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History of February 5

- ◆ **2007** : India's Sunita Williams became the woman to spend the most time in space.
- ◆ **1971** : The astronauts of the Apollo 14 mission landed on the Moon.
- ◆ **1970** : America conducted nuclear tests in Nevada.
- ◆ **1922** : An angry mob set fire to the police station in Chauri Chaura town near Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, killing 22 policemen.
- ◆ **1630** : Guru Har Rai, the seventh Guru of the Sikhs, was born.

Current Affairs Related to 5 February

- ◆ According to Article 112 of the Constitution of India, it is mandatory for the government to present the Union Budget in the Parliament before the beginning of each financial year. This budget outlines the estimated receivables and payables for the upcoming financial year running from 1 April to 31 March.
- ◆ The Central Government constituted a committee to recommend steps to protect the interests of the Scheduled Caste communities. This committee will ensure fair allocation of benefits to the most deprived communities of the Scheduled Castes. This committee will be headed by the Cabinet Secretary. Secretaries of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Department of Legal Affairs and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment will be members of the committee. The main concern of the government is that the benefits of reservation and welfare/developmental schemes are not being distributed equally among the Scheduled Castes.
- ◆ The government expanded the scope of activities in the international financial centre. The government has included services such as bookkeeping and accounting in the International Financial Services Centre. Various services including bookkeeping, accounting, taxation and financial crime compliance will be launched as part of the Financial Services Center at the International Financial Services Centre. The Finance Ministry has issued a notification regarding expansion of services at the International Financial Services Centre.
- ◆ According to the study, tetrahydrocannabinol derived from hemp can fight methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. Scientists at Jammu CSIR Laboratory found that phytocannabinoids, a class of compounds found in the hemp plant, have some antibiotic properties. Cannabinoids are a class of compounds found in the cannabis plant. They bind to receptors in the animal's body to produce a variety of neurological effects.
- ◆ Tamil writer Charu Nivedita's book Conversations with Aurangzeb has been translated by Nandini Krishnan.
- ◆ According to Bloomberg report, the Indian stock market has overtaken Hong Kong to become the fourth largest equity market globally. The combined value of stocks listed on Indian exchanges reached US\$4.33 trillion by the close, according to data released by Bloomberg. Whereas Hong Kong share was 4.29 trillion US dollars.
- ◆ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Our Constitution, Our Respect campaign. This is a one year long all India campaign. The objective of this campaign is to reaffirm the collective commitment to the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India. It also aims to celebrate the common values that bind the nation. It also envisages instilling pride and responsibility in upholding the ideals outlined in the constitutional framework.
- ◆ Indian documentary film To Kill a Tiger has been nominated for the 96th Academy Awards in the Best Documentary Feature Film category. To Kill a Tiger is directed by Delhi-born Nisha Pahuja. This documentary is an emotional journey of an ordinary person facing extraordinary circumstances. Last year, the film got a theatrical release in North America.
- ◆ Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Center of Excellence for Digital Forensics. The inaugural session was attended by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Justice Arun Kumar Mishra and Gujarat Law and Justice Minister Rushikesh Patel. The Center of Digital Forensics Excellence will help address crimes that are driven by misuse of technology. This will provide investigators with digital weapons against cyber crimes.
- ◆ India has become the fourth largest equity market globally. India's stock market has overtaken Hong Kong's for the first time, with a combined market capitalization of \$4.33 trillion compared to Hong Kong's \$4.29 trillion.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation has announced to start the construction of a grand mosque in Ayodhya.

- (A) February 2024 (B) March 2024
(C) April 2024 (D) May 2024

(D) To promote unity and goodwill beyond religious differences, the Indo Islamic Cultural Foundation will begin construction of a mosque named Masjid Muhammad Bin Abdullah in Ayodhya. The mosque was named Masjid Muhammad bin Abdullah after the Prophet Muhammad, with the aim of promoting unity and goodwill among people by transcending religious differences.



2. From when to when is Kala Ghoda Day being celebrated?

- (A) From 4th to 10th February
(B) From 5th to 13th February
(C) From 6th to 13th February
(D) From 7th to 14th February

(B) Kala Ghoda Day is being celebrated from 4 to 10 February 2024. Kala Ghoda Festival is a very special festival for the lovers of dance, art and music. Which is celebrated in Mumbai. In this festival, exhibitions of various types of arts including dance, music, painting handi-craft, graphics art, cinema and literature and many more can be seen.



3. Which bank has recently announced the revised eligibility criteria for inclusion of urban co-operative banks in the Second Schedule?

- (A) RBI (B) SBI
(C) ICICI Bank (D) BOB

(A) The Reserve Bank of India unveiled amendments to the eligibility criteria for inclusion of urban co-operative banks in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934. Its objective is to bring these banks under an updated regulatory framework. Following the release of the Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Cooperative Banks on July 19, 2022, revised classification norms for UCBs along with norms for classifying UCBs as financially strong and well managed were notified.



4. Who has been honored with the Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman by the Uttar Pradesh Government?

- (A) Arun Yogiraj (B) Dr. Ritu Karithal Srivastava
(C) Naveen Tiwari (D) B and C Both

(D) Recently, on the occasion of Uttar Pradesh Day, the Uttar Pradesh government honored the eminent scientist Dr. Ritu Karithal Srivastava, who played an important role in the Chandrayaan Mission, and the renowned entrepreneur Naveen Tiwari of Kanpur with the Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman. Dr. Ritu has also been associated with Chandrayaan Mission.



5. How many liters of Malathion did India provide to Afghanistan recently?

- (A) 16000 liters (B) 27000 liters
(C) 34000 liters (D) 40000 liters

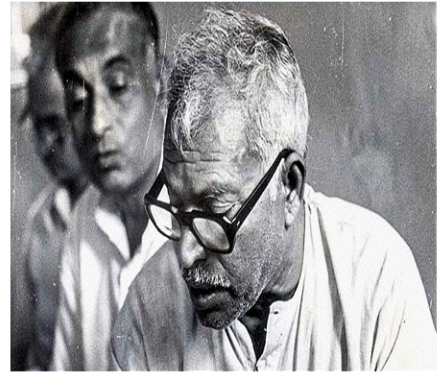
(D) The Indian government helps Afghans combat locusts by providing 40,000 liters of malathion, an eco-friendly insecticide effective in arid areas with minimal water use. The supplies were shipped through Iran's Chabahar port, demonstrating a collaborative effort to address a serious agricultural concern.



6. Recently, former Chief Minister of which state Karpuri Thakur was posthumously awarded Bharat Ratna?

- (A) Bihar (B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) Recently, the Bihar government honored former Chief Minister Karpuri Thakur with Bharat Ratna posthumously. He was a pioneer of social justice and an inspirational figure in Indian politics. This honor is a tribute to Karpuri Thakur's lifelong contribution in the upliftment of the deprived section of the society and his tireless efforts towards social justice.



7. Who was awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2024 in the Institutional category?

- (A) Central Reserve Police Force
(B) National Coast Guard
(C) 60 Parachute Field Hospital
(D) Central Industrial Security Force
(C) 60 Parachute Field Hospitals of Uttar Pradesh have been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award for the year 2024 for their excellent work in the field of disaster management. The Union Home Ministry announced this recently. Under this award, the winning organization in the institutional category is given a cash prize of Rs 51 lakh and a certificate.



8. Who has recently won the India Open 2024 women's singles title in badminton?

- (A) PV Sindhu (B) Tai Tzu Ying
(C) Chen Yu Fei (D) None of these

(B) In the Olympic year, badminton lovers got to see the extraordinary performance of Chinese Taipei's legendary player Tai Tzu Ying. After facing defeat in the Malaysian Open final, Tai Tzu Ying bounced back with determination to win the India Open 2024 women's singles title.



9. Which country has recently signed an agreement with America to buy Tomahawk missiles?

- (A) Japan (B) Maldives
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Pakistan

(A) Japan has signed a deal with the US to buy 400 land-based Tomahawk cruise missiles. Both the countries have signed the agreement. According to the deal signed under the US Foreign Military Sales Program, the US will pay US \$ 1.7 billion to buy missiles and other equipment.



10. Who has recently inaugurated the Our Constitution, Our Respect campaign?

- (A) Piyush Goyal (B) S. Jaishankar
(C) Amit Shah (D) Jagdeep Dhankhar

(D) Recently Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman campaign. Shri Dhankhar said that the nation is remembering those heroes who were forgotten. He said that the countrymen have seen India in a new form. He said that India has become the world's fifth largest economy and will soon become the third largest economy.

