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History of February 10

- ◆ **1616** : British ambassador Sir Thomas Roe came to the court of Mughal ruler Jahangir in Ajmer.
- ◆ **1818** : The third and last war was fought between the British and the Marathas in Rampur.
- ◆ **1921** : Mahatma Gandhi inaugurated Kashi Vidyapeeth.
- ◆ **1931** : New Delhi became the capital of India.
- ◆ **2009** : Famous classical singer Pandit Bhimsen Joshi was awarded the country's highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna.

Current Affairs Related to 10 February

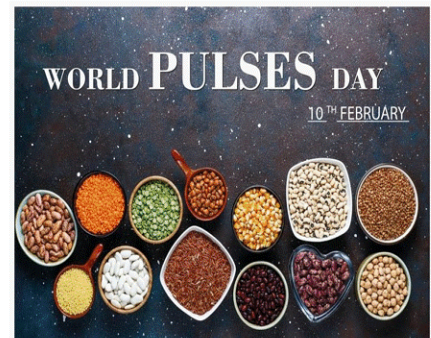
- ◆ GAIL, India's leading gas company, has made significant progress in enhancing its liquefied natural gas portfolio through the recent partnership with UAE ADNOC Gas. Under this deal, GAIL is ready to purchase 0.5 million tonnes of LNG annually for a decade, which is an important step towards meeting India's growing demand for natural gas. Deliveries from ADNOC, starting in 2026, will play an important role in closing the demand supply gap for natural gas in India.
- ◆ Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh signed an MoU with the Ministry of Jal Shakti to implement the amended Parvati, Kalisindh, Chambal, ERCPLink Project. The project envisages integrating the Parvati Kalisindh Padi Link Project with the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project. Under this MoU, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and the Center will finalize the terms related to sharing of water, sharing of water exchange costs and benefits, implementation mechanism etc.
- ◆ The new Aadhaar card PDF version clearly states that they are only proof of identity and not of citizenship or date of birth. This change has come after various clarifications from government officials. Government departments and other organizations have been instructed not to use it. Aadhaar has never been proof of citizenship, as foreign nationals who have stayed in India for 180 days are also eligible to obtain it.
- ◆ The framework for carbon market in agriculture sector has been launched by Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Arjun Munda. He launched the Framework for Voluntary Carbon Market in the Agriculture Sector and the Recognition Protocol of Agroforestry Nurseries. This framework has been designed to promote a voluntary carbon market in the agriculture sector. The framework also aims to encourage small and medium farmers to avail carbon credits.
- ◆ A Review of the Indian Economy has been prepared by the Department of Economic Affairs. Chief Economic Advisor V Ananth Nageswaran has written in the preface of the report that the Indian economy will achieve a growth rate of 7 percent or more in the year 2024. This report is being considered as a mini economic survey. According to the report, skills, learning outcomes, health, energy security, reduction in compliance burden for MSMEs and gender balance in the labor force will be the main areas of future reforms.
- ◆ In a major development in the energy sector, QatarEnergy and Accelerate Energy have finalized a significant 15-year LNG sales and purchase agreement with the aim of providing LNG to Bangladesh. Under the SPA, Accelerate will secure one million tonnes per year of LNG from QatarEnergy. Deliveries starting in January 2026 will be directed to floating storage and regasification units in Bangladesh.
- ◆ The 63rd meeting of the Central Geological Programming Board was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, which was chaired by Shri V.L., Secretary, Ministry of Mines. Kantha Rao did it. Notable participants included Shri Sanjay Lohia, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Shri Janardan Prasad, Director General, Geological Survey of India. The proposed annual program for the upcoming field season year 2024-2025 was presented for discussion.
- ◆ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman registered her name in the history books. Carrying forward her legacy of fiscal management, Sitharaman's tenure coincides with that of former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who previously held the finance portfolio during 1959-1964.
- ◆ Indian boxer Mandeep Jangda won the US-based National Boxing Association's Intercontinental Super Featherweight title by defeating Gerardo Esquivel in Toppan City, Washington. The 30-year-old Jangra, who is undefeated so far in his professional career, trains under the guidance of former Olympic silver medalist Roy Jones Jr.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Pulses Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 9th February (B) 10th February
(C) 11th February (D) 12th February

(B) Every year World Pulses Day i.e. Pulses Day is celebrated on 10 February. This day was started keeping in mind the importance of pulses at the global level and the nutritional elements obtained through it. Pulses are not only used to obtain nutrition but it is also helping in eradicating hunger and poverty.



2. When is National Deworming Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 10th February (B) 11th February
(C) 12th February (D) 13th February

(A) National Deworming Day is observed on 10th February to make people aware about the importance of deworming, especially for children aged 1 to 19 years who are most vulnerable. This day was started by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 2015. The main objective of the day is to raise awareness about intestinal worms and achieve complete eradication of soil transmitted worms in children.



3. Which country will recently dump 54 thousand tons of contaminated nuclear plant waste into the Pacific Ocean?

- (A) Russia (B) America
(C) Japan (D) Germany

(C) Japan plans to release about 54,600 tons of nuclear contaminated water from the plant into the sea this fiscal year. Tokyo Electric Power Co., operator of Japan's Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant, plans to release about 54,600 tons of nuclear contaminated water from the plant into the sea in fiscal year 2024.



Joint military exercise 'Sada Tansiq'

4. Recently, joint exercise Sada Tansiq started between the armies of India and which country?

- (A) Saudi Arabia (B) Oman
(C) Netherlands (D) England

(A) Recently the initial edition of joint military exercise Sada Tansiq has started between India and Saudi Arabia. This edition is being organized in Mahajan, Rajasthan. The 45 Saudi Arabian defense personnel are being led by the Royal Saudi Land Forces.



5. Recently ICC has lifted the suspension from which country's cricket board?

- (A) India (B) Pakistan
(C) Bangladesh (D) Sri Lanka

(D) Recently ICC has lifted the suspension from the Cricket Board of Sri Lanka. After the ban was lifted, the Sri Lanka Cricket Board was now restricted from hosting any kind of bilateral and ICC event. ICC was monitoring the situation of Sri Lankan cricket since the suspension.



6. Who has recently become the first woman Subedar of the Indian Army?

- (A) Jyoti Randhawa (B) Preeti Rajak
(C) Shreeja Akula (D) Deepti Sharma

(B) Havildar Preeti Rajak was promoted to the rank of Subedar in the Indian Army and became the first woman to hold the post. Subedar Rajak who is a champion trap shooter, joined the Army in the Military Police Corps in December 2022. She was the first meritorious sportsperson enrolled in the Army as a Havildar in the shooting discipline.



7. To which country has India recently given emergency relief of 1 million dollars?

- (A) Papua New Guinea (B) Oman
(C) Cambodia (D) None of these

(A) India has sent emergency relief assistance of \$1 million to Papua New Guinea amid natural crisis. India sent \$1 million emergency relief assistance to Papua New Guinea. Australian Air Force given to Papua New Guinea by India. Emergency relief assistance was sent by air.



8. Where was the foundation stone of the first Naturopathy Hospital of North-East laid recently?

- (A) Dispur (B) Guwahati
(C) Dibrugarh (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the Ministry of AYUSH informed that Sarbananda Sonowal along with Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone of Central Yoga and Naturopathy Research Institute along with 100 bedded Yoga and Naturopathy Hospital at Dihing Khamtighat in Dibrugarh.



9. Which state government has recently launched a road safety force?

- (A) Kerala (B) Punjab
(C) Gujarat (D) Haryana

(B) Under the visionary leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhavant Mann, an unprecedented initiative has been unveiled to enhance road safety across the state. The inauguration of the Road Safety Force is a significant leap forward in safeguarding lives and preventing accidents on the extensive road network of Punjab. To improve the road system in Punjab, the state government has launched Road Safety Force.



10. Recently, India has emerged as the 5th largest source of tourists for which country?

- (A) America (B) France
(C) Pakistan (D) Italy

(A) India has now come at fifth position in the list of tourist countries for America. India has become the fifth largest country in the world in terms of tourists visiting America. The number of Indian tourists visiting America is increasing rapidly. This growth is happening due to India's growing middle class and youth.

