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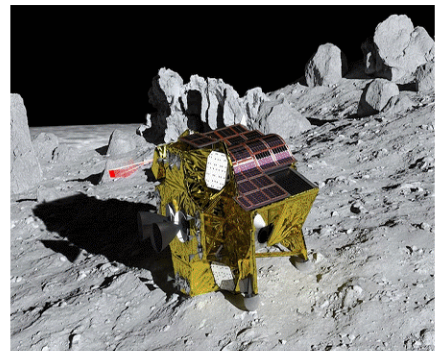
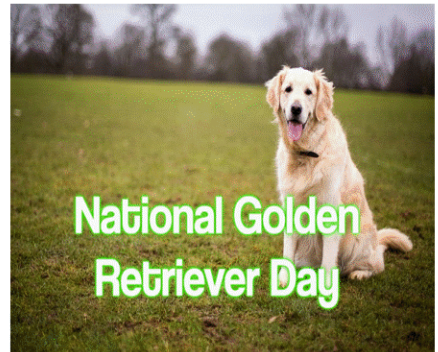
- ◆ **1503** : The Battle of Diu between the Portuguese and the Ottomans took place in Diu, India.
- ◆ **1970** : Foundation stone of India's first and world's largest coal based fertilizer plant was laid at Talcher.
- ◆ **1988** : The Indian Navy's first nuclear powered submarine, INS Chakra, was commissioned into the military fleet.
- ◆ **1925** : India's first electric train service started between Mumbai and Kurla.

Current Affairs Related to 3 February

- ◆ Top coalition commander Chris Cavoli said about 90,000 troops are set to join the Steadfast Defender 2024 exercise, which will last until May. More than 50 ships ranging from aircraft carriers to destroyers, more than 80 fighter jets, helicopters and drones and at least 1100 combat vehicles including 133 tanks and 533 infantry fighting vehicles will participate. Steadfast Defender 2024 will demonstrate NATO's ability to rapidly deploy forces from the North America and other parts of the alliance to strengthen the defense of Europe.
- ◆ Airbus and CSIR Indian Institute of Petroleum have joined hands to develop new technologies and test and qualify indigenous sustainable aviation fuel. This collaboration will help in achieving the decarbonization ambition of the Indian aerospace industry. It will support SAF production and commercialization using new HEFA technology pathways and locally sourced feedstock. The institutions will work on technical assessment, approval, market access and sustainability validation efforts for the production of SAF.
- ◆ The World Health Organization has declared Cape Verde a malaria-free country. Cape Verde is currently the third country in the African region to be certified malaria free by WHO, along with Mauritius and Algeria. A country is certified by WHO as malaria-free when it shows prevention of malaria transmission throughout the country for at least 3 years and it has functional surveillance and response systems to prevent re-emergence of indigenous transmission.
- ◆ Dr S Jaishankar co-chaired the 6th India Nigeria Joint Commission meeting with his Nigerian counterpart Yusuf Tuggar. He also addressed the Indian community in Lagos. He spoke to them about India's Covid response, economic recovery, ease of living, space achievements and migrant concerns.
- ◆ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has invested Rs 4.86 billion in Sustainable Energy Infra Trust, India's largest renewable energy infrastructure investment trust. SEIT, backed by Mahindra Sustain Pvt Ltd and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, boasts eight operational solar power assets across India with a combined capacity of 1.54 GW peak.
- ◆ The inaugural flight, operated by Indian Air Force pilots, airlifted 11 passengers from Kargil to Jammu and seven passengers from Jammu to Kargil. This initiative will play an important role in enhancing regional connectivity and promoting economic growth. The AN-32 courier service aims to streamline travel and improve connectivity to Kargil. Dr. Mohammad Jafar Akhoun, Chairman and CEC, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, welcomed the Indian Air Force pilots for the launch of this important service.
- ◆ An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy was written by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. Sudha Kulkarni was building her career as the first female engineer of telco when she met the serious, idealistic and brilliant Narayana Murthy. This book is about the sacrifices they make to build a powerful and lasting marriage.
- ◆ The book Fertilizing the Future: India March Towards Fertilizer Self-Sufficiency, written by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, was released. The name of the Hindi version of the book is Fertilizer Self-Reliance Ki Raah. Mandaviya has told in the book that today India is moving rapidly on the path of becoming self-reliant in the matter of fertilizers.
- ◆ Madhika language of Kerala is on the verge of extinction. Madhika language is spoken by the Chakaliya community near Karivelur gram panchayat in Kannur district of Kerala. There are only two speakers of Madhika language left.

National & International Current Affairs

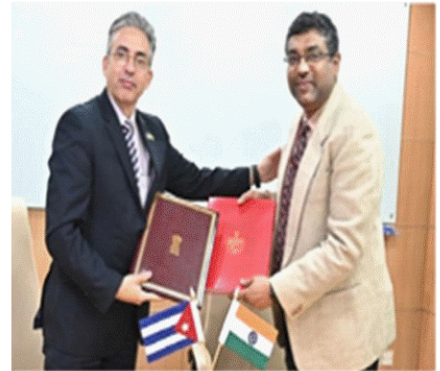
- 1. When is Forest Fire Safety Day (week) celebrated every year?**
(A) From 1st to 7th February
(B) From 2nd to 8th February
(C) From 3rd to 9th February
(D) From 4th to 10th February
(A) Forest Fire Safety Week is being celebrated by the Forest Department Rudraprayag from 1st to 7th February. People were made aware about the protection of forests by organizing a seminar in Mawan village of Silgarh belt by the Northern Range of Jakholi development block. By 2030, about 27 percent of the Amazon forests will be lost.
- 2. When is National Golden Retriever Day celebrated every year?**
(A) 1st February (B) 2nd February
(C) 3 February (D) 4 February
(C) National Golden Retriever Day is celebrated every year on 3 February. The purpose of celebrating this day is to increase global awareness about the importance of dogs of the Golden Retriever breed. Celebrating this day was started by Kristen Schauer in 2012. He was a dog lover and owner of a Golden Retriever.
- 3. Recently, for how long has the 11th edition of Exercise Khanjar been conducted in Himachal Pradesh?**
(A) From 20th to 31st January
(B) From 21st January to 1st February
(C) From 22 January to 2 February
(D) From 23 January to 3 February
(C) The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar is being conducted at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. The exercise is scheduled from 22 January to 3 February 2024. It is an annual exercise held alternately in both the countries. The Indian Army contingent is being represented by soldiers of the Parachute Regiment, while the Kyrgyzstan contingent is being represented by the Scorpion Brigade.
- 4. Which bank has recently achieved the feat as the first Indian bank on RXIL's ITFS platform?**
(A) UCO Bank (B) Yes Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) Indian Overseas Bank
(B) Yes Bank has become the first Indian bank to execute export finance transactions on the International Trade Financing Services platform of RXIL Global IFSC Limited. This collaboration marks a significant advancement in digitalization and cross-border trade for Yes Bank.
- 5. Which country has recently become the fifth country to successfully land on the Moon?**
(A) Japan (B) Germany
(C) China (D) India
(A) Japan achieved a milestone in space exploration, becoming the fifth country to soft land a spacecraft on the Moon, a significant achievement in lunar exploration. Japan has achieved an important milestone in space exploration by becoming the fifth country to successfully make a soft landing on the Moon.



6. Recently India and which country have signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions?

- (A) Japan (B) Cuba
(C) France (D) Israel

(B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and Ministry of Communications of the Republic of Cuba signed MoU for cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation. The main objective of the MoU is to promote digital transformation through capacity building programs and exchange of best practices.



7. How many new galleries were inaugurated in the Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad recently?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5

(D) Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated five new galleries at the Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Reddy said that the Salar Jung Museum, one of the most prestigious museums in India, has reorganized the old galleries. The museum has made efforts for innovation and upgrading by adding new galleries.



8. Which medal did wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya win recently in the Grand Prix D of France?

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

(B) Recently, Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Ravi Kumar Dahiya won the bronze medal at the prestigious Grand Prix de France Henri Deglen Wrestling Tournament in Nice, France. Dahiya's absence from the international scene during the entire 2023 season was attributed to injuries sustained during practice.



9. Recently Switzerland and India have sealed a free trade agreement after how many years of long negotiations.

- (A) 4 years (B) 7 years
(C) 10 years (D) 16 years

(D) Switzerland and India have finally sealed a free trade agreement after 16 years of long negotiations. The announcement was made by Swiss Economy Minister Guy Parmelin, who after attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, rushed to India for important discussions with his counterpart Piyush Goyal.



10. Who recently laid the foundation stone of the state-of-the-art Ayush Deeksha Center in Bhubaneswar?

- (A) Sarbananda Sonowal (B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Rajnath Singh (D) Arvind Kejriwal

(A) Union Minister for AYUSH and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of AYUSH DIKSHA, the first of its kind Center for Human Resource Development for future AYUSH professionals. This state-of-the-art center will be developed on the campus of Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Bhubaneswar.

