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## MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS FEBRUARY – 2024

### DATES & DAYS

- **1 FEB:** - Indian Coast Guard Day
- ICG was established by the Coast Guard Act, 1978 on feb 1, 1977.
- **2 FEB :-** World Wetlands Day  
2024 Theme :- “Wetlands & Human wellbeing”
- **(1-7) FEB :-** World Interfaith Harmony week 2024  
Theme 2024:- “Uniting for peace” Since 2011
- **4 FEB :-** World Cancer Day  
Theme 2024 :-”Together we challenge those in power”
- **6 FEB:-** Safer Internet Day  
Theme 2024 :- “Together for a better Internet”
- **10 FEB :-** World Pulses Day  
Theme 2024 :- “Pulses : nourishing soils & people
- **11 FEB:-** Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya death anniversary.  
He was born on 25 Sep 1916 in Mathura, U.P.
- **11 FEB :-** International Day of Women & Girls in Science  
Theme :- “Women & Girls in science leadership , a New Era for Sustainability”
- **12 FEB:** - National Productivity Day  
to mark foundation day of the National Productivity Council (NPC).
- **12 FEB 2024:-** 200<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of **Maharishi Dayananda Saraswati**.  
About Maharishi Dayananda Saraswati :-founder of **Arya Samaj**  
first to give call for Swaraj as “**India for Indian**” in 1876  
Famous Work :- Satyarth Prakash gave slogan “**Back to the Vedas**”  
**DAV** (Dayananda Anglo Vedic) schools came into existence in 1886 to realize vision of Swami Dayananda Saraswati.
- **13 FEB:** - National Women’s Day to commemorate birth anniversary of **Sarojini Naidu** .  
First Indian woman president of INC in 1925 (Kanpur Session). First woman governor (of U.P.) to hold office.
- **17 Feb:-** **World Pangolin Day:**
- Celebrated on third Saturday of February each year, IUCN Status (Red List) :- “Critically Endangered” .  
It is protected under Schedule-I of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

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- **18 FEB :- World Whale Day:**
- Antarctic Blue Whale is largest animal on the planet. Celebrated annually on third Sunday in February.
- **20 FEB :- World Day of Social Justice:**
- UNGA declared this day in 2007.
- **20 FEB :- Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh Statehood Day:**
- Mizoram is 23rd state of India & Arunachal is 24th state of India.
- **21 FEB :-International Mother Language Day**
- Theme – “Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning”. It was approved at 1999 UNESCO General Conference & has been observed since 2000.
- **22 FEB :- World Scout Day:**
- Celebrated to commemorate birth anniversary of Lord Robert Baden Powell who founded Boy Scouts movement. Theme:- “Scouts for a better World”
- **24 FEB :- Central Excise Day**
- Commemorates the enactment of Central Excise & enactment of Central Excise & Salt Act 1944.
- **28 FEB :- National Science Day**
- celebrated to commemorate the discovery of Raman Effect by C.V.Raman.

## APPOINTMENTS

- Vice Admiral **Lochan Singh Pathania** assumes Charge as Chief Hydrographer.  
**Hydrographers** measure water depth, & search for shoals, rocks & wrecks that could be hazards to navigation. They also collect information on: Water level & tides.
- Former Railway Board Chief **Anil Kumar Lahoti** has been appointed as the chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (**TRAI**) for three years.
- President of India nominates Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu (founder & chancellor of Chandigarh University) to Rajya Sabha. **Article 80** of Constitution :- 12 members nominated to Rajya Sabha by President for six year ( field :- arts , literature , education & social service)
- Hemant Soren resigns; **Champai Soren** named new Jharkhand Chief Minister.
- **Preeti Rajak** becomes Indian Army's First female Subedar.
- **Sanjay Verma** takes oath as a member of UPSC.
- **Mr Azali Assoumani** re-elected as Comoros President.
- Malaysia welcomes new king **Sultan Ibrahim**.
- **Apurva Chandra** :- appointed Health Secretary
- **Ashish Kumar Bhutani** :- will be secretary , Ministry of Cooperation
- **Vijay Kumar** :- named Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India.
- Lieutenant General **Upendra Dwivedi** to take over as Army Vice Chief.
- Narendra Kumar Yadav , IRS first civil servant appointed as Brand Ambassador for Fit India Movement.

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- Katrina Kaif appointed brand Ambassador of Chennai Super Kings.
- ICAI ( Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ) elected Ranjeet Kumar Aggarwal as their new President. [ ICAI :- Statutory Body estb in 1949 by an act Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs]
- Mr Sanjay Kumar Jain assumes the charge of CMD of IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd.)
- Former PM Alexander Stubb wins Finland Presidential Election.
- Prabowo Subianto emerges victorious in Indonesia's Presidential race.
- Lebanese Judge Nawaf Salam elected as ICJ's( International Court of Justice) New President. [ ICJ HQ – Hague , Netherlands, Official Language – English & French, Dalveer Bhandari is an Indian judge in ICJ.
- Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi assumed charge as Vice Chief of Indian Army.
- Appointment of Salil Parekh to the USISPF( US –India Strategic & Partnership Forum) Board of Directors.

## **AWARDS**

- 69<sup>TH</sup> Filmfare Awards 2024:- took place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

➤ CATEGORY	➤ WINNER
➤ Best Film	➤ 12 <sup>th</sup> Fail
➤ Best Director	➤ Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12 <sup>th</sup> Fail)
➤ Best Actor (Male)	➤ Ranbir Kapoor (Animal) ➤ (Director –Sandeep Reddy Vanga)
➤ Best Actor (Female)	➤ Alia Bhatt (Rocky aur Rani kii Prem Kahani) ➤ (Director:- Karan Johar)
➤ Lifetime Achievement Award	➤ David Dhawan

- Veteran BJP leader **LK Advani** to be conferred with Bharat Ratna. 50<sup>th</sup> recipient of Bharat Ratna since its inception (1954). Received Padma Vibhushan in 2015. India's second highest civilian honour.
- Bharat Ratna (posthumous) for **PV Narasimha Rao**(9<sup>th</sup> PM of India, during his reign LPG model was introduced) , **MS Swaminathan** (father of Green Revolution in India) , **Charan Singh**(5<sup>th</sup> PM of India) [Bharat Ratna :- highest civilian honour estb in 1954 .
- Academy Award for Achievement in Casting will be introduced to the Oscars beginning with **the 98<sup>th</sup> edition in 2026**.
- Nima Sarikhani bags "**Wildlife Photographer of the Year**" **People's Choice award**. Picture called "Ice Bed". Each year this photography competition is organized by the National History Museum.

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- The Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE ) Kerala section conferred the 2024 K.P.P. Nambiar Award on ISRO ( Indian Space Research Organisation ) Chairman S . Somnath
- India won 9th GovtTech Prize at 2024 World Government Summit in Dubai for its "AI Powered Government Services" category. Govt Tech Prize is an annual award established by the UAE Govt to recognize govt bodies for their innovative solutions & its impact.
- 58th Jnanpith Awards : Jagadguru Swami Rambhadracharya , Shri Gulzar winners for 2023. Jnanpith Award given annually for outstanding contributions to Indian Literature since 1965. It is presented by Bhartiya Jnanpith which was established in 1944. Prestigious Award includes a cash prize of Rs 11 Lakh , a statue of Vagdevi & a citation.
- Shashi Tharoor conferred France's Highest Civilian Honour i.e. "Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur" (Knight of the legion of honour)
- Oscars Award

Award	Winner
Best Film	Oppenheimer
Director	Oppenheimer – Christopher <u>Noton</u>
Leading Actress	Emma Stone – Poor Things
Leading Actor	Cillian Murphy -Oppenheimer
Outstanding British Film	The Zone of Interest
Documentary	20 days in <u>mariupol</u>

- "Jeevan Raksha Padak" to Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) constable Sh Shashikant Kumar for the Year 2023 on the Occasion of Republic Day 2024. (given for saving life of female railway passenger)



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### **DEFENCE**

- Inaugural Edition of Joint Military Exercise "SADA TANSEEQ" between India & Saudi Arabia held in Rajasthan.
- Indian Navy declares 2024 as "Year of Naval Civilians".
- RBI has granted a payment aggregator (PA) license to Zomato Payments Private Limited the subsidiary of food delivery platform Zomato.
- Toyota claims Title of World's leading Automaker in 2023.

### **Books and authors**

- Book "What if There was no Congress: The Uncensored History of Independent India" by Priyam Gandhi.
- "Ek samandar, Mere Andar" written by BrahMos Aerospace Deputy CEO Sanjeev Joshi.

### **Fairs and festivals**

- President Murmu inaugurated 37<sup>th</sup> Surajkund International Crafts Mela in Faridabad, Haryana. Largest crafts fair in the world. Theme State :- Gujarat  
Partner Nation in the craft mela :- Tanzania.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Annual Orange Festival began at Local Ground Rusoma village (Kohima), Nagaland. Theme :- "Organic Orange"
- 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of India- Maldives-Sri Lanka trilateral Exercise "Dosti" with Bangladesh as Observer held in Maldives.
- Indian Air Force conducted "Exercise Vayu Shakti-24" at Pokhran Range near Jaisalmer , Rajasthan.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates MTEX-24 (Maritime Technical Exposition) in association with FICCI taking place in Vishakapatnam.

### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

- A Book titled "Dabbling in Diplomacy" by Prof. S.D. Muni.
- A new book titled "Sculpted Stones : Mysteries of Mamallapuram" authored by Ashwin Prabhu.

### **SPORTS**

- Rohan Bopana wins Australian Open doubles.
- 2024 Hockey5s World Cup was the first edition of FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup held in Muscat, Oman. Netherlands defeated India to win FIH Women's Hockey5sWorld Cup.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of Khelo India Youth Games held in Tamil Nadu for the first time organized in South India. Maharashtra topped ; 2<sup>nd</sup> :- Tamil Nadu ; 3<sup>rd</sup> :- Haryana
- Lieutenant Governors of J&K & Ladakh launch logo & Mascot for 4<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Winter Games 2024. Mascot for Winter Games :- Snow Leopard ("Sheen-e-She" oo Shan)
- FIFA World Cup 2026 schedule revealed:

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- Mexico will play the World Cup opener at Estadio Azteca
- New York New Jersey's MetLife Stadium will host the World Cup final on 19 July.
- Co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico, the FIFA World cup will be played across 16 host cities in three countries.
- **FIFA President- Gianni Infantino**
- Hyderabad to host **FIFA World Cup 2026** qualifiers between India and Kuwait on 6 June.
- **Abhinav Bindra selected a torchbearer for 2024 Paris Olympics.** He is the India first Individual gold medalist at the Olympic Games. He clinched the gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle event at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. The Paris Olympics is scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11.
- **Assam CM launched mascot "Ashtalakshmi" for 4<sup>th</sup> Khelo India University Games 2023 in Guwahati.**
- **First part of Khelo India Winter Games** in Leh Concludes.
- Maharashtra won 20 skating medals
- Army clinched the Gold Medal in Ice Hockey
- ITBP Women won the gold.
- Leh hosted the two disciplines- **Ice Hockey and Speed Skating.**
- **The second part of the KIWG** has been scheduled in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir from Feb 21-25 in four other sports.
- **Mascot – Ashtalakshmi – the vibrant butterfly.**

### Sportster Aces Awards 2024:-

CATEGORY	WINNER
Sportsman of the year (Individual)	Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy , Chirag Shetty (Badminton)
Sportswoman of the year (Individual)	R Vaishali , Sift Kaur Samra
Sportsman of the year (parasports)	Sumit Antil (Javelin)
Sportswoman of the year (parasports)	T.Murugesan (Badminton)
Coach of the Year	Rahul Dravid
Lifetime Achievement Award	Chandra Borde , Karnam Malleswari
Sportstar of the year (Male)	Neeraj Chopra (Javelin)
Sportstar of the year (Female)	Sheetal Devi (Archer)
Best state for the promotion of Sport	Tamil Nadu
Ace of Aces Award	Rohan Bopana
International Icon	Muttiah Murlidharan

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- Australia lifts Under-19 Men's World Cup beating India in South Africa .
- R Ashwin becomes 2nd Indian to take 500 Test wickets.
- Abu Dhabi headquartered Etihad Airways becomes "principal Sponsor" & Katrina Kaif as Brand Ambassador of Chennai Super Kings.
- Sports Minister handed over Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest. 44th Edition of Chess Olympiad held in Chennai in 2022.
- Indian Hammer Thrower Rachna Kumari banned for 12 years for Doping.
- PM Modi virtually inaugurated 4th Edition of Khelo India University Games 2023 , Asthalakshmi at Sarusajai Sports Complex in Guwahati.
- Gulmarg hosting 2nd phase of 4th Khelo India Winter Games. Snow Leopard mascot of khelo India Winter Games.

### **MISC.**

- PM inaugurated CLEA- Commonwealth Attorneys & Solicitors General Conference 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan , New Delhi.  
**Theme:-** "Cross-Border Challenges in Justice Delivery".
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying **Sh Parshottam Rupala** chaired first National Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation at Kutch, Gujarat.
- "**Maratha Military Landscapes**" to be India's nomination for UNESCO Tag for 2024-25.
- Punjab Govt sets up "**Sadak Suraksha Force**"(SSF) ,First of its kind in India to reduce road fatalities. CM Bhagwant Mann flagged off 144 hi-tech vehicles from Jalandhar {Helpline No :-112}
- Five more Indian wetlands added to Ramsar list
- **3 added in Karnataka** :- Magadi Kere Conservation Reserve  
Ankasamudra Bird Conservation Reserve Aghanashini Estuary
- **2 added in Tamil Nadu** :-Karaivetti Bird Sanctuary Longwood Shola Reserve Forest
- Odisha launches **LABHA MSP** Scheme for minor forest produce.  
LABHA:- "Laghu Bana Jatya Drabya Kraya". 100% state funded scheme.
- Tamil Nadu gets its 18<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Sanctuary (**Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**) in the reserve forests of Erode District. This Sanctuary will serve as a protected corridor for movement of tiger & elephants from Western Ghats to the Eastern Ghats.
- Neuralink implants first brain chip in a human. Neuralink , a neurotechnology company founded by Elon Musk. Neuralink's technology mainly works through an implant called "Link" – a device placed inside the human brain through invasive surgery.
- Louis Vuitton's Bernard Arnault beats Elon musk becomes world's richest person: as per reports of Forbes.
- Status Report of Snow Leopards in India: - Ladakh (477) highest population of Snow Leopard.  
[About Snow Leopard :- is listed under Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act , 1972

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Snow Leopard capital of the World :- Hemis , Ladakh International Snow Leopard's Day :- 23 October  
IUCN Status :- Red List (Vulnerable)

- India ranks 93 out of 180 countries in **Corruption Perceptions Index 2023** released by Transparency International. India slips 8 places since 2022 (85). Top three countries: - Denmark, Finland, New Zealand. Bottom three: - Somalia, Venezuela, Syria. In Asian region Singapore ranked at the top overall ranked 5<sup>th</sup>.
- PM Modi inaugurates India Energy Week in Goa. Organized by Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- **Lok Sabha passes Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024.**  
Bill was moved by Union Ministry **Jitendra Singh**. Aim: - to check practices such as “leakages of question paper or answer key”, “directly or indirectly assisting the candidate” & “tampering with computer network”. Any person or persons resorting to unfair means & offences under this act shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not less than 3 years but which may extend to 5 years & with fine upto Rs 10 lakh.
- J & K Local Bodies Laws Amendment Bill 2024 passed in Lok Sabha. Centre moves bill to provide reservation to OBCs in panchayat & Municipal Bodies of J& K .  
**Bill seeks to amend J & K Panchayat Raj Act , 1989 .**
- Union Culture Minister **G kishan Reddy** laid the foundation stone for country's first digital National Museum of Epigraphy at the Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad.  
Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is establishing the museum. Over 1 Lakh inscriptions discovered across the country & preserved by ASI will be displayed in the museum.
- **Parliament passes Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Bill, 2024.** Bill seeks to amend Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 which establishes the central & State pollution control boards to prevent & control water pollution.  
Bill was piloted by **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav**. It will initially apply to H.P., Rajasthan & the U.T.
- **Bharat Rang Mahotsav** also known as National Theatre Festival is India's largest Theatre festival. 25<sup>th</sup> Bharat Rang Mahotsav was launched in Mumbai.  
National School of Drama in New Delhi started the festival in 1999 to showcase the work of Indian Theatre practitioners.
- Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankar** inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit 2024 in New Delhi in the presence of PM of Guyana Mark Phillips & Union Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav. The summit organized by the “Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Codex Committee on Spices & Culinary Herbs held at Kochi
- **First ever “World Odia Language Conference ”in Bhubaneswar.** Odia is a classical language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.



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Mr Patnaik conferred Devi Prasana Patnaik with the first World Odia Language Award for his lifelong dedication to the development of the Odia.

- Govt approves Sub scheme “**PM Matasya Kisan Samridhi Yojana**” a central Sector Sub Scheme.  
Aim: - Formalization of the fisheries sector micro & small enterprises by providing access to institutional credit. Investment –over Rs 6000 crores over a period of next 4 years from FY 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 in all states & U.T.
- Dusted apollo Butterfly sighted for first time in H.P. (a rare high Altitude butterfly). It flies between 3500-4800 meters in the Inner Himalayas.
- **Uttarakhand** Assembly becomes first legislature in independent India to pass **Uniform Civil Code (ARTICLE 44 IN DPSP)**.  
The bill imposes common rules for all communities except Scheduled Tribes. Although Goa is governed by UCC (Portuguese Civil Code) the assembly did not pass any law.  
**THE CODE WAS RETAINED AFTER ITS LIBERATION IN 1961.**
- **Kazakhstan** appoints **Olzhas Bektenov** as new PM.
- **EL Salvador** President **Nayib Bukele** wins re-election.
- **HDFC Bank Group** gets RBI approval to acquire 9.5% stake each in six banks . RBI approval is valid for a period of one year.
- **The US sold 31 MQ-9B armed drones to India** at an estimated cost of \$3.99 billion. These are High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAVs.
- Monetary Policy Committee kept repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.
- GDP growth for FY25 projected at 7%
- Retail inflation continues to be above its target of 4%.
- Inflation based on Consumer Price index at 5.4% in the current fiscal and 4.5% during the next financial year.
- **Telenor** opens world's southernmost mobile phone station in Antarctica.
- **Dr. S Jaishankar** addressed inaugural session of the 7<sup>th</sup> **Indian Ocean Conference**. It is being held in Perth, Australia on 9-10 February, 2024. **Theme: "Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean"**. The Conference is a flagship consultative forum for countries in the Indian Ocean Region, organized annually by the Ministry of External Affairs since 2016.
- Union Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** kicks off 1<sup>st</sup> **BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships**. Competition for Under 20 age category in 3 sporting events-**Swimming, Water Polo and Diving events**.
- **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sector Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)**.  
Headquarters – Dhaka , Bangladesh and Members- 7
- **Jasprit Bumrah** becomes first Indian pacer to reach No. 1 in ICC Test ranking, replaces Ravichandran Ashwin. He also becomes the first ever bowler to reach No. 1 in all three formats in his career. Bumrah is only the fourth from India to attain number one position. **Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Bishan Singh Bedi** are the other Indians who have been at the top of the charts.

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- **Tawangchu Tides International Kayaking Championship 2024** begins in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Woman Robot Astronaut "**Vyommitra**" will fly into Space ahead "**Gaganyaan mission**". This mission is scheduled for the third quarter of this year. Mission Gaganyaan is scheduled in 2025. Gaganyaan Mission is India's ongoing project to send a 3-day manned to the Low Earth Orbit of 400 km with a crew of 3 members and bring them safety back to Earth.
- Veteran Artist A Ramachandran passes away in Delhi. He received Padma Bhushan in 2005.
- Dattaji Rao Gaekwad , Nation's Oldest Test Cricketer passes away at 95.
- South Indian Bank gets Best Technology Bank of the year Award at IBA Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo & Citations has been an annual event since its inception in 2005.
- Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be implemented before Lok Sabha election : Amit Shah. Citizenship Amendment Bill was first introduced in 2016 in Lok Sabha by amending Citizenship Act of 1955. Rajya Sabha on Dec 11 , 2019 passed Citizenship Amendment Bill. Bill grant citizenship on the basis of religion to non-muslim communities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh & Pakistan who entered India on or before Dec 31 , 2014. They include Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Parsi, Jain, & Sikh who face persecution in three countries.
- Six Communities apply for citizenship even without a proof of birth just by staying in India for six years. The Citizenship Bill shall not apply to Tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura. It shall not apply to Arunachal Pradesh , Mizoram & Nagaland that are protected by Inner Line Permit (ILP).
- Ministry of Electronics & IT to hold first ever Digital India future SKILLS Summit in Guwahati.
- Railway Protection Force set to host 67th All India Police Duty Meet (AIPDM) in Lucknow.[Railway Protection Force :- Established in 2004 under RPF Act of 1957 . RPF has 9% representation of Women which is highest % among all Armed forces in India. Director General of RPF :-
- Launch of UPI Services in Sri Lanka & Mauritius. Rupay Card to also be launched in Mauritius.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi to setup Dakshin Bharat Sanskriti Kendra in Hyderabad.
- PM Modi announces "PM Surya Ghar : Muft Bijli Yojana" to boost solar power . This project will have an investment of over 75000 crore rupees. Aims to light up 1 crore households by providing upto 300 units of free electricity every month to households which get solar panels installed.
- Centre launches APAAR initiative : One Nation, One Student ID Card. [APAAR – Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry]. APAAR ID :- unique & permanent 12 digit ID to every student consolidating their academic achievements in a unified & accessible platform.
- Cochin International Airport & BPCL collaborate for World's first Green Hydrogen Plant at Airport premises.
- Constitutional Bench of Supreme Court headed by CJI DYChandrachud has held the electoral bonds scheme is unconstitutional & is violative of Article 19(1)(a) [i.e. Right to Information]. Electoral Bond Scheme :- which was notified by Govt on Jan 2, 2018 .Scheme introduced money instruments through which companies & individuals in India can donate to political parties anonymously. SBI is the

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authorized issuer :- issues the bonds in denominations of Rs 1000, Rs 10,000 , Rs 1Lakh , Rs 10 Lakh & Rs 1 crore.

- Haryana Police is first force to use drones for tear gas.
- Odisha declares Gupteswar Forest in Koraput district as its fourth biodiversity heritage site.
- Assam Govt. declares "Kaji Nemu" (citrus lemon) state fruit. Kaji Nemu received GI Tag in 2019.
- Dubai to have world's first air taxi . Air taxi network will commence its operations in 2026.
- Kerala gets award for TB elimination Activities. Nikshay Poshan Yojana was launched in 2018 by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. DBT of Rs 500 per month for nutritional needs. India has set a target to eliminate TB by 2025. TB is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium Tuberculosis. Transmission spread from person to person through the air.
- India , Turkey , Qatar have been declared the guests of honour at 2024 World Governments Summit set to take place in Dubai. Theme :- 'Shaping Future Governments"
- Foundation stone laying of Bharat Mart in Jebel Ali Dubai.
- PM Modi inaugurates First Hindu Temple in Abu Dhabi (BAPS – Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanshta ) also largest in this region. Built in traditional Nagara Style.
- Saudi Arabia 's first luxury train Dream of the Desert is scheduled to launch in late 2025.
- First reported person to die of recently discovered Alaskapox virus. Alaskapox was discovered in 2015 in Alaska.
- India is 80th most targeted country worldwide in Cybercrime.
- India drops to 85th in February on Global Passport Index (Henley Passport Index) .
- America's Odysseus Spacecraft makes 1st Commercial Moon Landing in History.Houston Based Company developed the Odysseus.
- 11th International Puppet Festival held in Chandigarh.
- Malta becomes 119th country to join International Solar Alliance (ISA) .  
[About ISA :- Intergovernmental Organization launched in 2015 Headquarters :- Gurugram , India]
- World's 1st Wooden Satellite to be launched . NASA & Japan's LignoSat Probe a wooden Satellite is Scheduled to launch into space in 2024 to make spaceflight operations sustainable.
- India to chair 62<sup>nd</sup> session of Commission for Social Development. This is First time India has chaired the Commission since 1975.
- 16th Conference of World Social Forum 2024 commences in Kathmandu . Since its inception in 2001.
- US Moon lander launched 52 years after last Apollo Lunar Mission. Odysseus is scheduled to land on Feb22 at Malapert a crater near Moon's South Pole.
- RBI & Nepal Raashtra Bank (NRB) signed & exchanged Terms of Reference (ToR) .India, Nepal sign pact to link UPI, NPI for faster Remittances.
- Japan slips to the world's fourth largest economy, behind Germany.
- Indian Air Force's Sarang Helicopter Display Team to participate at Singapore Air Show 2024. Sarang Helicopter Display Team was formed in 2003. Sarang means peacock in Sanskrit.

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- AIIMS Delhi – SBI launched “Smart Payment Card” for hassle free payments.
- PM Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM – USHA) at a programme in Mumbai University. [Infrastructural & academic development of higher education institutions(HEIs).
- 9th Edition of the RAISINA Dialogue held in New Delhi. PM of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis is the Chief Guest. [RAISINA Dialogue held annually since 2016 in New Delhi . Policy research on Good Governance, foreign Policy, & sustainable economic development for India]
- Relics Of Lord Buddha presently kept in National Museum in New Delhi will be taken to Thailand to be displayed.
- Union Minister of Education & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship , Sh Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the first Skill India Centre (SIC) of the country in Sambalpur, Odisha.
- CJI inaugurates Ayush Holistic Wellness Centre (AYUSH HWC) at premises of Supreme Court of India . AYUSH HWC component of Ayushman Bharat in National AYUSH Mission (NAM) . NAM launched in 2014 under Department of AYUSH , Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- India's first Helicopter Emergency Medical Service to be launched from Uttarakhand.
- First time in India : African – Mediterranean Wander Bird Spotted in Warangal, Telangana.
- Odisha Govt to give interest free loans to youth under “Swayam” Scheme.
- Arunachal Pradesh has become first state in North-East India & 10th in the country to achieve 100% Saturation of Jal Jeevan MissionHar Ghar Jal. (launched in 2019) [assured tap water supply to every rural household in the country by 2024]

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