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Current Affairs Related to 20th February

- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** said in a joint press conference with **US President Donald Trump** that India and Washington will work to more than double the bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030. Trump acknowledged India's recent move to reduce tariffs on select imports and said he would start negotiations on the trade imbalance and hoped to reach an agreement. The US will impose tariff rates similar to India, while the trade deficit with India could be bridged by the sale of oil and gas.
- ◆ **The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** is organizing a special nationwide campaign from 14 to 22 February 2025 to expedite registration and registration approval on the National Fisheries Digital Platform. The ministry is collecting applications from eligible stakeholders to avail various benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Yojana. It aims to expedite the registration process, increase approval rates and encourage eligible stakeholders to avail multiple benefits under PMKSSY such as credit facility, aquaculture insurance and performance grants.
- ◆ **Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran** has been awarded the **Most Excellent Order of the British Empire of the United Kingdom**. It is a prestigious honorary civilian award given to foreign nationals. He has received this award for his contribution to UK-India trade relations. The list of foreign recipients of this British honor includes other notable personalities like Dagmar Dolby, Eric Schmidt, Jason Furman and Rajinder Dhat.
- ◆ **The central government has imposed President's rule in Manipur a few days** after Chief Minister Biren Singh resigned. This incident happened a few days after Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh submitted his resignation to the state governor. In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 356 and other enabling provisions of the Constitution, the President has assumed all functions of the Government of Manipur and all powers vested in or exercisable by the Governor thereof.
- ◆ **During the 12th All India Pension Court**, there was a **dialogue** between the minister and pensioners of various states.
- ◆ **RBI has allowed small finance banks to provide pre-approved credit lines**. RBI had launched credit lines on UPI for banks and third party apps in September 2023. Currently, transactions through linked savings accounts, overdraft accounts, prepaid wallets and credit cards are facilitated by UPI. Credit lines will now be an additional source of funding. Users will need to give explicit consent before using pre-approved credit lines.
- ◆ **The much-awaited lumpy skin disease vaccine for cattle and buffaloes** has been introduced by Bharat Biotech group company Biovet. The company claims that Biolampivaxin is the world's safest and the first marker vaccine to distinguish infected from vaccinated animals, which has received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization. The quality, safety and efficacy of the vaccine have been rigorously tested at both ICAR NRCE and Indian Veterinary Research Institute, which meets the highest global standards.
- ◆ **S.P. Singh Baghel released a Devolution Index Report titled Status of Devolution to Panchayats in States: An Indicative Evidence-Based Ranking 2024** in New Delhi. The report evaluates six important dimensions of panchayats. Framework, functions, finance, functionaries, capacity building and accountability. This report provides information about the progress of decentralization in the states and union territories of the country. According to the report, between 2013.2014 and 2021.2022, the devolution to rural local bodies has increased from 39.9% to 43.9%.
- ◆ **Jagdeep Dhankhar launched Gopichand Hinduja's book I Am**. The book explores the universal values of Indianness. It aims to promote inclusiveness, spiritual reflection and multicultural understanding. The book is compiled by business leader and Chairman of Hinduja Group, Shri Gopichand P. Hinduja. The book promotes harmonious co-existence of different cultures and faiths.
- ◆ **Pankaj Tripathi who is famous for films like Stree 2, Gangs of Wasseypur and Bareilly Ki Barfi** has now entered the world of audio story telling.

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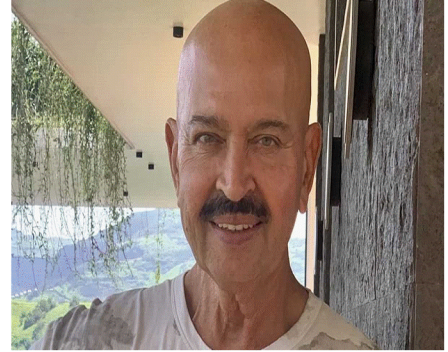
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National & International Current Affairs

1. Who will be honoured with the IIFA Excellence Award recently?

- (A) Rakesh Roshan (B) Mahesh Bhatt
(C) karan johar (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the International Indian Film Academy Awards will be held in Jaipur on 8 and 9 March. Filmmaker Rakesh Roshan will be honoured with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema Award at the ceremony to be held at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre. The Silver Jubilee edition of the IIFA Awards will have a digital award show on the first day.



2. Where will the upcoming emergency Arab summit be organised recently?

- (A) Dodoma (B) Cairo
(C) Kuwait City (D) None of these

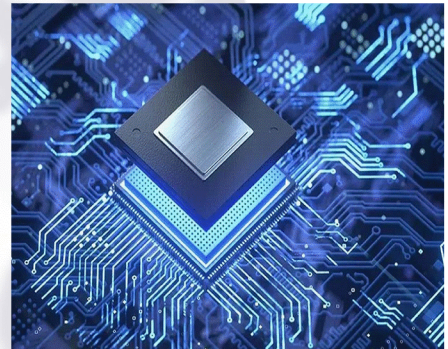
(B) Recently, Egypt has announced that it will host an emergency Arab summit in Cairo on 27 February. The recent developments related to Palestine and the Gaza Strip will be discussed in this summit. Egypt's Foreign Ministry gave this information in an official statement. This summit has been organized by Egypt after extensive consultations with Arab countries.



3. Recently ISRO has developed IIT indigenous semiconductor chip in collaboration with which country?

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

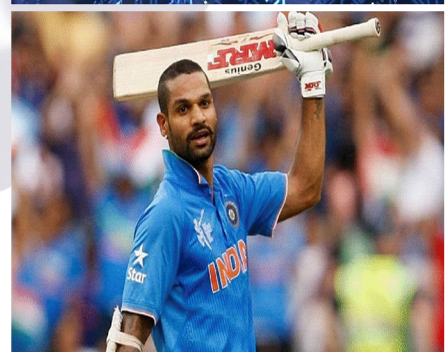
(D) Recently Indian Institute of Technology Madras and Indian Space Research Organization developed and successfully booted an indigenous aerospace quality power based semiconductor chip. The IIT Madras microprocessor project is being led by Professor V. Kamakoti at Pratap Subrahmanyam Centre for Digital Intelligence and Secure Hardware Architecture in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras.



4. Recently, which Indian has been appointed as the event ambassador for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025?

- (A) Shikhar Dhawan (B) Rohit Sharma
(C) Suryakumar Yadav (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 will be hosted in Pakistan and Dubai from 19 February to 9 March 2025, which has increased the excitement in the cricket world. Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan has been included in the four official brand ambassadors of this prestigious tournament.



5. Recently, who has topped Bloomberg's list of Asia's richest families?

- (A) Hartono family (B) Chearavanont family
(C) Mukesh Ambani family (D) None of these

(C) Recently, 6 Indians are included in the list of top 20 richest families of Asia released by Bloomberg. The Ambani family tops the list with a net worth of \$90.5 billion. Thailand's Chearavanont family is second with a net worth of \$42.6 billion. Other Indian families on the list include Mishri Jindal, Birla, Bajaj and Hinduja.



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6. Who has recently become the co-founder of audio story platform Velvet?

- (A) Akshay Kumar (B) Pankaj Tripathi
(C) Amitabh Bachchan (D) None of these

(B) Recently Pankaj Tripathi, who is famous for films like Stree 2, Gangs of Wasseypur and Bareilly Ki Barfi, has now entered the world of listening to audio stories. He has become the co-founder of Velvet, which is launched in October 2024. Velvet is a cinematic audience storytelling platform that provides an immersive story experience.



7. Recently which IIT has developed a conductive fabric that converts electricity and sunlight into heat?

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

(A) Recently the team used silver nanowire. Because it has exceptional electrical conductivity. And it can convert both electricity and sunlight into heat. Silver's low electrical resistance allows electrothermal conversion at low voltage and eliminates the risk of electric shock.



8. In which state of Northeast India has President's rule been imposed recently?

- (A) Assam (B) Sikkim
(C) Manipur (D) Kerala

(C) After the resignation of Biren Singh from the post of Chief Minister in Manipur, President's rule has now been imposed in the state. Ethnic conflict has been going on in the state since May 2023. More than 250 people have died in it. Thousands of people from both Meitei and Kuki communities have been displaced due to the violence.



9. Who has been nominated as the US diplomat for South Asia recently?

- (A) Jake Sullivan (B) Paul Kapoor
(C) Tulsi Gabbard (D) None of these

(B) Recently, South Asian security expert Paul Kapoor has been nominated by President Donald Trump as Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs. If Mr. Kapoor's name is confirmed by the Senate, he will replace Donald Lu. The US State Department had confirmed the resignation of Mr. Lu, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs.



10. Which state government has recently given permission to kill Nilgai?

- (A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan
(C) Maharashtra (D) Punjab

(A) The Haryana government has implemented new naming rules that recommend killing the male Nilgai. This decision has been taken to reduce human-wildlife conflict and prevent damage to agriculture caused by Nilgais. However, this decision has been opposed by many scholars including environmental scientists and Bishnoi community, as they consider Nilgai as sacred.



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