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Today in History on 05 FEB

➤ **1917 - Mexico adopts a new constitution.**

It was approved by the Constituent Assembly on February 5, 1917, and was subsequently amended several times. It is the successor to the Constitution of 1857 and earlier Mexican constitutions. "The Constitution of 1917 is the legal triumph of the Mexican Revolution. The current Constitution of 1917 is the world's first such document to set forth social rights, serving as a model for the Weimar Constitution of 1919 and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic Constitution of 1918.



➤ **1970 - The United States conducted nuclear tests in Nevada.**

After the first five Pacific tests, the United States began nuclear testing in Nevada. The history of

nuclear testing began on the morning of July 16, 1945, at the desert test site in Alamogordo, New Mexico, when the United States exploded its first atomic bomb. Earlier in 1974, India conducted its first nuclear test (Pokhran-1) and proved India's power to the world.



➤ **2006 - Iran begins uranium enrichment.**

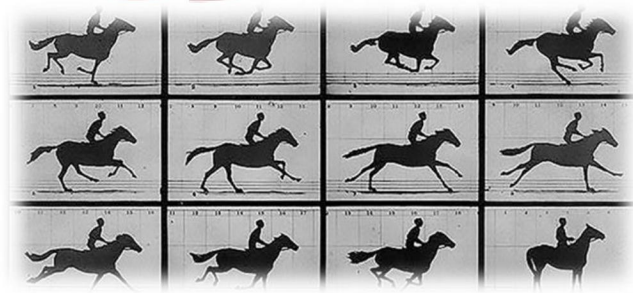
Iran began uranium enrichment in 2006. Iran began uranium enrichment at the PFEP (Nuclear Fuel Enrichment Plant) in Natanz. By 2006, the 164 centrifuge IR-1 cascade at the PFEP produced 3.6% enriched material. In 2015, a nuclear deal was signed between Iran and five major countries. Under this agreement, Iran had to reduce its uranium reserves.





➤ 1870 - First motion picture shown in a Philadelphia theater.

On February 5, 1870, Philadelphia engineer Henry Reno Heyl presented three motion picture scenes with his Phasmatrope before 1,500 people at a church entertainment function at the Philadelphia Academy of Music. Each scene was projected from an individually geared rotating disk with 16 photographic images.



➤ 1900 – The Panama Canal Treaty is signed between the United States and Great Britain.

The Hay–Pauncefote Treaty was a series of agreements between the United States and Great

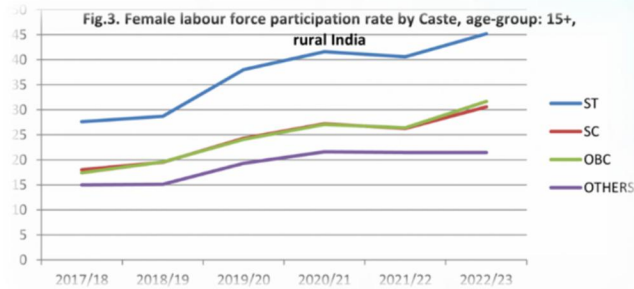
Britain signed between 1900 and 1901. The treaty allowed the United States to build and control the Panama Canal, linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The treaty superseded the Clayton–Bulwer Treaty of 1850, under which the two countries were to jointly control the canal.



Important NEWS on 05 FEB

➤ Rise in Female Labour Force Participation Says Economic Survey

The Economic Survey for 2024-25 highlighted a significant rise in the Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) in India, driven largely by women in rural areas joining the workforce. This increase is considered a key factor contributing to the improvement of overall labour market indicators in the country. The findings were presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on January, 2025, during the tabling of the survey in Parliament.



➤ Kavach: India's Pledge to Safer Railways

India's railway safety is about to undergo a major transformation with the nationwide rollout of the Kavach Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw confirmed that this ambitious project will cover the entire railway network in the next six years. The aim is clear – to ensure safer, more efficient train operations while boosting passenger confidence in one of the world's largest railway systems.



➤ Indian Embassy Urges Evacuation of Bukavu Amid DRC Conflict

In a crucial move to ensure the safety of Indian nationals, the Indian Embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has issued an urgent advisory for Indians in Bukavu to evacuate the city immediately due to escalating violence. This announcement follows the rapid advance of rebel forces in the eastern DRC, including the M23 group, which has already captured nearby areas like Goma. The embassy's advisory is a clear reflection of its commitment to protecting Indian citizens during the ongoing crisis.



➤ US Tariffs on Mexico, Canada, and China

On February, 2025, US President Donald Trump signed an executive order imposing steep tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada, and China. The move, aimed at addressing issues like illegal immigration and fentanyl trafficking, triggered strong retaliatory measures from affected countries. The decision has sparked a global economic debate, with analysts warning of inflationary risks, slowed economic growth, and potential trade wars.



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➤ Russian Lawmaker Vyacheslav Volodin's Official Visit to India

Russian Lawmaker Vyacheslav Volodin, the Chairman of the State Duma of Russia, arrived in India on February, 2025, for a crucial official visit. The visit aims to further enhance the strategic relationship between Russia and India, which has continued to evolve in recent years. Volodin's discussions with Indian leaders will focus on strengthening ties in various sectors, such as economic growth, education, technology, and cultural exchanges, while also pushing for deeper inter-parliamentary cooperation.



➤ DRDO Conducts Three Back-to-Back VSHORADS Trials

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out three successive flight trials of the Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) on February, 2025, from the Chandipur test range off the Odisha coast. These tests were conducted against high-speed aerial targets flying at low altitudes, reinforcing India's air defence capabilities. The trials showcased the missile system's precision, reliability, and effectiveness in neutralizing airborne threats, particularly drones and loitering munitions.



➤ India's Defence Ministry Pilot Study on LAWS

In February 2025, India's Defence Ministry took a significant step forward in enhancing its military capabilities by conducting a pilot study on Lethal





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Autonomous Weapons Systems (LAWS). This study, conducted in collaboration with the Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, focuses on the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern warfare.



Current affairs MCQS on 05 FEB

Q.1. Which country recently hosted the 9th Asian Winter Games?

- (a) China
- (b) India
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Malaysia

Answer: (a) China

For the first time, India is fully funding its contingent for the Asian Winter Games under the Association of National Sports Federations (ANSF) scheme. The 9th Asian Winter Games will be held in Harbin, China from February 7-14, 2025. An 88-member Indian contingent, including 59 athletes and 29 officials, will compete. Athletes from alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, short track speed skating and speed skating (long track) will receive financial assistance. The ANSF scheme finances athlete training, foreign coaches and support staff for international events.

Q.2. Who recently inaugurated the 'World Book Fair' in New Delhi?

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Draupadi Murmu
- (d) Narendra Modi

Answer: (c) Draupadi Murmu

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 and said that reading is not just a hobby but a transformative experience. The President said that reading books from different languages and cultures builds bridges between regions and communities. She was happy to note that the New Delhi World Book Fair has several stalls representing various languages of India and languages of other countries. She expressed confidence that the book fair will provide book lovers access to literature from across the world at one place.

Q.3. Recently, how much percentage tariff has been imposed by US President Donald Trump on Canada and Mexico?

- (a) 15 %
- (b) 30 %
- (c) 10 %
- (d) 25 %

Answer: (d) 25 %

President Donald J. Trump is imposing an additional 25% tariff on imports from Canada and Mexico and a 10% tariff on imports from China. Energy resources from Canada will face a reduced 10% tariff. President Trump is taking bold steps to hold Mexico, Canada, and China accountable for their promises to stop illegal immigration and stem the flow of toxic fentanyl and other drugs into our country.

Q.4. Recently, where has the satellite township scheme been approved?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (a) Karnataka





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The Karnataka government has approved the development of satellite cities near Bengaluru. These cities will be developed with the aim of decongesting Bengaluru city. The cities to be developed should be connected to Bengaluru via road and rail. These cities will be developed under the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority. The cities that are likely to be developed include Hosur, Bidadi Hobli, Harohalli Hobli, Bannigiri, Devanahalli, Nelamangala, Magadi, Doddaballapur and Hoskote. All these cities will be developed as part of the Greater Bengaluru Suburban Project.

Q.5. Recently, in which country, the mountain has now been recognized as a person by law?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Sweden
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) Greenland

Answer: (c) New Zealand

A mountain in New Zealand that indigenous people regard as their ancestor has been recognised as a legal person, as a new law gives it all the rights and responsibilities of a human being. Mount Taranaki - now known as Taranaki Maunga, its Māori name - is the latest natural feature to gain personhood in New Zealand, which has previously been a river and a piece of sacred land recognised by humans. The ancient, snow-capped dormant volcano is the second highest volcano on New Zealand's North Island at 2,518 metres and is a popular location for tourism, hiking and snow sports.

Q.6. Recently, how many new Ramsar sites has India added?

- (a) 03
- (b) 04
- (c) 05
- (d) 06

Answer: (b) 04

The Government of India has added four new wetlands to the Ramsar list - Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary and Theerthangal Bird Sanctuary in Tamil

Nadu, Khecheopalri Wetland in Sikkim and Udhwa Lake in Jharkhand. The number of Ramsar sites in the country has now increased to 89. India has the highest number of Ramsar sites in Asia, followed by China (82 sites). India ranks third in the world after the United Kingdom (175 sites) and Mexico (142 sites).

Q.7. Recently Tapan K Bose has passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Journalist
- (b) Singer
- (c) Film producer
- (d) Flute player

Answer: (c) Film producer

Veteran activist and peace ambassador Tapan Bose, who spent a lifelong campaign for dialogue in conflict-affected areas such as Kashmir and Naxal-affected districts of the country, died at his residence in the capital. He was also honoured for his courageous stand after the Godhra incident and the 2002 Gujarat riots and the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.

Q.8. Recently, who has launched India's first beta e-rupee wallet?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) PayTM
- (c) GooglePay
- (d) CRED

Answer: (d) CRED

Recently, CRED became the first fintech company to launch the beta version of its e-Rupi wallet, which enables transactions using India's central bank digital currency (CBDC). The initiative follows the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) proposal to widen CBDC-retail access by allowing non-bank payment system operators to facilitate digital currency transactions. The e-Rupi wallet aims to enhance financial inclusion and streamline digital payments in India.





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Q.9. Recently, who has changed the name of the Gulf of Mexico in America?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) Google Maps
- (c) Meta
- (d) UNESCO

Answer: (b) Google Maps

Executive orders by United States President Donald Trump have also entered the field of digital cartography. Google announced that its online mapping platform, Google Maps, will rename the Gulf of Mexico to US Gulf of Mexico for users in the US. Also, Google Maps will rename Mount Denali, the highest peak in North America, to Mount McKinley. These changes will be visible on the platform when they are officially implemented by the US government.

Q.10. Recently, which country has planned to declare begging a crime?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (a) Pakistan

The Pakistan government has finally decided to declare begging a crime after receiving numerous complaints from abroad. Thousands of Pakistanis abroad have been caught in illegal activities and begging, resulting in major global embarrassment and visa restrictions for travellers coming from the country. As part of the move, Pakistan's Home Ministry decided to propose adding the term "organised begging" in Section 3 of the 'Prevention of Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill 2024'.

Q.11. Recently, Naveen Chawla has passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Former Election Commissioner
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Writer
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Former Election Commissioner

Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Naveen Chawla passed away at the age of 79. His leadership during the 2009 Lok Sabha elections and his significant contribution to election reforms left a deep mark on India's electoral process. As a seasoned civil servant, he played several important roles as Election Commissioner and later as Chief Election Commissioner. His tenure is known for significant reforms and some controversies.

Q.12. Recently which app has been launched by Indian Railways for seamless travel?

- (a) Swarail
- (b) Matrail
- (c) Gatirail
- (d) Navrail

Answer: (a) Swarail

The Ministry of Railways launched the 'Swarail' super app, which aims to provide various railway services on a single platform. The app is currently in beta version and is available for download on Google Play Store and Apple App Store. Its main objective is to improve user experience for passengers and eliminate the need for multiple apps by integrating various services.

Q.13. Recently 'Guner' has been declared the first biodiversity site of which state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: (b) Gujarat

Recently, the Gujarat Biodiversity Board announced the designation of 'Inland Mangrove Guner' in Kutch as the state's first Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS). The initiative aims to protect a unique mangrove ecosystem that thrives in a non-tidal environment. The site is spread over 32.78 hectares and is known for its ecological diversity. The announcement is a milestone in Gujarat's commitment to biodiversity conservation.





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Q.14. Recently which state has de-notified three reserved forests for land rights?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Goa
- (d) Manipur

Answer: (a) Assam

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the government has decided to de-notify three Proposed Reserve Forests (PRFs) in Tinsukia district so that over 20,000 residents can get land rights. In a Cabinet meeting chaired by Mr Sarma, the state government approved converting the PRFs into revenue villages so that people living in the area can get land rights.

Q.15. Recently which Indian IAF pilot has been honored for anti-piracy mission in Arabian Sea?

- (a) Akshay Saxena
- (b) Harsh Kumar
- (c) Prabhukant Singh
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Akshay Saxena

Wing Commander Akshay Saxena has been awarded the Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) for his exceptional contribution during anti-piracy operations in the Arabian Sea. The award reflects the growing threats posed by piracy in international waters, particularly the targeting of merchant vessels by Houthi rebels. The operation, carried out on March 16 last year, was part of the Indian Navy's Operation Sankalp, aimed at ensuring maritime security in the region.

