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History of February 26

- ◆ **1972** : Vikram Earth Satellite Station, located at Arvi near Wardha, VV Giri, the fourth President of India, dedicated it to the country.
- ◆ **1908** : Bengali litterateur Leela Majumdar was born.
- ◆ **1995** : Copyright issue China and the United States Agreement.
- ◆ **1857** : Against the British in Baharampur, West Bengal First Military rebellion.

Current Affairs Related to 26 February

- ◆ The Karnataka government will launch a digital detox initiative in partnership with the All India Game Developers Forum. The initiative aims to raise awareness about the dangers of spending excessive time in the digital world. It also aims to establish an environment of responsible gaming. Through this initiative, offline and online digital detox centers will be set up across Karnataka. These centers will provide individual guidance. The minister said the consequences of digital dependence are mental health problems, reduced attention span and poor real-world relationships.
- ◆ Actor Vijay launches political party Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam. He said that his party will contest the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. However, his party will stay away from the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. It will not support anyone in the Lok Sabha elections. Several years ago Vijay changed his fans' organization to Vijay Makkal Iyakkam.
- ◆ RBI's digital payments index has increased across all parameters. This was driven by growth in payment enablers, payment performance and consumer centricity across the country. March 2018 is the base period for RBI-DPI. This means that the DPI score for March 2018 is considered to be 100.
- ◆ The government-appointed panel to draft the Uniform Civil Code handed over an important document to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The draft was tested, studied and discussed before presenting it in the Assembly. This draft consisting of 740 pages in four volumes has been handed over to Dhami.
- ◆ Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Union Budget 2024-2025 in Parliament, underscoring the government's commitment to inclusive growth. Sabka Prayas Approach This budget aims to address the upliftment of key social sections and take the nation towards a comprehensive development path.
- ◆ India will replace its military personnel in Maldives. After the second meeting of the high-level core group between the two sides, the Maldives government has said that India will replace its military personnel in Maldives in two phases by May 10. The decision comes in the backdrop of Maldives' demand to end the presence of Indian military personnel in the archipelagic nation.
- ◆ The Indian Navy has declared 2024 as the Year of Naval Civilians, giving priority to holistic civilian human resource management. Its objectives are to promote administrative efficiency and enhance employee welfare. This unprecedented initiative targets comprehensive civilian human resource management, with special focus on enhancing administrative efficiency, embracing digital transformation, implementing targeted training programs and promoting employee welfare activities.
- ◆ The Government of Karnataka has taken a pioneering step towards promoting a healthy digital ecosystem. Recognizing the need to mitigate the adverse effects of excessive online gaming, the State has announced an unprecedented digital detox initiative to create a responsible gaming environment. This move not only highlights the government's commitment towards public health but also sets an example for digital well-being.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index rose to 418.77 in September 2023, indicating a strong growth trajectory from 395.57 in March 2023 and 377.46 in September 2022. This significant growth aligns with the 10.94% annual growth in digital payments. The end of March 2023 highlighted the growing acceptance of online transactions.
- ◆ AU Small Finance Bank announced the appointment of Haroon Rashid Khan, former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as its non-executive Chairman. This appointment got approval from the board of directors, RBI and shareholders.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Where will the 21-day Bharat Rang Mahotsav of the Indian School of Drama be started recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Mumbai
(C) Madras (D) Kolkata

(B) Recently, the 21-day Bharat Rang Mahotsav of the Indian School of Drama will be started in Mumbai. Which will be the world's largest theater festival. Which will be organized in 15 cities of the country from 1st to 21st February. This time a total of 822 drama entries were received from India and abroad for Bharangam.



2. Recently, how many lakh crore rupees will REC Limited give for installing rooftop panels?

- (A) 1.20 (B) 1.50
(C) 2.10 (D) 2.40

(A) Maharatna power finance company REC Limited has been designated as the nodal agency for the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana. The aim of this initiative is to install rooftop solar panels in one crore homes. REC Limited, under the leadership of CMD Vivek Kumar Dewangan, is ready to provide a loan of up to Rs 1,20,000 crore for this mega venture.



3. Who has recently become the richest person in the world?

- (A) Elon Musk (B) Jeff Bezos
(C) Bernard Arnault (D) Mukesh Ambani

(C) Recently Bernard Arnault has become the richest person in the world. Whereas for some time, the owner of Tesla and X was Elon Musk. Bernard Arnault's wealth has increased by \$23.6 billion. Now his total wealth is 207.8 billion dollars.



4. Recently, which female cricketer has been appointed by the Uttar Pradesh government to the post of DSP in UP Police?

- (A) Smriti Mandhana (B) Deepti Sharma
(C) Harmanpreet Kaur (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Team India's female all-rounder player Deepti Sharma has been appointed to the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police by the Uttar Pradesh government. He has been honored with an honor and a cash prize of Rs 3 crore by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Deepti's journey to success started from the ordinary area of ??Awadhपुरi, Agra.



5. Which state government has recently launched Laghu Baan Caste Dravya Purchase Scheme?

- (A) Odisha (B) Kerala
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Telangana

(A) Odisha government has announced the launch of Laghu Baan Jaati Dravya Purchase Scheme. This is a 100% state funded minimum support price scheme for minor forest produce. Under this scheme, a primary collector will be able to sell MFP at the procurement centers of Tribal Development Co-operative Corporation Limited of Odisha. The procurement centers will be managed by SHGs and any other notified agencies.



6. Who has recently become the first woman Subedar of the Indian Army?

- (A) Jyoti Randhawa (B) Preeti Rajak
(C) Shreeja Akula (D) Deepti Sharma

(B) Havildar Preeti Rajak was promoted to the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army and became the first woman to hold the post. Subedar Rajak who is a champion trap shooter, joined the Army in the Military Police Corps in December 2022. She was the first meritorious sportsperson enrolled in the Army as a Havildar in the shooting discipline.



7. To which country has India recently given emergency relief of 1 million dollars?

- (A) Papua New Guinea (B) Oman
(C) Cambodia (D) None of these

(A) India has sent emergency relief assistance of \$1 million to Papua New Guinea amid natural crisis. India sent \$1 million emergency relief assistance to Papua New Guinea. Australian Air Force given to Papua New Guinea by India. Emergency relief assistance was sent by air.



8. Where was the foundation stone of the first Naturopathy Hospital of North-East laid recently?

- (A) Dispur (B) Guwahati
(C) Dibrugarh (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the Ministry of AYUSH informed that Sarbananda Sonowal along with Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone of Central Yoga and Naturopathy Research Institute along with 100 bedded Yoga and Naturopathy Hospital at Dihing Khamtighat in Dibrugarh.



9. Which state government has recently launched a road safety force?

- (A) Kerala (B) Punjab
(C) Gujarat (D) Haryana

(B) Under the visionary leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhavgant Mann, an unprecedented initiative has been unveiled to enhance road safety across the state. The inauguration of the Road Safety Force is a significant leap forward in safeguarding lives and preventing accidents on the extensive road network of Punjab. To improve the road system in Punjab, the state government has launched Road Safety Force.



10. Recently, India has emerged as the 5th largest source of tourists for which country?

- (A) America (B) France
(C) Pakistan (D) Italy

(A) India has now come at fifth position in the list of tourist countries for America. India has become the fifth largest country in the world in terms of tourists visiting America. The number of Indian tourists visiting America is increasing rapidly. This growth is happening due to India's growing middle class and youth.

