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Green Rising:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **UNICEF and India's Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change are launching the 'Green Rising' initiative at COP28 in Dubai to mobilize the youth engagement in climate action.**
- Through the "YuWaah" campaign, the initiative aims to promote grassroots environmental action inspired by the mission life movement.



Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Ministry of Culture launched Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project. The government of India has decided to map and document all villages under Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Programme.**
- This National mission on cultural mapping is conducted in coordination with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts under the Ministry of Culture.
- A web portal on MGDMD has also been launched. The MGDMD will make information detailing of life, history and ethos of Indian Villages.

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Bodhi day:

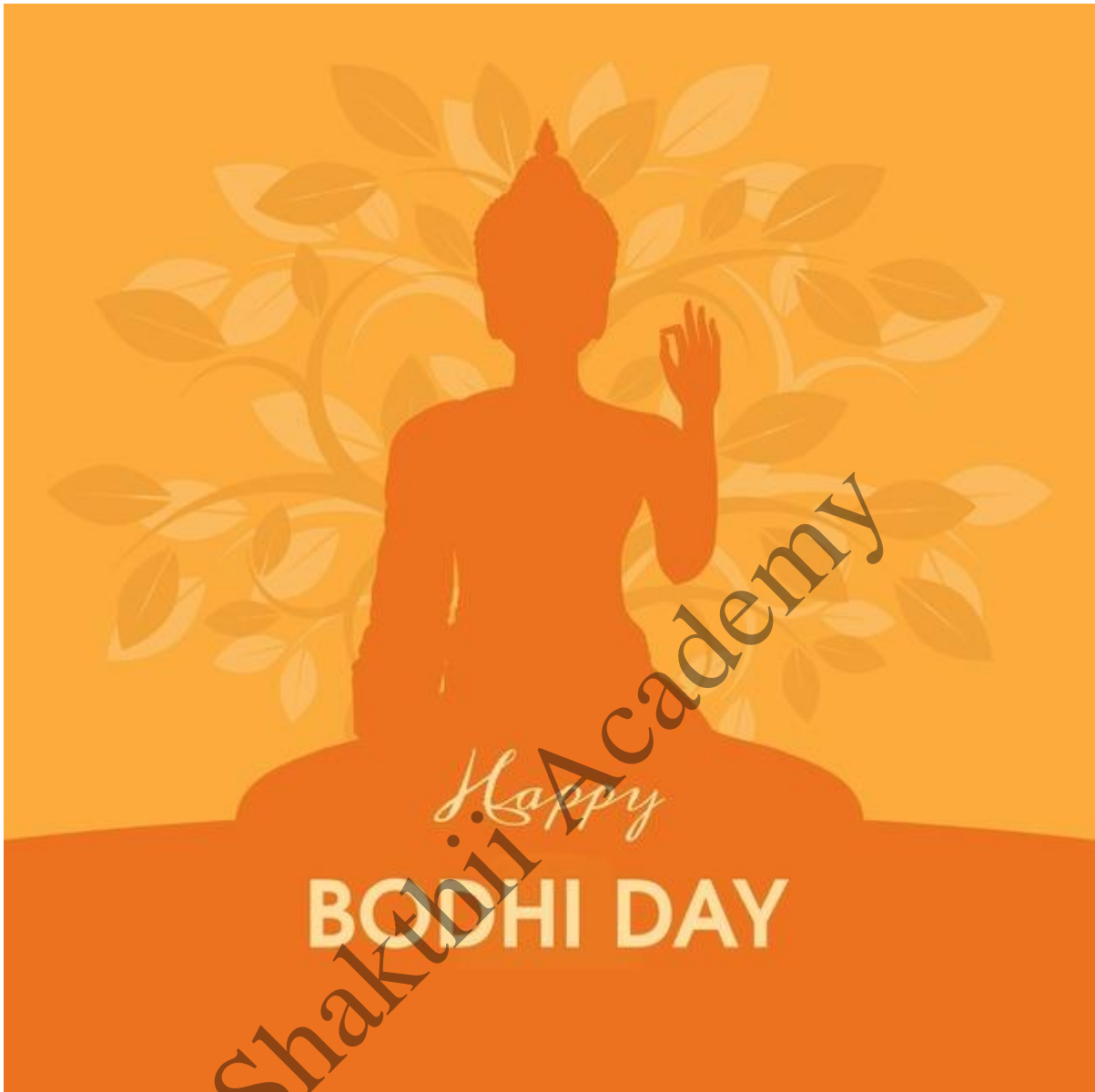
(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Bodhi day is observed on 8th December, 2023. This day is celebrated to commemorate the day when Sidhhartha Gautama, the historical Buddha, attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree in Bodh Gaya, Northern India.**
- ➔ It holds religious and spiritual significance for Buddha followers worldwide. The day is observed by practicing kindness, chanting sutras, studying the Dharma and meditating.

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Agni-1:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Training launch of Short range ballistic Missile “Agni-1” was carried out successfully from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.**
- ➔ Agni-1 is a proven very high precision missile system. The Agni-1 has a range of 700-1,200 km. Agni-1 is a single stage, solid fuel, road and rail mobile, Short range ballistic missile.

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Mahua Moitra:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra was expelled from the Lok Saba after a debated on the case for question allegations.**
- She was alleged to have taken cash and gifts from industrialist Darshan Hiranandani in exchange for Parliament login using which Hiranandani posted questions against Gautam Adani and the Adani Group.

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Prashasti Srivastava:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ An inventive concept of conveyor belt used in loading and unload goods from wagon and saving time in freight train operations has earned a Lucknow woman Indian Railway Traffic Service officer 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Award'- the highest award of the Indian Railways.
- ➔ Prashasti Srivastava is an IRTS officer of 2017 batch posted as divisional commercial manager of Agra division.



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NITI Aayog:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Tiriyani Block of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district, Telangana secured the top position in the first delta rankings of Aspirational Blocks Programme announced by NITI Aayog.**
- The second position was bagged by Kaushambi block of Kaushambi district, Uttar Pradesh. The rankings were announced in a virtual event at NITI Aayog.



Ajit Doval:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **National Security Adviser Ajit Doval participated in the 6th NSA-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave in Port Louis, Mauritius.**
- The Colombo Security Conclave was established in 2020 when India, Sri Lanka and Maldives agreed to expand the scope and membership of their Trilateral meeting on Maritime Cooperation. Mauritius joined the conclave at the 5th NSA-level meeting.

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Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ In a significant development within the Indian Navy, a major reshuffle is set to take place at the top echelons of the force, with Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi slated to assume the position of Vice Chief of Naval Staff on January 4.
- ➔ This transition marks a crucial moment for the Navy, as Vice Admiral Tripathi steps into a role responsible for overseeing the modernization efforts of the force.

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Early Warnings for All:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ “Early Warnings for All” is an initiative aimed at providing life saving early warning systems to protect everyone on Earth from Hazardous weather, water or climate events by the end of 2027.
- ➔ The initiative led by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations office for Disaster Risk Reduction calls for over \$3 billion investment over 5 years to strengthen.

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Lahore:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Lahore has the worst air quality in the world, with an early air quality index of 400 which is considered “Hazardous”.**
- ➔ The five types of pollution that are used to compute the AQI are particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and ground level ozone. Lahore is the second biggest metropolis in Pakistan.

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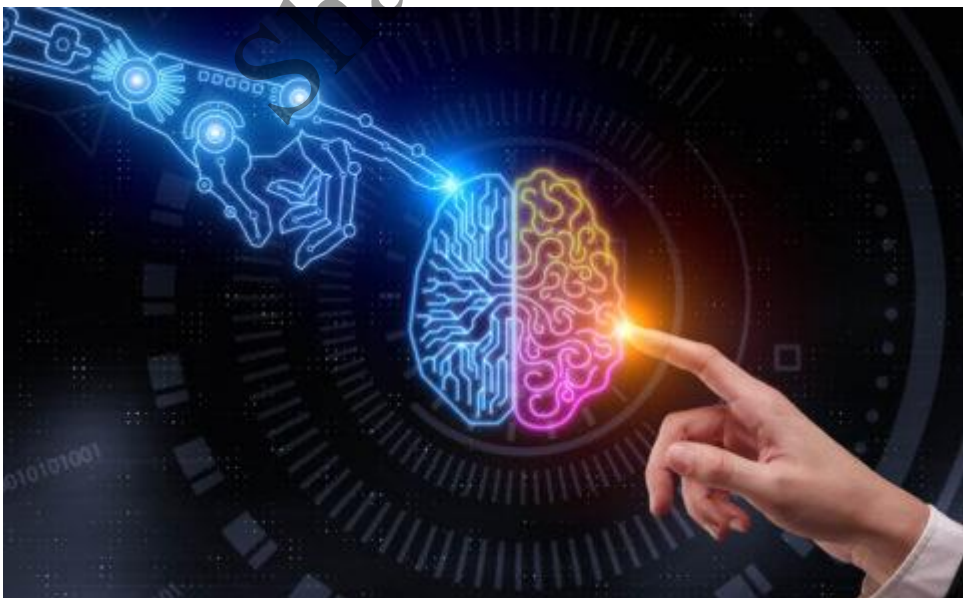
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Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ **The Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence is a multi-stakeholder initiative which aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting edge research and applied activities on AI related activities.**
- ➔ Launched in June 2020 with 15 members. India is hosting the Annual GPAI Summit. The event is expected to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister.



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SAARC Charter Day:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **SAARC Charter Day is observed annually on 8th December, marking a significant milestone in the history of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).**
- This day commemorates the signing of the SAARC Charter in 1985 during the First SAARC Summit held in Dhaka.
- This year, the regional group celebrates its 39th Anniversary, highlighting the enduring commitment of South Asian nations to collaboration and mutual progress.
- The SAARC Charter was signed by the Heads of State or Government of seven founding member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.



ICC T20 World Cup:

(Importance level-3/5)

- **The International cricket scene is abuzz with excitement as the ICC T20 World Cup undergoes a dynamic makeover with the launch of its new brand identity on December 7.**
- The transformation aims to encapsulate the inherent drama, fast-paced action and high-octane moments that define T20 cricket – a format celebrated for its relentless energy.
- With six months to go until the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in the West Indies and the USA, cricket enthusiasts are encouraged to register their interest to receive timely updates on the World Cup information and ticket news.

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