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History of February 1

- ◆ **1827** : Calcutta Bengal Club was established.
- ◆ **1881** : St. Stephen's College, the oldest college of Delhi, was established.
- ◆ **1855** : The East India Railway was formally inaugurated.
- ◆ **1922** : Mahatma Gandhi informed the Viceroy of India about the beginning of the Non-Cooperation Movement.
- ◆ **1972** : International Aviation Administration of India was formed.
- ◆ **1977** : The Indian Coast Guard was formed

Current Affairs Related to 1 February

- ◆ PepsiCo India has appointed Jagrat Kotecha as its new CEO in place of Ahmed Al Shaikh as part of a strategic makeover. Kotecha, who is currently PepsiCo's chief commercial officer for Africa, Middle East and South Asia, is set to take over the reins of PepsiCo India operations in March 2024. The move comes as Ahmed Al Sheikh changes his role as CEO. With over three decades of experience at PepsiCo, Jagrut Kotecha has contributed significantly to the growth of the company.
- ◆ In an important step towards sustainable development, the United Nations Development Program and the European Union have allocated a total of more than US\$420,000 to support initiatives aimed at combating deforestation, improving food and nutrition security, and adapting to the impacts of climate change. These grants are set to benefit communities in six districts of Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Boeing's state-of-the-art Global Engineering and Technology Center campus near Bengaluru. The Boeing India Engineering and Technology Center campus, located at the Hi-Tech Defense and Aerospace Park in Devanahalli, marks a significant investment of Rs 1,600 crore, making it Boeing's largest venture outside the United States. These initiatives are designed to facilitate the entry of more girls from across India into the emerging aviation sector.
- ◆ In a significant step on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, India has unveiled the Alliance for Global Good Gender Equity and Equality. The initiative has received support from influential institutions, with the World Economic Forum and Invest India joining as key partners.
- ◆ Conversations with Aurangzeb is a novel by Tamil writer Charu Nivedita, which has been translated into English by Nandini Krishnan.
- ◆ In a significant development towards revolutionizing India's agricultural landscape, a tripartite MoU has recently been signed between the National Farmers Welfare Program Implementation Society, IndiaAI and the Wadhwani Foundation. This collaborative effort aims to take India to the forefront of AI-driven digital agriculture by leveraging the expertise and support of the Wadhwani Foundation in designing and implementing a robust AI strategy.
- ◆ Carlos Sainz has created history by winning the Dakar Rally for the fourth time at the age of 61. His latest victory in the 2024 rally marks him as the oldest winner of the grueling race. Sainz, also known as El Matador, is renowned for his extraordinary skill and stamina in one of the world's most challenging motorsport events.
- ◆ Unveiled by LIC Chairman Siddharth Mohanty, the new Jeevan Dhara II plan offers a non-participating, individual savings, deferred annuity option. This plan provides life cover during the deferment period and claims higher annuity rates at older ages.
- ◆ In a significant progress towards its ambitious target of becoming a US\$ 1 trillion economy, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced the signing of 19 MoUs during his visit to the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos. Flanked by Industries Minister Uday Samant and senior officials, Shinde expressed his determination to take the state towards economic prosperity.
- ◆ Mishra has taken an important step forward in a historic initiative for sustainable energy and environment protection. The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, represented by the Supreme Council of Antiquities, in collaboration with the Center for Industrial Modernization in Egypt and the United Nations Development Programme, at a ceremony at the Maniyal Palace.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Indian Coast Guard Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st February (B) 2nd February
(C) 3 February (D) 4 February

(A) Indian Coast Guard Day is celebrated every year on 1 February across the country. The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1 February 1977 to protect the maritime borders. Since then, Indian Coast Guard Day is celebrated every year on 1 February. On this special occasion, Indian Coast Guard soldiers are honored for protecting the maritime borders of the country.



2. Recently, for how many years has Tata Group acquired IPL title sponsorship?

- (A) 2 years (B) 4 years
(C) 5 years (D) 7 years

(C) Tata Sons Private Limited has successfully exercised its Right to Match card by retaining the prestigious title sponsorship of the Indian Premier League for the upcoming five seasons from 2024 to 2028. It follows the Development Control Board. With its ongoing decision to retain the title sponsorship, the Group is set for an extended and major association with the world's most lucrative cricket league.



3. Where will British Petroleum set up a technical center recently?

- (i) Pune (B) Bengaluru
(b) Mumbai (D) New Delhi

(A) British Petroleum is set to expand its global expertise by setting up a technology and engineering centre, BP Technical Solutions India, in Pune, Maharashtra. Designed to leverage BP's existing engineering and technology expertise, the Pune facility will serve the diverse needs of BP's hydrocarbon and new energy ventures globally.



4. Recently the government has approved equity investment of how many crores to set up two power plants?

- (A) 3,207 crore (B) 4,602 crore
(C) 5,607 crore (D) 7,507 crore

(C) CCEA has approved total equity investment of Rs 5,607 crore and cumulative project cost of Rs 21,547 crore for both the power plants. The second project is to set up 2,800 MW thermal power plant by Mahanadi Coalfields through Mahanadi Basin Poway, a subsidiary of MCL.



5. Which state has recently launched My School My Pride for education transformation?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Telangana (D) Kerala

(A) Himachal Pradesh has launched the My School My Pride campaign which is part of the Apna Vidyalaya program which aims to transform education in government schools and promote holistic student development. This initiative is set to revolutionize the quality of education in government schools and provide a holistic approach to the growth and development of students.



6. How many AMRUT projects worth Rs 2000 crore have been inaugurated recently in Solapur, Maharashtra?

- (A) 4 (B) 7
(C) 8 (D) 10

(C) Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated a historic day by laying the foundation stone of 8 AMRUT projects and dedicating over 90,000 completed houses under PMAY Urban in Solapur, Maharashtra. The event also saw the distribution of PM Swanidhi benefits to 10,000 beneficiaries, reflecting the government's commitment to inclusive growth.



7. Which country has recently tested an underwater nuclear weapon system?

- (A) Russia (B) North Korea
(C) South Africa (D) China

(B) North Korea has tested an underwater nuclear weapon system in response to joint military exercises by South Korea, the US and Japan. An underwater drone, which can reportedly carry nuclear weapons, was tested off the east coast, state media said.



8. Recently IIT Madras has signed an agreement with whom to launch eMobility Simulation Lab?

- (A) Altair (B) Tech Mahindra
(C) TCS (D) None of these

(A) Indian Institute of Technology Madras has joined hands with Altair, a global technology leader specializing in simulation, high performance computing and Artificial Intelligence. Together they are set to inaugurate a state-of-the-art eMobility Simulation Lab within the Department of Engineering Design at IIT Madras.



9. Who has recently been chosen Balkan Athlete of the Year for a record eighth time?

- (A) Roger Federer (B) Nikola Djokic
(C) Novak Djokovic (D) None of these

(C) Novak Djokovic was named Balkan Athlete of the Year for a record eighth time, ahead of NBA star Nikola Jokic. Djokovic, 36, took his record tally of three Grand Slam titles to 24 in 2023, while Jokic was named NBA Finals MVP after leading the Denver Nuggets to the title.



10. According to the recent Forbes report, which is the strongest currency in the world?

- (A) Kuwaiti Dinar (B) Pound
(C) USD (D) None of these

(A) According to a recent Forbes report, the world's strongest currency is Kuwaiti Dinar. The currency of any country is its identity. This reflects the country's economic growth and global demand. A factor is also determined to measure its value. Whereas the US dollar is at tenth place.

