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### VOCABULARY

- 1. Incumbent:** officially having the named position.
  - **Synonyms:** reigning, ruling
  - **Antonyms:** former, erstwhile
  - **Example:** The incumbent mayor won the election with a significant margin.
- 2. Rapprochement:** the development of friendlier relations between countries and groups.
  - **Synonyms:** reconciliation, amity
  - **Antonyms:** antagonism, hostility
  - **Example:** Family gatherings often serve as a chance for rapprochement among relatives.
- 3. Constrained:** severely restricted in scope, extent, or activity.
  - **Synonyms:** restrained, limited
  - **Antonyms:** infinite, boundless
  - **Example:** The constrained budget limited our choices for the office renovation.
- 4. Moderating:** causing something or someone to become less extreme.
  - **Synonyms:** tempering, mitigating

- **Antonyms:** compounding, escalating
- **Example:** The moderating effect of music helped ease tension in the room.

5. **Mooted:** suggested something for discussion.

- **Synonyms:** proposed, broached
- **Antonyms:** withheld, retracted
- **Example:** The team decided to moot the idea of changing their logo.

6. **Saliency:** the fact of being important to or connected with what is happening or being discussed.

- **Synonyms:** relevance, pertinence
- **Antonyms:** inaptness, unsuitability
- **Example:** During the presentation, the speaker highlighted the saliency of teamwork for success.

7. **Consensus:** an opinion that all members of a group agree with.

- **Synonyms:** agreement, viewpoint
- **Antonyms:** dissension, discord
- **Example:** The team reached a consensus that Monday morning are not the best time for meetings.

## WORD OF FOREIGN ORIGIN

8. **Status quo**: the present situation or condition.

## PHRASAL VERBS

9. **Weigh on**: to make someone anxious or worried.
10. **Draw upon**: to use a supply of something that is available to you.
11. **Play down**: to try to make something seem less important than it really is.
12. **Abide by**: to accept or obey an agreement.
13. **Push for**: to demand something repeatedly, or to take strong action to try to make it happen.

## IDIOMS

14. **Cast a shadow on**: to spoil a good situation with something unpleasant.
15. **Bone of contention**: a subject or issue over which there is continuing disagreement.



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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

**17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

**1.** The 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum has commenced in Davos, Switzerland on 15 January 2024.

The theme of the conference is “Rebuilding Trust,” focusing on exploring opportunities presented by new technologies and their impact on decisionmaking and global partnerships.

**2.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi proclaimed January 16 as National Startup Day 2024, marking a pivotal moment in India's recognition and celebration of its burgeoning startup ecosystem.

**3.** Indian Navy Ships Cheetah, Guldar and Kumbhir were decommissioned after rendering four-decades of service to the nation.

The Ministry of Defence said that the decommissioning event was conducted at Port Blair, wherein the National Flag, the Naval Ensign and Decommissioning Pennants of the three ships were lowered for the last time, at sunset.



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# Gandhi

## A Life in Three Campaigns

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4. As many as 24.82 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty in nine years to 2022-23, according to a report by NITI Aayog. Multidimensional poverty in the country declined from 29.17 per cent in 2013-14 to 11.28 per cent in 2022-23.
5. Ex-Ayutthaya: India Thailand first Naval Exercise connects to Ayodhya.
6. The Indian Army has developed an "end-to-end secure mobile ecosystem" called SAMBHAV (Secure Army Mobile Bharat Version).
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new campus of the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN) at Palasamudram in Andhra Pradesh's Sri Sathya Sai district.
8. India's Yogesh Singh won another gold medal in the 25m centre fire pistol event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
9. Madhya Pradesh has emerged as the overall champion at the inaugural Beach Games 2024, held at the pristine blue flag-certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu.



- 10.** India's state-owned firm Khanij Bidesh India Ltd (KABIL) signed a 2 billion-rupee (\$24 million) lithium exploration pact for five blocks in Argentina, the federal Ministry of Mines.
- 11.** Hasaranga becomes fastest bowler to take 7 wickets in an ODI.
- 12.** Reformist Arevalo sworn in as Guatemala President
- 13.** U.S. Air force Pilot Madison Marsh is first active-duty officer to win Miss America 2024.

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**DAILY  
NEWS**



- The Pench Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Maharashtra has been marked as India's first Dark Sky Park and the fifth such park in Asia
- India's first Dark Sky Reserve is the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR) in Ladakh.

## IMPORTANT FULLFORMS

ASCII - American Standard Code for Information  
Interchange

POST - Power On Self Test

SVGA - Super Video Graphics Array

UTP - Unshielded Twisted Pair

VAN - Value Aided Network

## FIFA BEST AWARDS 2023

- Men's Player - Lionel Messi
- Women's Player - Aitana Bonmati
- Men's Coach - Pep Guardiola
- Women's Coach - Sarina Wiegman
- Men's Goalkeeper - Ederson
- Women's Goalkeeper - Mary Earps
- Puskas Award - Guilherme Madrug





# Guru Gobind Singh

*Jayanti*

Guru Gobind Singh, 2024 marks the 352nd birth anniversary (Prakash Parv).

The 10th Sikh Guru also known as Gobind Rai, a community of initiated Sikhs, and played a key role in shaping Sikhism's identity and principles.

Born in Patna, Bihar, Guru Gobind Singh was a warrior, poet, and philosopher whose ideas and teachings are worshipped by the Sikh community.

Introduced rites of initiation into well-organised Sikh army known as the Khalsa.

Sikh Guru terminated the succession of Gurus.

Created the Khalsa panth, by giving amrit to sikhs.

Writing the Ballad of Durga (Chandi da Var)

## IMPORTANT FOR EXAM

- Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikhism
- Guru Arjan Dev codify the composition of the Gurus into an authorized version i.e. Adi Granth
- Guru Har Gobind sixth Guru of Sikh
- Guru Amar Das strengthened the tradition of 'Guru ka Langar'
- Guru Angad Dev invented and introduced the Gurmukhi

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