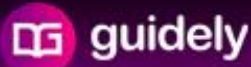


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Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 2nd week of February 2021. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming IBPS, SBI and other competitive exams can make use of it.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: DAYS

- The **World Pulses Day** is observed every year on **10 February**. This day was established by the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**.
- National Inventors Day honors **Thomas Edison** and all inventors, recognizing the enormous impact inventions have on technology industry and society worldwide.
- The **second Monday of February** is observed as **International Epilepsy Day**, a special event which focuses on promoting awareness on epilepsy.
- **Every year February 10 and August 10** are observed as the **National Deworming Day (NDD)**.
- **World Unani Day** is a global event celebrated on **February 11** to spread awareness about health care delivery through the **Unani system** of medicine through its preventive and curative philosophy.
- On 11 February, the **United Nations**, partners worldwide, **women and girls** will mark the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: NATIONAL NEWS

- The **45th Kolkata International Book Fair** will be held in **July** this year at the **Central Park Ground of Salt Lake**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **World Sustainable Development Summit 2021** on **10th of February** via video conferencing.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated to the nation **four projects** related to **oil, gas and road sector** worth **rupees four thousand and seven hundred crores** at **Haldia in West Bengal**.
- A major accident occurred in **Chamoli in Uttarakhand** due to the **breaking of the glacier**
- With the **aim of doubling farmers' income by 2022**, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced that the **agricultural credit target** was set at **16.5 lakh crore for FY22**, during Union Budget 2021.
- On Feb 06, 2021, President **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated a **museum**, dedicated to the **life of former Army Chief General Kodandera Subayya Thimayya**, in **Karnataka**.
- **GMR Group** has signed a **memorandum of understanding** with **Airbus** (a leading manufacturer of commercial aircrafts) to explore collaboration opportunities across aviation services, technologies and innovation.

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- **Odisha's Balasore** will get the country's **first thunderstorm** research testbed, the **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** government has introduced a system of issuing a **unique 16-digit Unicode** to mark all kinds of **landholdings in the state**.
- **Skyroot Aerospace and Bellatrix Aerospace** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to use the **Orbital Transfer Vehicle** being developed by **Bellatrix Aerospace** in the upper stage of **Vikram** series of launch vehicles being developed by **Skyroot**.
- With the Centre's approval, **Tamil Nadu government** passed an order for creating the **fifth tiger reserve** in the state and the **51st in the country**.
- **Packaged food companies** said the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI)** move to **reduce trans-fat in food items** which use edible oil as an ingredient to **2% from 2022**.
- The **five-day National Horticulture Fair 2021** has started in **Bengaluru on 8 February**. The fair is organized by the **Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR)** at the Institute's **Hessarghatta** campus on the outskirts of **Bengaluru** city.
- The government introduced a bill in the **Rajya Sabha**, which seeks to replace the **National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020**.
- The government will launch the website of the **India Toy Fair- 2021**. The website will be launched jointly by Minister of Textiles **Smriti Irani**, Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** and Education Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** in **New Delhi**.
- The Ministry of Agriculture has said that the government has launched a new Central Sector Scheme titled '**Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)**' and it has committed resources in this regard with a budgetary provision of **Rs 6,865 crore**.
- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **World Sustainable Development Summit 2021** via video conferencing.
- **Rajya Sabha** passed the **Major Port Authorities Bill, 2020**. The Bill was put to Division Voting wherein **84 members** supported the bill and **44 voted against it**.
- **Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai** said, there are **60 kilometres** area in **India Bangladesh border** which cannot be fenced, **making it prone to infiltration**.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** will formally launch **India's first-ever diesel tractor converted into a CNG tractor** on **February 12**.
- **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Ministry** has informed that more than one crore two lakh MSMEs were registered in the country within **five years**.
- **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** virtually inaugurated more than **57,000 water structures constructed in Madhya Pradesh** under the '**Jala Abhishekam**' campaign from **New Delhi**.

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- Indian Army National Seminar-cum-Webinar, named as **Divya-Drishti 2021 on Multi-Domain Operations: Future of Conflicts** was organised by Centre for Land Warfare Studies, CLAWS.
- The Government is organising the first ever India **Toy Fair** from 27th February to 2nd March.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The military government in Myanmar has stepped up actions against leaders of the **Aung San Suu Kyi led National League for Democracy (NLD)**.
- **Bangladesh has received USD 200 million** for Water Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) project for rural areas from the World Bank. The agreement was signed between the government of Bangladesh and the World Bank.
- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken** held a "comprehensive discussion and reviewed Indo-Pacific developments and the Quad cooperation".
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** made history as its **first-ever interplanetary Hope Probe mission** successfully entered orbit around **Mars**.
- **United States President Joe Biden** has revoked the national emergency order used to fund **former President Donald Trump's Mexico border wall project**.
- **China is celebrating Lunar New Year** as it ushered into the **Year of the Ox**.
- The **Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq** has sent invitations to embassies of 52 countries to monitor the country's elections slated to take place on 10th of October this year.
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CURRENT AFFAIRS: STATE NEWS

- **India's first geothermal power project** will be established at **Puga village of eastern Ladakh**. **Puga** has been identified as the hotspot of geothermal energy in the country by the scientists.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will lay the **foundation stone of various development projects** at **Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur district in Assam**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the **first State** in the country to make the end to end processing of the cabinet paperless by implementing **e-cabinet application**.
- In **Gujarat**, the State Government has asked the **Tata group** to start the work on **setting up Indian Institute of Skills-IIS**.

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- **Manipur** chief minister **N Biren Singh** launched a new range of packaged organic products and Louni Connect App apart from distributing Bolero Camper vehicles and nurseries to seven **Farmers Producer Companies (FPCs)**.
- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** on February 6, initiated the ceremonial distribution ceremony of **Chah Bagicha Dhan Puraskar Mela** in **Guwahati**.
- The **Karnataka** government issued an official notification announcing **Vijayanagara** as the **state's 31st district**, which was carved out of the **ore-rich Ballari district**.
- In **Assam**, the **Kaziranga national park** has recorded a total of **93 thousand 491 birds** as per the latest census.
- The state government has launched **Kerala Knowledge Mission** which aims to transform the state to a **knowledge economy**.
- In **Gujarat**, the Coast Guard District Headquarters **Number-1** conducted the district-level **Pollution Response Workshop and Mock Drill - 2021** at **Porbandar**.
- Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader **Amit Shah** will be visiting West Bengal. He is scheduled to flag off **BJP's Parivartan Yatra** from **Cooch Behar** in North Bengal before addressing a public meeting at **Bangaon Thakurnagar** in **North 24 Parganas**.
- **Odisha** launched various **citizen-centric on-line services** of the State Transport department.
- To promote **wooden toys, local artifacts, handicrafts** **Maharashtra Small Industries Development Corporation** and **Maharashtra State Khadi & Village Industries Board** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Flipkart**.
- In the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**, **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** inaugurated the state of the art **General Bus Stand cum Shopping complex Cum Multi Level Parking** constructed at the cost of **Rs. 213 Crore** in **Jammu**.
- The **Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike** has launched **Swach Sarvekshan Abhiyan** in **Bengaluru** to educate citizens about solid waste management.
- **Goa** has become the **6th State** in the country to successfully undertake **Urban Local Bodies reforms** stipulated by the **Department of Expenditure**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: DEFENCE NEWS

- The **India-US joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 20"** commenced in **Mahajan Field Firing Range** of **Bikaner district** in **Rajasthan**.
- **India's Ministry of Defence (MoD)** and **Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** have signed a contract for procurement of **Software Defined Radio Tactical (SDR-Tac)** worth over **1,000 crore**.
- **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** inducted **women commandos** in its **anti-Naxal Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA)** unit which will undergo training and then will be sent to **Naxal-hit areas**.
- The **Indian Army** has laid the foundation stone of the tallest '**Iconic National Flag**' at the famous **ski-resort of Gulmarg** in **Jammu and Kashmir**.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS: APPOINTMENTS

- Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu has been appointed to the reconstituted National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) led by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval.
- CBI Additional Director Praveen Sinha took charge as the acting chief of the agency after the superannuation of incumbent Rishi Kumar Shukla.
- Airline IndiGo appointed Jiten Chopra as its chief financial officer (CFO), effective February 21, 2021. He will succeed Aditya Pande, who is leaving the company to pursue other interests.
- The government has appointed an expert panel to review industry's objections to the proposed ban on 27 widely used pesticides which officials say are harmful to animals and humans.
- Additional Chief Secretary VP Joy will succeed Vishwas Mehta as the state's Chief Secretary.
- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal chaired a meeting of his cabinet where a decision was taken to appoint World Championship sprinter Hima Das as a Deputy Superintendent of Police in the state.
- Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) announced the appointment of Sanjay Bangar as the new batting consultant ahead of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021.
- Steel giant ArcelorMittal announced that Aditya Mittal, the son of company founder Lakshmi Mittal, will replace him as the group's chairman and CEO.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BANKING & FINANCE

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes for the year 2019-20.
- Digital payments platform PhonePe announced that it has partnered with Axis Bank on a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) multi-bank model.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCHEMES

- The Delhi cabinet approved "Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha" in which Rs 5,000 will be provided to Rs 1,000 meritorious students of Class 9 in schools of Delhi as a science scholarship.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: AGREEMENTS

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire in Afghanistan to end a spike in violence, as the two countries signed an agreement for building a dam to supply water to Kabul city.
- New Development Bank (NDB), the multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states, has announced a commitment of \$100 million into the NIIF Fund of Funds (FoF).

CURRENT AFFAIRS: BOOKS

- Former vice president Hamid Ansari released a book titled as By Many a Happy Accident.
- Entrepreneur-author Sangeet Paul Choudary explains the importance of platform business models, the forces that power their rapid scale and the factors that will cement their dominance in a post-pandemic world in his new book.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS: AWARDS

- **Lijo Jose Pellissery's Jallikattu** is officially out of the race for the Oscars in the Best International Feature Film category.
- **Australia Zoo's Robert Irwin** has won the **Natural History Museum's Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award**.
- **Tamil film Koozhangal** won the prestigious **Tiger Award** in the competition section of the **International Film Festival of Rotterdam**.
- **Manasa Varanasi**, an engineer from **Telangana**, emerged as the **winner of VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020**.
- From a bus conductor to a writer, **Muthalankurichi Kamarasu** has come a long way in his life.
- At a time when many children could not make the most of their free time during the lockdown induced by the pandemic, a **15-year-old girl** from a remote village in Mysuru took it as an opportunity to try her hands at **'gourd art'**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan** launched the Investment Corner under the Project Development Cell (PDC), on the revamped website of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SUMMITS & CONFERENCE

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **Maritime India Summit-2021** on 2nd March.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: SPORTS NEWS

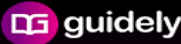
- **Joe Root**, the England captain, sent India on a leather hunt, becoming the **first player in history to score a double century in his 100th Test match**.
- In **Kargil Ladakh**, **Drass Red** has won the **13th CEC Cup Ice Hockey Championship** beating Hockey Club Chiktan team in the Final match.
- Former captain **Steve Smith** claimed his **third Allan Border Medal** while **Beth Mooney** bagged her **maiden Belinda Clarke Award**, the top two honours of the Australian Cricket Awards.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced the winners of the **inaugural ICC Player of the Month Awards** which recognise and celebrate the best performances from **both male and female cricketers** across all forms of international cricket throughout the year.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced Indian edu-tech company **BYJU'S** as its global partner from **2021 to 2023**.
- Veteran fast bowler **Ishant Sharma** became the **sixth Indian and the third pacer from the country to take 300 wickets in Test cricket**
- Indian captain **Virat Kohli** has slipped to **5 in the latest ICC Men's Test Player Rankings**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: OBITUARIES

- **Akhtar Ali**, a former Davis Cup coach and a legendary figure in Indian tennis, **passed away**.


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- **Former US Secretary of State, George Shultz** who significantly shaped foreign policy in the late 20th Century, has died at the age of 100.
- **Former New Zealand all-rounder Bruce Taylor**, the only player to score a century and take a five-wicket haul on test debut, has died at the age of 77, the country's cricket board (NZC).
- **Bollywood actor and Raj Kapoor's son Rajiv Kapoor** passed away in Mumbai. He was 58.
- **Ezra Moseley**, the **former West Indies fast bowler**, has died at the age of 63



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