

## CURRENT AFFAIRS FEBRUARY 18 2024

➤ Who is the current (as of Feb '24) Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)?

- **Rajendra Kumar**

➤ Who has been recently (in Feb '24) appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sundaram Mutual Fund?

- **Anand Radhakrishnan**

➤ In January 2024, the Indian X-ray Polarimeter (POLIX), onboard the X-ray polarimetry mission XPoSat launched commenced its scientific observations. POLIX was designed and developed by the X-ray Astronomy Laboratory at \_\_\_\_\_ (Institute).

- **Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru (Karnataka)**

➤ In February 2024, the board of governors of Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) announced a new award for best casting from the \_\_\_\_\_ (Edition) Academy Awards.

- **98th**

➤ Which company has recently (in Feb '24) signed an MoU with the PTC Industries Limited to jointly work on raw materials, components and spares for aircraft and helicopters?

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**

➤ Which company has recently (in Feb '24) signed an MoU with the Government of Odisha to set up an Integrated Electric Vehicles (EV) and EV Battery Manufacturing Project at Cuttack and Paradip in Odisha?

- **JSW Group**

➤ Which country has recently (in Feb '24) developed a new ballistic control system for a multiple rocket launcher along with controllable shells?

- **North Korea**

➤ Name the online bus ticketing platform that joined Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in February 2024.

- **redBus**

➤ In which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Union Minister of Education, Dharmendra Pradhan has recently (in Feb '24) launched the '100 Cube' initiative?

- **IIT Bhubaneswar**

➤ In February 2024, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala granted income tax exemptions for the Dairy Cooperative Society under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

The surcharge on cooperative societies' income ranging from Rs. 1 crore to 10 crores has been decreased from 12% to \_\_\_\_\_.

- **7%**

➤ Which Ministry has recently (in Feb '24) issued the scheme guidelines for the implementation of Pilot Projects for the use of Green Hydrogen in the Transport Sector?

- **Ministry of New & Renewable Energy**

➤ In February 2024, Japan's Mizuho Bank Limited & its Subsidiary were set to acquire a \_\_\_\_\_ stake in Kisetsu Saison Finance (India) Private Limited for Rs 1,200 crore.

- **15%**

- In February 2024, the renowned specialist in genetic medicine & Padma Shri awardee Ishwar Chander Verma (I.C. Verma) passed away.  
In which year, Ishwar Chander Verma was conferred with the Padma Shri Award in the field of Medicine?
  - **2023**
  
- The \_\_\_\_\_ United Nations (UN) International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and When Conducive to Terrorism (PVE Day) 2024 was observed across the globe on 12th February 2024.
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>**
  
- When was the National Productivity Day 2024 observed across India?
  - **12th February 2024**
  
- When was the International Darwin Day 2024 observed across the globe?
  - **12th February 2024**
  
- In February 2024, Union Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the budget estimation of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ for the fiscal year 2024-2025(FY25) for the Union Territory(UT) of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K).
  - **Rs 1.18 lakh crore**