

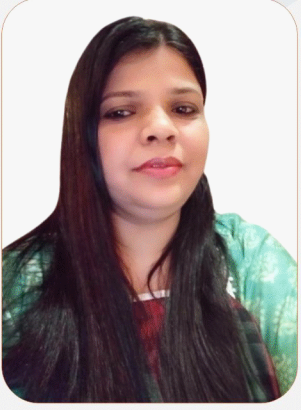


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Current Affairs related to 22 February

- ◆ **India and the US announced plans for a renewed Quad initiative.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump will activate the new initiative under the Quad group. PM Modi and President Trump launched a new bilateral platform Indian Ocean Strategic Enterprise. It will be a platform to advance coordinated investments in economic connectivity and commerce.
- ◆ **Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 is being held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.** This is the third edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam. It will continue for ten days till 24 February 2025. It was inaugurated by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath. The Ministry of Education is organizing Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 in partnership with various ministries and the Uttar Pradesh government.
- ◆ **Former President Constantine Tassoulas was elected as the country's president** by Greece's parliament, with the conservative government's nominee being approved for a largely ceremonial role. He will replace Greece's first woman president Katerina Sakellaropoulou whose five-year term ends in March. He secured the support of 160 MPs in the 300-seat parliament. Tassoulas will be sworn in as head of state on March 13.
- ◆ **NTPC Limited has won the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025.** UN Global Compact Network India presented the award to Mr. Harekrishna Dash and Mr. K Karthikeyan. The award recognises NTPC's efforts in water conservation and sustainable water management. The Forward Faster Sustainability Awards recognise organisations that develop and improve sustainability. NTPC has become fully self-sufficient in terms of freshwater at its RGPPL plant.
- ◆ **A solar dehydration technology has been introduced by Ranjij Singh Rozi** Shiksha Kendra of IIT Kanpur to preserve agricultural produce using sustainable energy. It helps farmers dry fruits and vegetables and is a cost-effective solution to fluctuating prices in the market. This allows farmers to store their produce for a longer period. They can sell their produce at favorable prices during peak demand.
- ◆ **India and Sri Lanka will strengthen their bilateral mining exploration and critical minerals partnership.** They held a meeting to explore the possibility of cooperation in critical minerals required for economic development. The potential of Sri Lanka's abundant beach sand and graphite resources in high-tech industries, battery technology and sustainable energy was emphasized. Finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in geology and mineral resources between Sri Lanka and India was discussed. The leaders talked about enhancing cooperation so that Indian companies can explore mining possibilities in Sri Lanka and participate in the development of its beach sand and graphite resources.
- ◆ **Several restrictions including withdrawal of funds by depositors were imposed** on New India Cooperative Bank by RBI amid supervisory concerns. The directions issued to New India Cooperative Bank, Mumbai have come into effect from the close of business and will remain in force for a period of six months and are subject to review. RBI said that in view of the current liquidity position of the bank, the bank is directed not to permit withdrawal of any amount from the savings bank or current account or any other account of any depositor.
- ◆ **The Securities Exchange Board of India has launched a new platform Mitra.** This will help investors to trace their unclaimed or inactive mutual fund folios. Many investors have lost track of their investments, mainly those investments were made in physical form with minimal KYC requirements. According to SEBI, a mutual fund folio will be classified as inactive if no transaction has been made in the last 10 years, but a unit balance still exists.
- ◆ **Stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana contributes only 14% to PM2.5 in Delhi NCR.** According to a study, there is no linear relationship between the incidence of stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana and the concentration of fine particulate matter in Delhi NCR. According to the study, stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana contributes only 14% to the particulate matter concentration in Delhi NCR. Despite a more than 50% decline in stubble burning incidents in Punjab and Haryana from 2015 to 2023, PM2.5 in Delhi NCR remains stable.

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National & International Current Affairs

1. When will Brazil host the BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro recently?

- (A) March (B) June
(C) July (D) September

(C) The Brazilian government has announced that the next BRICS summit will be held in Rio de Janeiro on 6-7 July, which will include Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa and other member countries. Leaders of 20 member and partner countries will participate in this summit. The objective of BRICS is to strengthen relations with developing countries and improve global institutions under the leadership of Brazil.



2. Where is the flower show being organized recently?

- (A) Pune (B) Jaipur
(C) Bikaner (D) Noida

(D) Greater Noida City Park, also known as Samrat Mihir Park, is set to host a three-day flower festival from February 28 to March 2. The event will be based on the theme of marigold flowers. And it will display many types of flowers including Alyssum, Anthurium, Calendula, Cineraria, Gazania and Salvia.



3. Recently ADNOC Gas and Indian Oil Corporation have signed LNG supply agreement for how many years?

- (A) 10 years (B) 12 years
(C) 14 years (D) 15 years

(C) ADNOC Gas has finalized a long-term agreement with Indian Oil Corporation Limited for the supply of liquefied natural gas. The 14-year sale and purchase agreement is worth between \$7 billion and \$9 billion. ADNOC will provide 1.2 million tonnes of LNG annually to Indian Oil Corporation from 2026.



4. Recently SIDBI and AFD France have signed a credit facility agreement of how many million dollars?

- (A) 50 million (B) 100 million
(C) 250 million (D) 400 million

(B) Recently this agreement has been signed to enhance green finance solutions for Indian MSMEs. A credit line of \$ 100 million will be provided to SIDBI by AFD. Under the agreement, the credit line will deploy funds to expand access to affordable financing for MSMEs.



5. Where did the BSF BGB four-day 55th Director General level border talks take place recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Mumbai
(C) Guwahati (D) None of these

(A) Recently Director General level talks between Border Security Force and Border Guard Bangladesh took place in Delhi. In this meeting, issues related to obstruction in fencing work by BSF and attacks on BSF personnel and civilians by Bangladeshi miscreants are likely to be raised with the BGB.



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6. Who has recently launched the Imagine a World with more women in science campaign?

- (A) WHO (B) UNHRC
(C) UNESCO (D) None of these

(C) Recently UNESCO has launched a campaign for women and girls in science. Imagine a world with more women in science. The aim of this initiative is to bridge the gender gap in scientific fields and promote the contribution of women in science. This campaign, supported by the International Development Centre of Canada, is a call to action for the global community.



7. Recently, which state government has signed MoU with Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce?

- (A) Haryana (B) Karnataka
(C) Maharashtra (D) Kerala

(B) Recently, the Karnataka government has signed a MoU with Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce to promote international business cooperation during the Invest Karnataka 2025 conference. MoUs to this effect were signed during the ongoing global investor conference Invest Karnataka 2025.



8. Recently, Adani Green has withdrawn a \$442 million wind power project from which country?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Nepal
(C) Bhutan (D) Bangladesh

(A) Recently, Indian group Adani Group has withdrawn from a \$442 million wind power project in Sri Lanka, as the government of the island nation has sought to renegotiate the deal. Sri Lanka's previous government had signed a 20-year deal to buy electricity from Adani wind power plant at the rate of 8.26 US cents per kilowatt.



9. Who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India recently?

- (A) Sanjay Kumar (B) Vivek Joshi
(C) Gyanesh Kumar (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India. This decision was taken in a meeting of a three-member committee headed by the Prime Minister in New Delhi. This has been announced before the hearing of the petition challenging the new rule for the appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner in the Supreme Court.



10. Recently which IIT has developed solar dehydration technology for farmers?

- (A) IIT Madras (B) IIT Kanpur
(C) IIT Delhi (D) IIT Mumbai

(B) Recently, Ranjit Singh Rozi Shiksha Kendra of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur has presented a novel solar dehydration technology. Which aims to preserve agricultural produce using sustainable energy. This pioneering method allows farmers to dry fruits and vegetables through solar energy, providing a cost-effective solution to fluctuating market prices.



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