



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF FEBRUARY 2025**

### **Awards**

The Indian-American businesswoman, philanthropist, and musical artist who has been jointly awarded the Grammy Award 2025 with Wouter Kellerman, Eru Matsumoto for their album Triveni in the Best New Age, Ambient or Chant Album category – **Ms. Chandrika Tandon**

### **Defence**

The India-Japan joint military exercise held from February 24 to March 09, 2025 at East Fuji Manoeuvre Training area in Japan is named – **Exercise Dharma Guardian 2025**

The 3rd edition of Joint Special Forces Exercise conducted by India and Egypt at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan from 10 to 23 February 2025 was named – **Exercise CYCLONE**

The 13th edition of the joint India-Maldives military exercise hosted by the Maldives from 2-15 February 2025 in Maafilaafushi, Maldives – **Exercise Ekuverin**

### **Persons**

The former Revenue Secretary who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of SEBI with effect from 28 Feb 2025 – **Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey**

The Indian Odissi classical dancer, choreographer and guru, recipient of Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, who passed away on 22 February 2025 – **Shri Mayadhar Raut**

The new Chief Minister of Delhi after the conclusion of assembly elections on February 5 – **Smt Rekha Gupta**

The new Chief Election Commissioner of India who has taken over following the retirement of Shri Rajiv Kumar – **Shri Gyanesh Kumar**

The Namibian revolutionary and the first President of Namibia from 1990 to 2005 who passed away on 08 February 2025 – **Mr. Sam Nujoma**

The writer in Dogri language who has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 for his book Ik Hor Ashwthama (Short Stories) – **Late Chaman Arora**

## Places

The country in which the statue of Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar was inaugurated by the Indian ambassador in the country – **Philippines**

The venue of International Fleet Review held from 15 to 22 February 2025 with INS Shardul and Long Range Maritime Surveillance P8I aircraft of the Indian Navy participating in the same – **Bali, Indonesia**

The theme state for Surajkund Crafts Mela 2025 being organised from February 7 to 23 in Faridabad with BIMSTEC nations as partner nations – **Odisha and Madhya Pradesh**

The team defeated by India in the finals to win the 2025 Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup in Malaysia from 18 Jan to 02 Feb 2025 – **South Africa**

## Sports

The Indian batsman who has become the fastest to reach 14000 runs in one-day international by doing it in 287 innings (breaking Sachin Tendulkar's record of scoring in 350 innings) – **Virat Kohli**

The former Indian wicket-keeper who has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket at the age 40 – **Wriddhiman Saha**

The French professional tennis player who has won the 2025 Chennai Open Men's Singles title defeating Swedish player Elias Ymer in the finals at Chennai – **Kyrian Jacquet**

## Miscellaneous

The theme of National Science Day observed on 28 February 2025 – **Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat**

The famous Hindi playback singer to commemorate whose birth centenary, the Govt of India has announced the release of Rs. 100 commemorative coin – **Mohammad Rafi**

The number of languages to which translation services support is now being provided in the Lok Sabha with the addition of 6 languages, viz. Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Manipuri, Sanskrit, and Urdu – **16**

The venue of week-long AI Action Summit which commenced from 06 February 2025 and was co-chaired by the President of France, Mr. Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi – **Paris**

The fort in Hastings, Kolkata built by the British in 18th century which has been renamed as Vijay Durg by the Indian Army – **Fort William**

The Air Force Station in which the 15th edition of Aero India, Aero India 2025 was held from 10th to 14th February 2025 – **Yelahanka, Bengaluru**

## Union Budget 2025

Highlights of Union Budget 2025

- No income tax on average monthly income of upto Rs 1 lakh. Salaried class to pay nil income tax upto ₹ 12.75 lakh per annum in new tax regime.
- Union budget recognises 4 engines of development – Agriculture, MSME, Investment and Exports.
- Benefitting 1.7 crore farmers, 'Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' to cover 100 low agricultural productivity districts.
- "Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses" with a special focus on tur, urad and masoor to be launched.
- A Makhana Board to be established to improve production, processing, value addition, and marketing of makhana.
- Significant enhancement of credit with guarantee cover to MSMEs from ₹ 5 cr to ₹ 10 cr.
- A national manufacturing mission covering small, medium and large industries for furthering "Make in India".
- 50,000 Atal tinkering labs in government schools in next 5 years.
- Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education, with a total outlay of ₹ 500 crore.
- PM SVANidhi with enhanced loans from banks, and upi linked credit cards with ₹ 30,000 limit.
- Gig workers to get identity cards, registration on e-shram portal & healthcare under PM Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ₹ 1 lakh crore urban challenge fund for 'cities as growth hubs'.
- Nuclear energy mission for R&D of small modular reactors with an outlay of ₹ 20,000 crore.
- Modified UDAN scheme to enhance regional connectivity to 120 new destinations.
- ₹ 15,000 crore SWAMIH Fund to be established for expeditious completion of another 1 lakh stressed housing units.
- ₹ 20,000 crore allocated for private sector driven research development and innovation initiatives.
- Gyan Bharatam Mission for survey and conservation of manuscripts to cover more than one crore manuscripts.

- FDI limit enhanced for insurance from 74 to 100 per cent.
- Jan Vishwas Bill 2.0 to be introduced for decriminalising more than 100 provisions in various laws.
- Updated income tax returns time limit increased from two to four years.
- Delay in TCS payment decriminalised.
- TDS on rent increased from ₹ 2.4 lakh to ₹ 6 lakh
- Basic Customs Duty (BCD) exempted on 36 lifesaving drugs and medicines for treating cancer, rare and chronic diseases.
- BCD on IFPD increased to 20% and on open cells reduced to 5%.
- BCD on parts of open cells exempted to promote domestic manufacturing.
- To boost battery production, additional capital goods for EV and mobile battery manufacturing exempted.
- BCD exempted for 10 years on raw materials & components used for ship building.
- BCD reduced from 30% to 5% on frozen fish paste and 15% to 5% on fish hydrolysate.

### Important Days of February

<p><b>World Wetlands Day:</b> 02 February 2025          Designated by: Ramsar Convention Secretariat          Theme: <b>Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future</b>          First Observed in: 1997</p>
<p><b>World Cancer Day:</b> 04 February 2025          Designated by: Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)          Theme: <b>United by Unique</b>          First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p><b>International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation:</b> 06 February 2025          Designated by: U.N.O.          First Observed in: 2013          Theme: <b>Step up the Pace</b></p>
<p><b>World Pulses Day:</b> 10 February 2025          Designated by: U.N.O.          First Observed in: 2020</p>
<p><b>Safer Internet Day:</b> 11 February 2025          Designated by: European Union          Theme: <b>Together for a better internet</b>          First Observed in: 2004</p>
<p><b>International Day of Women and Girls in Science:</b> 11 February 2025          Designated by: U.N.O.          First Observed in: 2016</p>

<p><b>World Radio Day:</b> 13 February 2025          Designated by: UNESCO          First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p><b>World Day of Social Justice:</b> 20 February 2025          Designated by: UN General Assembly          First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p><b>International Mother Language Day:</b> 21 February 2025          Designated by: UN General Assembly          Theme: <b>Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day</b>          UN General Assembly welcomed the proclamation of the day in its resolution of 2002.          First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p><b>Rare Disease Day:</b> 29 February 2025 (Last day of February)          Designated by: European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS)          First Observed in: 2008</p>

### **BBC Sportswoman of the Year 2024**

BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year: **Manu Bhaker**

BBC Indian Para-Sportswoman of the Year: **Avani Lekhara**

BBC Indian Emerging Player Award of the Year: **Sheetal Devi**

BBC Indian Lifetime Achievement Award: **Mithali Raj**

### **78th British Academy Film Awards**

Best Film: Conclave directed by Edward Berger

Best Director: Brady Corbet for The Brutalist

Best Actor: Adrien Brody for The Brutalist

Best Actress: Mikey Madison for Anora

Most awards: The Brutalist and Conclave (4 each)

Most nominations: Conclave (12)

### **38th National Games 2025**

Host: Uttarakhand

Venues: Dehradun, Haridwar, Shivpuri, New Tehri, Nainital, Haldwani, Rudrapur and Pithoragarh

Main Venue: Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Dehradun

Held from: 28 Jan to 14 Feb 2025

Motto: Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak

Medals Tally

#	Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Services	68	26	27	121
2.	Maharashtra	54	71	76	201
3.	Haryana	48	47	58	153

Note: 39th National Games to be held in: **Meghalaya**

### **BCCI Awards 2025**

Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award – Men: **Sachin Tendulkar**

Polly Umrigar Award – Best International Cricketer – Men: **Jasprit Bumrah**

Best International Cricketer – Women: **Smriti Mandhana**

Best International Debut – Men: **Sarfraz Khan**

Best International Debut – Women: **Asha Sobhana**

BCCI Special Award: **Ravichandran Ashwin**

Highest Run-Getter in ODIs – Women: **Smriti Mandhana**

Highest Wicket-Taker in ODIs – Women: **Deepti Sharma**

Best Umpire in Domestic Cricket: **Akshay Totre**

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