

The week from 19 February 2024 to 25 February 2024

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated five All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across many states. Additionally, he inaugurated India's longest cable-stayed bridge, Sudarshan Setu, in Dwarka, Gujarat. This bridge spans 2.3 km, linking Okha on the mainland to Beyt Dwarka island.

A birdwatching team spotted the spur-winged lapwing, a wader bird, for the first time in India at Ammavaripet Lake in Telangana. Otherwise native to the Middle East and the Mediterranean regions, the *Vanellus spinosus* (scientific name) is similar to the river lapwing commonly found in India. Repeat observations are needed to confirm if India is a new habitat for the bird.

The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, owner of the world's eighth-largest dairy brand Amul, turned fifty years old in February 2024. Established in 1973 by merging six dairy cooperatives, it is now the largest food product marketing organisation in India.

New economic data revealed that Japan slipped into a recession at the end of last year and has fallen behind Germany to occupy the fourth place in the list of the world's largest economies. This has been attributed to weak consumer spending and business investment.

PM Narendra Modi dedicated two indigenously developed nuclear reactors in the Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant near Surat to the nation. These 700MW reactors are the first two of the 16 Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors being constructed by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India.

An avalanche on the ski slopes of the Kashmiri resort town Gulmarg claimed the life of a Russian skier, while armed forces and local authorities rescued six others. The snowy slopes of Gulmarg, also the host of Khelo India Winter Games 2024, have emerged as a popular skiing destination, attracting adventure seekers from around the world.

The Maharashtra Assembly unanimously passed a Bill granting 10% reservation in education and government jobs to the Maratha community. This measure comes amid the long-running agitation by Maratha reservation activists urging the government to enact a similar demand.

Google announced that Gemini AI's ability to generate images of people has been paused soon after launching the feature, as it was found to produce inaccurate historical images. Users on the social media site X posted examples of images of historical figures with their racial features altered, such as generating a white person as black.

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