

Current Affairs: 20th Dec, 2024

1. Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025



Scheduled from January 17-22 in Delhi NCR, the Expo will showcase India's progress in sustainable mobility. Over 1,500 exhibitors will participate, focusing on EVs and hybrid technologies, highlighting India's leadership in green transportation solutions.

2. Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum



A collaboration between India and France, this national museum in Delhi spans 1,55,000 square meters. It is part of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project and will feature India's rich cultural heritage.

3. India's First Border Solar Village



Masali village in Gujarat's Banaskantha district has become fully solar-powered. Solar panels installed on 199 homes ensure energy independence, promoting sustainable energy at the border.

4. Coastal Protection in Maharashtra



India and ADB signed a \$42 million loan agreement to protect Maharashtra's coastline. The project employs hybrid and nature-based solutions to address climate risks and safeguard livelihoods.

5. Nepal's Ambassador to India



Nepal reappointed Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma as its ambassador to India. His expertise will strengthen India-Nepal diplomatic ties, with Netra Prasad Timilsina appointed as ambassador to Malaysia.

6. Kho Kho World Cup 2025



Salman Khan has been named brand ambassador for the event in New Delhi. Teams from 24 countries will compete, showcasing traditional Indian sports globally and promoting Kho Kho internationally.

7. Miss India USA 2024



Caitlin Sandra Neil, an Indian-American from Chennai, won the title in New Jersey. Her victory highlights the talent and cultural pride of the diaspora, celebrating diversity and heritage.

8. Tansen Samaroh 2024



The festival honored Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri and Sanand Nyas for their contributions

to classical music. It showcased the legacy of Hindustani classical traditions and celebrated India's rich musical heritage.

9. Sahitya Akademi Awards 2024



Winners were announced in 21 languages for works in poetry, novels, essays, and literary criticism. These awards recognize exceptional contributions to Indian literature, celebrating diverse talents.

10. SSB Raising Day



The 61st Raising Day was celebrated with events highlighting border security achievements. Amit Shah attended the ceremony in Siliguri, emphasizing the SSB's dedication to national security.

11. International Human Solidarity Day 2024



The day focused on global collaboration to address challenges like poverty and climate change. It underscored the importance of unity in achieving sustainable development, celebrating solidarity worldwide.

12. Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024



India ranked 39th, improving significantly from its previous position of 54. This reflects advancements in the tourism and hospitality sectors, enhancing India's global travel appeal.

13. Indian Men's Hockey Team Ranking



India climbed to 5th in the FIH rankings after the Paris 2024 Olympics. This achievement follows their consistent performance and medal wins, marking a

resurgence in Indian hockey.

14. Former Haryana CM Om Prakash Chautala



Four-term Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala passed away at 89. He left behind a significant political legacy as a leader of the INLD, remembered for his contributions to Haryana's development.

15. Actress Meena Ganesh Passes Away



Veteran Malayalam actress Meena Ganesh died at 81, leaving a legacy in cinema and theatre. Her performances spanned decades, earning her critical acclaim, and the industry mourns her loss.