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History of February 11

- ◆ **1613** : Mughal emperor Jahangir allowed the East India Company to set up a factory in Surat.
- ◆ **1856** : Awadh was captured by the East India Company.
- ◆ **1933** : Mahatma Gandhi's Harijan Weekly began publication.
- ◆ **1826** : The University of London was established under the name of University College London.
- ◆ **1955** : Publication of newspapers started for the first time in India.
- ◆ **1966** : Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri died in Tashkent.

Current Affairs Related to 11 February

- ◆ **Khelo India Winter Games 2024**, an important event in the Indian sports calendar, is all set to begin, bringing with it the thrill and excitement of winter sports. This year's edition is particularly notable as it marks the debut of the Union Territory of Ladakh as host along with Jammu and Kashmir. The event is a part of the Khelo India Mission envisioned by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote Olympic sports in India and nurture talent.
- ◆ **Rapid deployment and robust infrastructure are paramount in the field of national defence.** The Indian Army, under the Ministry of Defence, remains alert to external threats and prefers state-of-the-art equipment such as a Multispan Mobile Bridging System. Designed by Armament and Combat Engineering Systems under the Defense Research and Development Organisation, Sarvatra epitomizes innovation in bridging solutions ensuring seamless connectivity for the Indian Army.
- ◆ **The military regimes in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger have announced their immediate withdrawal** from the Economic Community of West African States, citing a threat to member states. The Sahel nation, which faces challenges from jihadist violence and poverty, has strained relations with ECOWAS following the recent coup. Despite being a founding member in 1975, he was suspended and faced heavy sanctions for overthrowing civilian governments.
- ◆ **The Government has taken an important step in shaping the Sixteenth Finance Commission** by appointing 4 key members, three of whom have been designated as whole-time members. The Commission was constituted on 31 December 2023 under the chairmanship of Shri Arvind Panagariya, former Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- ◆ **In a remarkable discovery, scientists have identified a new species of small lizards** in the biodiverse forests of the Western Ghats, and described them as tiny dragons.
- ◆ **Elon Musk's company Neuralink has claimed to implant a brain chip in humans.** The company has said that the brain chip transplant was done to the first human patient, which was successful and the patient is recovering rapidly. Giving this information on social media, Elon Musk said that the initial results are encouraging and seem to give hope in detecting the neuron spike. Musk then said that Neuralink's first product will be called Telepathy. The company said that its aim is to make the lives of people suffering from neurological disorders easier.
- ◆ **Sonam Musker made a remarkable debut by winning the women's air rifle silver medal** at the Shooting World Cup in Cairo, Egypt. Despite her impressive performance, she was defeated by Germany's Anna Janssen by just 0.9 points. Musker's stellar performance highlights his potential as a rising star in the sport.
- ◆ **BOB Financial Solutions Limited, the cards subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, is undergoing a strategic transformation** and has now been renamed as BOBCard Limited with a focus on revolutionizing credit experiences. The change includes a distinctive logo called Baroda Sun, consisting of the double B letters covering the rays of the rising sun.
- ◆ **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma released the first edition of Political History of Assam** Volume 1, an important landmark in documenting the political journey of the state. CM Sarma stressed the need to rewrite history based on factual evidence rather than through the prism of ideology. He criticized the approach of viewing history from a leftist or rightist perspective and advocated a more balanced and factual representation of the political history of Assam.
- ◆ **Veteran IAS officer Sharat Chauhan of 1994 batch of AGMUT cadre has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Puducherry** by an official order of the Union Home Ministry.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. **When is International Day of Women and Girls in Science celebrated every year?**

- (A) 8th February (B) 10th February
(C) 11th February (D) 14th February

(C) International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated every year on 11 February. It is celebrated on 11 February to recognize the role of women and girls in science not only as beneficiaries but also as agents of change. The day focuses on achieving full and equal access and participation in science for women and girls. Also to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.



2. **Recently, where did the Uttar Pradesh government start the first water metro service?**

- (A) Ayodhya (B) Varanasi
(C) Prayagraj (D) None of these

(A) The Inland Waterways Authority of India has constructed three water metros for the three major cities at the Cochin Shipyard in Ayodhya, Kerala. Along with Ayodhya, water metro will also run in Mathura and Varanasi. The first water metro reached Varanasi and the second reached Ayodhya. Now the third one is to be delivered to Mathura.



3. **Where has L&T received the order to set up a solar power plant recently?**

- (A) Gandhinagar (B) Dubai
(C) Dhaka (D) None of these

(B) Larsen & Toubro has won the contract for setting up a solar power plant in Dubai. The company told BSE that the project involves setting up solar photovoltaic plants in Dubai. We are committed to use our innovative renewable energy solutions and project management expertise to accelerate the energy transition in the region," said T Madhava Das, Whole Time Director and Senior Executive Vice President, L&T.



4. **When is World Sick Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 11th February (B) 12th February
(C) 13th February (D) 14th February

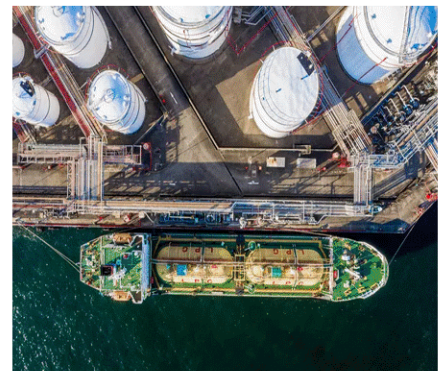
(A) World Sick Day is celebrated every year on 11 February in the country. The purpose of celebrating this day is to consider the care of people suffering from any disease as well as those who take care of them. Various public awareness campaigns are organized on this day so that more and more people can be made aware about it.



5. **Recently, Qatar has signed a 15-year gas supply agreement with which country?**

- (A) India (B) Sri Lanka
(C) America (D) Bangladesh

(D) In a major development in the energy sector, Qatar Energy and Accelerate Energy have finalized a significant 15-year LNG sales and purchase agreement with the aim of providing LNG to Bangladesh. Under the SPA, Accelerate will secure one million tonnes of LNG per year from Qatar Energy.





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6. Recently, the former Prime Minister of which country has been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment?

- (A) Japan (B) Pakistan
(C) England (D) Bangladesh

(B) Recently, in the case of breach of confidential information in Pakistan, a special court sentenced former Prime Minister Imran Khan to 10 years in jail. In this case, former Foreign Minister and Vice President of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Party Shah Mahmood Qureshi has also been sentenced to 10 years in jail. This case relates to a secret diplomatic document.



7. Who has recently retained its dominance as a global manufacturer in 2023?

- (A) Toyota (B) Tata
(C) Hyundai (D) None of these

(A) Famous Japanese automaker Toyota has once again secured its position as the world's best-selling car manufacturer in 2023. This achievement underlines Toyota's continued dominance in the global automotive market and its commitment to innovation, quality and customer satisfaction.



8. Who has recently become the new Chief Secretary of Puducherry?

- (A) Rahul Gehlot (B) Tanmay Agarwal
(C) Sharat Chauhan (D) None of these

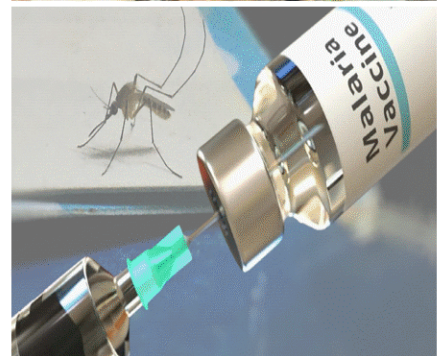
(C) Veteran IAS officer Sharat Chauhan of 1994 batch of AGMUT cadre has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Puducherry. His appointment was announced through an official order issued by the Union Home Ministry. With an extensive background in administration, Chouhan will bring fresh perspectives and efficient governance to the Union Territory.



9. Which country has recently started the world's first regular vaccination program for children?

- (A) Oman (B) Cameroon
(C) Cambodia (D) Canada

(B) Routine vaccination campaign for the prevention of malaria has been started in the African country Cameroon. Its objective is to save the lives of thousands of children. Malaria vaccination campaign has been started from Yaounde city of Cameroon. According to the World Health Organization, every year 6 lakh people die due to malaria in Africa.



10. Who has received the Best Actor Award in the recently announced 69th Filmfare Awards?

- (A) Ranveer Kapoor (B) Shahid Kapoor
(C) Vicky Kaushal (D) Shahrukh Khan

(A) Ranveer Kapoor has received the Best Actor Award at the recently announced 69th Filmfare Awards. Alia Bhatt received the Best Actress Award. This is a very special moment for both of them. Ranbir Kapoor received this honor for his blockbuster film Animal and Alia received this honor for the love story of Rocky and Rani.

