

Today in History on 11 FEB

➤ 1933 - Gandhiji's Harijan Weekly started publication.

Mahatma Gandhi started a weekly magazine named 'Harijan' on 11 February 1933. This magazine was published from Yerwada Jail during British rule. This magazine was started for the untouchable caste. Its purpose was to spread the message of peace and unity to the untouchables of India. This magazine included Gandhiji's views on contemporary events and social issues. Articles and poems promoting social equality were published in this magazine.



➤ 1929 - The independent Vatican City is established under the Lateran Treaty.

The Lateran Treaty was a component of the Lateran Pacts of 1929, agreements made to settle the long-standing Roman Question between Fascist Italy under Victor Emmanuel III and Benito Mussolini and the Holy See under Pope Pius XI. The treaty and

related agreements were named after the Lateran Palace, where they were signed on 11 February 1929 and ratified by the Italian Parliament on 7 June 1929.



➤ 1919 - Friedrich Ebert is elected President of Germany.

On 11 February 1919, the National Assembly elected Friedrich Ebert of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) as the first Reich President by a vote of 379 to 277. While in office he used emergency decrees on several occasions, including to suppress the Kapp Putsch in 1920.





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➤ 1889 - The Constitution comes into effect in Japan.

The new Constitution was promulgated by Emperor Meiji on February 11, 1889 (the anniversary of Japan's national founding in 660 BC), but came into effect on November 29, 1890. The first National Diet of Japan, a new representative assembly, convened on the day the Meiji Constitution went into effect.



➤ 1720 - Peace agreement between Sweden and Norway.

The Treaties of Stockholm were two treaties signed in 1719 and 1720 that ended the war between Sweden and the coalition of Hanover and Prussia. Aspects of the conflict that remained unresolved would be dealt with by two more treaties, the Treaty of Frederiksborg between Sweden and Denmark-Norway in 1720 and the Treaty of Nystad between Sweden and Russia in 1721.



Important NEWS on 11 FEB

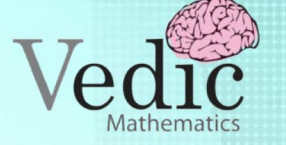
➤ AI-Enabled National Consumer Helpline (NCH) Revolutionizing Consumer Grievance Redressal

The Department of Consumer Affairs, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has enhanced the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) with AI-enabled technology to improve consumer grievance redressal. The new system provides sector-wise analysis of complaints, ensuring faster resolution and greater consumer confidence.



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➤ UNICEF Unveils National Roadmap for Child Road Safety

UNICEF has unveiled a comprehensive national roadmap aimed at addressing the growing concern of child road safety. With road accidents being a leading cause of injury-related deaths among children and adolescents, this initiative seeks to provide a clear strategy to reduce fatalities and create safer roads for young individuals.



➤ Cabinet Passes New Income Tax Bill 2025: A Major Overhaul of India's Tax System

The Union Cabinet has approved the new Income Tax Bill, which will replace the six-decade-old Income Tax Act, 1961. The primary objective of this new legislation is to simplify, modernize, and streamline India's tax system, making it more comprehensible and efficient for taxpayers. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in the Budget 2025-26 that the new bill will be introduced in Parliament in the ongoing session.



➤ India Achieves 100 GW Solar Power Capacity

India has achieved a major milestone in its renewable energy journey by reaching 100 gigawatts (GW) of installed solar power capacity. This achievement is a crucial step in the country's goal of transitioning to cleaner energy sources and reducing its dependence on fossil fuels. The milestone, announced by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, highlights India's progress in meeting its renewable energy commitments.



➤ Panama Withdraws from China's Belt and Road Initiative



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Panama has officially announced its withdrawal from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), marking a significant geopolitical realignment. President José Raúl Mulino's decision reflects growing tensions between global powers, particularly the United States and China, over the strategic Panama Canal. The move signals a shift in Panama's foreign policy, focusing on strengthening ties with the U.S. while re-evaluating Chinese investments in the country.



➤ RBI Clears Tata Communications' Payment Arm Sale to Findi

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Tata Communications' plan to sell its entire stake in Tata Communications Payment Solutions Ltd (TCP SL) to Transaction Solutions International (TSI), the Indian subsidiary of Australian fintech company Findi. The deal, first announced in November 2024, is valued at ₹330 crore, with an additional ₹75 crore contingent upon interchange rate adjustments.



➤ Himachal Sets Stage for North India's First Green Hydrogen Facility

In a significant step toward green energy transition, Himachal Pradesh has initiated North India's first Green Hydrogen Plant at Dabhota in Nalagarh, situated in the state's industrial belt of Baddi-Brotiwala and Nalagarh near Chandigarh. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu laid the foundation stone for the 1 MW plant, which aligns with the state's goal of becoming India's first green state by March 31, 2026.

Current affairs MCQS on 11 FEB

Q.1. ISRO has developed FEAST (Finite Element Analysis of Structures) software in which institute?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Bombay





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(c) IIT Hyderabad

(d) IIT Roorkee

Answer: (c) IIT Hyderabad

ISRO unveiled the latest version of Finite Element Analysis of Structures (FEAST) software at the 8th National Finite Element Developers Meet at IIT-Hyderabad. Over 250 industry leaders, academia and researchers attended the event to promote the indigenous structural analysis software. Developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), FEAST analyses structures under various loads in aerospace, automobile, civil and mechanical sectors.

Q.2. Recently, which ministry has launched a campaign called "Shatavari – For Better Health"?

(a) Ministry of Women and Child Development

(b) Ministry of AYUSH

(c) Ministry of Health

(d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: (b) Ministry of AYUSH

The Ministry of AYUSH launched the "Shatavari - For Better Health" campaign to increase awareness about medicinal plants. It was inaugurated by Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of AYUSH. The campaign is being led by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), which has previously promoted Amla, Moringa, Giloy and Ashwagandha. Financial assistance of ₹18.9 lakh will be given to eligible organizations for promoting Shatavari. This initiative strengthens India's focus on traditional medicine and holistic health.

Q.3. Recently, FIFA has suspended the football federation of which country?

(a) Afghanistan

(b) America

(c) Pakistan

(d) Bangladesh

Answer: (c) Pakistan

The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) has suspended the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) with immediate effect after it

failed to adopt amendments to the PFF constitution and obtain approval from the PFF Congress to pave the way for fair elections.

Q.4. Recently, after America, which country has now decided to exit WHO?

(a) Argentina

(b) France

(c) Germany

(d) Ukraine

Answer: (a) Argentina

Argentina has announced its withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO), following a similar decision taken by former US President Donald Trump. President Javier Milly's government has expressed deep disagreement with the WHO's health policies, particularly its management of the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision has sparked debate over the impact on Argentina's global standing, health policy and the WHO's credibility. Critics say the decision cannot take full effect without congressional approval and could have long-term implications for Argentina's health system and international relations.

Q.5. Recently, which state government has approved the new excise policy for 2025-2026?

(a) Madhya Pradesh

(b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Haryana

(d) Punjab

Answer: (b) Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh government has released the new excise policy for 2025-26. The main objective of this policy is to raise revenue of Rs 55,000 crore and strengthen the liquor business. Many important changes have been made in the policy, which will benefit both traders and buyers. Under this, many important provisions have been made like allocation of shops, change in liquor categories, promotion of digital payments and promotion of exports.





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Q.6. Who has been appointed as the new head of Citibank India recently?

- (a) K. Balasubramaniam
- (b) Harsh Kumar
- (c) RP Thakur
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) K. Balasubramaniam

Citibank has appointed K Balasubramaniam as India Sub-Cluster and Banking Head. He will replace Ashu Khullar, who has now been appointed Co-Head of Global Asset Management (GAM). Balasubramaniam's appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Q.7. Which country has recently banned the International Criminal Court?

- (a) Israel
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) America

Answer: (d) America

US President Donald Trump signed an executive order imposing sanctions on the International Criminal Court over its investigation of Israel, a close US ally. Neither the US nor Israel is a member of nor recognises the court, which has issued an arrest warrant against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for alleged war crimes over his military response in Gaza following a Hamas attack against Israel in October 2023. Thousands of Palestinians, including children, have been killed during the Israeli military's response.

Q.8. Recently RBI has reduced the repo rate by how much percentage?

- (a) 0.55%
- (b) 0.15%
- (c) 0.25%
- (d) 0.10%

Answer: (c) 0.25%

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra has announced a cut in the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) by

0.25% and reduced it to 6.25% with immediate effect. RBI has cut its policy repo rate after five years. Recently appointed RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced his first bi-monthly monetary policy.

Q.9. In which city NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) International Academy has been inaugurated recently?

- (a) Greater Noida
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Surat

Answer: (a) Greater Noida

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) inaugurated the NSDC International Academy in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The academy aims to provide world-class skill development and training programmes to bridge the gap between Indian youth and global employment opportunities. It offers specialised courses in foreign languages, healthcare, employability skills and aviation. The initiative is part of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

Q.10. Which company has recently changed its name to 'Eternal'?

- (a) Zomato
- (b) Blinkit
- (c) Swiggy
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Zomato

Food aggregator Zomato said its board of directors has approved the proposal to officially change the name of the parent company to Eternal Limited. The name change is subject to the approval of shareholders, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other statutory authorities. "We wish to inform that the Board of Directors of the Company has approved the proposal to change the name of the Company from Zomato Limited to Eternal Limited," the company said in an exchange filing.





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Q.11. Which Australian player has recently announced his retirement from ODI cricket?

- (a) Pat Cummins
- (b) Travis Head
- (c) Marcus Stoinis
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Marcus Stoinis

Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis has announced his immediate retirement from ODI cricket, which will see him miss the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy. The 35-year-old Stoinis will now focus only on T20 cricket and will remain available for selection in this format.

Q.12. Recently, maternal mortality rate has decreased by what percentage in India?

- (a) 69 %
- (b) 83 %
- (c) 42 %
- (d) 55 %

Answer: (b) 83 %

The government said that in the last 30 years, there has been an impressive decline of 83 percent in the maternal mortality rate in the country, while at the global level this decline is 42 percent. Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda gave this information in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. He said that in the same period, infant mortality rate has also declined by 69 percent, while at the global level this decline is 55 percent.

Q.13. Recently, who has become the fifth Indian bowler to take 600 wickets in international cricket?

- (a) Jasprit Bumrah
- (b) Axar Patel
- (c) Ravindra Jadeja
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Ravindra Jadeja

Veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja achieved a major milestone, becoming the fifth Indian bowler to bag 600 international wickets across all formats of the game. Jadeja achieved this feat during the first ODI against England in Nagpur, where he picked up

three wickets. Jadeja returned figures of 3 for 26 in nine overs as India bundled out England for 248 in 47.4 overs.

Q.14. Which country has recently passed strict laws to prevent hate crimes?

- (a) Australia
- (b) America
- (c) Germany
- (d) Russia

Answer: (a) Australia

Australia passed tough anti-hate crime laws, including mandatory minimum sentences. Sentences range from 12 months for mild hate crimes such as Nazi salutes to six years for terrorism offences. The law criminalises threats or violence based on race, religion, nationality, gender and other identities. Recent attacks on synagogues, trains and Jewish community buildings have fuelled the need for tougher laws. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese previously opposed mandatory sentencing but later supported them. New South Wales plans to bring its hate speech laws in line with those in Western Australia and Victoria.

Q.15. Who has won the gold medal in the men's 50 meter rifle 3 position event in the recent 38th National Games?

- (a) Neeraj Kumar
- (b) Vijay Kumar
- (c) Saurabh Singh
- (d) Abhijeet Shah

Answer: (a) Neeraj Kumar

At the ongoing 38th National Games in Uttarakhand, Neeraj Kumar of Services won the gold medal in the 50m rifle three position (men) event. Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar of Madhya Pradesh won the silver medal, while Swapnil Suresh Kusale of Maharashtra won the bronze medal. Meanwhile, in the 10m air pistol mixed team event, Suruchi and Pramod of Haryana won the gold medal. Rajasthan won the silver and Maharashtra won the bronze medal.

