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## History of February 19

- ◆ **1398** : Sultan Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq II of Delhi was assassinated.
- ◆ **1719** : Mughal ruler Farrukh Siyar was assassinated.
- ◆ **1819** : Daily publication of Amrit Bazaar Patrika started.
- ◆ **1866** : Computerized railway reservation ticket was introduced for the first time in India.
- ◆ **1830** : Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the first ruler of the Maratha Empire, was born in Junnar.
- ◆ **1878** : Thomas Edison patented the phonograph.

## Current Affairs Related to 19 February

- ◆ **Dhami campaign against drugs** was launched by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. Earlier, Dhami called upon the people of the state to come forward to help the government in its resolve to make the state drug free by the year 2025. Apart from this, he organized a high level meeting and directed the officials to rapidly involve students and colleges in the campaign to achieve the goal of drug-free Uttarakhand by the year 2025.
- ◆ **Elon Musk announced the successful implantation of the Neuralink device in a human.** This device is essentially the size of a large coin, manufactured specifically to be implanted in the skull for brain computer interface. Neuralink has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration under the Investigational Device Exemption. It is a technology that enables direct communication between the brain and external devices such as computers or prosthetics, without using traditional neuromuscular pathways such as nerves and muscles.
- ◆ **The Annual Performance Report of the Indian Banking Sector, in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949,** presents a comprehensive analysis of the achievements and challenges of the sector. It includes co-operative banks and non-banking financial companies, providing information about their contribution to the economic structure of the country. The report highlights the strength of India's banking system and NBFCs.
- ◆ **The Civil Aviation Ministry has given in-principle approval for the installation of a 242-feet tall statue of Adiyogi Shiva** near the upcoming Noida International Airport at Jewar in western Uttar Pradesh. This important decision paves the way for the establishment of this spiritual milestone for Isha Foundation. Under the leadership of Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Isha Foundation is renowned for its commitment towards yoga, environmental stewardship and social welfare.
- ◆ **Russian astronaut Oleg Kononenko has created new history.** He has made a world record for staying in space for the most number of days. 59-year-old Kononenko achieved this feat by breaking the record of his own country's astronaut Gennady Padalka.
- ◆ **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the prestigious World Government Summit in Dubai.** This was their second invitation to the WGS, the first being in 2018. The WGS was an annual global gathering held in Dubai. 2013 convenes world leaders, policy makers and experts to tackle global issues.
- ◆ **In a strategic move within the Indian Army, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi** has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Army Staff with effect. The changes mark a seamless succession plan as Lt Gen Dwivedi steps into the role, succeeding Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar.
- ◆ **India's premier theater festival, Bharat Rang Mahotsav begins its journey in the culturally rich Kutch district of Gujarat,** marking the beginning of a vibrant celebration of the performing arts. India's foremost theater festival, the prestigious Bharat Rang Mahotsav has been inaugurated in Gujarat's Kutch district, marking the beginning of a vibrant tribute to the performing arts.
- ◆ **REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise and leading NBFC under the Ministry of Power,** has been awarded the prestigious Best Green Bond Corporate Award at the Asset Triple A Awards for Sustainable Finance. This recognition underlines REC's commitment to sustainable finance and environmental sustainability. In April 2023, REC issued USD Green Bonds worth \$750 million, a milestone first for India since assuming the G20 Chairmanship.
- ◆ **Pawan Kumar assumed charge after approval from the Appointments Committee** of the Cabinet. Kumar is an officer of the Indian Cost Accounts Service under the Department of Expenditure of the Finance Ministry. Earlier he was holding the charge of Additional Chief Advisor.



## National & International Current Affairs

**1. In which year will the FIFA World Cup final be held at the MetLife Stadium in New York City?**

- (A) 2025 (B) 2026  
(C) 2027 (D) 2028

**(B)** New York's MetLife Stadium has been selected as the venue for the FIFA World Cup 2026 finals, co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. New York's MetLife Stadium has been chosen as the venue for the final to be held on July 19. The 2026 FIFA World Cup will kick off on June 11 at the iconic Azteca Stadium in Mexico City.



**2. Recently, which city will Telangana Football Association host the FIFA World Cup Qualifier?**

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Mumbai  
(C) New Delhi (D) Jammu and Kashmir

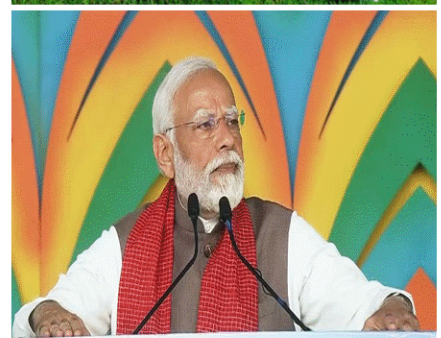
**(A)** Telangana Football Association has got the opportunity to organize qualifier matches for the FIFA Football World Cup. This match will take place between Kuwait and India on 6 June 2026. Telangana Football Association Secretary GP Palguna has confirmed this news. Mahi and TFA Secretary G.P. Palguna said that there was a fruitful discussion with Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.



**3. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled projects worth how many crores in Goa.**

- (A) 1000 crores (B) 1330 crores  
(C) 1770 crores (D) 2100 crores

**(B)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked a historic moment in the educational landscape of Goa when he inaugurated the permanent campus of National Institute of Technology Goa. Built at a cost of more than Rs 1330 crore, the campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to cater to the various needs of students, teachers and staff.



**4. Recently, RBI gave approval to which bank to acquire up to 9.5 percent stake in 6 banks?**

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank  
(C) Axis Bank (D) Yes Bank

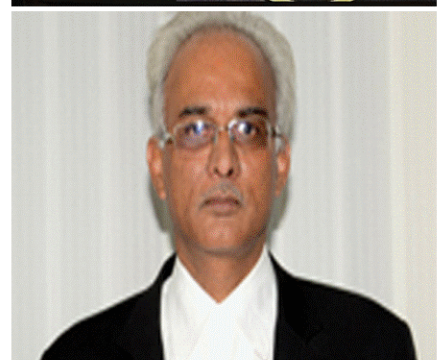
**(A)** HDFC Bank group entities got Reserve Bank of India's approval to acquire aggregate stake up to 9.5 percent of paid-up share capital or voting rights in six banks. These banks include Axis Bank, Sarvodaya Small Finance Bank, ICICI Bank, Bandhan Bank, Yes Bank and IndusInd Bank. The RBI approval will be valid for one year i.e. till 4 February 2025.



**5. Recently Rajendra Prasad Gupta was appointed as the new Advocate General of which state?**

- (A) Punjab (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat

**(C)** Rajendra Prasad Gupta was appointed as the new Advocate General of Rajasthan. Rajasthan has welcomed senior advocate Rajendra Prasad Gupta as its new Advocate General after Governor Kalraj Mishra approved his appointment. The appointment marks a significant change in the state's legal leadership, filling a vacancy left after the change of government in December.





**6. Who has recently been appointed as the new country director for India by ADB?**

- (A) Madison Marsh (B) Mio Oka  
(C) Paul Anderson (D) None of these

**(B)** Asian Development Bank appointed Mio Oka as its Country Director for India. She replaces Takio Konishi, who has been made the director general of South Asia at the bank's headquarters in Manila. ADB said in the statement that Oka will lead ADB's work in India as Country Director.



**7. Who has recently won the Greco-Roman title in the National Wrestling Championship?**

- (A) Sunil Kumar (B) Pawan Kumar  
(C) Pradeep Srivastava (D) None of these

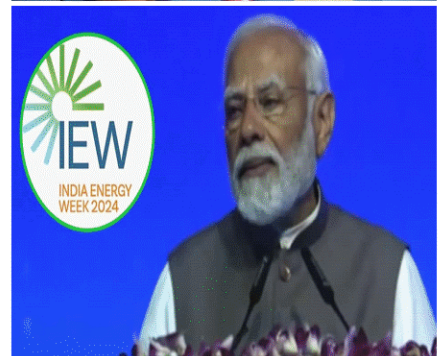
**(A)** Asian Games bronze medalist Sunil Kumar won the 87 kg crown by defeating Manoj Kumar by 9.1 in Greco Roman wrestling on the opening day of the National Wrestling Championship at the Railway Stadium. Asserting his class, former Asian champion Sunil used his impressive power and strong grip to knock Manoj out and deliver the first blow.



**8. In which state has India Energy Week 2024 been organized recently?**

- (A) Assam (B) Bihar  
(C) West Bengal (D) Goa

**(D)** Recently India Energy Week 2024 was organized in the state of Goa. It is India's premier and only exclusive energy exhibition and conference, which will provide a platform to the entire energy value chain and act as a catalyst for India's energy transition goals.



**9. Recently Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak has become the new Prime Minister of which country?**

- (A) Sudan (B) Yemen  
(C) Morocco (D) None of these

**(B)** In a significant move, Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council appointed Foreign Minister Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak as the country's new prime minister. This appointment comes at a critical time when Yemen is facing increasing tensions and security challenges. Outgoing Prime Minister Maain Abdulmalik Saeed has been appointed as an advisor to the Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council.



**10. Where has the foundation stone of the country's first digital National Archives Museum been laid recently?**

- (A) Hyderabad (B) Mumbai  
(C) Bangalore (D) New Delhi

**(A)** The foundation stone of the country's first digital National Archives was laid by Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy at the Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad. The Archaeological Survey of India is setting up and will house about one lakh ancient inscriptions from different languages and periods. This will be an unprecedented digital museum, which will open up a treasure trove of knowledge for scholars and researchers.

