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History of February 2

- ◆ **1862** : Shambhunath Pandit became the first Indian judge of the Calcutta High Court.
- ◆ **1844** : Pitts Regulatory Act was implemented for administrative reforms in the country.
- ◆ **1953** : All India Khadi and Village Industries Board was formed.
- ◆ **1966** : Pakistan presented an important proposal for Kashmir agreement.

Current Affairs Related to 2 February

- ◆ **Union Minister for Culture** and Tourism G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated five new galleries at the famous Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad.
- ◆ **RBI's Economic Activity Index** has estimated the GDP growth rate to be 7% for the third quarter of FY 2024. This is higher than the real GDP growth estimate of 6.5% for FY 2024 as per the RBI Governor's December 2023 monetary policy statement. Economic activity in India remained strong, supported by strong domestic demand.
- ◆ **An MoU has been signed between Google India Digital Services and NPCI International Payments**, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India, to expand UPI to countries other than India. The MoU aims to widen the use of UPI payments for travelers outside India, allowing them to easily transact abroad and help other countries set up digital payment systems like UPI.
- ◆ **The second generation distress alert transmitter has been developed by ISRO**. It has advanced capabilities. It has a facility for fishermen to send emergency messages from fishing boats. The first version of the Distress Alert transmitter has been in operation since 2010. Messages were sent via communications satellite using the first version of DAT. Messages were received at the Indian Mission Control Centre, which served as the central control station.
- ◆ **The Japanese spacecraft Smart Lander for Investigating the Moon lands on the Moon**, making Japan the fifth country to reach the lunar surface. However officials said they still needed to analyze the exact landing. In terms of reaching the Moon, Japan comes after the United States, the Soviet Union, China and India.
- ◆ **The Ayodhya Ram Temple, a site of state-of-the-art religious significance in India, introduced** an unprecedented feature, a solar powered Surya Tilak for deity Ram Lalla. The first to blend spirituality with scientific innovation, it highlights India's commitment to sustainable practices in cultural and religious celebrations.
- ◆ **India announces a new alliance for global well-being, gender equity and equality**. Klaus Schwab, Founder and President of WEF, offered his full support to the initiative. It was hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry. In this, along with Union Ministers Smriti Irani and Hardeep Singh Puri, WEF Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab also participated.
- ◆ **The Indian Army has conducted this operation to foil Pakistan's efforts to revive terrorism in Kashmir**. The operation aims to counter the terrorist resurgence that Pakistani proxy groups are promoting in the Pir Panjal mountain ranges. Pakistan-backed terrorist groups are making concerted efforts to rekindle violence in the Rajouri Poonch region. Operation Sarvshakti will involve joint counter-terrorism operations from both sides of the Pir Panjal ranges.
- ◆ **Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport** were jointly awarded the Best Airport of the Year at the prestigious Wings India Awards 2024. The honor celebrates world-class operators and individuals who have made significant contributions to the aviation industry, particularly during challenging times.
- ◆ **The 13th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi** with great enthusiasm in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The inaugural ceremony not only marked the beginning of the much-awaited sporting event, but also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of important projects worth about Rs 250 crore in the broadcasting sector.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Wetlands Day celebrated every year?

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

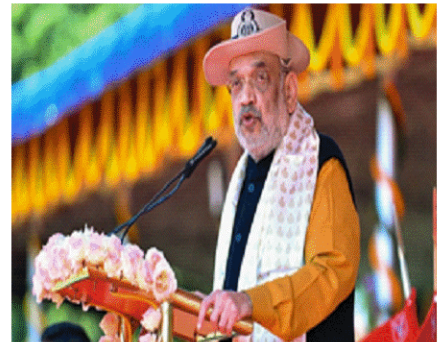
(B) World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2 February. The purpose of celebrating this day is to raise global awareness about the important role of wetlands. A wetland is that part of the land where water and land meet. In view of the poor condition of rivers, lakes, ponds etc., World Wetlands Day was celebrated for the first time in Iran on 2 February 1997.



2. Recently, with which country has the Indian Government announced fencing on its border?

- (A) Myanmar (B) Nepal
(C) England (D) Bhutan

(A) Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that India will erect a fence along the border with Myanmar to restrict free movement into India. The system allowing people from both countries to travel up to 16 km in either direction without travel documents will be abolished. The free movement system in its present form enables entry without visas and passports.



3. Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to develop Science City.

- (A) Rohtak (B) Gurugram
(C) Faridabad (D) Ayodhya

(C) Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar government will build a science city on 50 acres in Faridabad or Gurgaon district. Land is being searched for this. Even an ordinary person can take things forward with his curiosity. The Chief Minister said that to encourage science education, science clubs are being formed in 10 government senior secondary schools of every district.



4. Recently Indian Immunologicals Limited launched which country's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine Havisure?

- (A) Japan (B) India
(C) America (D) Pakistan

(B) India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine, Havisure, was launched by Indian Immunologicals Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board. This vaccine is recommended for individuals who are at risk for exposure to hepatitis A or travel to areas with high hepatitis A prevalence.



5. Which medal did Indian marathon runner Man Singh win in the Asian Marathon Championship 2024?

- (A) Gold Medal (B) Bronze Medal
(C) Silver Medal (D) None of these

(A) Indian marathon runner Mansingh has won gold medal in the Asian Marathon Championship 2024. He won the medal in Hong Kong with a personal best time of two hours 14 minutes and 19 seconds. In the men's event, he defeated Huang Yongzheng of China by a time margin of 65 seconds.



6. Which state has recently become the second state after Bihar to start caste census?

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

(C) After Bihar, caste census has now started in Andhra Pradesh also. Andhra Pradesh has become the second state in the country to conduct cast survey. This process will continue till 15 February. The government says that in this way it will be easier for people to avail the benefits of public welfare schemes.



7. Who has recently won the title sponsorship of IPL for the next five years?

- (A) Paytm (B) TATA
(C) Dream 11 (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Tata Group will now remain the title sponsor of IPL till 2028. The company has got a five-year extension. For this Tata will have to pay a price of Rs 2500 crore. According to the statement by BCCI, this is also the biggest sponsorship deal in terms of amount in the history of this league.



8. Who has recently received the Best Airport Award at Wings India?

- (A) Delhi Airport (B) Bengaluru Airport
(C) Sangner Airport (D) A and B both

(D) Both Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport and Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport were jointly awarded the Airport of the Year award at the prestigious Wings India Awards 2024. The honor celebrates world-class operators and individuals who have made significant contributions to the aviation industry, particularly during challenging times.



9. Who has recently represented India at the G-77 3rd Summit in Uganda?

- (A) Piyush Goyal (B) S. Jaishankar
(C) V Muraleedharan (D) Rajnath Singh

(C) Recently V Muraleedharan represented India at the G-77 3rd Summit in Uganda. Its purpose is to provide the countries of the South with a means to articulate and promote their collective economic interests and to enhance their joint negotiating capacity within the United Nations system and to promote South-South cooperation for development.



10. Recently in which state has the centralized Akshaypatra kitchen for mid-day meal been inaugurated?

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

(A) Governor CP Radhakrishnan inaugurated the country's largest Akshaya Patra kitchen in Hazaribagh. With the inauguration, now nutritious mid-day meal can be provided to one lakh children daily. A target has been set to provide education to approximately one lakh children of 565 government schools in the district.

