

Current Affairs: 04 January 2025

1. Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 Inaugurated



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025 in New Delhi. The theme is "Building a Resilient Rural India for Viksit Bharat 2047." It focuses on rural development, women entrepreneurship, and strengthening village infrastructure.

2. BAANKNET Portal for E-Auction of Properties



The government launched an updated BAANKNET portal to streamline the e-auctioning of properties owned by public sector banks. It integrates listings of residential, commercial, and industrial assets, aiming to boost loan recovery and credit availability.

3. India's First Coastline-Waders Bird Census



The first-ever coastline-waders bird census began at the Marine National Park, Jamnagar. Organized by the Forest Department and Bird Conservation Society, it aims to assess the population of coastal and wider bird species over three days.

4. Outbreak of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) in China



China reported a surge in Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) infections, leading to fever, cough, and breathing difficulties. Health experts warn of severe complications like bronchitis and pneumonia, urging public health measures.

5. Project VISTAAR by IIT Madras and Ministry of Agriculture



IIT Madras, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, launched Project VISTAAR to digitalize the agricultural extension system. It aims to enhance farmers' access to resources and includes a database of over 12,000 agri-startups.

6. Ramesh Chand Committee to Update WPI Base Year



The Ramesh Chand Committee has been assigned to update the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) base year to 2022-23. This initiative seeks to reflect structural changes in the economy and improve the accuracy of inflation measurement.

7. Pakistan Elected Non-Permanent Member of UNSC



Pakistan was elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for 2025-2026. This marks its eighth term, and it will preside over the UNSC in July 2025.

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