

Important Days - Daily Current Affairs February 13

1. World Radio Day 2022:

World Radio Day is celebrated on **February 13** with an aim to underline the importance of radio.

- Radio has managed to be a prominent platform to reach the masses in India.

History:

- The Member states of the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** first proclaimed this day in **2011**.
- It was **adopted by UNGA in 2012** as an International Day.
- On this day, UNESCO invites all radio stations to commemorate the **11th** edition of the event & more than a century of radio.

Theme:

- 2022 Theme: **"Radio and Trust"**
- The **3 main sub-themes** are,
 - 1) Trust in radio journalism
 - 2) Trust and accessibility
 - 3) Trust and viability of radio stations

2. National Women's Day 2022:

- **February 13** is celebrated as National Women's Day to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu**.

Sarojini Naidu:

- Born as **Sarojini Chattopadhyay** on **February 13, 1897**.
- She was a **political leader & a poet** who stood her ground strongly for the rights of women and civil rights.
- She earned herself the title '**The Nightingale of India**'.

3. Agricultural Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) celebrates its 36th Foundation Day:

- **APEDA** supported the GoI in taking the **export of agricultural products to 20.67 billion dollar in 2020-21 from 0.6 billion dollar in 1986** when it was founded.
- It also helped to expand the export basket to **205 countries**.
- **Target of APEDA:** For the current financial year is 23.7 billion dollar, out of which more than 70 % has been achieved till January 2022.
- **Focus of APEDA:** on promotion of exports of Geographical Indications tagged & indigenous, ethnic agricultural products.

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4. Sandeep Kumar wins inaugural VW Polo Cup:

- **Sandeep Kumar** clinched the **national championship title** for the inaugural Polo Cup with a race to spare in the **4th & final round** of the **MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship**.
- This is the **2nd national title** for the 29-year old **Chennai racer**.

- A former Volkswagen Polo R Pro Cup champion, who raced in **Scirocco R Cup for 2 years in Germany**, Sandeep was also the winner of **Formula LGB4 National Championship-2020**.

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5. Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) emerges leader among PSBs in deposit mobilisation in Q3:

- **BoM** has become a **top performer among public sector banks (PSBs) in terms of growth in deposit mobilization** in the 3rd quarter ended in December 2021.
 - ✓ According to BoM, It has recorded a **15.21 %** increase in **total deposits at Rs 1,86,614 crore** in the October-December period of 2021-22.
 - ✓ For Q3, BoM was followed by **Punjab & Sind Bank** with **10.87 %** growth in total advances with aggregate loans at **Rs 1,00,351 crore**.
- **In terms of savings deposit mobilization**, BoM recorded an **18.33 %** growth at **Rs 80,815 crore**.
 - ✓ Followed by **Bank of Baroda** at **12.36 %** rise with **Rs 3,22,909 crore** & **State Bank of India** with an increase of **10.30 %**.
 - ✓ **SBI's savings deposit base** was **18 times** higher at **Rs 14,73,506 crore** as against **BoM's Rs 80,815 crore**.
- **Current deposits** of BoM, during the third quarter witnessed a growth rate of **54.86 % to Rs 21,917 crore** followed by **Canara Bank** at **16.37 % to Rs 49,529 crore**.
- The **Current Account and Savings Account (CASA)** of BoM, increased by **24.60 % to Rs 1,02,732 crore**.
 - ✓ Followed by Bank of Baroda, at **12.86 %** growth with **Rs 3,88,169 crore** at the end of December 2021.
- **In terms of asset quality improvement, gross non-performing assets (NPAs)** of BoM was at **4.73 %** of the total advances, the second-best after SBI at 4.5 %, during the December quarter.
- **Concerning net NPA**, BoM was better at **1.24 %** while that of **SBI was 1.34 %** during the quarter under review.
- For Q3, BoM's **standalone net profit** more than doubled to **Rs 325 crore** as against Rs 154 crore in the same period a year ago.
 - ✓ Its total income climbed to **Rs 3,893 crore** from **Rs 3,582 crore** in the year-ago period.

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6. NSDC, Common Service Centres (CSC) inks pact for delivery of services to accelerate skill development:

- The **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) & CSC** inked a pact for the delivery of services to accelerate India's skill development.
- **CSCs at the village level** will act as a **skill desk**, create awareness about skill development programs.

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7. Former J-K High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal appointed as chairperson of Committee of Administrators to run TTFI:

- **Delhi High Court Justice Rekha Palli**, has appointed **Gita Mittal** as the chairperson of the Committee of Administrators to discharge the functions of the **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)**.

- **Committee Members:** Chetan Mittal, Senior Advocate and SD Mudgil, a renowned athlete.
- **Gita Mittal:** Former Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice

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8. Modi govt approves Rs 26,275 cr scheme for continuation of police modernisation:

- GoI has approved the continuation of **umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF)** for **5 years up to 2025-26** with a financial **outlay of Rs 26,275 crore**.
- As per Union Home Ministry, this scheme includes security-related expenditure in J & K, Northeastern states & Maoists-affected areas, for raising new battalions, developing high-tech forensic laboratories and other investigation tools.

Monetary Allotments:

- **A central outlay of Rs 18,839 crore** has been earmarked for security-related expenditure in **J & K**, insurgency affected **northeastern states** and **Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas**.
- **Rs 4,846** will be given by the central government for the **modernisation of state police forces**.
- **To develop high-quality forensic sciences facilities in states & UT** for aiding scientific and timely investigation, **Rs 2,080.50 crore** will be given.
- **Six LWE-related schemes** with a central **outlay of Rs 8,689 crore** have been approved.
- These schemes include **Special Central Assistance (SCA)** to most LWE-affected districts and districts of concern to consolidate the gains.
- For the raising of **India Reserve Battalions** or **Specialised India Reserve Battalions**, a central outlay of **Rs 350 crore** has been approved.
- **Rs 50 crore** has been approved under the **central sector scheme of Assistance** to States & UTs for narcotics control.

9. India supplies medical assistance to Iran as part of ongoing humanitarian assistance:

- **India supplied medical assistance** consisting of anti-Tuberculosis medicines, to **Iran**.
- According to an MEA, last year, India had supplied humanitarian assistance to Iran consisting of **one million doses of COVAXIN vaccine**.
- India also supplied **40,000 litres of Malathion pesticide** to Iran under the **Government-to-Government initiative for Locust Control Programme**, to ensure food security.

10. LG Sinha lays foundation of Tawi riverfront development project in Jammu:

- **Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha** laid the foundation of the **Tawi riverfront development project**.
- **In phase-1**, embankments, interceptor drains, sewerage treatment plants, cycling track, jogging track, walkways, green spaces and other wayside amenities would be developed.
- The complete project is prepared on the lines of the **Sabarmati riverfront in Gujarat**.
- **Remarks:** **109 projects**, were pending for years have been completed in **Jammu division** at a cost of **Rs 455 crore**, including **14 new bridges**.

11. Jaisalmer Desert Festival begins in Rajasthan:



- In Rajasthan, February is the time of myriad colourful festivals and fairs.
- **The Jaisalmer Desert Festival** is also known as **MaruMahotsav of the Golden City** began at **Pokaran**.
- 4-day-long festival started with colourful grand procession followed by Miss Pokaran and Mister Pokran competitions.
- Organized by, **AIR correspondent reports, Tourism department of Rajasthan** associating with **district administration**.
- On 14th Feb, **Camel Safari and Camel beautification** shows are scheduled to be organized.
- On 15th Feb, **Camel Polo match, BSF Camel Tattoo** show will be organized.
- Festival will conclude with **Horse race, Camel dance** and firework display on 16th of February.

12. External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar reaches Philippines for 3-day official visit:

- This will be his **first visit to Philippines** as External Affairs Minister.
- He will hold talks with his counterpart, **Teodoro L. Locsin Jr. the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Philippines**.
- The Ministers will review developments in bilateral relations since the meeting of the **Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation** that they co-chaired in virtual format in **November 2020**.
- He will also interact with the **Indian community in Manila**.

13. 17th MIFF to be held from 29 May to 4 June, 2022:

- **Mumbai International Film Festival** for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films (MIFF-2022) will be held from **29 May to 4 June, 2022** at the **Films Division complex, Mumbai**.
- **Films** completed between **1st Sep 2019 & 31st Dec 2021** is **eligible** for entry in MIFF-2022.
- The **Best Documentary** of the Festival will receive a **Golden Conch and Rs.10 lakhs cash award**.
- As Part of "**AzadikaAmrit Mahotsav**", the **17th edition** has instituted a **special award for Best Short Film** on the **theme, India@75**.
- Veterans will be awarded **V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award** carrying a cash component of **Rs. 10 lakhs, a trophy and citation**.

MIFF:

- The **oldest & largest festival** for non-feature films in **South Asia, MIFF**, organized by **Films Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**, Supported by **Government of Maharashtra**.
- **Major highlights of the festival:** interactive sessions like workshops, master classes, open forum and B2B sessions.
- The **16th MIFF** received a record **871 entries** from India and abroad.
- The **grand jury** comprised of eminent film personalities from **France, Japan, Singapore, Canada, Bulgaria & India**.

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