

February 2023 Current affairs

- India ranked 136th in the **World Happiness Index 2023** and this report is published by the UN Sustainable Development Solution Network. Finland ranked 1st in the Happiness Index.
- **Visva-Bharati University** became the World's first Living Heritage University declared by UNESCO. This University was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921 in Shantiniketan, West Bengal.
- **12 Cheetahs** are brought from South Africa and released in **Kuno National Park**, Madhya Pradesh under the Cheetah Rehabilitation Project.
- **Delhi Metro** launched India's first Train Control and Supervision System, It is all done Automatically.
- India has launched **Operation Dost** to extend assistance to **earthquake-hit Turkey and Syria**.
- Recently Scientist has discovered **12 Moons in Jupiter** with this Jupiter now having a total of 92 Moon overtaken Saturn for having the highest number of moons.
- India's first ever **Lithium reserves** found in **Jammu and Kashmir**. It is estimated to be 5.9 M tonnes.
- Repo Rate of the RBI is increased to 6.5%.
- The **36th Surajkund International crafts mela** has been inaugurated by Jageep Dhankar (Vice President of India) held in Faridabad, Haryana.
- **Yaya Tso** became the first biodiversity heritage site of Ladakh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for India's 5th **Nano Urea Plant in Deoghar**, Jharkhand.
- **Laadli Bahna Yojana** was launched in **Madhya Pradesh** by CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan, in the scheme 1000 months will be given to Sisters.
- 14th edition of **Aero India 2023 held in Bangalore**. It is the biggest air show of Asia.
- **INCOVACC** is India's first intra-nasal Covid-19 vaccine. It is developed by Bharat Biotech.
- First **nuclear plant** of North India will be built in Gorakhpur, Haryana.
- EX-DUSTLIK a **military Training exercise** has been conducted between Indian and Uzbekistan Army.
- **India and Japan** conducted the 4th edition of **DHARMA GUARDIAN-2023** Military Exercise.
- **Bangalore** is considered the world's **2nd slowest city** to drive, according to the TomTom Traffic Index Report.
- India conducted **TARKASH exercise** with the USA for countering Terrorism.
- **"Khanan Prahari"** Mobile App launched by the Ministry of Coal to stop illegal Coal Mining.
- India's **first hybrid sounding rocket** launched from Pattipulam village , Tamil Nadu.

- The Punjab government has organised the first state-level '**Shrimp Mela**'.
- Indian Air Force has developed the **Vayu Link platform** for steady jammer-proof communication.
- **India collaborated with Spain** on digital infrastructure, climate action and sustainable energy.
- India Army got World's first fully operational **SWARM Drone System**.
- **Rayyana Barnawi** will be the first female astronaut of Saudi Arabia.
- India's first National **Metro Rail Knowledge centre** has been built in New Delhi by GA Info Pvt Ltd.
- **World Hindi Conference 2023**, 12th edition was held in Fiji. It was inaugurated by external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and Fiji PM Sitiveni Rubuka. World Hindi Day is observed on 10th January.
- **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival** has been celebrated in Maharashtra.
- **Orange Festival** is celebrated in Nagaland.
- **India became the world's highest milk producer** country. Total of 24% of Milk is produced by India.
- Bhupender Yadav has launched '**Save Wetlands Campaign**' for Wetland Conservation.
- **Indore city** became the first urban body in India to introduce **green bonds**, which will be used to set up 'Solar Power Plant'.
- Google introduced AI **chatbot "Bard"**, in competition to the Microsoft AI Chatbot ChatGPT.
- **India, France and UAE** established the **Trilateral Cooperation Initiative**, in the Energy, Defence and Economy Field.
- **Vision for All School Eye Health** Program has been launched by Goa State Government.
- **Odessa**, a World Heritage Site of Ukraine, is declared in Danger due to a Russian attack.
- 30th **National Children Science Congress** was organised in **Ahmedabad**.
- Uttar Pradesh has launched '**Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan**' to empower Underprivileged Girls.
- India's first **Green Solar Panel Factory** will be built by Luminous company in Uttarakhand.

Sport Current Affairs

- **Australia won the title of 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup** defeating South Africa. This T20 World Cup was hosted by South Africa.
- **Saurashtra** won the "**Ranji Trophy 2023**" title defeating West Bengal.
- **Jean-Eric Vergne** won the title of Formula E World Championship Race host in Hyderabad (first time it was hosted by India).

- **Maharashtra** won the **maximum Medal at 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022** hosted in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Saudi Arabia** will host the Asian Football Cup of 2027.
- **Vignesh NR** became India's **80th Chess Grandmaster**.
- **Carlos Alcaraz** won the **Argentina Open title 2023**.
- **TATA Group** has become the **title sponsor for Women's Premier League**.
- **Smriti Mandhana** became the most expensive player for Women's of Women Premier League 2023 by Royal challengers Bangalore.
- **Ravichandran Ashwin** became the fastest Indian to pick up 450 Test wickets.
- **Aditi Ashok** (Golfer) won the **Kenya Ladies Open Title 2023**.
- **ITBP** (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) won the **National Ice Hockey Championship 2023**.

Appointment February 2023

- **Neal Mohan** has been appointed as the New **CEO of Youtube**.
- **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** has been appointed as the **CEO of NITI Aayog**.
- **Ruchira Kamboj** has been appointed as **Chairman of 62nd session of UN Commission For Social Development**.
- **Neekhat Zareen** was appointed as the **brand Ambassador of NMDC** (National Mineral Development Corporation) Limited.
- **M.V. Suchindra Kumar** appointed as **vice Chief of Indian Army**.
- **Amar Preet Singh** appointed as new **Vice Chief of Indian Air Force**.
- **Ayushmann Khurrana** has become the **National Ambassador for children's rights of UNICEF**.
- **Nikos Christodoulides** became the **President of Cyprus**.
- **Shahabuddin Chuppu** elected as the **22nd President of Bangladesh**.
- **K. Satyanarayan Raju** has been appointed as Managing Director and **CEO of Canara Bank**.
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** has been appointed as the **Brand Ambassador of "PUMA India"**.
- **Petr Pavel** became the new **President of the Czech Republic**.

Newly appointed Governor of the State of India.

- **Ramesh Bais** appointed as the governor of **Maharashtra**.
- **Kaiwalya Trivilram Parnaik** appointed as the governor of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Lakshman Prasad Acharya** appointed as the governor of **Sikkim**.
- **C P Radhakrishnan** appointed as the governor of **Jharkhand**.
- **Shiv Pratap Shukla** appointed as the governor of **Himachal Pradesh**.

- **Gulab Chand Kataria** appointed as the governor of **Assam**.
- **S. Abdul Nazeer** appointed as the governor of **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Biswa Bhusan Harichandan** was appointed as the governor of **Chhattisgarh**.
- **Anusuiya Uikey** appointed as the governor of **Manipur**.
- **La. Ganesan** appointed as the governor of **Nagaland**.
- **Phagu Chauhan** appointed as the governor of **Meghalaya**.
- **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** appointed as the Governor of **Bihar**.
- **B.D. Mishra** was appointed as the Lt. Governor of **Ladakh**.

Awards of February 2023

- **All Quiet on the Western Front** won the best film Award at “**BAFTA Awards 2023**”.
- **Ricky Kej** along with Stewart Copeland won the **Grammy Award**.
- **Karthik Subramaniam** has won the National Geographic’s photo of the year contest 2023.
- **Kollam** district of Kerala won **Swaraj Trophy 2021-2022** for Best District Panchayat.
- **Karnataka Bank** has been awarded with ‘**Digidhan Award**’, for achieving the target with highest % in BHIM-UPI transactions.
- **Appasaheb Dharmadikari** (Social Worker) has been honoured with **Maharashtra Bhushan Award** for 2022 (Highest Civilian Award of Maharashtra Government).
- **International Mother Language Award** given to **Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra** by PM Sheikh Hasina.

Dadasaheb Phalke IIFA awards 2023

- Best Film: The Kashmir Files.
- Best Actor: Ranbir Kapoor
- Best Actress: Alia Bhatt.

Important Days of February 2023

- **World Wetland Day** is celebrated on 2nd February, ‘Wetland Restoration’ is declared the theme of World wetland day 2023.

- **World Cancer Day** is celebrated on 4th February and the theme for 2023 is “Close the Care Gap”.
- **World Pulses Day** is celebrated on 10th February. Theme for 2023 is “Pulses for a Sustainable Future ”.
- **World Radio Day** is observed on 13th February. And the theme for 2023 is “Radio and Peace”.
- **International Mother Language Day** is observed on 21st of February, and the theme for 2023 is “Multilingual Education – a necessity to transform education”.



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