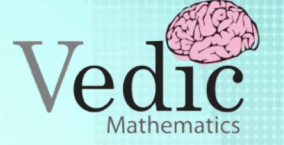


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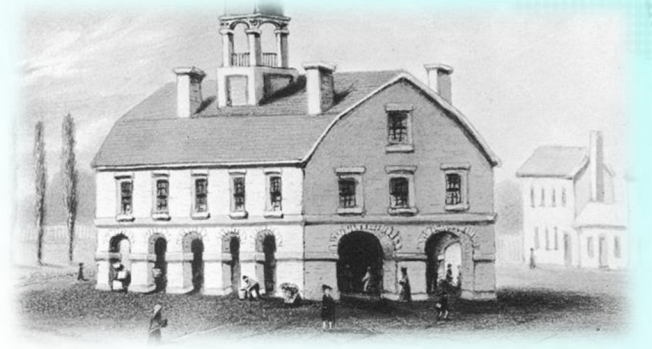
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## Today in History on 01 FEB

➤ 1827- Calcutta Bengal Club was founded.

The Bengal Club was founded in Calcutta in 1827. It is the oldest social club in India. It was founded on 1 February 1827. Its establishment was recorded in the Government Gazette on 8 February 1827. Lieutenant Colonel Hon. Finch CB was the first president of the club. He was the military secretary to Lord Combermere, Commander-in-Chief of the British East India Company's forces and was the first patron of the club.



➤ 1884 – Postal Insurance Scheme came into effect.

The Postal Life Insurance, started on 1 February 1884, is the oldest insurance scheme in India which was started with the approval of the Secretary of State for India (His Excellency) under the Empress of India. While it started as a welfare scheme for the benefit of postal employees, its benefits were later extended to the employees of the Telegraph Department in 1888.



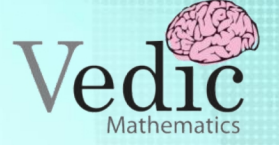
➤ 1790 - The Supreme Court of the United States convenes for the first time in New York City.

The first meeting of the Supreme Court of the United States was held at the Royal Exchange in New York City on February 17, 1790. The Judiciary Act of 1789 created the entire federal judicial branch, including the Supreme Court. It was also the first act passed by Congress that was partially invalidated by the Supreme Court.



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#### ➤ 1964 - 'Unit Trust' was established in India.

The Unit Trust of India (UTI) was established on February 1, 1964. UTI was the first mutual fund in India. It was established under the Unit Trust of India Act, 1963. The Unit Trust of India (UTI) was established in 1963 by an Act of Parliament. It was established by the Reserve Bank of India and functioned under the regulatory and administrative control of the Reserve Bank of India.



UNIT TRUST OF INDIA

#### ➤ 1972 - 'Indian International Airports Authority' was formed.

The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) was formed in the year 1972. This organization was created by the Government of India to manage international airports. In the year 1995, the International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) and the National Airports Authority of India (NAAI) were

merged and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) was formed.



#### Important NEWS on 01 FEB

#### ➤ Best Marching Contingents and Tableaux of Republic Day Parade 2025 Announced

The Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, Delhi, is a grand celebration that showcases India's military strength, cultural diversity, and historical legacy. The 2025 Republic Day Parade witnessed a magnificent display of discipline, tradition, and artistry, with Marching Contingents and Tableaux competing for top honors. The results were announced by the three expert panels of judges, and an online public poll conducted on the MyGov portal also determined the 'Popular Choice' winners.





#### ➤ CRED Launches ₹ Wallet, Advancing India's Digital Currency Adoption

CRED, one of India's leading fintech companies, has made a groundbreaking move by launching the beta version of the ₹ wallet. With this integration, CRED becomes the first fintech platform to adopt India's central bank digital currency (CBDC), the e-rupee. The ₹ wallet offers CRED's vast user base the ability to store and transact using digital currency, an essential step in shaping the future of digital payments in India.



#### ➤ SEBI Introduces iSPOT Portal to Streamline Reporting of Technical Glitches

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has unveiled a new initiative aimed at simplifying the process of reporting technical glitches within India's financial markets. Known as the Integrated SEBI Portal for Technical Glitches (iSPOT), this portal will replace the outdated email-based system, bringing a more structured, efficient, and transparent way for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) to report issues.



#### ➤ Govt Unveils ₹100 Cr Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs

In a significant move to bolster the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME) manufacturing sector, the Indian government has introduced a Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS-MSME) with a corpus of ₹100 crore. This initiative aims to enhance credit availability for MSMEs, facilitating the acquisition of essential equipment and machinery without the need for collateral.





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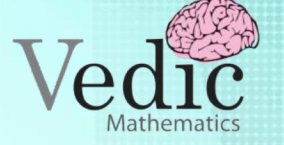
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### ➤ Maruti Suzuki Re-Appoints Hisashi Takeuchi as MD and CEO

Maruti Suzuki India Limited, the country's largest automobile manufacturer, announced the re-appointment of Hisashi Takeuchi as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Takeuchi's term has been extended for a period of three years, effective from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028. This decision underscores the company's confidence in Takeuchi's leadership and his ability to steer Maruti Suzuki through the evolving automotive landscape in India.



### ➤ Logo and Mascot Unveiled for 23rd National Para Athletics Championship 2025

The 23rd National Para Athletics Championship 2025 has unveiled its official logo and mascot, marking a significant milestone in India's journey to promote para sports and inclusivity. This prestigious event is set to take place in Tamil Nadu and continues the legacy of hosting national para athletics championships across various states, bringing together athletes with disabilities to compete at the national level.



### ➤ Alibaba Unveils AI Model, Claims It Surpasses DeepSeek, ChatGPT, and Llama

On January, 2025, Alibaba launched its new AI model, claiming that it outperforms DeepSeek, ChatGPT, and Llama in key areas of natural language processing. This latest release comes as part of Alibaba's ongoing efforts to compete with the top AI developers globally. By positioning this new AI model as more efficient and scalable, Alibaba is





aiming to establish itself as a major player in the AI landscape.



#### Current affairs MCQS on 01 FEB

**Q.1. Recently, which institute has extracted silicon carbide from fake moon soil?**

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Kanpur
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Delhi

**Answer: (c) IIT Madras**

IIT-Madras researchers have extracted silicon carbide (SiC) from simulated moon soil, which will be helpful in building future lunar habitats. Silicon carbide (SiC), also known as carborundum, is a synthetic crystalline compound of silicon and carbon. It is extremely hard, has high thermal conductivity, and offers excellent resistance to wear, oxidation, and chemical reactions.

**Q.2. Recently, Jyoti Yaraji of India won which medal in the women's 60 meter indoor hurdles race in France?**

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Silver
- (c) Gold
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Gold**

Jyoti Yaraji won the gold medal in the women's 60m race at the Tamellie de Nantes Métropole 2025, setting a new national record of 8.04 seconds,

breaking her previous record of 8.12 seconds set at the 2024 Asian Indoor Championships.

**Q.3. Recently, who has received the title of 'India's youngest map genius'?**

- (a) Arunish Chawla
- (b) Saksham Thakur
- (c) Sanjeev Kumar
- (d) Ajit Sharma

**Answer: (b) Saksham Thakur**

5-year-old Saksham from Manali has attracted the attention of the entire country with his amazing talent and extraordinary achievements. Saksham, who has made 4 national records to his name, has this time made a record on Google Map and has won the title of Youngest Map Genius of India. Saksham can find any country in the world on the map in just 5 to 10 seconds. This talent of his has set a new example in the field of geography. DC Kullu Torul S. Ravish has confirmed the assessment of Saksham's talent.

**Q.4. Recently, Jitendra Pal Singh has been appointed as India's ambassador to which country?**

- (a) Israel
- (b) Dubai
- (c) Japan
- (d) Bangladesh

**Answer: (a) Israel**

The Government of India has announced the appointment of Jitendra Pal Singh as the next Ambassador of India to Israel. Singh, a 2002 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is currently serving in the Office of the External Affairs Minister and has been heading the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran Division in the Ministry of External Affairs since 2020.

**Q.5. Recently, which country has declared 2025 as the year of community?**

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Japan
- (c) UAE





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(d) China

**Answer: (c) UAE**

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has declared 2025 the Year of the Community. This year's theme is "Hand in Hand" which aims to strengthen social ties and community participation. The initiative encourages voluntary work, community service and shared responsibilities for sustainable development. Previous themes include 2017's 'Year of Charity' and 2019's 'Year of Tolerance', reflecting the UAE's focus on social welfare.

**Q.6. Who has recently been awarded the ICC Umpire of the Year Award?**

- (a) Richard Illingworth
- (b) Nitin Menon
- (c) Michael Gough
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Richard Illingworth**

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has honored England's legendary umpire Richard Illingworth with the 'ICC Umpire of the Year' award on the basis of the best umpiring done in international cricket last year. He has received the David Shepherd Trophy as this award. Former England player Illingworth has been given this honor for the fourth time. Earlier, he had also won this award in 2019, 2022 and 2023.

**Q.7. Who has recently become the CEO of software company 'Zoho'?**

- (a) Narayan Singh
- (b) M Mohan
- (c) Shailesh Kumar Dave
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Shailesh Kumar Dave**

Chennai-based software development giant Zoho Corporation's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sridhar Vembu announced that his co-founder Shailesh Kumar Davy will soon take over as the new group CEO. Vembu also said that he will take over as the company's Chief Scientist, in charge of the research and development (R&D) division.

**Q.8. Who has recently won the 2025 National TT Championship singles title?**

- (a) Diya Chitale
- (b) Manush Shah
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Both of the above**

Manush Shah and Diya Chitale of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the UTT 86th Senior National & Inter-State Table Tennis Championships 2024 held at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium in Surat, Gujarat. The UTT 86th Senior National & Inter-State Table Tennis Championships 2024 was organised by the Table Tennis Federation of India in Surat.

**Q.9. At which place did Prime Minister Modi recently inaugurate the 38th 'National Games'?**

- (a) Nainital
- (b) Shimla
- (c) Haldwani
- (d) Dehradun

**Answer: (d) Dehradun**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 38th National Games in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Addressing the players participating in the National Games, PM Modi congratulated them for their excellent performance. He emphasized that this is the 25th year of the formation of Uttarakhand, youth from all over the country will showcase their potential in this young state.

**Q.10. Who has recently inaugurated the 'Utkarsh Odisha Make in Odisha Conclave'?**

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Mohan Charan Manjhi

**Answer: (b) Narendra Modi**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Utkarsh Odisha-Make in Odisha Conclave 2025 and Make in Odisha Exhibition in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.







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Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that this is his second visit to Odisha in January 2025. He recalled his visit to inaugurate the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2025 event. Describing it as the largest business conference ever held in Odisha, Shri Modi said that about 5-6 times more investors are participating in the Make in Odisha Conclave 2025. He also congratulated the people and government of Odisha for organising this grand event.

**Q.11. Recently Indian Railways has upgraded more than how many kilometers of track?**

- (a) 21000
- (b) 30000
- (c) 19000
- (d) 23000

**Answer: (d) 23000**

Indian Railways has achieved a significant milestone by upgrading over 23,000 track kilometres (TKM) of the Indian Railways network to enable train speeds of up to 130 kilometres per hour (kmph). This remarkable progress underlines the Government's commitment to modernise railway infrastructure, improve connectivity and reduce travel times for millions of passengers across the country. With nearly a fifth of India's railway network now equipped for higher speeds, these advancements have been made possible through modern signalling systems and robust safety measures such as strategic fencing, ushering in a new era of efficiency and reliability in train travel.

**Q.12. Recently the SP office of which city received ISO 9001:2015 certification?**

- (a) Kaushambi
- (b) Mathura
- (c) Surat
- (d) Prayagraj

**Answer: (a) Kaushambi**

UP's Kaushambi Superintendent of Police Office and Sirathu CO Office have been awarded the ISO 9001:2015 certificate for their excellent work in the field. This honour has been received due to the

efficient leadership of SP Brijesh Kumar Srivastava and the hard work of the team. The happiness of the police department has doubled after receiving the ISO certificate.

**Q.13. Recently who won the ICC Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year award?**

- (a) Yashasvi Jaiswal
- (b) Ben Duckett
- (c) Kamindu Mendis
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (d) None of the above**

Sri Lankan star batsman Kamindu Mendis has been named as the ICC's Men's Emerging Player of the Year for his stellar performances with the bat across all three formats. Mendis, who played just one Test match for Sri Lanka before 2024, ended the year as Sri Lanka's most consistent performer across the format.

**Q.14. Which state has become the first northeastern state to sign MoU with Bhashini?**

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Assam
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Mizoram

**Answer: (a) Tripura**

The Tripura government signed an MoU with Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) under MeitY to promote regional languages in governance. Bhashini, part of the Digital India initiative, enables real-time translation, speech-to-text and voice-to-voice communication in 22 Indian languages. Bhashini will be integrated with CM Helpline, e-Vidhan, Kisan Sahayata App, e-District, Amar Sarkar and CCTNS for multilingual governance. Tripura has become the first northeastern and eastern Indian state and the eighth state overall to sign an MoU with Bhashini.

**Q.15. Recently the Prime Minister of which country 'Milos Vucevic' has announced his resignation.**

- (a) Serbia





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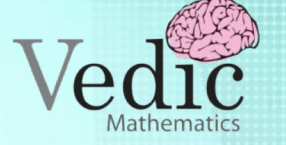
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(b) Russia

(c) Peru

(d) Poland

**Answer: (a) Serbia**

Serbia's populist Prime Minister Milos Vucevic said he is resigning from his post after weeks of anti-corruption protests that began when a concrete roof collapsed in November. The roof collapse that killed 15 people in the northern city of Novi Sad reflects widespread discontent with the autocratic rule of Serbia's populist President Aleksandar Vucic, who is accused of curbing democratic freedoms in Serbia even as he formally seeks European Union membership for the crisis-hit Balkan nation.

