

February 2025 Current Affairs

Important Days in February 2025

- **February 1:** Indian Coast Guard Day. The theme is "We Protect" (Vayam Rakshamah). It was observed for the 49th time. The Indian Coast Guard was established on February 1, 1977, and formally inaugurated by Morarji Desai on August 19, 1978.
- **February 2:** World Wetlands Day. The theme is "Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future." This day is associated with the Ramsar Convention.
- **February 4:** World Cancer Day. The theme is "United by Unique."
- **February 10:** National Deworming Day and World Pulses Day.
- **February 11:** International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
- **February 20:** World Day of Social Justice.
- **February 28:** National Science Day.

Appointments

- The tenure of India's Chief Economic Advisor has been extended until 2027.
- N. Chandrasekaran has been appointed as the Chairman of the Ratan Tata Endowment Foundation.

Awards

- The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) won the SCOTCH Award for its contribution to forest conservation and income generation.
- The "Bhanu Mushtaq" award was given for excellence in journalism.
- The "Young Achiever" award in the male category went to Parth Manick (Shooting) and in the female category to Neha Sagwan (Wrestling) for their performance at the 44th Chess Olympiad.
- The Sahitya Akademi Award for 2024 was announced for various authors and works.

National News

- **Srijan:** India's first indigenous automated biomedical waste treatment plant launched at AIIMS, New Delhi, by Dr. Jitendra Singh. It was developed by CSIR-NIIST.
- **Naksha Program:** Implemented under the Ministry of Rural Development to modernize land survey processes in urban areas and create digital records.
- **Electronic Personal License for Pilots:** India became the second country to launch this for pilots and related flight staff, replacing physical certificates.
- **Har Khet Swasth Khet:** A campaign launched by the Haryana government to boost soil health.
- **New Delhi's Mohalla Clinics:** To be renamed as "Ayushman Arogya Mandir."
- **Uttarakhand Assembly:** Passed a bill to prohibit the purchase of agricultural and horticultural land by people from other states.
- **Medical Boards:** The government of an unnamed state has issued an order to set up medical boards in hospitals for a specific purpose.
- **Sikhna Jalo National Park:** Chirang Ripu Elephant Reserve was notified as Assam's eighth national park under this name.
- **Vijay Durg:** The name of Fort William in Kolkata, the Eastern Army Command headquarters, has been changed to Vijay Durg.

International News

- **Aymon-4 Mission:** The mission to the Moon was launched by NASA and SpaceX. It will study water ice at the lunar South Pole.
- **Hearth Festival:** Celebrated by the Kashmiri Pandit community for Mahashivratri.

- **Ali-Aye-Ligang Festival:** Celebrated by the Mising tribe in Assam, which includes the Gumrag dance.
- **Ex-Cyclone:** A joint military exercise between India and Egypt held in Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan.
- **Three Countries Leave ECOWAS:** Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger have left the regional bloc ECOWAS due to military rule in their countries.
- **World Government Summit 2025:** Held in Dubai with the theme "Shaping Future Governments."
- **PM Modi's Tour:** Visited France and the US, co-chaired the AI Action Summit in Paris, and inaugurated a new consulate in Marseille, France.
- **BAPS Temple:** The Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) inaugurated the largest Hindu temple in South Africa, in Johannesburg.

Sports

- **Carlos Alcaraz:** Won his first indoor hard court title at the Rotterdam Open.
- **Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship:** Indonesia won for the first time, defeating China.
- **Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa:** Won the Tata Steel Masters 2025 in the Netherlands.

Obituaries

- **Krishnaveni:** Pioneer of Telugu cinema.
- **Acharya Satyendra Das:** Chief priest of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple.
- **Mayadhar Raut:** Odissi dancer and considered the father of Odissi dance.

Other News

- **Gorakhpur, Gujarat:** Declared as the state's first biodiversity heritage site due to its unique inland mangrove site.
- **"Legal Personhood" in New Zealand:** Natural features have been granted this status, inspired by the Maori tribe's beliefs.