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History of 25 February

- ◆ **1586** : Akbar's court poet Birbal was killed in a battle with the rebel Yusufzai.
- ◆ **1897** : India's famous scholar, litterateur and educationist Amarnath Jha was born.
- ◆ **2008** : The film 'Nine Country for Old Men' was chosen as the best film of the year at the 80th Oscar Academy.
- ◆ **1988** : Prithvi, India's first surface-to-surface missile, was successfully launched.

Current Affairs Related to 25 February

- ◆ The government will release a draft regulatory framework for artificial intelligence by July 2024. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajiv Chandrashekhar said this. He announced during the address that the government is developing a draft framework for AI rules. He further said that the goals are to address any risks and negative impacts when using AI to boost economic growth. He said that the government is committed to preparing people with AI skills.
- ◆ A national level project of health screening and management through Ayurveda interventions was launched by Union Minister Sonowal Ayurveda in New Delhi. This project aims to benefit more than 20 thousand tribal people. Under this, health check-up of students from class 6th to 12th will be done. This health related checkup will be done in selected 55 Eklavya Model Residential Schools of 14 states of the country. In this, special attention has been given to anemia, hemoglobinopathy, malnutrition and tuberculosis. Efforts will be made to develop a healthy lifestyle among the students according to the principles of Ayurveda.
- ◆ The ISA is an alliance of more than 120 signatory countries that aims to reduce dependence on non-renewable sources of energy such as fossil fuels. Christifor Cutajar, Permanent Secretary of the Maltese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, signed the ISA Framework Agreement. The platform seeks to develop and deploy cost-effective and transformative energy solutions powered by the Sun to help member countries develop low-carbon development trajectories.
- ◆ Athlete Jyoti Yaraji won the gold medal in the women's 60m hurdles with a timing of 8.12 seconds, which is also a new national record. Tajinder Singh Toor won the gold medal in men's shot put with a throw of 19.7 metres, breaking the nineteen-year-old national record.
- ◆ The Union Cabinet has decided to increase the fair and remunerative price of sugarcane from Rs 315 per quintal to Rs 340 per quintal for the season 2024-2025. Sugarcane FRP is about 8% higher than sugarcane FRP for season 2023-2024. This announcement is especially important for the farmers of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. This decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.
- ◆ India announced a contribution of \$1 million to the Poverty and Hunger Eradication Fund set up by India, Brazil and South Africa. The IBSA countries—India, Brazil and South Africa—each contribute one million dollars annually to the Fund in the spirit of partnership and support for demand-driven, transformative projects in developing countries. IBSA's Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Fund was established in 2004 and became operational in 2006.
- ◆ 19 countries including India, Bangladesh and Pakistan are participating in the multinational military exercise Peace Prayas PTI that started in Nepal. It will enhance interoperability and peacekeeping capabilities of forces. Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda inaugurated the two-week long military exercise. The multinational military exercise is taking place at the Birendra Peace Operation Training Center in Kabare district. 1125 military personnel from 19 countries are taking part in this exercise. The exercise is being conducted with the assistance of the Global Peace Operation Initiative of the US Government.
- ◆ Ajit Pawar's group has been officially recognized as the Nationalist Congress Party by the Election Commission. The Election Commission has based its decision on the test of legislative majority. The Election Commission said that the faction led by Ajit Anantrao Pawar is the Nationalist Congress Party. It is entitled to use its name and reserved symbol. The Election Commission has ordered Sharad Pawar's faction to claim a name for its new formation.



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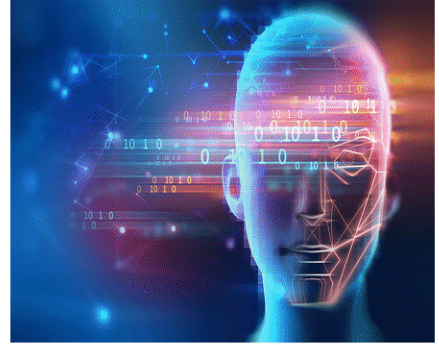
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National & International Current Affairs

1. When will Bharat GPT Group launch its first ChatGPT style service?

- (A) March 2024 (B) April 2024
(C) June 2024 (D) September 2024

(A) India GPT Group will launch its first ChatGPT style service in March 2024. Preview of the model provided by India GPT Group. It has been named Hanuman. This perhaps symbolizes India's competition to create revolutionary AI technology. Eleven regional languages ??will be used by the model to work across four domains, education, financial services, health care and governance.



2. Recently, what percentage of FDI has the government allowed in the space sector?

- (A) 25 percent (B) 50 percent
(C) 80 percent (D) 100 percent

(D) An amendment to the Foreign Direct Investment Policy allowing 100% foreign investment in the space sector has been approved by the Centre. After the Union Cabinet meeting, Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said, the aim of the liberalized entry routes under the revised policy is to attract potential investors to invest in Indian space companies.



3. Recently Babar Azam of Pakistan has become the player to score how many runs in T20 ?

- (A) 2000 (B) 4000
(C) 7000 (D) 10,000

(D) Pakistan's Babar Azam achieved the feat of scoring 10000 runs in T20. He achieved the feat in the sixth match of Pakistan Super League 2024 between Karachi Kings and Peshawar Zalmi in Lahore. He scored 10000 runs in T20 in just 217 innings. He left behind Virat Kohli and Chris Gayle.



4. Who recently inaugurated the Maritime Technical Exhibition, MTEX-24?

- (A) Ramnath Kovind (B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Amit Shah (D) Narendra Modi

(B) MTEX-24 is a unique feature of Milan 2024 which is being organized in Visakhapatnam. The latest developments in naval technology are showcased at MTEX-24. This has been done as part of Milan 2024. This draws attention to India's efforts to become self-reliant in the defense sector.



5. Recently the government decided to continue the Mahila Suraksha Yojana till which year?

- (A) 2025-2026 (B) 2026-2027
(C) 2027-2028 (D) 2028-2029

(A) The Central Government has accepted the Home Ministry's proposal to continue the implementation of the Umbrella Scheme on Women's Safety. The scheme has been extended for the period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 at a cost of Rs 1180 crore. The government will also set up six cyber forensic science laboratories in Pune, Chandigarh, Kolkata, Delhi, Kamrup and Bhopal.





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6. Recently India's first hypervelocity expansion tunnel test facility has been developed by which institute?

- (A) IIT Delhi (B) IIT Kanpur
(C) IIT Madras (D) IIT Bengaluru

(B) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur successfully established India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility. This is a big milestone for India, only a few countries have advanced hypersonic testing capabilities. The facility can simulate hypersonic conditions observed during atmospheric entry by generating flight speeds between 3 and 10 km/s.



7. Recently, Japan has invested Rs 12,800 crore in how many projects in various sectors in India?

- (A) 9 (B) 10
(C) 13 (D) 15

(A) The Finance Ministry said that the Government of Japan has promised a loan of 232.209 billion yen for nine projects related to various sectors in India. The agreement was signed by Vikas Sheel, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Suzuki Hiroshi, Ambassador of Japan to India. The projects include North East Road Network Connectivity, project to promote startups and innovation in Telangana and construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road.



8. Recently, in which state did Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurate India's first Skill India Centre?

- (A) Kerala (B) Maharashtra
(C) Odisha (D) Madhya Pradesh

(C) This Skill India Center will empower the youth with industry relevant skills. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that starting low-cost courses at the center will empower many youth. Around 1200 students will upgrade their skill sets in line with the demands of the industries. The Skill India Center will offer a mix of classroom and work-based learning.



9. Who inaugurated the 9th edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi recently?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) S. Jai Shankar
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Amit Shah

(A) Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis attended the inaugural session as the chief guest. Kyriakos Mitsotakis gave the keynote address. Attendees included ministers, former heads of state and government, military chiefs, business executives, technology executives, academics, journalists and scholars with expertise in strategic affairs.



10. Whose highest civilian honor has recently been given to Shashi Tharoor?

- (A) America (B) China
(C) India (D) France

(D) Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur France, the highest civilian honor given by France, was given to Shashi Tharoor. He was given this honor in August 2022. He is a senior leader of Congress Party. He has been serving as the Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram Kerala since 2009.

