

## Current Affairs : December 25, 2024

### \*\*1. PM Modi Lays Foundation for Ken-Betwa National River Linking Project\*\*



Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Ken-Betwa National River Linking Project in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh, on the 100th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The project, which is worth Rs 44,605 crores, aims to provide irrigation to over 8 lakh hectares, benefiting more than 7 lakh farmers, along with generating hydropower and solar power. The project will also provide drinking water to 44 lakh people in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

### \*\*2. PM Modi Sends Hanukkah Greetings\*\*



On December 25, Prime Minister Modi extended his Hanukkah greetings to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the global Jewish community. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival of lights that lasts for eight days, commemorating the victory of the Jews over the Greeks.

### \*\*3. ISRO to Launch SPADEX Mission on December 30, 2024\*\*



The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch the SPADEX mission on December 30, 2024. This mission, aimed at demonstrating space docking technology, will use

the PSLV-C60 rocket to launch two small satellites that will perform in-space docking and then separate at a distance of 10-20 km.

#### **\*\*4. National Consumer Day Observed\*\***



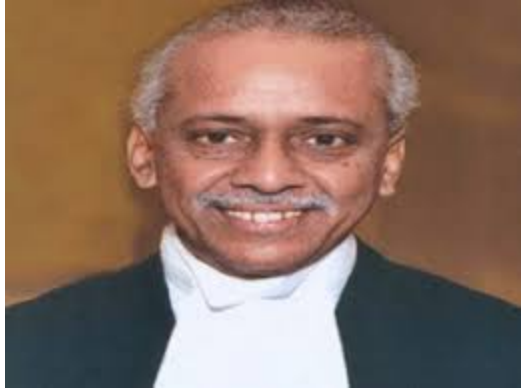
National Consumer Day was observed on December 24, marking the enactment of the Consumer Protection Act of 1986. This year's theme was "Virtual Hearings and Digital Access to Consumer Justice," and several initiatives were launched, including the revamped National Consumer Helpline Portal and the Jago Grahak Jago app.

#### **\*\*5. 2025 Republic Day Parade Theme Announced\*\***



The Ministry of Defence announced that the theme for the 2025 Republic Day parade will be "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas," which will highlight India's cultural diversity and strengths. A total of 15 states and 11 ministries have been selected to present tableaux on Kartavya Path during the parade.

#### **\*\*6. V. Ramasubramanian Appointed NHRC Chairperson\*\***



Former Supreme Court judge V. Ramasubramanian has been appointed the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), joining members Priyank Kanoongo and Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi.

**\*\*7. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's Visit to the US\*\***



External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar is on a six-day visit to the United States to discuss key bilateral, regional, and global issues, including a conference of Indian Consul Generals in the U.S.

**\*\*8. Martina Devi Wins Silver at Asian Junior Weightlifting Championship\*\***



Martina Devi won a silver medal at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championship held in Doha in the women's junior +87 kg category.

**\*\*9. Nusrath Fatima Wins Silver at Junior World Pencak Silat Championship\*\***



Nusrath Fatima from Kargil secured a silver medal in the 58 kg category at the 5th Junior World Pencak Silat Championship held in Abu Dhabi, marking a significant achievement in India's traditional martial arts achievements.

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