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### **1. Supreme Court to form probe panel on Prime Minister's security breach ( Jan. 11, 2022 )**

The Supreme Court on 10th January 2022 said that it would set up an independent committee, to be headed by one of its former judges to investigate and fix responsibility on those responsible for the breach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security in Punjab on 5th January 2022.

Supreme Court to form probe panel on Prime Minister's security breach

- The Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, heading a bench also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli had asked the Registrar General, Punjab and Haryana High Court, to "forthwith seize and secure the records" of the visit.
- The Registrar General was to be assisted by the Director General of Police, Union Territory of Chandigarh, and an officer of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), not below the rank of Inspector General, nominated by the NIA Director General.
- These officers apart, the new committee, the bench indicated, would include another member, most likely the Punjab Additional Director General of Police (Intelligence).
- Supreme Court has also directed the Central government and the Punjab government not to go ahead with the inquires committee set up by them on this matter .
- **The Union Government had set up Sudhir Saxena led Committee on the matter while Punjab Government set up a separate committee headed by retd. Justice Mehtab Singh.**

### **2. KVIC to provide Khadi Handmade Papers Slippers to the devotees of Kashi Vishwanath ( Jan. 10, 2022 )**

Starting 14th January, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is beginning the sale of Khadi handmade paper "Use & Throw" slippers for the use of the devotees and the workers.

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- The Khadi handmade paper slippers will be sold from the Khadi sales outlet located at the parking lot of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, Varanasi at a nominal price of Rs 50 per pair. The slippers will be sold by Kashi Hastkala Pratisthan, a registered Khadi Institution in Varanasi.
- The development comes in wake of the jute slippers sent by the Prime Minister for the workers of Kashi Vishwanath Temple after he learnt that most of the people working at the temple performed their duty barefoot.

### **3. 22 stranded tourists freeze to death in Pakistan after heavy snowfall ( Jan. 10, 2022 )**

At least 22 people, including 10 children, froze to death in their vehicles after heavy snowfall at the popular hill station **Murree** in Punjab province of Pakistan.

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- Due to heavy snowfall, all routes leading to the hill station were closed causing all cars to remain stranded.
- Government has declared Murree as a calamity-hit area after heavy snowfall wreaked havoc in the city

#### **4. PM Modi sends 100 pair of jute footwear for those working at Kashi Vishwanath Dham ( Jan. 10, 2022 )**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sent 100 pairs of jute footwear for those working at Kashi Vishwanath Dham, Varanasi so that those performing their duties do not have to stay bare-footed in the chilling cold.

- Leather or rubber made footwear is not allowed within the temple premise hence the PM sent the jute made footwears to the temple worker.

#### **5. Global Surya Namaskar on Makar Sankranti Day ( Jan. 10, 2022 )**

The Ministry of AYUSH( Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy ) is organising a global Surya Namaskar demonstration programme for 75 lakh people on January 14, the day of Makar Sankranti.

Global Surya Namaskar on Makar Sankranti Day

- This occasion commemorates thanksgiving to 'Mother Nature' for bestowing health, wealth and happiness.
- According to the ministry ,the Surya Namaskar has been known to develop immunity and improve vitality, which is significant to our health during pandemic conditions. Exposure to the Sun further provides the human body with Vitamin D, which has been widely recommended in all medical branches around the world.
- Surya Namaskar is a set of eight 'asanas' performed in 12 steps with coordination of the body and mind. It is preferably performed in the early morning.

**Union Minister for AYUSH : Mr. Sabananda Sonowal**

#### **6. Government to start counselling of NEET PG from January 12, 2022 ( Jan. 10, 2022 )**

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has announced the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Postgraduate) (NEET PG) counselling from January 12 ,2022.

Government to start counselling of NEET PG from January 12, 2022

- NEET-PG is a qualifying and ranking examination for postgraduate medical courses in government or private medical colleges.

- The Supreme Court on January 7, in an interim order, allowed resumption of counselling for NEET-PG admissions for 2021-22 while upholding the validity of 27% Other Backward Classes (OBC) and 10% Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota.
- Results of the NEET-PG were declared in the last week of September 2021, following which students had been waiting for the counselling to begin for nearly 45,000 postgraduate seats.
- The process was stalled after the Health Ministry's proposal to reserve seats for EWS was challenged in court. The Supreme court stayed the counseling and asked the Government of India to explain the criteria it used for deciding EWS quota .
- **Kindly see the 1 December 2021 post on [EWS controversy](#)**

## **7. 26th December as 'Veer Baal Diwas' ( Jan. 10, 2022 )**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, has announced that starting this year, 26th December shall be observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas' to mark the martyrdom of **Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji.**

### **26th December as 'Veer Baal Diwas'**

- Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji were two of the four sons of Guru Gobind Singhji who were killed by the Mughals during Aurangzeb rule due to treachery .
- Guru Gobind Singh ji was the 10th Guru of the Sikhs and Guru Granth Sahib is considered as the 11th Guru of the sikhs .**Guru Granth Sahib or Adi Sri Granth Sahib ji** is considered to be the holy book of Sikhism and it contains all the actual words spoken by the ten gurus of Sikhism.

Sikh religion was founded by Guru Nanak and he was the first of the ten Gurus of the Sikhs other being Guru Angad, Guru Amar Das , Guru Ram Das, Guru Arjan Dev, Guru Hargobind, guru har rai sahib ,Guru Har Krishan, Guru Teg Bahadur and Guru Gobind Singh.

The entire Guru Granth Sahib is written in the Gurumukhi script, official script for writing Punjabi in the State of Punjab.

## **8. Maldives inks key deals with China ( Jan. 9, 2022 )**

Maldives and China on 8th January 2022 signed key bilateral agreements during **Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit**, on developing and maintaining infrastructure in the Indian Ocean archipelago, besides agreeing on a visa-free travel arrangement for Maldivians intending to travel to China.

Maldives inks key deals with China

### **Highlights of his visit:**

- **Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid** and his Chinese counterpart unveiled a special official logo to mark 50 years of diplomatic relations between the countries.
- The visa-waiver agreement between the two countries would allow Maldivians to travel to China on a 30-day visa free basis once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

- The two governments signed an agreement of 'Economic and Technical Cooperation' on grant aid, focusing on social, livelihood, and infrastructure projects.
- The Government of Maldives signed a 'Letter of Exchange' on a 'Feasibility Study of Management and Maintenance of China-Maldives Friendship Bridge', for Chinese assistance in maintaining the 1.4-km bridge connecting capital Male with the island of Hulhumale.
  - The bridge is considered China's flagship project in the Maldives. Male owes Beijing about \$1.4 billion from past loans, which President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih's government has sought to "restructure".
- China also agreed to back a sea-water desalination project and cooperate in the health sector

## **9. India tops Sri Lanka's tourism List ( Jan. 9, 2022 )**

According to the Sri Lanka's Tourism Development Authority, **Indians topped the list of holiday makers in Sri Lanka** in the month of October 2021, as the island nation is showing a gradual revitalisation of leisure tourism after being impacted by the pandemic.

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### **The Tourism Authority said:**

- The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during October 2021 was 22,771.
- India, the UK, Pakistan, Russia and Germany were the top five international tourist generating markets during October.
- India was the largest source of tourist visits to Sri Lanka with 37 per cent of the total traffic received in October.
- The UK and Pakistan accounted for 10 per cent and 9 percent of the total traffic respectively.

## **About Sri Lanka**

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is a tropical island nation off the southeast coast of the Indian subcontinent. It is separated from the Indian subcontinent by the Gulf of Munnar and the Palk Strait.

- Capitals: **Colombo (Executive and Judicial) and Sri Jayawardenepura (Legislative).**
- Official Languages: **Sinhala and Tamil**
- Currency: **Sri Lankan Rupee**
- President: **Gotabaya Rajapaksha**
- Prime Minister: **Mahinda Rajapaksha**

## **10. The Election Commission of India has announced the schedule for the assembly election in Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. ( Jan. 8, 2022 )**

**Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra said for the 690 Legislative Assembly seats of the five states all elections will be completed in seven phases.**

- **For 403 seats of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly** whose term is ending in May, election will be completed in seven phases i.e. first phase on February 10th, second phase on February 14th, third phase on February 20th, fourth phase on February 23rd, fifth phase on February 27<sup>th</sup>, sixth phase on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and seventh phase on March 7th respectively.
- **For 117 seats of the Punjab Legislative Assembly** whose term is ending in March, election will be completed in single phase on February 14.
- **For 70 seats of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly** whose term is ending in March, election will be completed in single phase on February 14.
- **For 60 seats of the Manipur Legislative Assembly** whose term is ending in March, election will be completed in two phases on February 27 and March 3 respectively.
- **For 40 seats of the Goa Legislative Assembly** whose term is ending in March, election will be completed in single phase on February 14.
- **The results of all five states will be announced on March 10.**
- Basic preparations will be taken to ensure Covid-19 safe election, hassle-free voter experience and maximum voters participation
- A total of 18.34 crore electors including service voters will take part in this election. Out of this, 8.55 crore are women electors.
- EVMs and VVPATs will be utilized in all the polling stations. Election Commission has already made arrangements to ensure an adequate number of EVMs and VVPATs for the smooth conduct of elections. In case of Senior citizens above 80 years of age, persons with disabilities and Covid-19 patients vote by postal ballot can be cast.
- No yatra, procession, road show, cycle bike, padyatras or vehicle rally or physical rally by political parties will be allowed up to 15 January. The situation will be reviewed and fresh instructions to be issued later.

**No victory processions will be allowed after declaration of the results.**