

February 2019 Current Affairs

1.) Women with four children to get life tax exemption in Hungary

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has said that women in the country with four children or more will be exempted for life from paying income tax. The move aims at boosting the country's population. The PM said that this is a way of defending Hungary's future without depending on immigration.

2.) Indian Historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam wins the Dan David Prize

Indian historian Sanjay Subrahmanyam has won prestigious Dan David Prize of Israel for the year 2019 for his work on inter-cultural encounters between Asians, Europeans and people of North and South America during the early modern era.

3.) Ruchira Kamboj to be India's Ambassador to Bhutan

Ruchira Kamboj, currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to South Africa, was appointed as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan. Kamboj is a 1987 cadre Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer who has previously served as the Ambassador/PR to Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO, Paris.

4.) DRDO Successfully Flight Tests Indigenously Developed Missile System SFDR

The second indigenously developed 'Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)' propulsion-based missile system was successfully flight tested in Odisha by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The success of SFDR propulsion technology is a significant milestone and will pave the way for the development of long-range air-to-air missiles in the country.

5.) Prajnesh Gunneswaran breaks into men's singles top 100

Prajnesh Gunneswaran has made it to the top-100 of Men's Singles Tennis rankings. He ranked 97 with a jump of six places. Prajnesh is the third Indian player to break into the top-100 barrier after Somdev Devvarman and Yuki Bhambri. He reached the semifinals of the ATP Chennai Challenger last week to ensure his entry into the coveted bracket.

6.) Manish Tewari launches book on economic justice

Former Union Minister and author Manish Tewari launched "What Marx Left Unsaid", authored by Malay Chaudhuri, Arindam Chaudhuri and Che Kabir Chaudhuri at the India International Centre in New Delhi. It was launched to commemorate the 200th birth anniversary of Karl Marx. The book is jointly written by three generations of authors from the same family, and has been published by Times Group Books.

7.) Overview of Prime Minister's visit to Tripura

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi visited Agartala in the final leg of his a day long tour to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. PM Modi during his visit to Agartala, Tripura inaugurated various development projects. It was the final destination of a day long tour to 3 North Eastern States.

8.) Senior National Badminton Championships begins in Guwahati

The 83rd edition of Senior National Badminton Championships has begun in Guwahati. Defending champion Saina Nehwal and last edition's runner-up PV Sindhu will be the biggest attractions in Women's Singles. The Men's Singles will be without defending champion HS Prannoy and runners-up Kidambi Srikanth who are suffering from injuries.

9.) Ricky Ponting appointed as Assistant Coach of Australia for 2019 World Cup

Cricket Australia appointed Ricky Ponting as the assistant coach for Australia's cricket team for 2019 World Cup. Ponting was appointed after David Saker's resignation from the post. Ricky Ponting worked as the assistant for Australia's T20 in 2017 and 2018.

10.) Egypt's President el-Sisi Elected as the new chairman of African Union

Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi took over as chair of the African Union (AU). The post rotates annually between the five regions of the continent. He is expected to focus on the fight against armed groups on the continent and rebuilding efforts of countries recovering from conflict. Sisi takes the helm from Rwandan President Paul Kagame, who focused on creating an Africa wide free-trade zone during his tenure.

11.) Ladakh declared Jammu & Kashmir's third administrative division

The Jammu & Kashmir Government on Friday declared Ladakh as the third administrative division of the state. An order issued by Governor Satya Pal Malik's administration said, "The Government has approved the creation of a separated administrative/revenue division of Ladakh".

12.) Deepa Mehta to be Feted with Lifetime Achievement Award

Acclaimed Indo-Canadian filmmaker, Deepa Mehta will be conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. This award will be presented in privilege of Deepa's enormous impact and impression she has had on the essence of Canada's entertainment industry. Deepa Mehta is best known for her trilogy- "Fire", "Earth" and "Water".

13.) Law, Justice and Judicial Power Justice P N Bhagwatis Approach Book Launched

The book "Law, Justice and Judicial Power – Justice P N Bhagwati's Approach" written by Mool Chand Sharma was launched by the Chief Justice of India, Shri Justice Ranjan Gogoi. The first edition of the book was received by President Ramnath Kovind.

14.) Mukesh Ambani tops Hurun India Philanthropy list

2018

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani and also richest person in Asia topped the Hurun India Philanthropy list with a donation amount of 437 crores. Mukesh Ambani is followed by the chairman of the Piramal Group, Ajay Piramal who donated 200 crores. Top 10 list of Hurun India Philanthropy list.

15.) India successfully tests Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet

Propelled Missile

India has successfully undertaken the demonstration of the indigenously developed propulsion technology. The successful demonstration of indigenous technology is a step forward in the development of long-range air-to-air missiles.

16.) Corentin Moutet Clinched Chennai Open ATP

Challenger Title

In Tennis, France's Corentin Moutet has clinched the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tournament title after beating Andrew Harris of Australia in the singles final. It was the second Challenger title for Moutet, who received 80 ATP points, while Andrew got 48 ATP points.

17.) Shane Warne named as brand ambassador of

Rajasthan Royals

Australian spinner, Shane Warne has been named the brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals for the upcoming edition of IPL. He led Rajasthan Royals to its first and only IPL title in 2008. Also, Rajasthan Royals has decided to change its jersey colour from blue to pink this year.

18.) Indian Foreign Exchange Reserves increased by \$2.063 billion

The data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) shows that the Foreign Exchange Reserves of India increased by \$2.063 billion to \$400.24 billion in the week to February 1. The foreign exchange reserves had increased by USD 1.497 billion to reach USD 398.178 billion in the previous week corresponding to January 25. The increase in the value of the Foreign Exchange Reserves is attributed to the increase in foreign currency assets.

19.) RBI doubles the limit of Bulk Deposits from Rs. 1 Crore to Rs 2 Crore

Reserve Bank of India decided to treat deposits to over Rs.2 crore as 'bulk' as they doubled the limit for the same from the earlier Rs.1crore. This move will enhance the operational freedom of Banks. According to current RBI rules, last reviewed in January 2013, banks have the option of not permitting premature withdrawals of 'large rupee term deposits' of INR 1 crore and above.

20.) India's young paddlers clinch four medals

In Table Tennis, India's young paddlers clinching four medals include a gold, at the Bahrain Junior and Cadet Open tournament in Manama. Besides the gold, India won two silver and a bronze. In the final, the India-A team of Suhana Saini and Anargya Manjunath proved too strong for India-B and clinched the Gold. In the Junior girls' competition, the Indian team of Manushree Patil and Swastika Ghosh beat three teams before losing to eventual champions Russia to settle for a Silver.

21.) 10 February: World Pulses Day

February 10, 2019, was the first-ever World Pulses Day, a United Nations global event to celebrate pulses worldwide and continue the important gains made with the 2016 International Year of Pulses. The aim is to celebrate, raise awareness and promote the consumption of pulses at events around the globe.

22.) Bollywood actor Mahesh Anand passed away at age of 57

Hindi film actor Mahesh Anand passed away at age of 57 in Mumbai. Mahesh Anand, was best known for negative roles in the movies of 80s and 90s. The villainous actor was last found in the Govinda's film 'Rangeela Raja'.

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