

➤ India's next ambassador to Peru :

**M Subbarayudu**

➤ The scheme launched by the External Affairs Ministry to take Indian foreign policy to students across the country- **SAMEEP**

➤ The head of the committee set up by the govt to address the problem of stressed assets in India's power sector- **Amitabh Kant**

➤ The venue of the annual meeting of the Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF) - **Davos**

➤ The country where about 200 people were killed recently after the tropical storm 'Tembin' hit it - **Philippines**

➤ The country named as the best country in the world for 'business' in the *Forbes* 'recent list - **UK**

➤ The city where the first - ever National Rail and Transport University (NRTU) is to be set up - **Vadodara**

➤ Winner of the 2017 Sahitya Akademi award in Hindi for literacy criticism work *Vishwa Mithak Sarit Sagar*- **Ramesh Kuntal Megh**

➤ Winner of the same award in English language for the novel *the Black Hill*- **Mamang Dai**

➤ The country with which India has signed a pact for automatic shoring of tax -related info from 1 jan 2018 - **Switzerland**

➤ The firm which has acquired the HDFC Realty and HDFC Rs 357 Cr deal - **Quikr**

➤ Winner of the 31st moortidevi Award for the year 2017 for his poetry collection *Du Dondo Phowara Matro* - **Joy Gosssami**

➤ Winner of the La Liga's top Scorer and best player award us for the 2016-2017 - **Lionel Messi**

➤ The Odisha-based Iron Steel mine which has won the Golden Peacock Innovation Management Award for the year 2017 - **Joda East Iron Mine**

➤ The justice who retired as the chairman of the National Green tribunal recently - **Swatanter Kumar**

➤ The firm which has acquired Food panda India - **Ola**

➤ The country which has approved a law banning all exploration and production of oil and natural gas by 2040 - **France**

➤ The programme [or which the World Bank has committed \$1 25-mn loan to India -**STRIVE**

➤ The country with which India has inked a pact on restoration of normalcy and development of the Rakhine State - **Myanmar**

➤ The irrigation scheme of Telangana which received green nod from the Central Govt recently -**Kaleshwaram project**

➤ The country which overtook Saudi Arabia as India's top oil supplier recently' - **Iraq**

➤ The national vehicle registry to collate all the information available with road transport authorities - **Vahan**

➤ BBC's Spoils Personality of the Year 2017- **Mo Farah**

➤ The exercise conducted by the Indian Army's Southern Command in the deserts of Rajasthan recently - **Hamesha Vijayee**

➤ The IT modernization project with an outlay of `1400cr to achieve financial inclusion of un-banked rural population - **Project Darpan**

➤ The person who won the recent presidential elections in Chile - **Sebastian Pinera**

➤ The bank on Which the RBI imposed a penalty of `5 cr recently - **Syndicate Bank**

➤ Winner of the prestigious National Design Award 2017 - **G Satheesh Reddy**

➤ The state govt which has approved a scheme to provide a pension of `1500 to transgender above 18 years of age in the state - **Andhra Pradesh**

- Winner of the women's singles title of the I3WF World Super series Finals in Dubai - Akane Yamaguchi
- The venue of the World Trade Organization's Ministerial Conference - **Buenos Aires**
- The country whose diaspora is the world's largest at present (about 15.6 mn) - **India**
- Winner of the Peter England Mr India 2017 title - **Jitesh Singh Deo**
- The city where India's First Madame Tussauds Wax Museum opened recently - **New Delhi**
- The Cambridge Dictionary's 2017 Word of the Year - **Populism**
- The largest-ever joint aerial drills held recently between the US and South Korea - **Vigilant Ace**
- The state which passed the Kapu reservation bill to provide 5% quota to Kapu community recently **Andhra Pradesh**
- The veteran film actor who passed away recently — **Shashi Kapoor**
- The size of the fund announced by PM Narendra Modi for improving roads and NHs in the Northeast - **90,000 cr**
- The payments bank temporarily barred by the UIDAI from conducting Aadhaar-based e-KYC - **Airtel Payments Bank**
- The country which was declared by the WHO polio-free recently - **Gabon**
- The tropical storm which flooded the central Philippines recently - **Kai-tak**
- The two new banks which joined the S&P BSE Sensex recently - **YES Bank** and **IndusInd Bank**
- The Oxford Dictionaries' word of the year 2017 - **Youth quake**
- The proposed fund by the Union Cabinet to support leather industry - **2,600 cr**
- The transaction amount up to which the govt will bear the merchant discount rate charges on debit cards - **2,000**
- The size of the venture capital fund set up by the Ministry of Department of Northeast Region — **100 cr**
- The emblems of the 2022 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games — **Winter Dream and Flight**
- India's current account deficit (CAD) during Jul-Sep 2017 period - **\$7.2 bn**
- The new increased benchmark interest rate set by the US Federal Reserve — **1.25-1.5 per cent**
- India's ranking on 'The Legatum Prosperity Index 2017' - **100<sup>th</sup>**
- The batsman who hit his third double century to guide India to a 141-run victory over Sri Lanka in Mohali recently - **Rohit Sharma**
- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth in Oct 2017 - **2.2 per cent**
- The retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), in Nov 2017 - **4.88 per cent**
- The country which has announced its decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel - **US**
- The new deadline for linking Aadhaar with financial investments! instruments - **31 Mar 2018**
- The country which has banned its financial institutions from dealing in virtual currencies such as Bitcoin - **South Korea**
- India's first new diesel-electric submarine in over 17 years commissioned in Mumbai recently - **INS Kalvari**
- The former Jharkhand CM who was sentenced to a three-year term by a special CBI court recently - **Madhu Koda**
- The mountain which has been found to be the new highest mountain in the UK — **Mount Hope**
- The Gulf country which has announced the lifting of the ban on movie theatres in the country after more than 35 years - **Saudi Arabia**
- The person awarded with the "Yeraringan" Award recently — **MS Swaminathan**

- Winner of the hockey World League Final (HWLF) in Bhubaneswar — **Australia**
- The medal won by India in the HWLF defeating Germany - **Bronze**
- The host of the 2023 Cricket World Cup - **India**
- The headquarters of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) which won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize - **Geneva**
- The person appointed as an executive director (ED) in the Reserve Bank of India recently - **Uma Shankar**
- The person revered as the 'Father of DNA fingerprinting in India' who passed away recently - **Laiji Singh**
- Winner of the Vyas Samman 2017 - **Mamta Kalia**
- The new Chairman and Managing Director of Air India — **Pradeep Singh Kharola**
- The country which has become the 42nd participating State of the Wassenaar Arrangement **India**
- The first Indian to win gold at the World Para Swimming Championship recently in Mexico - **Kanchanmala Pande**
- The city ,where the Adivasi Mahotsav was held recently - **Raipur**
- The state for which the ADJI has approved \$346-mn loan for highways upgradation project - **Karnataka**
- The contagious bacterial infection of the eye from which India has been declared free — **Trachoma**
- The state where India and Israel have jointly set up a centre for excellence for floriculture - **Tamil Nadu**
- The country which recently hosted the “Bodhi Parva: BIMSTEC Festival of Buddhist Heritage” - **India**
- The first-ever broking arm of a bank to take membership of a commodity exchange - **Axis Securities**
- The bank engaged by the govt to enable online payments at 470 mandis integrated with the electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) — **ICICI Bank**
- India's next ambassador to Turkmenistan — **Azar AH Khan**
- The best UNESCO World Heritage Site ranked by the travel portal Trip Advisor — **Angkor Wat (Cambodia)**
- Position of India's Taj Mahal on the ranking— **Second**
- The first Energy Efficient 'A1 Category' Railway Station on Indian Railways — **Kacheguda Railway Station (Hyderabad)**
- Time magazine's person of the year 2017 - **#Me-too silence breakers'**
- Winner of the fifth Ballon d'Or 2017— **Cristiano Ronaldo**
- The head of the committee set up to address the problem of stressed assets in India's power sector - **Amitabh Kant**
- The country which now allows two people, regardless of sex, to marry - **Australia**
- The winner of the first-ever South Asian Regional Badminton Team Championship — **India**
- The biggest rock star of France who passed away recently — **Johnny Hallyday**
- The city where the BR Ambedkar International Centre was inaugurated recently — **New Delhi**
- The person who has been sworn in as the new President of Kenya recently - **Uhuru Kenyatta**

## FEBRUARY

Date	Important day
2 February	World Wetlands Day
4 February	World Cancer Day
6 February	International day of Zero Tolerance to female genital mutilation
7 February	Safer Internet Day
10 February	National Deworming Day
11 February	International day Women and girls in Science
12 February	National Productivity Day
13 February	World Radio Day
20 February	World Day of Social Justice
21 February	International Mother language day
22 February	World Thinking day
24 February	Central Excise Day
28 February	National Science Day

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