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History of 28th February

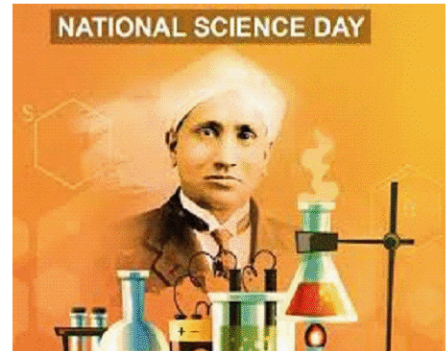
- ◆ **1712** : Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah I died in Lahore.
- ◆ **1580** : The first Christian missionary in Goa came to Akbar's court, Jiojapur Sikar.
- ◆ **1819** : Sir Stamford Raffles discovered Singapore.
- ◆ **1943** : Howrah Bridge of Kolkata was opened in 1943.
- ◆ **1992** : It was signed between Britain and India for cooperation against militants.
- ◆ **1865** : Freedom fighter Lala Lajpat Rai was born in 1865.

Current Affairs related to 28th February

- ◆ Now there will be additional activities under the National Livelihood Mission. 50: There will be provision for capital subsidy. Up to Rs 50 lakh will be given to individuals, FPOs, SHGs, JLGs, FCOs and Section 8 corporations. They will get this money to start their own horse, donkey, mule and camel business. The state government will support breed conservation of camel, donkey and horse.
- ◆ Epic Foundation recently unveiled the Milkyway Tablet, ushering in a new era of kids startup technology – 'Designed in India'. Ajay Chaudhary, President, Epic Foundation, emphasized that Milkyway Tablet is the first product designed from the ground up in India that is completely fit-for-purpose and useful, setting a benchmark for sustainability and innovation.
- ◆ A statement issued after the 2024 ministerial meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris said that talks are continuing with India in view of the country's importance to global energy and climate projects.
- ◆ Cook.com unveils its 12th Annual Docker Review Awards 2024 featuring India's Most Welcome Portable Lights. Himachal Pradesh has secured the top position.
- ◆ UK-based club cricketer Rizwan Javed has been severely banned from scoring all cricket for a period of 17 and a half years. This decision is in line with ACAET Cricket Board's (ECB) employees' intention to prosecute them for multiple construction code violations.
- ◆ India and Colombia have signed an agreement in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented on Sambandh Bitiya Patra for digital transformation. This agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Electronics and Information and Communications. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said in a VAT chart that the two stocks discussed key principles of digital public infrastructure.
- ◆ India's largest drone pilot training organization has been launched by IIT Guwahati.
- ◆ India has started talks for full cooperation in the International Energy Agency. Giving information, AIEE said that the ministries of the member countries of the International Energy Agency have started negotiations on the application of 31 countries to become full members of the Paris-based agency.
- ◆ Official data shows Germany has overtaken Japan as the world's third-largest economy, largely due to the yen's significant depreciation compared to the euro's stability. Japan's economy grew 1.9% last year, fourth. There was growth in the quarter, due to which it slipped to fourth place.
- ◆ The 16th Finance Commission (FC) held its first meeting with Arvind Panagariya as President to deliberate on its Party of Reference (TOR) and important decisions on fiscal consolidation.
- ◆ In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court declared the benchmark closure scheme arbitrary and illegal as it violates Article 14 of the Constitution. The decision came after a number of candidates challenged the scheme in which political organizations were given approval to make assistant appointments.
- ◆ Saudi Arabia's first motorcycle train, Dream of the Desert, launches tour. It is the first interactive train in the Middle East, allowing passengers to travel to the state.
- ◆ Greece made history on the left by legalizing gay marriage and gay couples gaining equal parental rights, marking a significant shift in the country's social and legal landscape. Despite facing opposition from the Conservative Church, Smykel left the market, making Summer the first Conservative Christian nation to adopt such progressive legislation.

National & International Current Affairs

1. **When is National Science Day celebrated every year?**
(A) 24 February (B) 25 February
(C) 27 February (D) 28 February
(D) National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February in India to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman. He discovered the Raman effect on 28 February 1928 and for this discovery he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.
2. **Where is the recent India and Japan joint exercise Dharma Guardian being conducted?**
(A) Kerala (B) Telangana
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat
(C) This is the 5th edition of Dharma Guardian, the joint military exercise between the Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defense Force. It started from Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan. It is scheduled to run from 25 February to 9 March 2024. Each side has forty personnel in its contingent.
3. **Which state will recently establish its first turtle conservation reserve in the Saryu River?**
(A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Jharkhand (D) Karnataka
(A) The Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh is ready to set up a turtle conservation reserve in the Saryu river. The Saryu river, a tributary of the Ghaghra in Gonda district, is known for its rich turtle diversity. A 2 km stretch of Saryu River has been proposed for the reserve. It is also rich in species of plants, birds, fish and water snakes.
4. **Recently, CM Manohar Lal Khattar presented a budget of how many lakh crore rupees for the financial year 2024-2025 ?**
(A) 1.89 lakh crore (B) 2.25 lakh crore
(C) 3.89 lakh crore (D) 5.50 lakh crore
(A) The proposed budget for the financial year 2024-2025 is 11% more than the previous financial year. This includes Rs 1,34,456.36 crore as revenue expenditure and Rs 55,420.25 crore as capital expenditure. Haryana's share in national GDP has increased from 3.5 percent in 2014-15 to 3.7 percent in 2023-2024.
5. **Recently, the compensation given to fishermen on accidental death by the Central Government has been increased from Rs 1 lakh to how many lakh rupees?**
(A) 2 lakhs (B) 4 lakhs
(C) 5 lakhs (D) 7 lakhs
(C) This was announced by Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala at the inaugural program of the 13th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum in New Town Kolkata. Its theme is to promote Indian fisheries and aquaculture to achieve sustainable development goals.



6. In which state did PM Modi recently inaugurate the country's longest cable-based bridge Sudarshan Setu?

- (A) Punjab (B) Haryana
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Gujarat

(D) The country's longest cable-stayed bridge, Sudarshan Setu, was inaugurated by PM Modi in Gujarat. He dedicated to the nation the country's longest signature stay bridge Sudarshan Setu, which is approximately 2.32 km long. The bridge in Dwarka, Gujarat connects the mainland of Okha to the island of Bayt Dwarka.



7. PM Modi unveiled Indian Railways projects worth how many crores of rupees?

- (A) 41000 (B) 45000
(C) 50000 (D) 65000

(A) PM Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated about 2000 railway infrastructure projects worth more than Rs 41000 crore. Redevelopment of 553 railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been started by PM Modi. These railway stations will be redeveloped for Rs 19000 crore.



8. Who recently won the Best Actor Award at Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024?

- (A) Salman Khan (B) Sonu Sood
(C) Shahrukh Khan (D) Priyanka Chopra

(C) The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards have been presented in Mumbai. Shahrukh Khan received the Best Actor award for Jawan at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024. Vicky Kaushal was named Best Actor for his role in the war biopic Sam Bahadur.



9. Who has recently launched various online portals for RNI and CBC?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Anurag Thakur
(C) Sarbananda Sonowal (D) Piyush Goyal

(B) Four portals of the Ministry have been launched including Press Services Portal, Central Bureau of Communications Portal and Website, Navigate India Portal and National Register for Local Cable Operators. The objective of launching these portals is to bring transparency in the system and ease of doing business.



10. Where were the 11th bilateral consular talks between India and America held recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Ladakh (D) Punjab

(A) The Indian delegation was led by Dr. KJ Srinivas, while the US delegation was led by Rena Bitter. India and the US have discussed ways to enhance cooperation on various issues such as extradition, mobility of students and professionals, safe and legal migration and protection of vulnerable women and children.

