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History of 2nd March

- ◆ **2006** : A historic nuclear agreement was signed between India and America in New Delhi.
- ◆ **1982** : Mahatma Gandhi Bridge was inaugurated in Patna, the capital of Bihar.
- ◆ **1983** : The Soviet Union conducted a nuclear test.
- ◆ **1901** : The world's first telegraph company opens in Hawaii.
- ◆ **1700** : Rajaram, younger son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, died in Sinhgarh.

Current Affairs Related to 2nd March

- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India gave final approval to Amazon Pay, the fintech arm of e-commerce major Amazon India, to operate as a payment aggregator. This will allow the company to further strengthen distribution channels and provide innovative solutions to merchants and customers across India, offering them a secure, convenient and rewarding digital payments experience.
- ◆ Rajeev Chandrashekhkar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti, released 'Investment Information and Consultancy Platform developed by Pagan Madras'. The platform acts as a one-stop shop for all stakeholders, from smooth access to a network of venture capitalists (VCs) and investors, to government approvals and many other intricacies of the business sector.
- ◆ Public sector power generating company NTPC. Ltd. He said that Ravindra Kumar, Director (Operations) of the company has taken cooperation with immediate effect. The company had earlier given a statement to NTPC Limited. He was the Officer on Special Duty to the Director (Operations). Kumar joined NTPC as a graduate engineer university officer in 1989. He has over 34 years of experience in project commissioning, finance and engineering, engineering and project management.
- ◆ Government website for information and resources on various Florida State architecture, incubators, enterprise V-districts, and one-stop shop for information on investment coaching.
- ◆ The government organized the My First Vote for the Country initiative. The government is organizing this initiative to ensure universal enlightened participation of youth in the elections. The main objective of this initiative is to encourage young voters to come out and vote.
- ◆ Reliance Industries (RIL) has unveiled a landmark merger deal with Viacom 18 Media and The Walt Disney Company, aimed at creating a joint venture (JV) that seeks to operate Viacom 18 and Star India. This prestigious move is set to reshape the landscape of the Indian entertainment and sports industry. After completion of the deal, the company formed will be the largest company in the Indian media and entertainment sector.
- ◆ A unique piece of time including the world's first Vedic clock has been unveiled in a museum in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh's Secret is set to unveil a ground-breaking novel in timekeeping with the world's first Vedic watch. Located at 85 Footwear Tower at Jantar Mantra in the city, this colorful clock will be officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an interview.
- ◆ In New Delhi, PM Modi inaugurated key initiatives to strengthen India's collaborative sector. A pilot project for the world's largest grain storage scheme has been started in the society area. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and concluded key initiatives aimed at promoting the collaborative sector in India. The pilot project for the world's largest grain storage scheme in the cooperative sector, expansion of PACS and digital transformation aims to boost food security, economic growth and governance, benefiting millions of farmers.
- ◆ PayU Pallets Pvt Ltd, a leading fintech arm of global consumer internet group Process, has announced the appointment of Renu Sood Karnad as Chairman and Independent Director. Karnad, an eminent Director of the Bank North East, complements PayU's range of initiatives to leverage experienced leadership to navigate the emerging fintech landscape. The company has appointed Renu Sood Karnad as independent director and chairman of the board of PU.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, when and how long is the four-day Tawi Mahotsav being organized in Jammu and Kashmir?
 (A) 1st to 3rd March (B) 1st to 4th March
 (C) 2nd to 6th March (D) 4th to 8th March
(B) Tawi Mahotsav will showcase the art, culture and heritage of Jammu region from March 1 to 4. This time the four-day Tawi Mahotsav will completely focus on promoting the rich diverse art forms and cultural heritage of Jammu where the youth will get a platform to unleash their creativity besides sharing ideas with experts.
2. Which country recently opposed the China-led investment facilitation proposal in WTO?
 (A) India (B) Pakistan
 (C) Sri Lanka (D) America
(A) On the third day of the WTO summit, India and South Africa opposed the Investment Facilitation proposal for China-led development as part of the formal WTO framework. The China-led grouping of more than 120 countries is pushing to make the Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement proposal part of the World Trade Organisation.
3. PM laid the foundation stone and inaugurated many development projects worth more than how many thousand crore rupees in Madhya Pradesh.
 (A) 10 thousand crores (B) 13 thousand crores
 (C) 17 thousand crores (D) 20 thousand crores
(C) PM Modi addressed the recently launched Bharat Vikas Madhya Pradesh program through video conferencing. These projects relate to critical sectors including irrigation, power, roads, railways water supply, coal and industry. Cyber ??Tehsil Project was also launched in the state by the Prime Minister.
4. Which ministry recently launched the Swayam Plus platform?
 (A) Ministry of Coal (B) Ministry of Education
 (C) Ministry of Culture (D) Ministry of Finance
(B) Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Swayam Plus platform to offer courses developed in collaboration with industry leaders. Industry leaders including L&T, Microsoft and CIAACO will offer employability and professional development focused courses through this platform.
5. Which government recently decided to repeal the Muslim Marriage Act before implementing the UCC?
 (A) Assam (B) Kerala
 (C) Mizoram (D) New Delhi
(A) Before introducing a bill on Uniform Civil Code like Uttarakhand, the Assam government decided to repeal the Assam Muslim Marriage and Divorce Registration Act 1935. The state Cabinet approved the Assam Repeal Ordinance 2024 to repeal the British-era Marriage and Divorce Act specific to Muslims.



6. Which state government recently presented a budget of Rs 1.28 lakh crore for the financial year 2024-2025?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Telangana
(C) Karnataka (D) Jharkhand

(D) Recently, Jharkhand government presented a budget of Rs 1.28 lakh crore for the financial year 2024-2025. It announced increasing the limit of farm loan waiver program from Rs 50,000 to Rs 2 lakh. Additionally it was announced that the State Food Security Scheme will now cover five lakh more people.



7. Which country recently repealed the world's first law banning the sale of tobacco for future generations?

- (A) Pakistan (B) New Zealand
(C) India (D) China

(B) The world's first law banning the sale of tobacco to future generations was recently repealed by New Zealand. This will enable the government to scrap the legislation without seeking public comment, in line with previously announced plans. Despite warnings from researchers and campaigners about the danger tobacco poses to people's lives, the new government is moving ahead with its decision.



8. Mauritius government has amended the double taxation avoidance agreement with which country?

- (A) India (B) America
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Russia

(A) The Government of Mauritius has amended the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with India. The Government of Mauritius has decided to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with India in response to the OECD proposal on base erosion and profit shifting. These amendments will create more challenging criteria for multinational companies investing in India.



9. How many seats has BJP won in Uttar Pradesh in the recent Rajya Sabha elections?

- (A) 5 (B) 8
(C) 9 (D) 11

(B) In the recent Rajya Sabha elections, BJP won eight seats in Uttar Pradesh. Samajwadi Party won two seats in the Rajya Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh. BJP won eight out of ten seats in the state. The Samajwadi Party, which was expecting to win three, managed to secure only two seats.



10. How many genomes of the Indian population have been sequenced recently to create a database?

- (A) 2000 genomes (B) 5000 genomes
(C) 7000 genomes (D) 10000 genomes

(D) Scientists have sequenced the genomes of 10,000 Indians from different communities to create a database for gene-based treatments. Union Minister Jitendra Singh said genome study or sequencing will help in formulating health care strategies. The UK, China and the US have sequenced about 1 lakh of their genomes.

