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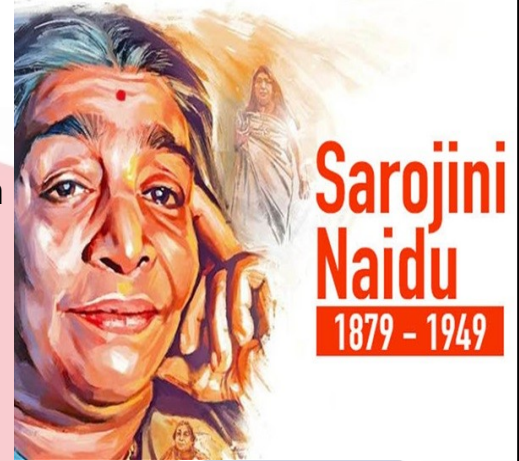


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1. 146th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Kokila Sarojini Naidu.

Sarojini Naidu was born on 13 February 1879 in Hyderabad. Her father Aghornath Chattopadhyay was the principal of Nizam College. She received her education in Madras, London and Cambridge. In 1905 she joined the Indian freedom struggle and adopted the Swaraj ideas of Mahatma Gandhi. She played an important role in the Women's India Association founded by Annie Besant in 1917.



2. Commission for Social Development.

India participated in the 63rd session of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD) held in New York from 10 to 14 February 2025, where Minister of State for Women and Child Development Smt. Savitri Thakur represented the country. The main objective of this session was to promote inclusive social policies and strengthen global social welfare.



3. Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI).

Transparency International released the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2024, with this year's focus on "corruption hinders the fight against climate change". India is ranked 96th out of 180 countries, with a score of 38, up from 39 in 2023 and 40 in 2022. In previous years, India's ranking was 93rd in 2023 and 85th in 2022. Among neighbouring countries, Pakistan was ranked 135th, Sri Lanka 121st, Bangladesh 149th and China 76th.



4. World Radio Day 2025

World Radio Day is celebrated on 13 February, with the aim of promoting education, information and freedom of expression through radio. Its theme in the year 2025 is "Radio and Climate Change: A Powerful Tool for Climate Action. Radio came into commercial existence in the 1920s and became popular worldwide by the 1950s. In 2011, UNESCO member countries declared 13 February as World Radio Day, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as an international event in 2013.



5. 25T Bollard Pull Tug Ashwa (Yard 337)

The third 25T Bollard Pull Tug 'Ashwa' (Yard 337) was commissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. The tug is part of the construction contract for six 25T BP tugs signed with Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata on 12 November 2021. The shipyard has successfully delivered two tugs so far. This tug is indigenously designed and manufactured as per the Naval Rules of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).



6. Pankaj Advani wins Indian Snooker Championship.

Pankaj Advani recently won the Indian Snooker Championship, which is his 36th national and 10th men's snooker title. He defeated Brijesh Damani in the final. This tournament is India's only selection event for the Asian and World Championships. The Indian Snooker Championship is the most prestigious and important snooker tournament in the country, in which the best players of India participate. It is held exclusively for men and guides selection in international championships.



7. Tenure of National Safai Karamchari Commission extended by 3 years.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended the term of the National Safai Karamchari Commission by three years till March 31, 2028. Its current term was to end on March 31, 2025. The National Safai Karamchari Commission was established in 1994 as a statutory body under the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993. Its tenure was fixed for three years as per the provision of the Act.



8. New Income Tax Bill introduced in Parliament.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Income Tax Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha on 13 February 2025, which has been brought to replace the Income Tax Act, 1961. The old law had become complex due to several amendments over time, this bill has been brought with the aim of making it simple and clear. It emphasizes on making the tax system more transparent, including understandable provisions for taxpayers and reducing tax disputes.





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1. When was the Social Development Commission established?

- A - 1940
B - 1942
C - 1945
D - 1946

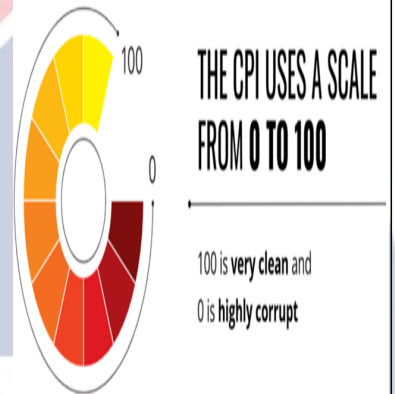
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2. What is the rank of India in the Corruption Perception Index 2024?

- A - 90
B - 95
C - 96
D - 100

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3. When is World Radio Day celebrated?

- A - 10 February
B - 12 February
C - 13 February
D - 14 February

World Radio Day is celebrated every year on 13 February, with the aim of promoting education, information and freedom of expression. The theme for 2025 is "Radio and Climate Change: A Powerful Tool for Climate Action". Commercially introduced in the 1920s, radio became popular by the 1950s. UNESCO recognized it in 2011, and the United Nations made it an international event in 2013.



4. 25T Bollard Pull Tug Ashwa has been built by which company?

- A - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
B - Cochin Shipyard Limited
C - Titagarh Rail Systems Limited
D - Hindustan Shipyard Limited

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5. Which player recently won the Indian Snooker Championship?

- A - Pankaj Advani
B - Aditya Mehta
C - Geet Sethi
D - Sourav Kothari

Pankaj Advani won his 36th national and 10th men's snooker title by winning the Indian Snooker Championship 2024. He defeated Brijesh Damani in the final. This tournament is India's only selection event for the Asian and World Championships. Advani is India's top snooker and billiards player. He won the first national billiards title in 2003 and has won 17 gold medals in the World Billiards Championship.



6. Sarojini Naidu was appointed the first woman governor of which state?

- A - Bihar
B - Andhra Pradesh
C - West Bengal
D - Uttar Pradesh

Sarojini Naidu was born on 13 February 1879 in Hyderabad. She was active in the freedom struggle and became the first Indian woman president of the Indian National Congress in 1925. She was arrested in 1930 for participating in the Salt Satyagraha, and was also involved in the Quit India Movement. After independence, she became the first woman governor of Uttar Pradesh.



7. The National Safai Karamchari Commission comes under which Ministry of the Government of India

- A - Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
B - Home Ministry
C - Ministry of Panchayati Raj
D - Ministry of Personnel

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8. Recently, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has introduced the new Income Tax Bill 2025, which will replace which Income Tax Bill

- A - Income Tax Act 1959
B - Income Tax Act 1961
C - Income Tax Act 1965
D - Income Tax Act 1971

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Income Tax Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha on 13 February 2025, which has been brought to replace the Income Tax Act, 1961. This bill focuses on simplifying tax laws, increasing transparency and reducing tax disputes. Despite opposition from the opposition, it was introduced by voice vote and sent to the Select Committee.





One Liner

1. When is National Women's Day celebrated? - **13 February**
2. Where was the 63rd session of the Social Development Commission held? - **In New York, USA**
3. Which country is at the bottom of the corruption index? - **South Sudan**
4. When was All India Radio established? - **Year 1956**
5. Recently, 25 t Bollard Pull Tug Horse Yard has been inducted into which army? - **In Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam**
6. What has Pankaj Advani achieved recently? - **36th national title and 10th men's snooker**
7. Who is the chairman of the National Safai Karamchari Commission? - **Shri M Venkatesan**
8. What is the legal status of the Income Tax Department? - **It is a statutory authority which was constituted under the Central Board of Direct Taxes, Central Board of Revenue Act 1963**
9. In which state is the Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary located, which was in the news recently? - **Karnataka**
10. In which country was India's new consulate inaugurated recently? - **France**

