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History of February 6

- ◆ **1959** : Anna Chandy was appointed as a judge of the Kerala High Court in India. She became the first woman judge to be appointed to a High Court.
- ◆ **1819** : Singapore was discovered by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles
- ◆ **2009** : India provided financial assistance of Rs 9.45 crore for the construction of three big dams on its border with Nepal.
- ◆ **1999** : The country's first Pace Maker Bank was established in Kolkata.

Current Affairs Related to 6 February

- ◆ Saudi Arabia is preparing to open its first alcohol store in the capital Riyadh. This store will be especially for non-Muslim diplomats. In such a situation, common people will not be able to purchase liquor from this store. A document states that before making purchases from this alcohol store, customers will have to register through a mobile app. Apart from this, they will also have to obtain a clearance code from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia. Diplomats will also be set a monthly quota for purchasing liquor.
- ◆ An MoU between India and Oman for cooperation in the field of Information Technology was approved. The objective of the MoU is to promote cooperation between India and Oman through mutual cooperation, sharing of technologies, information and investment in the field of information technology. The MoU will remain in force for 3 years from the date of signature by the parties. Under the MoU, G2G and B2B bilateral cooperation in the field of information technology will be increased.
- ◆ ONGC got approval from the Petroleum Ministry to form a green energy subsidiary. The subsidiary will be involved in green hydrogen, hydrogen blending, renewable energy including solar, wind and hybrid, biofuels and biogas businesses and liquefied natural gas related businesses. ONGC Board has given in-principle approval for formation of a joint venture with NTPC Green Energy Limited. The joint venture will engage in the business of offshore wind energy and other renewable energy.
- ◆ India's largest private sector bank HDFC Bank has become the first lender in the country to reach 20 million active credit cards. The bank, which dominates a quarter of the total card market, started its credit card operations in 2001 and first hit the 10 million mark in 2017.
- ◆ SII's addition to the CEPI manufacturing network will boost vaccine production efforts in the Global South. With SII joining the CEPI Manufacturing Network, the world is better prepared to meet the 100 Day Mission that calls for the development of new vaccines against emerging or known infectious diseases within three months of identifying a pandemic threat. Will happen. To be prepared for such a situation, CEPI is investing \$30 million to expand SII's track record of rapidly responding to infectious disease epidemics.
- ◆ CCI has approved the merger of Fincare Small Finance Bank with AU Small Finance Bank. After approval from Competition Commission of India, approval from RBI is awaited. It is expected that the share exchange ratio for the amalgamation will be 579 equity shares of AU SFB for every 2000 equity shares of Fincare SFB.
- ◆ In a significant milestone for the Indian aviation industry, Bengaluru-based engineering company Timetooth has unveiled India's first domestically manufactured aircraft passenger seat at the Wings India 2024 event. This unprecedented growth is a departure from the industry norm where 100% of aircraft seats used by India's registered air travel companies are imported.
- ◆ The Doomsday Clock, established by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, is a metaphorical representation of humanity's proximity to global disasters caused primarily by man-made technologies and environmental challenges. This symbolic clock has attracted a lot of attention due to its dangerous setting close to midnight.
- ◆ CCI approval given for merger of AU Small Finance Bank with Fincare Small Finance Bank.
- ◆ The Indian Air Force operated from its bases on the west coast. The other two air forces operated from AI Dhafra Air Base.



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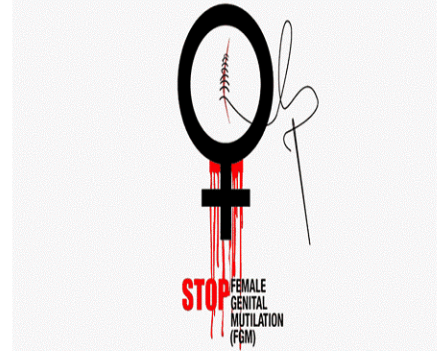
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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation celebrated every year?

- (A) 6th February (B) 7th February
(C) 8th February (D) 9th February

(A) International Day of Zero Tolerance against Female Genital Mutilation is observed every year on 6 February. This day was first celebrated on 6 February 2003. This day was founded by former Nigerian President Stella Obasanjo. She was also the spokesperson for the zero tolerance campaign against female genital mutilation.



2. Recently, from which year will Madrid host the Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix?

- (A) 2024 (B) 2025
(C) 2026 (D) 2027

(C) Madrid is set to become the new host city for the Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix starting in 2026. This marks a significant change in the location of the Spanish Grand Prix, as Barcelona has been home to the event since 1991. After this change, Madrid will host the Grand Prix. The Prix is introducing a new circuit to the world of Formula 1 for 10 years from 2026 to 2035.



3. Who has recently retired from boxing?

- (A) Renu Phogat (B) Geeta Solanki
(C) Mary Kom (D) None of these

(C) Recently boxer Mary Kom has retired. Mary Kom is a six-time world champion. Apart from this, Mary Kom has also won a medal in the 2012 Olympic Games. Mary Kom is now 41 years old and the International Boxing Federation allows male and female boxers to compete only till the age of 40.



4. Recently the Cabinet has approved the establishment of how many coal gasification plants in West Bengal and Odisha.

- (A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4

(B) Coal India Limited will set up two coal gasification plants with an aim to achieve the target of 100 MT coal gasification by the year 2030 and fulfill India's twin objectives of self-reliance and energy independence. The total investment for synthetic natural gas from coal proposed in the joint venture of CIL and GAIL in the Sonpur Bazaar area of Eastern Coalfields Limited in West Bengal will be Rs 1352 crore.



5. Which medal did Mansingh win recently in the Asian Marathon Championship 2024?

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

(A) The Asian Marathon Championships 2024 was a historic moment for Indian athletics as India's 34-year-old marathon runner Man Singh won the gold medal. The achievement is significant for Mansingh and Indian sports, reflecting the country's growing strength in long distance running. Mansingh's victory in Hong Kong was nothing less than spectacular.





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6. Recently, PM Modi unveiled several development projects worth more than how many crores of rupees in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh.

- (A) Rs 19,000 crore (B) Rs 20,000 crore
(C) Rs 22,000 crore (D) Rs 25,000 crore

(A) PM Modi unveiled several development projects worth more than Rs 19,000 crore in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh. These projects relate to key sectors like rail, road, oil and gas, urban development and housing. The two leaders visited culturally and historically important sites of the city, such as Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal and Albert Hall Museum.



7. According to the data of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, the direct tax to GDP ratio will increase to an all-time high of what percent at the end of financial year 2023?

- (A) 3.9% (B) 5.10%
(C) 6.11% (D) 7.5%

(C) According to Central Board of Direct Taxes data, the direct tax to GDP ratio increased to an all-time high of 6.11% at the end of FY 2023. The data also shows that the cost of collection has fallen to the lowest level since FY 2015. The ratio has crossed the 6% level for the third time in the last 22 financial years.



8. Who has recently announced the first batch of Vaibhav Fellowship?

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

(B) 22 scientists of Indian origin from different parts of the world received Vaibhav Fellowship. Two prestigious fellowships were also offered to senior professors, Aarogyaswami Paulraj and Jitendra Malik. The Department of Science and Technology is implementing the Global Indian Scientific Fellowship Programme. A total of 302 applications have been received for Vaibhav Fellowship.



9. Recently, in the Swachh Survekshan 2023, what is the position of Bhopal in cleanliness?

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

(D) Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, has made significant progress in cleanliness and has emerged as the 5th cleanest city of India among the cities with population of more than 1 lakh. The consistent efforts of Bhopal Municipal Corporation have not only increased its ranking from 6th in 2022, but also achieved the coveted 5.Star Garbage Free City Rating, making it the cleanest state capital in the country.



10. Who has recently inaugurated Kaushal Bhawan?

- (A) Draupadi Murmu (B) Narendra Modi
(C) S Jaishankar (D) Piyush Goyal

(A) President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated Kaushal Bhawan, which symbolizes India's unwavering commitment to empowering its youth through skill development. The building under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is set to realize the aspirations and nurture the young talent of the country, taking India towards a more skilled future.

