

Current Affairs: 24th December 2024

National News

1. Republic Day 2025 Theme:



- The Ministry of Defence has announced the theme for the Republic Day 2025 tableaux as “Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas” (Golden India: Heritage and Development). The tableaux will showcase India's rich heritage and ongoing development, featuring exhibits from 15 states, 11 ministries, and Union Territories at Kartavya Path.

2. Abolition of No-Detention Policy in Schools:



- The government has abolished the 'No-detention policy' for students in classes 5 and 8. Under the new rule, students who fail their year-end exams will have to retake them within two months, and those who fail will repeat the academic year.

International News

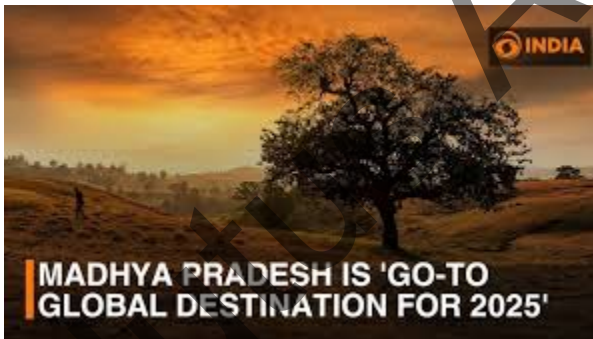
3. Rodrigo Rato Sentenced for Corruption:



- Former IMF Chief, Rodrigo Rato, has been sentenced to nearly five years in prison by a Madrid court for corruption. He served as IMF Managing Director from 2004 to 2007 and was a deputy prime minister of Spain's People Party. He has denied the charges and plans to appeal the decision.

State News

4. Madhya Pradesh Recognized as a Top Global Destination:



- Madhya Pradesh has been named by the Wall Street Journal as a “Go-To Global Destination for 2025,” showcasing the state's rich heritage, wildlife, and natural beauty. This recognition highlights Madhya Pradesh’s growing tourism appeal, with famous sites like Khajuraho and Bandhavgarh.

Business News

5. Adani Group Acquires Stake in Air Works:



- The Adani Group has acquired an 85.8% stake in Air Works, India's largest private-sector MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) company, for Rs 400 crore. This acquisition strengthens Adani's position in the aviation services sector.

Appointments News

6. Justice GS Sandhawalia as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court:



- Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, following the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.

7. V. Ramasubramanian Appointed NHRC Chairperson:



- Former Supreme Court judge, V. Ramasubramanian, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

Ranks & Reports News

8. India Improves in Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024:



- India has risen 11 places in the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI), moving from 60th in 2023 to 49th. The improvement reflects the country's advances in digital infrastructure and technology adoption.

Important Days News

9. National Consumer Day 2024:



- On National Consumer Day, the Department of Consumer Affairs launched new apps aimed at enhancing consumer protection and addressing online deceptive practices. The theme for 2024 is "Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice."

Science and Technology News

10. AIM & UNDP Launch Youth Co:Lab 2025:



- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and UNDP have launched the Youth Co:Lab 2025 to empower disability-inclusive innovation. The initiative focuses on social entrepreneurship to enhance opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

Sports News

11. Daniil Savelev Banned for Doping:



- Russian tennis player Daniil Savelev has been banned for two years due to a doping violation after testing positive for meldonium in July 2024.

Awards News

12. Jaishankar Receives Leadership Award:



- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was honored with the Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership, recognizing his significant contributions to India's foreign policy.

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