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History of February 13

- ◆ **1948** : **Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi** started a fast unto death.
- ◆ **1931** : **New Delhi** was declared the **capital of India**.
- ◆ **1984** : **Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi** inaugurated the Mazagon Dock in Mumbai for the Navy.
- ◆ **2010** : **A bomb exploded in a bakery near the Jewish place of worship in Pune**, Maharashtra, India's most famous state, in which about 17 people lost their lives.
- ◆ **2001** : **The first** unmanned spacecraft landed on the asteroid Eros in space.

Current Affairs Related to 13 February

- ◆ **The Union Cabinet approved extension of the scheme of sugar subsidy for Antyodaya Anna Yojana households distributed through the Public Distribution Scheme till March 31, 2026.** Under this scheme, the Central Government provides a subsidy of Rs 18.50 per kg per month on sugar to the AAY families of the participating states. About 1.89 crore AAY families will benefit from this scheme. The Government will continue to provide subsidy to participating States for distribution of sugar to AAY families through PDS at the rate of one kilogram per family per month.
- ◆ **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav gave green signal to the Ujjain satellite campus of IIT Indore.** Which is an important moment for education and skill development. With the approval of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the project promises substantial benefits for the sector. The approval of the Ujjain satellite campus of IIT Indore underlines the government's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities.
- ◆ **A recent study in the United Kingdom suggests that Alzheimer's disease can spread from human to human.** According to researchers, this occurred after a rare medical accident and the disease cannot be spread through everyday activities. This only happens when people have been accidentally vaccinated with human tissue extracts, which is a very rare and unusual situation.
- ◆ **The Finance Ministry has reduced the import duty on various components of mobile handsets** from 15% to 10%. According to experts, the price of mobile phones will reduce by about 3.5 percent. Import duty has been reduced on components like battery cover, front cover, middle cover, main lens, back cover, GSM antenna/antenna of any technology etc. The government has not notified any date for implementing the lower charges.
- ◆ **As the political scenario is getting ready for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in India,** discussions related to the country's financial planning have come to the center stage. At the heart of this discussion is the difference between the interim budget and the full Union Budget, two important financial documents that guide the economic trajectory of the country.
- ◆ **Four members of the Sixteenth Finance Commission were appointed by the government, including three** whole-time members. Former Expenditure Secretary and member of the 15th Finance Commission A N Jha, former Special Secretary in the Department of Expenditure Annie George Mathew and Niranjana Rajadhyaksha, executive director of Earth Global, have been appointed as whole-time members of the SFC. He will decide the formula to share a major part of the Centre's tax revenue with the states for five years from financial year 2027.
- ◆ **Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam witnessed an important occasion** as Defense Minister Rajnath Singh presided over the commissioning ceremony of INS Sandhayak. The event marks a significant enhancement in the capabilities of the Indian Navy, strengthening its presence in the Indian Ocean region.
- ◆ **The World Health Organization has issued its first certification acknowledging progress** in eliminating industrially produced and naturally occurring trans fatty acids. Five countries – Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Saudi Arabia and Thailand – have been commended for their pioneering efforts in demonstrating effective policies and strong monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in their TFA elimination strategies.
- ◆ **Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav** has designated five wetlands in India as Ramsar sites. With this, the total number of wetlands in the country has now reached 80.
- ◆ **After the resignation of Hemant Soren,** Champai Soren has been declared the next Chief Minister of Jharkhand.
- ◆ **According to the report of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry,** India's core sector output growth fell to a 14-month low of 3.8% on an annual basis in December.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Radio Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 10th February (B) 12th February
(C) 13th February (D) 15th February

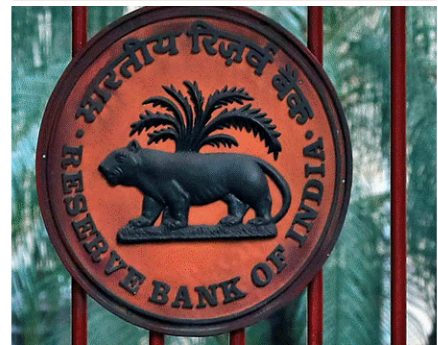
(C) World Radio Day is celebrated every year on 13 February. This day is celebrated with the aim of informing the general public about the importance of radio and encouraging its use. The main objective of celebrating this day is to highlight the importance of the contribution of radio in communication. Even in the modern era, radio is a major center of knowledge, entertainment and information.



2. Which bank recently directed Paytm Payments Bank to stop credit transactions?

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

(A) The Reserve Bank of India has directed Paytm Payments Bank to stop all deposit and credit transactions after February 29, 2024. RBI customers can still withdraw funds from their accounts but some facilities including fund transfer and UPI facilities will be closed. No credit or top-up will be allowed in Paytm Payments Bank account or wallet from March 1, 2024.



3. Recently how many crores worth agreement has been signed between NTPC Green Energy and Maharashtra Government for Green Hydrogen?

- (A) Rs 50,000 crore (B) Rs 62,000 crore
(C) Rs 80,000 crore (D) Rs 99,000 crore

(C) NTPC's subsidiary NGEL has signed an MoU with Maharashtra worth Rs 80,000 crore. The collaboration aims to lead green hydrogen projects in line with the state's green investment plan. The MoU includes a comprehensive plan to develop green hydrogen projects and their derivatives, such as green ammonia and green methanol.



4. Which state government has recently started the annual Jan Aushadhi Administration campaign?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra (D) Karnataka

(A) Uttar Pradesh government started the annual Jan Aushadhi Administration campaign till 15th February to eliminate filariasis. The government aims to eliminate filariasis from the state by 2027. The campaign will target 17 filariasis endemic districts of Uttar Pradesh, with health workers going door-to-door to administer filariasis prevention medicine to the entire population.



5. When is Sarojini Naidu Jayanti celebrated every year?

- (A) 7th February (B) 10th February
(C) 11th February (D) 13th February

(D) 13 February is celebrated as the birth anniversary of the Nightingale of India i.e. Sarojini Naidu. She was born on 13 February 1879 in Hyderabad to scientist and philosopher Aghornath Chattopadhyay and Barada Sundari Devi. She was the first Indian woman President of the Indian National Congress and also the first woman Governor of an Indian state, serving as the Governor of the United Provinces, now known as Uttar Pradesh.



6. Recently, what percent of GDP is the fiscal deficit estimated to be in 2024-2025?

- (A) 2.7% (B) 4.5%
(C) 5.1% (D) 5.9%

(C) This follows the fiscal consolidation path to reduce the fiscal deficit to 4.5% by 2025-2026. The Finance Minister said that states will be encouraged to comprehensively develop iconic tourism centres, branding and marketing them globally. A framework will be established for rating the centers based on the quality of facilities and services.

7. Recently, in January 2024, GST collection increased from 10.4 percent to how many lakh crore rupees?

- (A) 1.70 lakh crore (B) 1.72 lakh crore
(C) 2.2 lakh crore (D) 3.5 lakh crore

(B) The Finance Ministry said that in January, the collection of Goods and Services Tax increased by 10.4 percent on an annual basis to more than Rs 1.72 lakh crore. This is the second biggest collection so far in a month. There have been three months in the current financial year when the collection has been Rs 1.70 lakh crore or more.

8. Where has PM Modi addressed the India Mobility Global Expo 2024 recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Gujarat
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Kerala

(A) India's largest and first-of-its-kind mobility exhibition, an event of India Mobility Global Expo 2024, was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. India Mobility Global Expo 2024 showcased India's capabilities across the entire transportation connectivity and automotive industry value chains.

9. Who has recently launched the web portal of C-Cares, CMPFO?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Pralhad Joshi (D) Narendra Modi

(C) C-CARES, a web portal of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization was launched by Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs. It has been developed and designed by the Center for Development of Advanced Computing, a R&D organization under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

10. Who has recently written a book named Kashmir Travels in Paradise on Earth?

- (A) Romesh Bhattacharjee
(B) Shreeja Akula
(C) Sanjeev Joshi
(D) None of these

(A) Recently, Romesh Bhattacharjee has written a book titled Kashmir Travels in Paradise on Earth. Romesh Bhattacharjee first started trekking in Kashmir in the 1960s. This was the beginning of a love affair that lasted for decades. Having traveled even to the most remote parts of the region where inner-line permits are now required, he gained a reputation for possessing an encyclopedic knowledge of the Himalayas.

