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Current Affairs Related to 19th February

- ◆ In a significant move, the Reserve Bank of India has approved pre-approved credit lines to small financial banks through Uni Shareholders Holdings. This decision is to promote financial inclusion for those people and small enterprises, which are limited to economic logic. The UPI platform which was launched in 2016 was started for the development of real time portrait portfolio. Over time, its base strengthened and it became a major payment system for Tekha, Anmol and Anmol.
- ◆ FAO launched the Ugbaad Climate Resilient Agriculture Project in Somalia. This seven-year climate resilient agriculture project aims to enhance climate adaptation and resilience of vulnerable communities in Somalia. The \$95 million climate resilient agriculture project in Somalia called Ugbaad, which means symbol of hope. It will help to address the challenges of climate change and strengthen agricultural food systems through large-scale investment.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented special gifts showcasing India's rich cultural and cultural heritage to President Emmanuel Grahuetz and First Lady Brigitte Martinez during his two visits to France. These gifts were chosen to highlight India's traditional craftsmanship, historical monuments and artistic diversity.
- ◆ India has taken a big step in bio engineering management. The country's first nuclear power plant converter system in the form of Srijanam started at AIIMS Delhi. Science and Technology Minister Dr. Vakil Singh inaugurated this indigenous innovation. It has been developed by CSIR NIST, Thiruvananthapuram. Srijanam provides an environmentally friendly and economical solution compared to traditional ideas.
- ◆ The International Cricket Council announced the Player of the Month Awards for January 2025, in which Jomel Warrican and Beth Mooney were honored for their outstanding performances. Warrican's deadly spin bowling played a key role in Pakistan's historic Test win against the West Indies, earning him the ICC Player of the Month title. The same Mooney's dramatics helped Australia win the Ashes, in which she received the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.
- ◆ The Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations 2018 have been amended to further strengthen consumer protection against unsolicited commercial communications. The amended rules aim to promote a more transparent commercial communications ecosystem for consumers. Under the new amendment, telecom will have to accept complaints against spam for one week after receiving such a call. Now customers will be able to identify the type of commercial message only by looking at the handover of the SMS sender.
- ◆ The government has approved the market intervention scheme to stabilize tomato prices. The transport component of the market intervention scheme is now being implemented with the approval of the government. The government has taken this step due to the fall in tomato prices in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and other tomato producing states. Central nodal agencies will get reimbursement under the scheme for operational costs. The reimbursed cost will be related to storage and transportation of potatoes, tomatoes and onions from the producing state to other consumer states.
- ◆ Deepak Kumar Kedia, Inspector General Headquarters National Security Guard received the CA Award in Public Service by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He has been honoured for his exceptional contribution to public service mainly in law enforcement and national security. The award was presented at the World Forum of Accountants Meet in New Delhi.
- ◆ Tata Memorial Centre Mumbai and National Institute of Biomedical Genomics Kalyani discovered genomic factors responsible for resistance to hormone therapy in estrogen receptor positive stage cancers. These findings will provide important insights into why some patients do not respond or stop responding to hormone therapy. This will help in developing new targeted treatment strategies. These findings present important clinical implications, including the possible repurposing of DNA damaging drugs for patients who develop hormone therapy resistance.
- ◆ India's retail inflation fell to 4.31% in January. This is the lowest level in five months. Inflation was 5.22% in December. Inflation in rural areas was 4.64%.

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National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, RBI has announced the release of new banknotes of how many rupees denomination ?

- (A) 20 (B) 50
(C) 100 (D) 500

(B) The Reserve Bank of India has announced the release of new Rs 50 denomination banknotes. These will be signed by the new Lieutenant Governor Sanjay Agarwal. Nagaland took over as the 26th RBI Governor in December 2024, replacing Shaktikanta Das. These new banknotes form the current design of the Mahatma Gandhi series, maintaining stability in the country's currency system.



2. Recently, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has announced the expansion of translation services in Parliament in how many languages?

- (A) 3 (B) 4
(C) 5 (D) 6

(D) Samajwadi Party President Om Birla has announced the promotion of Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Bhikshuni, Sanskrit and Arabic languages. The purpose of this expansion is to make the parliamentary process more convenient for the voters and promote democratic participation. It is part of a wider plan to include 22 piracy in the list of the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.



3. Recently, RBI has approved the ban on digital onboarding of which bank?

- (A) Kotak Mahindr Bank (B) IDFC Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) Allahabad Bank

(A) Reserve Bank of India has removed the restrictions placed on Kotak Mahindra Bank in April 2024, so that the bank can now add new businesses online and resume the process of issuing fresh credit cards. These restrictions were imposed due to serious deficiencies in the bank's IT infrastructure. Now after corrective measures, the bank has been allowed to restart its digital services.



4. Recently, West Bengal has announced the allocation of how many crores for roads and new river binding scheme in Budget 2025?

- (A) 700 crores (B) 900 crores
(C) 1200 crores (D) 1500 crores

(D) Recently, West Bengal Budget 2025 was presented in the state assembly by West Bengal Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya. West Bengal's gross state domestic product crossed Rs 18 lakh crore. The revenue deficit in the budget is Rs 35314 crore. The government has proposed Rs 1500 crore under the Pathashree scheme for road development.



5. Recently, in which state the Har Khet Swasth Khet Abhiyan has been launched to promote soil health?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Haryana
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Uttar Pradesh

(B) Recently, the Haryana government has launched the Har Khet Swasth Khet Abhiyan to improve soil health and ensure sustainable agricultural practices. Under this initiative, soil samples will be collected simultaneously from every coconut farm in the state in the next three to four years and all farmers will be provided with soil health cards.



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6. Which new digital platform has been launched by SEBI recently?

- (A) Sajag (B) Samarth
(C) Mitra (D) None of these

(C) SEBI has launched its new digital platform Mitra, with the help of which investors will be able to find inactive and unclaimed mutual fund folios. Using this platform named Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant, it will be easy to find such mutual funds which investors have forgotten.



7. Recently the Donate Organ Save Lives initiative is being organized by whom?

- (A) ICC (B) BCCIU
(C) ICMR (D) None of these

(A) Recently the International Cricket Council has announced a new initiative called Donate Organs, Save Lives, which aims to promote organ donation awareness. The campaign officially started with the third and final objective between India and England. By using the priority and influence of cricket, this initiative inspires more people to take the pledge of organ donation, which can save many lives.



8. Recently, Shoheli Akhtar has become the first female cricketer of which country to be banned on corruption charges?

- (A) Pakistan (B) Afghanistan
(C) India (D) Bangladesh

(D) Recently, Bangladesh's Shoheli Akhtar became the first female cricketer to be banned by the International Cricket Council on match fixing charges. She was found guilty of trying to fix matches during the 2023 T20 World Cup. 36-year-old Shoheli was banned for five years. Off-spin bowler Shoheli has played two ODIs and 13 T20 Internationals for Bangladesh.



9. Where was Asia's first life-size animatronic elephant Ellie unveiled recently?

- (A) Kochi (B) Bengaluru
(C) Guwahati (D) None of these

(B) Asia's first life-size animatronic elephant, named Ellie, was unveiled in Bengaluru recently as a significant step to promote animal welfare. Developed by PETA India and voiced by actress Dia Mirza, Ellie aims to educate children about the harsh realities of elephant captivity.



10. Recently, the US President has ordered to impose what percentage of duty on steel and aluminium imports?

- (A) 10% (B) 15%
(C) 20% (D) 25%

(D) Recently, the US President Donald Trump announced to increase the tariff on steel and aluminium imports to 25% without any exemption. He hopes that this will provide relief to American industries from global competition. However, his move has increased the risk of starting a new trade war.



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