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History of February 9

- ◆ **1931** : For the first time in India, a postage stamp with a portrait was issued in honor of a person.
- ◆ **1951** : The work of making lists for conducting the first census in independent India was started.
- ◆ **1971** : The Apollo 14 mission returned to Earth from the Moon.
- ◆ **2009** : The Supreme Court gave notice to the UP government on illegal construction in and around the Taj.
- ◆ **1760** : Maratha commander Dattaji Shinde died.

Current Affairs Related to 9 February

- ◆ A comprehensive new policy has been implemented in response to concerns over falling physical standards and increasing prevalence of lifestyle diseases in the Indian Army. The objective of this policy is to promote physical fitness and ensure uniformity in assessment across the force. The new policy introduces stringent measures to address physical health concerns among workers, especially overweight individuals.
- ◆ Maratha Military Landscape of India will be nominated in UNESCO World Heritage List for the year 2024-2025. Maharashtra has more than 390 forts, out of which only 12 forts have been selected under the Maratha military scenario of India. Eight of these forts are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- ◆ According to the survey conducted by the Ministry of Education, student enrollment in higher education reached about 4.33 crore in 2021-2022, which is an increase of 26.5 percent since 2014-2015. According to the ongoing All India Survey on Higher Education, 341 universities and university level institutions have been established since 2014-2015.
- ◆ Testing and review of the Indian Space Research Organisation's new weather satellite INSAT-3DS has started. INSAT-3DS is designed to provide advanced meteorological observations and improve weather forecasting capabilities. The satellite has a 6 channel imager and 19 channel sounder for meteorological observations.
- ◆ With his win at the Australian Open, Rohan Bopanna became the oldest male player to win a Grand Slam title. Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden won in the Australian Open men's doubles championship match.
- ◆ After rejoining the NDA, Nitish Kumar took oath as the ninth consecutive Chief Minister of Bihar. Vijay Kumar Sinha and Samrat Chaudhary were appointed as the two Deputy Chief Ministers in the new government of Bihar.
- ◆ Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal unveiled the Delhi Solar Policy-2024, under which production-based incentives will be given to consumers installing solar energy panels on their rooftops. According to the government, by 2027, about 20 percent of Delhi's electricity consumption will be from solar energy. The government will spend Rs 570 crore for the implementation of the policy.
- ◆ The first edition of Sada Tanaseeq is being organized in Rajasthan from 29 January to 10 February. Sada Tanaseeq is a joint military exercise between India and Saudi Arabia. The exercise is being conducted at Sada Tanaseeq Bikaner. The exercise aims to enhance synergy between the armies of both the countries by learning and sharing best practices. It also aims to enhance interoperability and joint skills between the armies of the two countries.
- ◆ The RBI working group made recommendations to resolve issues related to guarantees given by state governments. A working group was constituted by the Reserve Bank of India in July 2022 to make recommendations on issues related to guarantees given by state governments. A guarantee is a legal obligation on the part of the State to make payments and to protect an investor/lender from the risk of default by the borrower.
- ◆ The India Aging Report 2023, jointly conducted by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the United Nations Population Fund, provides a comprehensive overview of the aging demographics in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ◆ Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger have announced their immediate exit from the Economic Community of West African States.
- ◆ Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt won the Best Actor and Best Actress awards at the 69th edition of the Filmfare Awards.
- ◆ Jannik Sinner won his first Grand Slam title in men's singles at the Australian Open.

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

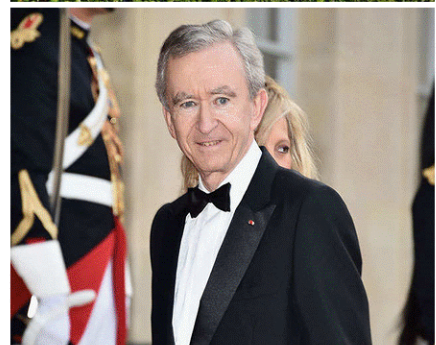
(A) Maharatna power finance company REC Limited has been designated as the nodal agency for the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana. The aim of this initiative is to install rooftop solar panels in one crore homes. REC Limited, under the leadership of CMD Vivek Kumar Dewangan, is ready to provide 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 ??Awadhपुरी, 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. Where was the fourth Russoma Orange Festival organized recently?

- (A) Mizoram (B) Nagaland
(C) Manipur (D) Tamil Nadu

(B) The vibrant colors of oranges and the aroma of citrus filled the air as the fourth edition of the Russoma Orange Festival began in the picturesque village of Russoma, located in the Kohima district of Nagaland. With approximately 3400 attendees, this year's event showcased the best of organic produce, community spirit and rural entrepreneurship.



7. Recently, in which state the Larving Gull bird has been seen for the first time in the country?

- (A) Kerala (B) Bihar
(C) Odisha (D) Telangana

(A) Recently, Larving Gull bird has been seen for the first time in the country at Chitari mouth in Kasaragod district of Kerala. This bird is a migratory bird of North America. This bird is known for its unique laughter-like sounds. Lesser Black-backed Gull, Slender-billed Gull, Brown-headed Gull, Great-crested Gull, Lesser Crested Tern, Caspian Tern and other birds are present at Chitari estuary.



8. Who has been recently appointed as the new chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India?

- (A) Rajneesh Kumar (B) PD Vaghela
(C) Anil Kumar (D) None of these

(C) Former Railway Board Chairman and CEO Anil Kumar Lahoti became the new Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. The post was vacant for four months after the retirement of PD Vaghela on September 30. Anil Kumar Lahoti will hold the post for three years from the date of assuming charge or till he attains the age of 65 years or till further orders, whichever is earlier.



9. How many satellites has Iran launched into space recently amid ballistic missile concerns?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5

(B) Iran claimed to have successfully launched three satellites into space. The state-run IRNA news agency said the launch involved the successful use of Iran's Simorgh rocket. It is the latest development in its programme, which the West believes is improving its ballistic missiles.



10. Recently, Tata has signed an agreement with whom to set up India's first private helicopter assembly line?

- (A) Airbus (B) Boeing
(C) Lockheed Martin (D) None of these

(A) Recently Tata has signed an agreement with Airbus to set up India's first private helicopter assembly line. Under this agreement, both the companies will manufacture Bh-125 helicopters which was signed during the visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to New Delhi.

