

Current Affairs: 27th Dec. 2024

1. UK Universities Set to Establish Campuses at GIFT City, Gujarat



- Two UK universities, Queen's University Belfast and Coventry University, have filed applications to set up campuses at Gujarat's GIFT City, continuing the trend initiated by Australian institutions. This is a significant step as India opens its doors to foreign educational institutions through relaxed regulations.

2. US Declares Bald Eagle as National Bird After 250 Years



- On Christmas Eve 2024, President Joe Biden signed a historic law officially designating the bald eagle as the national bird of the United States. This move honors the bald eagle's symbolic representation of strength, courage, and freedom while acknowledging its remarkable recovery from near extinction.

3. China Approves \$137-Billion Mega Dam on Brahmaputra Near Indian Border



- China has approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) in Tibet, raising strategic and environmental concerns for India and Bangladesh. The \$137 billion hydropower dam is located at a tectonic boundary prone to earthquakes.

4. SLINEX 2024 India-Sri Lanka Naval Drill in Visakhapatnam



- The SLINEX 24 naval exercise was held from December 17 to 20, 2024, in Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command. It aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation, enhancing interoperability, and ensuring a safe, rule-based maritime domain in the Indian Ocean.

5. UP CM Inaugurates Atal Yuva Maha Kumbh



- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 'Atal Yuva Maha Kumbh' in Lucknow to honor the birth centenary

of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The event included recognizing meritorious students and celebrating Vajpayee's legacy.

6. Amitava Chatterjee Appointed as MD & CEO of J&K Bank



- Amitava Chatterjee has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bank, effective from December 30, 2024, after approval from the RBI.

7. 'Viksit Panchayat Karmayogi' Initiative Launched



- On Good Governance Day, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the 'Viksit Panchayat Karmayogi' initiative to empower Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and decentralized governance..

8. Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh Passes Away



- Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, a key figure in India's economic liberalization, passed away at the age of 92.

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