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Most Important Current Affairs of February

Cabinet approves merger of 10 PSBs into 4 from 1st April 2020

According to Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, the exercise of consolidation of **10 public sector banks** (PSBs) into **four** is on course and the merger will come into effect from the new financial year **1st April 2020**. The Union Cabinet has given a go-ahead for the merger proposal. The Central government has been in regular touch with these banks.

In the biggest consolidation exercise in the banking sector, the union government in August 2019 had announced four major mergers of public sector banks, bringing down their total number to 12 from 27 in 2017.

As per the plan, **PSBs** will be merged into:-

1. United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce will be merged with Punjab National Bank
2. Syndicate Bank will be merged with Canara Bank
3. Allahabad Bank will be amalgamated with Indian Bank
4. Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank will be consolidated with Union Bank of India

GoI capped Rs 50,000 withdrawal limit on Yes Bank account holder

Government of India has imposed temporary prohibition of the activity of the capital-starved **Yes Bank** and **capped withdrawals** at **Rs 50,000** per account after considering an application made by the Reserve Bank of India. The board of Yes Bank has been superseded with immediate effect by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Above decision has been taken as Yes Bank has been grappling with mounting bad loans. Former **SBI CFO Prashant Kumar** has been appointed as **administrator** of Yes Bank.

The depositors will be allowed to withdraw more than Rs 50,000 under the following conditions:

- In connection with the medical treatment of the depositor or any person actually dependent on him.
- Towards the cost of higher education of the depositor or any person actually dependent on him for education in India or outside India.
- To pay obligatory expenses in connection with marriage or other ceremonies of the depositor or his children or of any other person actually dependent upon him.
- In connection with any other unavoidable emergency.

61st annual Lalit Kala Akademi awards conferred by President Kovind

President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the **61st annual awards** of the **National Lalit Kala Akademi** to 15 artists at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The awardees were honoured with a shawl, plaque and cash prize worth Rs 1 lakh. The National Lalit Kala Akademi awards are conferred to recognize individuals for their outstanding work in the field of art. The final 15 awardees were selected from among 283 artworks.

Below is the complete list of winners of 61st annual National Lalit Kala Akademi Awards:

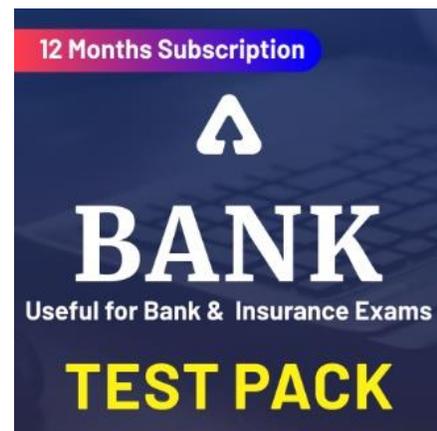
S. No.	Award Winner	State
1	Anoop Kumar Manzukhi Gopi	Thrissoor, Kerala
2	David Malakar	Kolkata, West Bengal
3	Devendra Kumar Khare	Vadodara, Gujarat
4	Dinesh Pandya	Mumbai, Maharashtra

5	Faruque Ahmed Halder	Kolkata, West Bengal
6	Hari Ram Kumbhawat	Jaipur, Rajasthan
7	Keshari Nandan Prasad	Jaipur, Rajasthan
8	Mohan Kumar T	Bengaluru, Karnataka
9	Ratan Krishna Saha	Mumbai, Maharashtra
10	Sagar Vasant Kamble	Mumbai, Maharashtra
11	Satwinder Kaur	New Delhi
12	Sunil Thiruvayur	Ernakulam, Kerala
13	Tejaswi Narayan Sonawane	Solapur, Maharashtra
14	Yashpal Singh	Delhi
15	Yashwant Singh	Delhi

National Affairs

- **Road Transport and Highways Ministry** will replace all level crossings on **National Highways** by **Road Over Bridges** or **Road Under Bridges** under the **Setu Bharatam** scheme.
- **Health Ministry** organized the national level **Training Workshop on COVID-19 Management** for all the states and hospitals in **New Delhi**.
- The **National Water Mission** organized the inaugural session of the workshop on **“Increasing Water Use Efficiency in Industries”** in **New Delhi**.
- **India Trade Promotion Organisation** has organized the 35th edition of **AAHAR** – the Food and Hospitality fair began in **New Delhi**.
- The **National Security Guard (NSG) Regional Hub campus** was inaugurated at **Kolkata, West Bengal** to provide adequate facilities to the brave NSG jawans.
- The mobile application named **‘Fuel Humsafar’** has been launched for **delivery of diesel** at doorsteps of Housing societies, hotels and hospitals in the national capital region.
- The multilingual version of **“Incredible India”** website and mobile app has been launched in three new languages i.e. **Chinese, Arabic and Spanish**.

- **National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFD)** has organised **“EKAM Fest”** in **New Delhi** to promote **Craftsmanship & Products** of **Divyang Artisans and Entrepreneurs**.
- The **‘Pension Adalat’** and **National Pension System (NPS) Awareness and Grievance Redressal Programme** have been inaugurated in **Jammu**.
- **India** has bagged a deal of worth **40 million USD**, to supply 4 indigenously built radars (capable of locating weapons) to **Armenia** in **Europe**.



International Affairs

- **Janez Jansa** will replace Marjan Sarec as **Prime Minister of Slovenia**.
- **Luxembourg** has become the **1st country** in the world to abolish fares for trains, trams and buses.
- The **World Bank** has announced **12 billion USD** aid to assist countries that are grappling with economic impacts of **coronavirus**.
- Indian-American health policy consultant **Seema Verma** has been appointed as one of the key members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force constituted by US President.
- The **presidency of United Nations Security Council** for March 2020 has been taken over by **China**. The presidency of the council rotates every month among its 15 members.
- **Asian Development Bank** provide a **USD 4 million** (about ₹29 crores) to help developing countries in Asia and Pacific to fight the outbreak of novel coronavirus.
- **Muhyiddin Yassin** has become the new **Prime Minister of Malaysia**. He has been appointed after the resignation of Mahathir Mohamad.

States in the News

- The celebration of festival "**Chapchar Kut**", the biggest and the most joyful spring festival of Mizoram has commenced in the state of **Mizoram**.
- '**Namaste Orchha**' festival begins in Orchha, a town in Niwari district of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- The state government of **Uttarakhand** has announced that "**Gairsain**" will be the summer capital of Uttarakhand.
- **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 23 development projects worth Rs 2,821 crore at Gautam Buddha Nagar in Noida.
- The **Arunachal Pradesh** Assembly went paperless with the implementation of **e-Vidhan**, a project under the Digital India programme.
- Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** has launched "**Suposhit Maa Abhiyan**" in his constituency **Kota, Rajasthan**. It aims to provide nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls.
- **Chilli Festival** begins at Kasrawad in Khargone district of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Antar Rashtriya Yog Mahotsav** has been inaugurated in **Rishikesh, Uttarakhand** by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

- The government of India has declared the **National Chambal Sanctuary** in **Madhya Pradesh** as an **eco-sensitive zone (ESZ)**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Amazon** has partnered with the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to facilitate e-marketing of products made by Self Help Groups across the nation in urban areas.
- **IIT Mandi** & Enabling Women of Kamand (**EWOK**) Society has inked a tripartite deal with the National Bank For Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) to set up 3 Farmer Producer Organization in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.
- **RBL Bank** has partnered with online food ordering and delivery app **Zomato** to launch co-branded credit cards which will be powered by Mastercard.
- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research**, New Delhi has signed an **MoU** with the **Patanjali Bio Research Institute, Haridwar** to develop work plans to work on the collaborative research programmes in the areas of national interest related to sustainable agriculture development.
- The **Indian Air Force** and **Savitribai Phule Pune University** has signed an MoU to establish a "**Chair of Excellence**". It will be named as "**Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Chair of Excellence**".
- **Airport Authority of India** & **Tripura State Government** has signed an MoU for the construction of 6 equipment hiring centres in Manu Block under the Dhalai District, Tripura.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** has launched a mobile application '**Sebi SCORES**' for convenience of investors to lodge grievances in Sebi Complaints Redress System (SCORES).
- **Paytm Insurance Broking**, has received the brokerage licence from the **Insurance Regulatory and Authority of India (IRDAI)** to offer insurance products.

Appointments/Resignations

- The **BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC)** has appointed **Sunil Joshi** as the new chairman of the national selection panel.

- **Sanjay Kumar Panda** has been appointed as **India's Ambassador to Turkey**.
- Government of India has appointed the present Revenue Secretary **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** as the new **Finance Secretary**.
- RBI Deputy Governor **N S Vishwanathan** has announced his **resignation** due to health problems.
- **Sudhanshu Pandey** has assumed additional charge as **Chairman and Managing Director** of Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Ltd.
- **Pekka Lundmark** will succeed **Rajeev Suri** as the new **Chief Executive Officer & President** of **Nokia**.
- **Dr Vijay Laxmi Saxena** has been elected as general president of the **Indian Science Congress, 2021**.

Summit and Conference

- **Pune** will host the annual session of **108th Indian Science Congress in 2021** with the theme **"Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment"**.
- The 19th edition of **World Productivity Congress (WPC)** will be held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** with the theme **"Industry 4.0: Innovation and Productivity"**.

Ranks and Reports

- **BRAC**, an Bangladesh based international development organization has topped the list of top **500 Global Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)** released by Geneva-based organization **NGO Adviser**.

Awards & Rewards

- Women Entrepreneurship Platform of the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) will organize the **Women Transforming India Awards 2019** on the occasion of International Women's Day i.e. on 8 March 2020.
- **Assam's** Environmental activist **Jadav Payeng** who is popularly called the 'Forest Man of India' has been named the winner of 128th **Commonwealth Points of Light Award** for his exceptional voluntary service to environmental conservation.

Sports News

- The **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** has announced the first edition of the **Khelo India Women's Hockey League Under-21** in association with **Hockey India**.
- Due to **Novel Coronavirus** outbreak in China, the **Badminton Asia Championships** will be held in the capital of **Philippines** i.e. **Manila**.
- **Tasnim Mir** and **Mansi Singh** of **India** has won the bronze medal each in the girls' singles Badminton event at the **Yonex Dutch Junior International 2020** held in **Haarlem, Netherlands**.
- **All India Police Athletic Championship 2019** has commenced in the **Panchkula** District of **Haryana**.
- **Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament** which was scheduled to be held in **Ipoh, Malaysia**, has been **postponed** due to novel coronavirus outbreak across the world.
- **Punjab University, Chandigarh** topped the medals tally of the **Khelo India University Games** concluded in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
- **Rafael Nadal** defeated Taylor Fritz to win the men's **ATP Mexico Open**.
- **Heather Watson** defeated Leylah Fernandez to win the **women's ATP Mexico Open**.

Books and Authors

- A book titled **"Chronicles of Change Champions"** is a compilation of 25 innovative initiatives taken at the state and district levels under the Prime Minister's flagship scheme of **Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao**.

Defence News

- A unit of Indian Army has organized a **Self Defence Training demonstration for Women** with a theme of **"Stronger You Stronger Society"** in **Nalbari** district of **Assam**.

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- The Indian Army's International Seminar "**Pragyan Conclave 2020**" was held at Manekshaw Centre, **New Delhi**, organised by Centre for Land Warfare Studies (**CLAWS**).
- **High Energy Materials Research Laboratory** (HEMRL), **Pune** has organised the National Workshop on Explosive Detection (NWED-2020) at Pune, **Maharashtra**.
- **RaIDer-X**, an explosive detection device capable of detecting the explosives from a stand-off distance has been jointly developed by IISc, Bangalore and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), **Pune**.

Important Days

- India celebrates **7th of March** every year as **Jan Aushadhi Diwas** to create awareness and providing thrust to the use of generic medicines.
- **National Safety Day** is celebrated on **4 March** to commemorate the foundation of the **National Safety Council** & to raise awareness about the safety measures to prevent mishaps and accidents due to lack of awareness.
- **World Hearing Day** is observed globally on **3rd of March** every year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world. The **theme** for 2020 is "**Hearing for life. Don't let hearing loss limit you**".
- **World Wildlife Day** is observed globally on **3rd of March** every year to celebrate the beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora present on earth. **Theme** for 2020 is "**Sustaining all life on Earth**".
- **Zero Discrimination Day** is observed globally on **March 1st**. **Theme** for 2020 is "**ZERO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**".

Science and Technology

- **Google Cloud** announced its plans to open a **Delhi Cloud Region**. This will be the company's second cloud region in India since it launched one in Mumbai.
- The **International Advanced Research for Powder Metallurgy & New Materials** (ARCI), Hyderabad has developed a fuel cell technology called **Polymer Electrolyte Membrane fuel cells** (PEMFC).

Obituaries

- Former UN Chief **Javier Perez de Cuellar** has passed away at the age of 100.
- The head of the Bangladesh **Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha Sanghanayaka Suddhananda Mahathero** passed away in Dhaka.
- Former India hockey player **Balbir Singh Kullar** passed away.
- Veteran athletics coach and Dronacharya awardee **Joginder Singh Saini** passed away.

Miscellaneous News

- **PUMA** has signed bollywood actor **Kareena Kapoor Khan** as its new **brand ambassador**.
- The **District Employment and Counseling Centre** has organized a **Workshop-cum-Awareness Programme** on the Skill Development for Unorganized Workers in Kulgam, **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- The **4th Global Ayurveda Festival** will be held at Kochi, **Kerala** with the **theme** "Ayurveda Medical Tourism: Actualizing India's credibility".
- A "**Student Health Card**" scheme has been launched in the Union Territory **Jammu and Kashmir** to check the malnutrition in school going children.
- **Bureau of Energy Efficiency** (BEE) agency of the Government of India, under the Ministry of Power, has launched **star rating programme** for Light Commercial Air Conditioners (LCAC) and Deep Freezers.
- The historic City Chowk in old Jammu was renamed as '**Bharat Mata Chowk**'.
- The **Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2020** was inaugurated in **New Delhi**.
- Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers has organized "**ACREX India 2020**" at India Expo Mart Limited, **Greater Noida**.
- The **Judicial Officers from Supreme Court of Nepal** has started their training programme on "**Case Management and Court Management**" at the National Law University, Jodhpur in **Rajasthan**.
- **Indian Railways** has launched its first "**Restaurant on Wheels**" at the circulating area of Asansol railway station, West Bengal.

Static Takeaways

- Lt. Governors & Administrators Jammu and Kashmir: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas: Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Jagdeep Dhankhar is the governor of West Bengal.
- Mamta Banerjee is the CM of West Bengal.
- India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO) Chairman: LC Goyal.
- India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO) Headquarters: New Delhi.
- India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO) Formed: 1 April 1977.
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- Capital of Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur; Currency of Malaysia: Malaysian Ringgit.
- President of ADB: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- Headquarters of ADB: Manila, Philippines.
- Capital of USA: Washington, D.C.; Currency: US Dollar.
- President of World Bank: David Robert Malpass; Headquarters: Washington DC.
- Prime Minister of Luxembourg: Xavier Bettel; Capital: Luxembourg City.
- President of Slovenia: Borut Pahor; Capital: Ljubljana.
- Headquarters of Punjab National Bank: New Delhi.
- Chief Executive Officers of Punjab National Bank: SS Mallikarjuna Rao
- Headquarters of Canara Bank: Bengaluru
- Chief Executive Officers of Canara Bank: Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- Headquarters of Indian Bank: Chennai
- Chief Executive Officers of Indian Bank: Padmaja Chunduru
- Headquarters of Union Bank of India: Mumbai
- Chief Executive Officers of Union Bank of India: Rajkiran Rai G
- Headquarter of Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) Ltd: New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- President of Turkey: Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
- Capital of Turkey: Ankara; Currency of Turkey: Turkish lira.
- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly; Headquarter of BCCI: Mumbai.
- CEO of NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) : Amitabh Kant.
- World Confederation of Productivity Science (WCPS) Headquarters: Montreal, Canada.
- Indian Science Congress Association President: K.S.Rangappa.
- Indian Science Congress Association Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Chairman of Airport Authority of India: Arvind Singh.
- Chief of the Air Staff: Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and President ICAR: Narendra Singh Tomar.
- Capital of Armenia: Yerevan.
- Currency of Armenia: Armenian dram.
- MD & CEO of RBL Bank: Mr Vishwavir Ahuja.
- CEO of Zomato: Deepinder Goyal; Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
- NABARD Formation: July 12, 1982.
- Ministers of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Chief Executive Officer of Amazon: Jeff Bezos.
- The parent organization of Paytm: One97 Communications, Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Chairman of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi; Headquarter: Mumbai.
- Chairman of Defence Research & Development Organisation: G Satheesh Reddy.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath; Governor: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu; Governor: B.D. Mishra.
- Anandiben Patel is the current Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand : Trivendra Singh Rawat; Governor: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Chief Minister of Mizoram: Pu Zoramthanga; Governor: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai.
- United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNAIDS Executive Director: Winnie Byanyima.
- Prime minister of Nepal: KP Sharma Oli; President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- Capital of Nepal: Kathmandu; Currency: Nepalese rupee.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency(BEE) Director-General: Shri Abhay Bakre.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH): Shripad Yesso Naik.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.