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### 24th, 2th & 26th December

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

### 1) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

- Angola, an oil-producing nation, has declared its decision to exit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) with effect from January 1, 2024.
- This move follows the footsteps of Ecuador in 2020 and Oatar in 2019, reflecting a trend of nations with relatively small oil output distancing themselves from the influential oil-exporting organization.

#### **NATIONAL**

### 1) India's legal landscape

President Draupadi Murmu granted her assent to criminal code bills, marking a significant shift in India's legal landscape. These bills, namely the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act, received parliamentary approval and are poised to replace the age-old Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872.

# 2) Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his delight as the issuance of one crore Ayushman cards marked a significant achievement during the ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) across the country.

#### STATE NEWS

# 1) SAANS Campaign 2023-24

Dr. Sapam Ranjan Singh, the State Health and Family Welfare Minister of Manipur, recently inaugurated the SAANS Campaign 2023-24 in Imphal.

Concurrently, the minister also dedicated the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) as the State Newborn Resource Centre, emphasizing the state's commitment to child healthcare.

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## 2) Mission Investigation@75 Days,'

- The Bihar Police has announced the implementation of 'Mission Investigation@75 Days,' aiming to streamline and expedite the criminal justice process in the state.
- Starting from January 1 next year, investigators will be mandated to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of the registration of First Information Reports.

#### 3) Vasudev Devnani, a seasoned BJP MLA

- The 16th Rajasthan Assembly a development as Vasudev Devnani, a seasoned BJP MLA with five terms under his belt, was unanimously elected as the Speaker.
- The motion for his appointment was moved by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and seconded by Congress leader and Tonk MLA Sachin Pilot, reflecting a rare unity between the ruling party and the opposition.

### 4) Khelo India Youth Games

- The Khelo India Youth Games, a pinnacle in India's sporting landscape, is set to kick off its 2023 edition on January 19, 2024, in Tamil Nadu.
- The southern state has proudly been chosen as the host, and the Games will unfold across four vibrant cities: Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, and Coimbatore.
- Organized by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India and various National Sports Federations (NSF), this event is a crucial platform for nurturing the nation's young sports talent.

## 5) Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state

- Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state, is set to establish the country's first AI city in Lucknow.
- This initiative aims to create a thriving hub for artificial intelligence, integrating cutting-edge technology, research centers, and educational institutions to foster innovation and nurture the workforce of the future.















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#### **BANKING NEWS**

### 1) Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India took decisive action against four co-operative banks in Gujarat, slapping monetary penalties on them for various non-compliances.
- The penalties range from Rs 50,000 to Rs 7 lakh, reflecting the severity of the regulatory infractions. The affected banks include Progressive Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd., The Kutch Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd., Shree Morbi Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd., and Bhabhar Vibhag Nagarik Sahakari Bank Limited.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given its nod to the appointment of Pramod Agrawal, the former Chief of Coal India, as the Chairman of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- This regulatory approval paves the way for Agrawal to assume his role on the Governing Board of BSE, effective from January 17, 2024. The move comes as the term of the current Chairman, SS Mundra, concludes on January 16, 2024.

### 2) North East Small Finance Bank

Bengaluru-based fintech Slice-backed North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB) has recently revealed the appointment of Satish Kumar Kalra as its interim managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO).

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

## 1) 'Home Season' of Test cricket in 28 years

- India Women concluded their first 'home season' of Test cricket in 28 years with a historic maiden victory over Australia in a one-off Test match in Mumbai.
- The win marked a significant achievement for the Indian team, capping off a season characterized by exemplary performances with both bat and ball.















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#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences recently unveiled the highly anticipated nominations for the 96th Oscars across ten categories.
- Greta Gerwig's 'Barbie' emerged as a frontrunner with five nominations, while Christopher Nolan's 'Oppenheimer' secured nods in three categories, including Makeup and Hairstyling, Sound, and Original Score.

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) Good Governance Day 2023

- December 25, 2023, is celebrated as Good Governance Day 2023 in honor of the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- This day pays tribute to Vajpayee's leadership and contributions to society, marked by his three terms as the Prime Minister of India.

### 2) National Consumer Rights Day

- In 1986, the passage of the Consumer Protection Act in India. This legislation aimed to safeguard consumers from various threats such as defective goods, negligent services, and unfair trade practices.
- December 24th, the day the act received the President's assent, became the annual celebration of National Consumer Rights Day.

#### 3) 'Veer Bal Diwas'

Since 9th January 2022, the day of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Hon. Prime Minister had announced that 26th December would be observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas', to mark the martyrdom of sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh – Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji.















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