



1. 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be Held in Indore

- The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will take place in January in Indore. Every year on the 9th of January, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas holiday is observed to honour the contribution of the Indian community living abroad who contributes to the growth of India. Additionally, it honours Gandhi's journey back to India from South Africa on the 9th of January, 1915.
- Since 2015, its structure has changed to recognize Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) once every 2 years and to organise Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conferences with involvement from policymakers, stakeholders, and experts from the abroad community.



Foot Notes:

About Madhya Pradesh:

Capital: Bhopal

Chief Minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel

2. World's first Palm-leaf Manuscript Museum in Kerala capital

- Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, has opened a Palm leaf Manuscript Museum featuring modern audio-visual technology at the Central Archives in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The museum, which is being promoted as the “World’s First Palm-Leaf Manuscript Museum,” was created by the Archives Department in partnership with the Kerala Museum of History and Heritage at INR 3 crore (about \$420,000).



Foot Notes:

About Kerala :

Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan

Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

3. Prez Droupadi Murmu Laid foundation Stone of SJVN’s 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project

- President Droupadi Murmu virtually laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN’s 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- This project is being implemented by SJVN Limited through its wholly owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL). It is being developed on 5000 acres on outright purchased land near village Banderwala, district Bikaner of Rajasthan which is one of the highest solar yield areas of the country.



Foot Notes:

About Rajasthan:

Capital: Jaipur

Governor: Kalraj Mishra

Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot

4. Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA

- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh has been sworn in as a Harris county judge, becoming the first female Sikh judge in the US. Ms Singh was born and raised in Houston and now lives in Bellaire with her husband and two children.
- She was sworn in as a judge of the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4 in Texas. Ms Singh's father immigrated to the US in the early 1970s.



trial lawyer for 20 years, she has been involved in numerous civil rights organizations at the local, state, and national levels.

Foot Notes:

About USA:

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Joe Biden

5. Power Grid Corporation of India ranks first in services sector in PE survey 2021-22

- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, a Maharatna CPSE of Ministry of Power, has ranked first in the services sector, in the Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22 by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance.
- The PSU has ranked first across categories like Gross Block, Value Addition, Net Profit, Net Worth, Dividend Declaration and Contribution to Central Exchequer. Power Grid Corporation of India has also been ranked third amongst the top ten profit making Central Public Sector Enterprises in the survey.



6. Republican Kevin McCarthy Elected New US House Speaker After 15 Rounds Of Chaotic Voting

- Republican Congressman Kevin McCarthy was elected as the new speaker of the US House of Representatives on Saturday, ending days of bitter Republican infighting that ground the lower chamber of US Congress to a standstill. McCarthy, 57, has replaced Nancy Pelosi, 82 of the Democratic Party, as US House Speaker. Notably, he was not able to muster a majority of the votes on the floor from the Congressmen-elect even after 14 rounds of votes.



7. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance signs Suryakumar Yadav for a new campaign

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance announced an association with the world's top T20 batter Suryakumar Yadav, to launch a new digital-first campaign - "360° Financial Protection with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance".
- The campaign's central message is how ICICI Prudential Life Insurance offers a comprehensive suite of protection products providing all-round



life cover that offers 360 degree financial protection in any critical situation, together with trust, dependability and consistency.

Foot Notes:

About ICICI:

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 1994, Vadodara

CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi

8. Indian Army inks pact with Assam govt for treatment of ex-servicemen at medical colleges

- The Indian Army signed an agreement with the Government of Assam to offer the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) at 8 medical colleges and hospitals in Assam. The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare has approved the empanelment of government medical colleges in Assam with the ECHS.
- The ECHS benefits will be offered at the medical college and hospitals in Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Silchar, Jorhat, Barpeta, Tezpur, Diphu, and North Lakhimpur. It will facilitate the cashless and capless treatment of almost 12 lakh beneficiaries.



Foot Notes:

About the Indian Army :

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chief of Defence Staff: General Anil Chauhan

Chief of the Army Staff: General Manoj Pande

About Assam :

Governor : Jagdish Mukhi

Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma

Capital: Dispur

9. CJI DY Chandrachud to be conferred with 2022 CLP Award for Global Leadership by Harvard Law School

- The Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession has decided to confer Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud with the 'Center on the Legal Profession Award for Global Leadership'.



- CLP's highest professional distinction will be presented to CJI Chandrachud on January 11. Justice Chandrachud, who became chief justice in November 2022, holds an LLM and an SJD from Harvard Law School.

10. Former Bengal and Bihar governor Keshari Nath Tripathi dies

- Senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former West Bengal governor, Keshari Nath Tripathi passed away at 88. Born on November 10, 1934 in erstwhile Allahabad, Tripathi was also a senior advocate at the Allahabad High Court.
- He joined RSS when he was just 12 and later switched to Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He was jailed in Naini Central Jail in 1953 for participating in the 'Kashmir Andolan' and again in 1990 for taking part in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement.



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