

# WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Elevated Light Rail System

- The **Light Rail Transit System (LRTS)** in Jammu will have **one corridor (from Bantalab to Bari Brahmana)** with a total length of 23 kilometres.
- The **LRTS in Srinagar** will have **two corridors** (one from Indira Nagar to HMT Junction and the second from Usmanabad to Hazuri Bagh) with a total length of 25 kilometres.

### First Heli Service in Uttarakhand Launched

- The **Sahastradhara-Gauchar-Chinyalisaur route** has been awarded by the MoCA to Heritage Aviation under the **UDAN 2 bidding process**.
- The helicopter services will be operated by the **Heritage Aviation** from Sahastradhara to Gauchar and Chinyalisaur **twice daily**.

### PISA 2021

- PISA is a **triennial international survey** (every three years) which aims to **evaluate the education system worldwide** by testing the skills and knowledge of **15-year-old students**.
- The PISA Programme was launched in **1997** by the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**.

### Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management

- **National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad** was set up in **1993** as a registered society under the **Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance**.
- The NIFM was instituted with the mandate to **train officers of various Finance and Accounts Services** recruited by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and also officers of Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS).

### CCI approved Mahindra, Ford Motor Joint Venture

- The combination envisaged the **formation of Ardour Automotive Private Limited**, a joint venture between **Mahindra and Mahindra Limited (M&M)** and **Ford Motor Company (FMC)**.
- The CCI approved the venture with the transfer of the **automotive business (except powertrain business at Sanand)** of Ford India Private Limited (FIPL) to the joint venture.

### Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign

- The Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign is launched with a **special focus on extending banking services to all un-banked areas** of the Union Territory (UT).
- It focuses on the broader **economic agenda** of allowing a wider range of people, access to financial services, adding to overall economic growth.

## National Workshop on e-office

- **CPGRAMS is the web technology platform**, primarily aims to enable submission of grievances by the aggrieved citizens from anywhere and anytime **(24x7) basis** to Ministries/Departments/Organisations.
- The CPGRAMS provides the facility to lodge a grievance **online from any geographical location**.

## BANKING

### FM Statement on Bad Loans of PSBs

- **Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman** said public sector banks' (PSBs) bad loans came down to **Rs 7.27 lakh crore at the end of September 2019**.
- The statement was given in the **written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha** on 10th February 2020.

### RBI: Lending from CRR Buffer to get 5-year Relief

- The incremental loans disbursed under this facility will have **CRR exemption for the next five years**.
- This means that **banks will not be needed to make additional cash reserve ratio** against any incremental loans disbursed to the targeted segments.

## INDEX AND RANKING

### Ease of Living Index and Municipal Performance Index 2019

- The two assessment frameworks launched help **assess the progress made in cities** through various initiatives and empower them to use evidence to plan, implement & monitor their performance.
- The indices are designed to **assess quality of life of citizens in 100 Smart Cities and 14 other Million Plus Cities**.

## APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
Anjani Rathore	Chief Digital Officer of HDFC Bank
Rajiv Bansal	Chairman and Managing Director of Air India
Debashis Panda	Secretary, Department of Financial Services
Alok Sharma	United Kingdom New Business Minister

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

Award	Awardee
First Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020	Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red
2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year	Lalremsiami

## IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	National Deworming Day	Children and adolescents in the age

		group of 1 to 19 years are being administered a single dose of a safe medicine Albendazole in all states and Union Territories.
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	World Unani Day	To mark the birth anniversary of great Unani scholar and social reformer Hakim Ajmal Khan.
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	World Radio Day	<b>Theme:</b> "Radio and Diversity".

## DEFENCE

### BARC's Bhabha Kavach

- **Bhabha Kavach** developed by **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, is an import substitute and a 'Make in India' product.
- The kavach is the **lightest level III plus bullet proof jacket** (6.8 kgs nominal weight) available in India.

### President's Colour to INS Shivaji

- **INS Shivaji** was established in **1945** as one of the premier **training establishments of Indian Navy**.
- It imparted training to officers and sailors of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and friendly foreign navies in the domains of **Marine Engineering, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence etc.**

### Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR 2020

- The **aim of the exercise** is to conduct training of troops in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations in both Urban and Semi-Urban areas.
- The **focus of the exercise** will be on the joint operation by soldiers on the conduct of counter-terrorist operations.

## SPORTS

### 64th Bocskai Memorial Boxing Tournament

- **Gaurav Chauhan**, the South Asian Games gold medallist went down fighting against Kazakhstan's Aibek Oralbay in the final in **91kg**.
- Former youth world champion **Jyoti Gulia** in **51kg category** claimed the silver after she lost bout 2-3 to Russia's Soluianova Svetlana in the final.

### Manpreet Singh: Player of the Year 2019

- Manpreet Singh is the **first Indian to win the accolade** since the awards were introduced in **1999**.
- **Belgium's Arthur van Dorren** and **Lucas Villa of Argentina** came second and third respectively in the ranking.

### Amit Panghal: Ranked No 1 for Olympic Qualifiers

- The 24-year-old Panghal has become the **first Indian pugilist in over a decade** to achieve the global top position in the category.
- The list was released by the **International Olympic Committee's Boxing Task Force** ahead of next month's Olympic Qualifiers.

## SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

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### India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020

- The **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)**, under the Ministry of Commerce, is organising the event in association with the **Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI)**.
- The **theme** of this year's seafood show is "**Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition**".

### 23rd Edition of National Conference on e-Governance

- The two-day conference on e-governance has been organized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievance (DARPG)**, and **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)** in association with Department of Information & Technology, **Government of Maharashtra (for the year 2020)**.
- The 2020 conference focused on encouraging and improving the delivery of public services by **promoting the use of digital platforms**.

### 5th Dhaka Art Summit

- The biennial art extravaganza of Bangladesh showcases varied art-forms including live **performance, photography and painting**.
- The festival will continue **till 15th Feb 2020** and more than 500 artists, sculptors, architects and art professionals from various countries will participate in the Summit.

### Global Business Summit

- GBS 2020's broad **theme** is '**Collaborate to Create: Sustainable Growth in a Fractured World**'.
- The GBS is a **flagship initiative of the Times Group**, was **launched on January 15, 2015** and seeks to provide solutions to key macroeconomic challenges being faced in the current context.

### National Water Conference

- The **National Water Conference** is being held in order to solve water crisis and make the state a water-rich state.
- Madhya Pradesh Government has announced to implement the Water Rights Act in the state and will be the **first state in the country where this law will be implemented**.

### Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking

- The conference is being held in pursuance of the commitment of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi during the **4th BIMSTEC summit held at Kathmandu in 2018**.
- **BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)** is a regional organization of countries lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal.