

Top 10 Current Affairs of Today - February 17, 2024

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Let's check this National news. Then, we will move ahead.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi launched the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana under which free electricity up to 300 units per month would be provided to beneficiaries. The major aim of the scheme is to light up 1 crore households along with incentivisation of Urban Local Bodies and Panchayats to promote rooftop solar systems in their jurisdictions.



[Image Source: India Today]

No response by States on Swachhta Green Leaf Rating

The Swachhta Green Leaf Rating launched by the Ministry of Tourism in November 2023 for the Hospitality sector has sought no response from States. It was a government initiated Rating system that aimed to ensure World class hygiene and Sanitation in hotels, resorts and homestays. The major objective of the scheme was to prevent pollution in water bodies and keep the environment clean.

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[Image Source: Ministry of Tourism]

COP14 on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

The 14th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals will be held from 12-17 February 2024, hosted by Uzbekistan in the city of Samarkand. It is also known as the Bonn Convention and it provides a global platform for conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats. It is an Environmental Treaty under the aegis of UNEP.



[Image Source: BBC News]



NDGRS launched by Department of Land Resources

The National Generic Document Registration System (NDGRS) was rolled out by the Department of Land Resources throughout Assam for registration of departments across the country under the One Nation One Software initiative. A 14 digit alphanumeric identification number called Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) was also launched to uniquely identify Land parcels through blockchain ID.

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[Image Source: Hindustan Times]

Parasitic Creeper Cuscuta Dodder preys on Chengalpet Forests

A Parasitic creeper namely Cuscuta Dodder which is native to North America is choking Chengalpet Forests and Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary. The creeper is threatening local Vegetation, Ecology and habitat of migratory birds. Cuscuta Dodder is a Parasitic vine without roots that builds up a Canopy on the host plant and forms dense spectacle, strangling and eventually killing the plant.



[Image Source: India Today]

5 month long ban on fishing around Hope Island

The Andhra Pradesh Government has imposed a 5 month ban on fishing around 5 kilometre radius of Hope Island to prevent killing of Olive Ridley Turtles off the Kakinada Coast. Olive Ridley Turtles whose scientific name is Lepidochelys Olivacea are the smallest and most abundant of all sea Turtles found in the world. Its IUCN status is Vulnerable.

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[Image Source: India Today]

World Government Summit 2024

The Prime Minister of India attended the World Government Summit 2024 as Guest of Honour in UAE. The theme of the summit was "Shaping Future Governments". It is an annual global gathering of World leaders and policymakers established in 2013 under the leadership of the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE.



[Image Source: BBC News]

Reliance Industries passes 20 lakh crore market Capitalisation

The Reliance India Limited (RIL) became the first Indian company to surpass 20 lakh crore in market Capitalisation becoming one of the biggest wealth Creators in the Indian Stock Market history. Market Capitalisation is used to represent the market value of a company and is calculated by multiplying the number of outstanding shares of a company by the current prices of its shares.

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[Image Source: Wikipedia]

Japan loses World's third largest economy title to Germany

The Japanese Economy unexpectedly slipped into recession thereby losing its crown of World's Third Largest Economy to Germany. The Japanese Gross Domestic Product contracted 0.4 percent in the last three months of 2023. The current scenario was forecasted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in October last year.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

Bumrah becomes quicker Indian Pacer to 150 test Wickets

India's star Pacer Jasprit Bumrah has surpassed Kapil Dev to become quickest Indian Pacer to get 150 Test Wickets. Bumrah achieved the feat in the second test match against England held at Visakhapatnam. Bumrah became second fastest to reach the target among Asian pace bowlers, the first one being Waqar Younis of Pakistan.



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