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History of February 8

- ◆ **1943** : **Freedom fighter** Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose left for Japan on a boat from Kiel, Germany.
- ◆ **1986** : **Prepaid taxi service** was started for the first time at Delhi Airport.
- ◆ **2006** : **Three agreements** were signed between India and South Korea in Seoul.
- ◆ **1952** : **Queen Elizabeth** became **Queen of Britain and President** of the Commonwealth of Nations.

Current Affairs Related to 8 February

- ◆ **Airbus Helicopters** has announced that it is partnering with the **Tata Group** to set up a final assembly line for civil helicopters in the country, making it India's first helicopter assembly facility in the private sector. Under this partnership, FAL will produce Airbus' best-selling H125 single engine civil helicopter for India and export to some neighboring countries.
- ◆ **In an unprecedented move for the Indian tech landscape**, **Ola** visionary **Agarwal** has successfully raised **\$50 million** for his latest venture **Crutrim**. This AI start-up, at the forefront of cutting-edge technology, is set to revolutionize the industry. Co-founded by **Bhavish Aggarwal**, **Crutrim** has rapidly emerged as a major player in the field of Artificial Intelligence. **Aggarwal**, known for his innovative contributions through **Ola** and **Ola Electric**, is now bringing his technical prowess to the AI domain with **Crutrim**.
- ◆ **Online food delivery platform Zomato** announced that its wholly owned unit **Zomato Payments Pvt Ltd** has received a certificate of authorization from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as an online payment aggregator. **Zomato** said in an exchange filing that we wish to inform that **Zomato Payments Private Limited** has been granted a Certificate of Authorization from **RBI** to operate as an online payment aggregator in the country as per the guidelines issued by **RBI**.
- ◆ **India's legendary tennis player Rohan Bopanna** created history. Along with his **Australian partner Matthew Ebden**, he reached the semi-finals of the **Australian Open**. Together they defeated the pair of **Maximo Gonzalez** and **Andres Molteni** in the quarterfinals of the men's doubles event. **Rohan** and **Ebden** defeated the **Argentinian** pair by a margin of 6.4, 7.6.
- ◆ **The central government** announced that former Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu**, actors **Chiranjeevi** and **Vyjayanthimala** **Bali** and **Bharatanatyam** dancer **Padya Subramaniam** will be honored with **Padya Vibhushan**, the country's second highest civilian award. **Bindeshwar Pathak**, founder of **Sulabh International**, will also be honored posthumously with this award.
- ◆ **Indian renewable energy company ACME Group** has signed an agreement with **Japanese company IHI Corporation** for the supply of green ammonia. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy said in a statement that the agreement was signed by **Manoj Upadhyay**, Founder and Chairman of **ACME Group**, and **Hiroshi Ide**, Chairman and CEO of **IHI Corporation**.
- ◆ **The Directorate General of Aviation** has imposed a fine on **Air India**. The regulator has imposed a fine of **Rs 1.10 crore** on **Air India** for violating safety standards in flights operating on some long routes. It alleged security violations in flights operated by **Air India** on some important long-haul routes.
- ◆ **Maersk**, a maritime giant, has unveiled **Ene Marsel**, a ground-breaking container ship fueled by green methanol derived from green hydrogen. In a significant step towards sustainability, maritime titan **Maersk** unveiled its latest marvel, **Anne Marsel**, a transformative container ship powered by green methanol derived from green hydrogen. **Ene Maersk** represents a bold leap towards a green future.
- ◆ **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 contestants 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.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Safe Internet Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 8th February (B) 9th February
(C) 10th February (D) 11th February

(A) Since 2005, February 8 is celebrated as Safer Internet Day across the world. Millions of internet users come together and participate in various activities to bring awareness and positive change. Launched as an initiative of the EU's SafeBorders project, Safer Internet Day is now celebrated in over 200 countries.

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2. How many Indian scientists have recently been selected for the UK's prestigious Blavatnik Award?

- (A) One (B) Two
(C) Three (D) Four

(C) Professor Rahul R. Nair, Mehul Malik and Dr. Tanmay Bharat have been selected for the prestigious Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists in the United Kingdom. The awards will be presented at a ceremony in London on 27 February. Dr. Tanmay Bharat has made important contributions in the fields of chemical, physical and life sciences.



3. Recently the Health Ministry approved a new treatment system for which disease?

- (A) Cancer (B) Leprosy
(C) TB disease (D) Cancer disease

(B) The Central Government has approved a new treatment regimen for leprosy to stop the transmission of leprosy at the sub-national level by 2027. The National Leprosy Eradication Program is taking all necessary measures to prevent the transmission of leprosy. The government will introduce a three-drug regimen for polio cases instead of two for six months.



4. Which has recently become India's first AI company to become a unicorn?

- (A) KRUTRIM (B) FaceX
(C) Cutshort (D) None of these

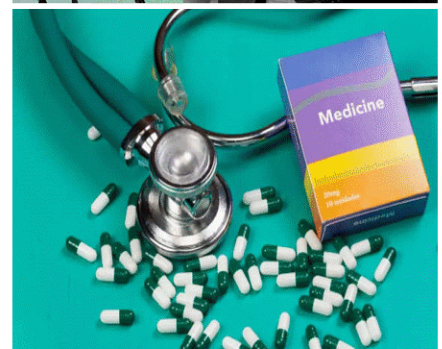
(A) Recently, Ola founder and chairman Bhavish Aggarwal's AI startup company Artificial has become the country's first company to achieve the title of AI Unicorn. This company achieved this title by completing the funding of its first tour. Regarding the big success achieved by Aarti, Bhavish Aggarwal told that the company was successful in raising 50 million dollars.



5. Which Indian company has recently received approval for generic medicines from the US health regulator?

- (A) Lupine (B) Cipla
(C) Zydes (D) None of these

(C) Zydus Lifesciences said it has received approval from the US health regulator to market a generic drug for the management of postherpetic neuralgia. Zydus Lifesciences said in a regulatory filing that the company has received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to manufacture and market Gabapentin tablets in strengths of 300 mg and 600 mg respectively.



6. Recently the Defense Ministry signed a contract with Mazagon Dock for how many Fast Patrol Vessels?

- (A) 14 (B) 16
(C) 20 (D) 24

(A) The Defense Ministry signed a contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited to acquire 14 Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard. The cost of 14 Fast Patrol Vessels will be Rs 1070 crore. These FPVs will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by MDL under the Buy Acquisition category.



7. Recently India and which country agreed to increase cooperation in the South-West Indian Ocean?

- (A) Russia (B) Sri Lanka
(C) France (D) Japan

(C) India and France agreed to intensify joint surveillance missions off the French island territory of La Reunion. Prime Minister Modi and French President Macron agreed to further deepen their long-term partnership based on their shared vision for the Indo-Pacific region. According to the joint statement, defense and security partnership plays an important role in the India-France partnership in the Indo-Pacific region.



8. RBI has approved LIC's application to take what percentage of the total paid-up share capital in HDFC Bank?

- (A) 5.99% (B) 9.99%
(C) 10.01% (D) 11.99%

(B) RBI has approved LIC's application to acquire 9.99% of the total paid-up share capital of HDFC Bank. LIC had earlier applied to acquire voting rights in HDFC Bank. The approval given by RBI is subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.



9. Which player recently won the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year award for the fourth time?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Rohit Sharma
(C) Suryakumar Yadav (D) Hardik Pandya

(A) Virat Kohli received this honor because of his excellent performance in the ODI format, especially during the World Cup held in India. Kohli emerged as the second-highest run-scorer in the 2023 season with a total of 1377 runs in ODIs behind his compatriot Shubman Gill. The award is Kohli's seventh individual ICC honor in his illustrious career.



10. Recently, the Cabinet approved the Viability Gap Funding Scheme worth how many crores of rupees for coal gasification.

- (A) Rs 4500 crore (B) Rs 6500 crore
(C) Rs 7700 crore (D) Rs 8500 crore

(D) The Union Cabinet recently approved an unprecedented Viability Gap Funding Initiative by allocating Rs 8500 crore for coal gasification projects. This strategic move is an important step towards realizing the government's ambitious mission to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030.

