



CURRENT AFFAIRS 11th Feb 2024

National News

1. Vividhata Ka Amrit Mahotsav Inauguration At Rashtrapati Bhavan



President Smt. Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 'Vividhata ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Rashtrapati Bhavan, showcasing Northeast India's cultural richness. Organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Ministry of Culture, the event ran from February 8th to 11th, 2024.

Over 320 stalls showcased unique handicrafts, handlooms, and agro products from eight Northeastern states. GI Pavilion featured 25+ textile, craft, and agricultural GI products, celebrating the region's diversity.

State News

2. Tamil Nadu MSME Minister Unveils 'Smart Cards' To Aid Startups



Tamil Nadu MSME Minister launched 2 pivotal initiatives: Smartcard scheme and StartUp Challenge website, underscoring government's commitment to nurturing startups and fostering innovation in the state.

At the core of this initiative lies the Smartcard scheme, designed to provide startups with essential support services at discounted rates.

This scheme aims to bolster startups in accessing crucial resources necessary for their growth and operations, spanning human resources, legal advice, IT infrastructure, media, and publicity.

The event also showcased the introduction of over 20 startups focused on diverse sectors such as artificial intelligence, media, and software technology through the Launch Pad event.

3.Uttar Pradesh's Green Hydrogen Initiative Targets 1 Million Tonne Capacity And 1.2 Lakh Jobs



Uttar Pradesh aims to revolutionize its energy sector by constructing one million tonne per annum (mtpa) green hydrogen production capacity, generating an estimated 120,000 jobs.

Investment proposals worth Rs 2.73 trillion have been secured from 20 companies during the UP Global Investors Summit in February 2023.

The state is formulating a comprehensive policy offering incentives on capital outlay, land acquisition, and power transmission to attract investment in green hydrogen infrastructure.

4.Telangana To Establish AI Hub, Make Internet A Basic Right



Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan made groundbreaking announcements outlining the state government's ambitious agenda for digital inclusion and technological advancement.

With a focus on ensuring universal access to the internet and positioning Hyderabad and Telangana as the nation's AI capital, Governor Soundararajan's vision sets a bold precedent for the state's future development.

Governor Soundararajan's commitment to making the internet a basic right for all citizens of Telangana underscores her dedication to bridging the digital divide and empowering every individual with the tools for success in the digital era.

5.New Delhi Book Fair 2024: Feb 10-18, 2024

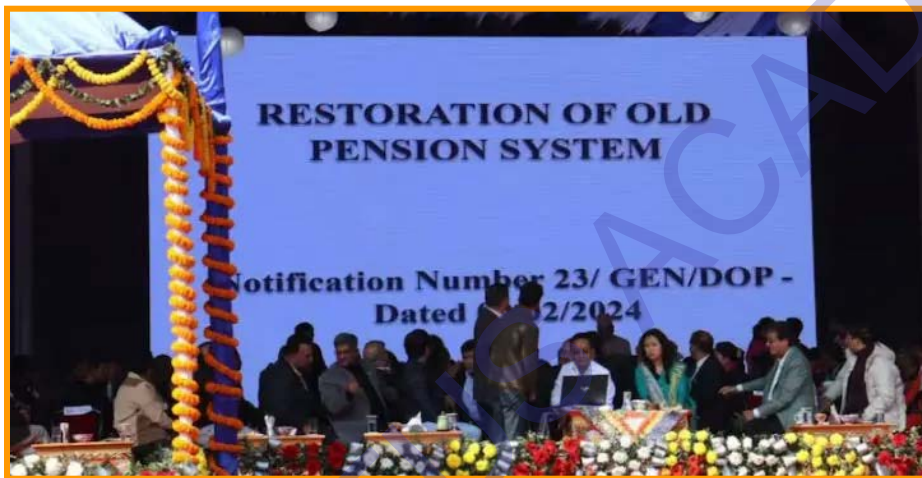


The New Delhi Book Fair, organized by the National Book Trust in collaboration with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), is set to enchant visitors at Pragati Maidan from February 10 to 18, 2024.

This year's theme, "Multilingual India: A Living Tradition," promises a celebration of linguistic diversity and cultural exchange.

Saudi Arabia takes center stage as the Guest of Honor, showcasing its rich literary heritage. With 25 delegates from the Kingdom participating, the fair becomes a platform for strengthening bilateral ties between India and Saudi Arabia.

6.Sikkim Becomes First Northeast State To Reinstate Old Pension Scheme For Employees



Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang of Sikkim announced the revival of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for state government employees hired on or after April 1, 2006, during the State Level Temporary Employees' Convention.

Under the provisions of the Sikkim Services Pension Rules, 1990, employees appointed on or before March 31, 1990, are set to benefit from the reinstatement of the OPS.

This revival marks a crucial step towards ensuring the financial security of state government employees, particularly in light of the upcoming state assembly elections.

Defence News

7.Embraer, Mahindra Partner On C-390 Millennium Medium Transport Aircraft In India



Brazilian aerospace giant Embraer and Mahindra announced a strategic partnership aimed at fulfilling the Indian Air Force's (IAF) acquisition of the C-390 multi-mission transport aircraft.

With the IAF seeking to replace its aging fleets of AN32 planes, this collaboration aligns with India's defense modernization efforts under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

The Indian Air Force's requirement for 40 to 80 medium transport aircraft underscores the need for modernization and operational efficiency.

Among the leading contenders for this procurement project are Embraer Defence and Security's C-390 Millennium, highlighting the significance of advanced aerospace technology in meeting defense requirements.

Economy News

8. India's Foreign Exchange Reserves Reach One-Month High To \$622.47 Billion



India's foreign exchange reserves have surged to a one-month high, reaching \$622.47 billion as of February 2, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on February 9.

This marks the second consecutive week of increase, with reserves climbing by \$5.74 billion during the reporting period, the largest rise in nearly two months. The previous week saw a modest increase of \$590 million.

The Reserve Bank of India actively intervenes in the foreign exchange market to mitigate excessive volatility in the value of the rupee. This intervention plays a significant role in influencing changes in the foreign exchange reserves.

Important Days News

9. International Day Of Women And Girls In Science 2024



Every year on February 11th, the world celebrates the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGIS).

This day serves as a crucial reminder of the immense contributions women and girls have made, and continue to make, in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This year's theme, "Closing the Gender Gap in Science: Accelerating Action", underscores the urgent need to address the barriers that hinder women and girls from pursuing and thriving in STEM careers. These barriers include:

10. 2024 World Governments Summit In Dubai: India, Türkiye, And Qatar Named Guests Of Honor



The 2024 World Governments Summit, scheduled to be held in Dubai from February 12-14, has designated India, Türkiye, and Qatar as guests of honor. Themed 'Shaping Future Governments,' the summit aims to facilitate discussions among over 25 government and state heads worldwide.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani to lead their respective delegations. These nations will exhibit their successful government experiences and best developmental practices.

Awards News

11. Neeraj Chopra Honoured At Jungfrau's Ice Palace In Switzerland



India's Olympic gold medalist and world champion javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra, was honoured with a commemorative plaque at the renowned Ice Palace. Carved into the heart of a glacier, the Ice Palace in Jungfrauoch serves as a unique and awe-inspiring monument. The plaque recognizes Chopra's remarkable journey –

from a small village in Haryana to becoming an Olympic champion and global sporting icon.

His dedication, discipline, and relentless pursuit of excellence have not only brought him personal glory but also inspired millions worldwide...

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