ANSWER: B**

**9. What Initiative Did Dr. Jitendra Singh Launch On Good Governance Day**

- A. Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur
- B. Viksit Panchayat Karmayogi
- C. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- D. Digital India Mission

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Where Were Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships, Where Parv Chaudhary Won Two Bronze Medals, Held**

- A. Tokyo
- B. Doha
- C. Bangkok
- D. Kuala Lumpur

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which State Will Translocate 14 Tigers To Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, And Odisha Under The Animal Exchange Program**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: C**

**12. What Document Does The SVAMITVA Scheme Aim To Provide To Rural Households Using Drone Technology**

- A. Property Card
- B. Record of Rights
- C. Village Planning Document
- D. Drone Survey Report

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Company Developed The Jetson Orin Nano Super, A Generative AI Supercomputer Designed For Edge Devices**

- A. Intel
- B. Nvidia
- C. AMD
- D. Qualcomm

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Nakoda At Rajasthan, Is A Temple Of Which Among The Following**

- A. Vishnu
- B. Krishna
- C. Buddha
- D. Parsvanath

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Who Won Their First National Title In The Men's 25m Rapid-fire Pistol Event At The 67th NSCC**

- A. Gurpreet Singh
- B. Vijayveer Sidhu
- C. Shivam Shukla
- D. Ankur Goel

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Which Country Has Approved The Construction Of The World's Largest \$137 Billion Dam On The Brahmaputra River**

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: A**

**17. In Which State Was Dr. Ambedkar Samman Scholarship Scheme Launched To Support SC/ST Students Higher Education Abroad**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. New Delhi
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Which State Government Inaugurated 'Atal Yuva Maha Kumbh' In Which City**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Telangana

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Who Chaired The 45th Edition Of PRAGATI Meeting In New Delhi**

- A. Home Minister Amit Shah
- B. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- C. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- D. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Kaveri Engine Was Developed By Which Organization**

- A. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

**ANSWER: B**