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History of February 7

- ◆ **1915** : For the first time, a wireless message sent from a moving train was received by the railway station.
- ◆ **1947** : Arabs and Jews rejected Britain's proposal to divide Palestine.
- ◆ **2000** : The first meeting of the joint opposition group formed between India and America started in Washington.
- ◆ **1983** : Eastern News Agency was established in Kolkata.
- ◆ **1940** : Railways were nationalized in Britain

Current Affairs Related to 7 February

- ◆ **Vikarabad district of Telangana is set to host India's second very low frequency communication station by 2027.** It is important for naval communications with ships and submarines. The Indian Navy has strategically selected Telangana as the location for its second Very Low Frequency Communication Transmission Station in the country. This significant development is scheduled to take place in Vikarabad district, with the new VLF center scheduled to be completed by 2027.
- ◆ **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has unveiled plans to set up the world's first black tiger safari near Similipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj.** This visionary project aims to provide tourists and visitors a rare glimpse of melanistic tigers, commonly known as black tigers, which have recently been spotted in Similipal National Park. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik expressed his excitement over showcasing these majestic creatures and emphasized that this safari would be the only place in the world to see such a unique species.
- ◆ **The Petroleum Ministry has approved the formation of a subsidiary by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited dedicated to green energy and gas sector.** This important step was announced during ONGC's board meeting, reflecting the company's commitment to diversify its portfolio and contribute to sustainable energy solutions.
- ◆ **Indian table tennis player Sreeja Akula achieved a significant milestone in her career** by clinching her maiden international title at the WTT Feeder Corpus Christi 2024 in Texas, USA. The 25-year-old athlete displayed exceptional skill and determination in the women's singles event.
- ◆ **Farooq Engineer and Ravi Shastri** were honored with the Colonel CK Naidu Lifetime Achievement Award at the Naman Awards ceremony in Hyderabad.
- ◆ **After Bihar, Andhra Pradesh is conducting a comprehensive caste census, demonstrating its dedication towards understanding and addressing the complex caste dynamics within its population.** The ambitious census, launched with the help of a specially designed phone app, aims to enumerate all castes in the state and is expected to be completed within the next 20 days to a month.
- ◆ **The Government of India, prioritizing the security of global shipping lanes, signed an agreement with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited Mumbai to acquire 14 Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard.** With the cost of freight and shipping rising due to increasing activities of international piracy in the Gulf of Aden, the Government of India has taken an important step to ensure the security of international shipping lanes.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was informed about a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology of the Sultanate of Oman on mutual cooperation in the field of Information Technology.** The objective of this MoU is to promote comprehensive cooperation between the concerned parties through mutual cooperation, sharing of technologies and information and investment in the field of information technology.
- ◆ **The Central government has formally announced the appointment of Justice Prasanna B Varale as a judge of the Supreme Court, making him the third judge from the Dalit community to be appointed to the apex court.** His appointment adds to the diversity of the apex court and joins Justice BR Gavai and Justice CT Ravikumar. A notable aspect of Justice Varale's appointment is that he is the senior-most High Court judge belonging to a Scheduled Caste.
- ◆ **India, France and the United Arab Emirates conducted a major air exercise named Desert Night over the Arabian Sea.**

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Development Week celebrated every year?

- (A) From 5th to 11th February
- (B) From 6th to 12th February
- (C) From 7th to 13th February
- (D) From 8th to 14th February

(B) International Development Week is celebrated every year during the first full week of February. The purpose of the day is to draw attention to international development and highlight how Canadians have contributed towards poverty alleviation and a more peaceful, inclusive and prosperous world. This year this day will be celebrated from 6 to 12 February.



2. Recently, to which country will India export BrahOS supersonic cruise missiles?

- (A) Philippines (B) Nepal
- (C) Russia (D) Sri Lanka

(A) India is not only becoming self-reliant in the defense sector but many countries want to buy defense products in India. India, which was once an importer of defense products, is now ready to make the whole world realize its potential by becoming a defense exporter. Brahoyos are to be exported under the agreement with the Philippines.



3. Who has become the second company to cross the market capitalization of Rs 3 trillion?

- (A) Apple (B) TCS
- (C) Tesla (D) Microsoft

(D) The market capitalization of giant technology company Microsoft has crossed \$3 trillion. Microsoft is the second company after iPhone maker Apple to touch this figure. Currently Apple is the most valuable company in the world. At third place is oil and gas company Saudi Aramco with a market cap of Rs 170.09 lakh crore, at fourth place is Google's parent company Alphabet and at fifth place is e-commerce business platform Amazon.



4. Where was the National Workshop on Panchayat Devolution inaugurated recently?

- (A) Varanasi (B) Goa
- (C) Jammu and Kashmir (D) Jaisalmer

(B) Shri Vivek Bhardwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, inaugurated the National Consultative Workshop on the status of devolution of powers to Panchayats in Goa. On this occasion, Director General of Indian Institute of Public Administration, Shri Surendra Nath Tripathi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Dr. Chandrashekhar Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Smt. Mamta Verma and other senior officials were present.



5. Recently, Monpa handmade paper of which state has got GI tag?

- (A) Arunachal Pradesh (B) Kerala
- (C) Karnataka (D) Maharashtra

(A) Recently Monpa handmade paper of Arunachal Pradesh has got GI tag. With the support of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, 12 specific products of Arunachal Pradesh have received Geographical Indication tag. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of the local communities in preserving the traditional and unique products that reflect the rich social and cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh.



6. Who has recently become the best junior women's cricket player of the country?

- (A) Saumya Tiwari (B) Seema Sharma
(C) Preeti Singh (D) None of these

(A) Recently Bhopal cricketer Soumya Tiwari has received the Best Cricketer Award. She played the winning innings in the final of the Women's Under-19 J20 Cricket World Cup held in South Africa in January 2022 and January 2023. Soumya received the award for the Jag Mohan Dalmiya Trophy 2021.22 at a cricket star-studded ceremony at the BCCI Annual Awards 2024 held in Hyderabad.



7. Who has become the first Indian to win the Senior Euro Q-School recently?

- (A) Nishant Pahuja (B) Pratham Srivastava
(C) Jyoti Randhawa (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Indian golfer Jyoti Randhawa has achieved a historic feat by becoming the first Indian to top the qualifying school of the Senior European Tour. This remarkable achievement grants him full rights to play in the Legends Tour for the current season.



8. Who has directed the film To Kill a Tiger, which was recently nominated for Oscar 2024?

- (A) David Oppenheim (B) Nisha Pahuja
(C) Christopher Nolan (D) None of these

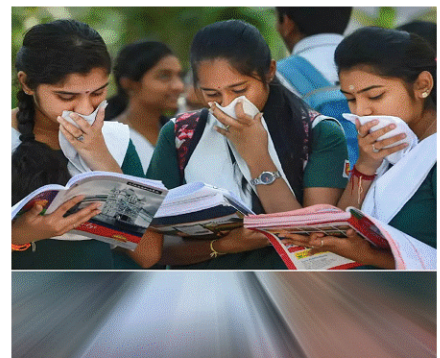
(B) Oscars 2024: The nomination list of the 96th Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences i.e. Oscars 2024 has been revealed. This time India has made a place in the nomination in the Best Documentary Feature category. India-based Nisha Pahuja's To Kill a Tiger has been nominated for Best Documentary Feature.



9. Which app has recently been launched by the Central Government for multilingual education?

- (A) translation (B) reading
(C) Bhashini (D) None of these

(A) In an important step towards promoting multilingualism in education, the Central Government has launched an Artificial Intelligence based platform Nidali App. The initiative aims to make study material available in digital form for all school and higher education courses, exclusively in Indian languages listed in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution.



10. Recently, the population of which country has decreased for the second consecutive year?

- (A) India (B) Russia
(C) Canada (D) China

(D) For the second consecutive year, China's population has declined. After the lifting of COVID-19 related restrictions in China, the population is expected to decrease by 2 million in 2023 due to increasing death rate and decreasing birth rate. The population in China has declined for the second consecutive year. China's Bureau of Statistics has reported that the total population of the country is 1.4 billion.

