

# Weekly Current Affairs 2nd Week February 2022



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### Important News: State

#### India's first biomass-based hydrogen plant coming up in Madhya Pradesh



- The country's first commercial-scale biomass-based hydrogen plant is coming up in the Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh.
- The plant will produce a tonne of hydrogen per day, from 30 tonnes of biomass feedstock.
- It will also produce biochar and methane.
- The plant is being put up by a joint venture of Watomo Energies Ltd and Biezel Green Energy with an investment of ₹24 crore.

**Source: The Hindu**

#### J&K becomes the first Union Territory to be integrated with National Single Window System



- Jammu & Kashmir became the first Union Territory to be integrated with the **National Single Window System (NSWS)**.
- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the J&K Single Window Clearance System integrated with NSWS.
- NSWS is linked with India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) which hosts 45 industrial parks of J&K. This will help Investors to discover available land parcels in J&K.
- The NSWS, a 2020 budgetary announcement of the Government of India, is a digital platform that serves as a guide for investors to identify and to apply for approvals as per their business requirements.
- The platform was soft launched in September 2021 by the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal.

- NSWs will eliminate the need for investors to visit multiple platforms/offices to gather information and obtain clearances from different stakeholders.

**Source: PIB**

### **Kerala Governor gives assent to Lok Ayukta Ordinance**



#### **Why in News**

- Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan to sign an Ordinance seeking to amend the Kerala Lok Ayukta Act, 1999.

#### **Key Points**

- Mr. Khan assented to the Ordinance early on Monday. The executive order made it Nonbinding on the “competent authority” to mandatorily eject, sans appeal, any public official found guilty by the Ombudsman.
- The Lok Ayukta Act specifies the Governor as the “competent authority” if the Chief Minister is the public official at fault. In the case of a Minister, the Chief Minister is the competent authority.
- The Act applies at various tiers of the administration, from the Cabinet level and downward. The amended Act makes it obligatory for the competent authority to review the “declaration of guilt” by the Lok Ayukta under Section 14 of the Act before acting against the culpable official.
- The Lok Ayukta would serve for a five year term or till the age of 70, whichever comes first.

Source: Loksatta

### **Maharashtra's Chitrarath wins Award**



#### **Why in the news?**

- Maharashtra's Chitraratha on the theme of biodiversity and state standards, which participated in this year's Republic Day procession, has been declared as the number one award in the country in the category of 'Lokpasanti'.

#### **Key points:**

- The painting was conceived by Tushar Pradhan and Roshan Ingole, a young sculptor and art director.
- This year's Chitrarath has been created by 'Shubh Adds' of Nagpur.
- Director Naresh Charade and Pankaj Ingle and Rahul Dhansare and their 30 sculptors and artists completed the work of the magnificent replica in the actual theater in Delhi.
- **Source:** Indian Express

## Important News: India

### National Ropeways Development Programme (Parvatmala)



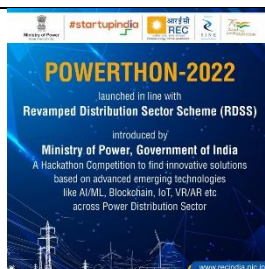
- Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting Union Budget for 2022-23 announced **National Ropeways Development Programme – “Parvatmala”**.

#### About “Parvatmala” scheme:

- The scheme will be taken up on PPP mode, which will be a preferred ecologically sustainable alternative in place of conventional roads in difficult hilly areas.
- The idea is to improve connectivity and convenience for commuters, besides promoting tourism.
- This may also cover congested urban areas, where conventional mass transit system is not feasible.
- The Finance Minister announced that contracts for 8 ropeway projects for a length of 60 km would be awarded in 2022-23.
- The scheme is being presently started in regions like Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Jammu & Kashmir and the other North Eastern states.

**Source:** PIB

### Powerthon-2022



- Union Minister for Power and MNRE R K Singh launched **Powerthon-2022**, a hackathon competition under RDSS to find technology driven solutions to solve the complex problems in power distribution and to ensure quality and reliable power supply.
- Powerthon-2022 is being launched in line with the aim of **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)** introduced by the Ministry of Power, Government of India.



- RDSS is a Reform-based and Result-linked Scheme introduced by the Ministry of Power and the key objectives of RDSS are Reducing AT&C losses to 12-15%, eliminating the ACOS-ARR gap by 2024-25 and improving the quality & reliability of the power supply to build a robust power sector which can amplify the development opportunities in the nation's quest for a thriving economy.
- **Startup India**, the flagship initiative of the Government of India, intended to catalyse startup culture and build a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in India is also supporting in wide publicity of **Powerthon-2022**.

**Source: PIB**

### **“India Telecom 2022”**

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- Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railway, inaugurated '**India Telecom 2022**' - an Exclusive International Business Expo.
- The event is being organised by Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) from February 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 under Market Access Initiative Scheme (MAI) of Department of Commerce, Government of India and with support of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of External Affairs and Indian missions in different countries.
- Qualified buyers from more than 45 countries are attending the event. Apart from the conference, 40+ Indian telecom companies are showcasing their products and capabilities at the exhibition.
- Event aims to provide opportunities to the Indian telecom stakeholders to meet qualified overseas buyers

**Source: PIB**

### **Statue of Equality in Hyderabad**

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#### **Why in News**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' commemorating the 11th-century Bhakti Saint Sri Ramanujacharya in Shamshabad of Telangana on Saturday.

#### **Key Points**

- The statue is made of 'panchaloha', a combination of five metals: gold, silver, copper, brass, and zinc and is among one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting position, in the world.

- PM to dedicate to the nation 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' commemorating the 11th century Bhakti Saint Sri Ramanujacharya.
- statue of Equality, also referred to as Ramanuja statue, is a statue of the 11th-century Vaishnavite Saint Bhagavad Ramanuja, located at the premises of ChinnaJeeyar Trust at Muchintal, Hyderabad.
- The statue costing an estimated ₹1,000 crore (US\$130 million) was built commemorating 1000 years since his birth, entirely from the donations of devotees.

**Source: PIB**

## Important News: World

### One Ocean Summit 2022



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the high-level segment of **One Ocean Summit** on 11 February, 2022.
- The high-level segment of the Summit will also be addressed by several Heads of States and Governments including Germany, United Kingdom, South Korea, Japan, Canada, among others.
- **One Ocean Summit** is being organised by France from 9-11 February, 2022, in Brest, France, in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank.
- The objective of the Summit is to mobilise the international community to take tangible action towards preserving and supporting healthy and sustainable ocean ecosystems.
- Several important initiatives will be launched on this occasion in favour of marine ecosystem protection and sustainable fisheries, intended to fight pollution, in particular from plastics, respond to the impacts of climate change, as well as advocate for improved governance of the oceans.

**Source: Business Today**

### India to provide grant to Sri Lanka to implement 'Unitary Digital Identity framework'



- India has agreed to provide a grant to Sri Lanka to implement a '**Unitary Digital Identity framework**', apparently modelled on the Aadhaar card.
- The government of Sri Lanka has decided to speed up the implementation of a Unitary Digital Identity framework in the country.
- This project comes amid substantive economic assistance from India, worth USD 1.4 billion to Sri Lanka, since the start of 2022 to help Sri Lanka cope with its dollar crunch, and import food, medicines and fuel due to shortages.

**Source: newsonair**

## Important News: Economy

### India's Unemployment Rate in January 2022



#### Why in News

- Unemployment rate in January 2022

#### Key Points

- The unemployment in the urban regions was 8.16%. It was 5.84% in rural areas. In December 2021, the unemployment rate in the country was 7.91%. It was 9.3% in urban and 7.28% in rural.
- Telangana had the lowest unemployment rate in January 2022. It was 0.7%. The second lowest was in Gujarat in 1.2%. the third lowest was in Meghalaya, 1.5% followed by Odisha (1.8%).
- Haryana had the highest unemployment rate, 23.4%. The second highest was in Rajasthan (18.9%).
- As of December 2021, the total number of unemployed in India is 53 million. Of this, the majority were women. Around 35% of the Indian population is actively looking for work. This includes 8 million women. Another 17 million people are unemployed. These people are willing to work if work was available. However, they were not actively looking for job opportunities.
- **Source: Indian Express**

## Science and Technology

### National Centres of Excellence in Carbon Capture & Utilization



- Two National Centres of Excellence in **Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU)** are being established in India.
- The two Centres, namely the **National Centre of Excellence in Carbon Capture and Utilization (NCoE-CCU)** at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai and the **National Centre in Carbon Capture and Utilization (NCCCU)** at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru are being set up with support from the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.
- Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) is among one such key pathways to reduce emissions while continuing to develop sustainably at an unprecedented pace. CCU aligns with five of the seventeen

sustainable development goals (SDGs), namely, climate action; clean energy, industry, innovation, and infrastructure; responsible consumption and production; and partnerships to achieve the goals.

**Source: PIB**

### India's newest mammal: White Cheeked Macaque



- Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have found a new mammal species in the country — the White Cheeked Macaque.
- Macaque was first discovered in China in 2015, its existence was not known in India before this.
- It is only now that Indian scientists have discovered its presence in the remote Anjaw district in central Arunachal Pradesh.
- The White Cheeked Macaque has distinct white cheeks, long and thick hair on the neck and a longer tail than other Macaque species.
- It is the last mammal to have been discovered in Southeast Asia.

**Source: Indian Express**

### Giant Magellan Telescope



#### Why in News

- The location of the telescope is Las Campanas Observatory, which is also the site of the Magellan Telescopes, some 115 km (71 mi) north-northeast of La Serena, Chile and 180 km (112 mi) south of Copiapó, Chile, at an altitude of 2,516 m (8,255 ft).
- It will consist of seven 8.4 m (27.6 ft) diameter primary segments, that will observe optical and near infrared (320–25000 nm) light, with the resolving power of a 24.5 m (80.4 ft) primary mirror and collecting area equivalent to a 22.0 m (72.2 ft) one, which is about 368 square meters.
- The telescope is expected to have a resolving power 10 times greater than the Hubble Space Telescope. As of November 2017, five mirrors had been cast and the construction of the summit facility has begun.



- A total of seven primary mirrors are planned, but it will begin operation with four. The US\$1 billion project is US-led in partnership with Australia, Brazil, and South Korea, with Chile as the host country.  
Source: Wikipedia

## Environment

### Mumbai polluted by dust storm

#### Why in News



- Dust storms in the home desert again reduced Mumbai's air quality on Monday. This is the second incident in the last 15 days. On Monday, the air in Mazgaon had exceeded the maximum pollution level, while other places were also witnessing high levels of pollution.

#### Key Points

- Due to the western catastrophe, it reached from Ahmedabad to Mumbai. Scientists around the world are studying this. Thus, there is no denying the possibility that climate change is a result of climate change due to the formation of hurricanes in the current season.
- The air temperature in Borivali, Worli and Bhandup days decreased by 3 and 4 degrees respectively during the winter days.

### New gecko species



#### Why in News

- A team of researchers has identified a new gecko species from the hills of Attappady, in the Western Ghats, Kerala. The new large species of gecko belonging to the genus Hemidactylus goldfuss was found close to human habitation in tribal settlements and rock formations in the region. The team was on an expedition surveying amphibian reptile in the forest areas of Attappady.

#### Key Points

- The new species, named Hemidactylus easai after former director of the Kerala Forest and Research Institute (KFRI) and wildlife conservationist PS Easa, was found in the drier parts of the region.
- The gecko measures 105 mm from snout to vent (10.5 cm) and is a light brown to grey in colour. The genus Hemidactylus goldfuss has 180 species of geckos distributed across the globe and India

has 48. Kerala has over 30 species of gecko and with this new addition, there are nine under the Hemidactylus genus.

Source: The Hindu

## Cyclone Batsirai



### Why in News

- On February 6, 2022, Cyclone Barsirai made landfall on coast of Madagascar, killing at least six people. It was an intense tropical cyclon

### Key Points

- Cyclone had the packing winds of 235 km/h.
- It struck the Mananjary district, which is around 530 kilometres southeast of the capital Antananarivo.
- As per disaster management agency of Madagascar, about 48,000 people moved to emergency accommodation.
- Madagascar is an island country in Indian Ocean. It is located approximately 400 kilometres, off the coast of East Africa across Mozambique Channel. It is world's second largest island country while world's fourth largest island.

Source: Indian Express

## Schemes

### 'Accelerate Vigyan' Scheme



- Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)**, a statutory body established through an Act of Parliament, has invited applications under 'ABHYAAS', a program of '**Accelerate Vigyan**' Scheme, for summer season.
- In a recent notification, the call for applications under components of "KAARYASHALA" and "VRITIKA" for the summer season (May 2022-July 2022) is extended till 28 February 2022.

#### About "Accelerate Vigyan" (AV) Scheme:

- "Accelerate Vigyan" (AV) strives to provide a big push to high-end scientific research and prepare a scientific workforce, which can venture into research careers and a knowledge-based economy.
- AV aims to expand the research base in the country, with three broad goals — consolidation / aggregation of all scientific training programs, initiating high-end orientation workshops and creating opportunities for training and skill internships.

Source: DTE

### PMKSY scheme extended till March 2026



- The '**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**' has been extended for a period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an allocation of Rs 4,600 crore.

**About 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)':**

- PMKSY is a comprehensive package which will lead to creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.
- The scheme will boost the growth of the food processing sector but also help in providing better prices to farmers and creating huge employment opportunities.
- In May 2017, the Centre had launched SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) with an allocation of Rs 6,000 crore.
- The scheme was renamed as PMKSY in August 2017.
- PMKSY is an umbrella scheme incorporating ongoing schemes of the ministry like Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure, Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters, Creation / Expansion of Food Process.

**Source: ET**

**Nai Roshni Scheme**



- Recently, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has informed the Rajya Sabha that the Government has sanctioned Rs 26 crore under the **Nai Roshni scheme** during the last three year i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21 through which around one Lakh women have been trained.

**About Nai Roshni scheme:**

- Nai Roshni scheme is a Central Sector Scheme for women belonging to minority community in the age group of 18 to 65 years.
- The scheme aims to empower and enhance confidence in women by providing knowledge, tools, and techniques for the Leadership Development of Women.
- It was started in 2012-13.
- The training programme covers areas related to programmes for women, health and hygiene, legal rights of women, financial literacy, digital literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and advocacy for social and behavioural changes, etc.

**Source: PIB**

## SAMRIDH initiative



- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)** announced a new partnership under the **Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare (SAMRIDH) initiative**.
- The partnership will improve access to affordable and quality healthcare for vulnerable populations in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, and rural and tribal regions.
- It will enhance SAMRIDH's efforts to reach vulnerable populations, leveraging AIM's expertise in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- In 2020, USAID, IPE Global, and stakeholders from the Indian government, academia, and the private sector developed the innovative SAMRIDH blended finance facility to combine public and philanthropic funds with commercial capital to create and rapidly scale market-based health solutions.

Source: newsonair

## SwachhtaSaarathi fellowship 2022

### Why in News



- The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India under its “Waste to Wealth” Mission announced the “SwachhtaSaarathi Fellowship 2022”.

### Key Points



- To empower young innovators who are engaged in community work of waste management, waste awareness campaigns, waste surveys etc. as SwachhtaSaarthi and implement actions to reduce waste for a greener planet.
- The fellowship was launched in 2021 to recognize students, community workers/self-help groups, and municipal/sanitary workers who are engaged in tackling the enormous challenge of waste management, scientifically and sustainably.
- The fellowship is aimed at sensitizing the society towards waste management and offer innovative solutions for conversion of waste to value.
- Targeted to encourage community participation, the SwachhtaSaarthi Fellowships invites applications from students, researchers and community workers who have done previous work or are currently engaged in waste management activities, including awareness campaigns, surveys & studies.

Source: The Hindu

## Awards and Honours

### Atal Tunnel officially recognised as 'Longest Highway Tunnel'



- **Atal Tunnel** has officially been certified by World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet', during a landmark ceremony on 09 February 2022, in New Delhi.
- Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry, Director General of Border Roads Organisation (DGBR) received the award for the stupendous achievement of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in constructing this engineering marvel connecting Manali to the Lahaul - Spiti Valley.
- World Book of Records UK, is an organisation that catalogues and verifies extraordinary records across the world with authentic certification.

#### About Atal Tunnel:

- Atal Tunnel was dedicated to the Nation by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 03, 2020.
- The 9.02 km long Atal Tunnel, that runs under the 'Rohtang Pass' was constructed on the Manali - Leh Highway under the challenging conditions of freezing temperatures in extremely difficult terrain.
- Construction of this tunnel has reduced the distance on Manali - Sarchu road by 46 km and travel time by four to five hours, providing all-weather connectivity on the Manali - Leh axis.

Source: PIB

### India's 'Writing With Fire' nominated for Best Documentary Feature at Oscars 2022



- Indian documentary “Writing With Fire” has been nominated in the Best Documentary Feature category at the 94th edition of the Academy Awards.
- This is the first time an Indian documentary has been nominated for an Academy Award.
- Directed by Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh, “Writing With Fire” chronicles the rise of Khabar Lahariya, India’s only newspaper run by Dalit women.
- This film is about fearless Dalit women journalists who are redefining what being powerful means, quintessentially the story of the modern Indian woman.
- The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held on March 27, 2022.

#### **About Academy Awards:**

- The Academy Awards, popularly known as the Oscars, are awards for artistic and technical merit in the film industry.
- Given annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), the awards are an international recognition of excellence in cinematic achievements.
- The first Academy Awards presentation was held on May 16, 1929.

**Source: The Hindu**

## **Important Days**

### **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**



- International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on 11 February every year.

#### **Theme:**

- Towards the achievement of SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), the International Day of Women and Girls in Science Assembly 2022 will focus on the following theme: “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us”.

#### **History:**

- The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is the 11th day of February, by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on 22 December 2015.

**Source: un.org**

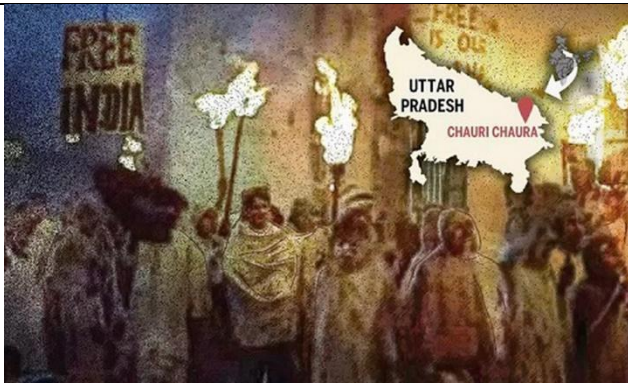
## World Pulses Day



- World Pulses Day is observed on 10 February every year to raise awareness about the importance of pulses.
- The 2022 World Pulses Day's theme is: "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".
- In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 10 February as the World Pulses Day.

Source: [un.org](http://un.org)

## 100 years of Chauri Chaura Incident



### Why in News

- On February 4, 1922, the volunteers of the Non – Cooperation movement proceeded to a local police station. They held a procession. The police fired at the procession. In retaliation, the volunteers set the police station on fire. Some policemen tried to escape the fire. They were caught and beaten to death. This is referred to as the Chauri Chaura incident

### Key Points

- Mahatma Gandhiji launched the non – cooperation movement on August 1, 1920. The movement boycotted foreign goods. It mainly included machine made clothes. Also, the people refused to assist rulers who misrule the country. Education and administrative institutions were boycotted.

### Note:

- Around 172 people were sentenced to death by the Britishers. But in all 19 were hanged. Mahatma Gandhiji condemned the killing of the policemen. Chauri Chaura support fund was created. Gandhiji stopped the non – cooperation movement.
- Gandhiji went on a fast for five days after the incident. He held himself responsible for the incident. He withdrew the non – cooperation movement on February 12, 1922.

- PM Modi launched Chauri Chaura centenary celebrations. A postal stamp commemorating the incident was launched. The Uttar Pradesh government is to renovate the Chauri Chaura Shaheed memorial into a heritage tourist spot.

Source: TOI

## Sports

### Leh to host World Cup cycling event



- Leh is going to host the first-ever highest level of World Cup cycling event in India on September 4, 2022.
- **UCI World Cup Eliminator** event is organized by the UT Ladakh Police in association with City Mountainbike and Cycling Federation of India (CFI).
- With this, Leh will be among world-famous cycling event venues like Abu Dhabi, Barcelona, Paris, and India will be on the cycling chart among Germany, France, Sweden, Indonesia, Brazil, Belgium, Turkey, etc.

Source: newsonair

### Women's Asian Cup 2022 Football Tournament



- **China PR (People's Republic)** defeated South Korea (Korea Republic) to win the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022 final title at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, India.
- This is the record-extending 9th AFC Women's Asian Cup title won by China.

#### AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022:

- The AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 was the 20th edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup.
- India was recommended as the host of the tournament by AFC Women's Football Committee and selected as the host in June 2020.

Source: ndtv



## Nehru boat race to be held in UAE this year

### Why in News



### Key Points

- The Nehru Trophy boat race, a popular fixture held annually in the Punnamada Lake near Alappuzha in Kerala, is slated to be held in Ras al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates this year, in a move to build on the close-knit ties between the Gulf nation and the southern Indian state, the organisers said on Friday.
- The race, named after former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, will be held on March 27, 2022 at the Al Marjan Island. The move is to build on the beautiful relationship between UAE and Kerala, a statement from the organisers said. The organisers of the UAE Nehru Trophy boat race met Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who is currently in the UAE, and briefed him about the same.

Source: TOI

## 2028 Olympicsto be held in Los Angeles



### Why in News

- The 2028 Olympics is to be held in Los Angeles.

### Key Points

- The 2028 Olympics is to be held in Los Angeles. This is after the 2024 Olympics to be held in Paris. The 2022 Olympics was held in Tokyo. These are all the summer Olympics, the main Olympics. The one that is being held in China right now is Winter Olympics. The International Olympic Committee determines the sports to be held in the Olympics games. The committee has decided to conduct 28 Olympic sports and 24 paralympic sports at the Los Angeles Olympics.

- This is the first summer Olympics to be held in the US since 1996. Before this, the winter Olympics was held in 2002. This is the third time Los Angeles is hosting the Olympics. The other cities that have hosted Olympics three times are London and Paris. In London, Olympics was held in 1908, 1948 and 2012. In Paris the Olympics was held in 1900 and 1924. It is to be held in 2024.
- It is the ninth Olympics to be held in US and fourth to be held in the state of California.
- **Source:** Indian Express

### ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2022



#### Why in News

- India Beat England by 4 Wickets in Final to Win Record-Extending 5th Title

#### Key Points

- India lifted a record-extending fifth ICC U19 World Cup title after defeating England in the final at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua on Saturday.
- India won the Youth (Under-19) World Cup for the fifth time on the strength of the spectacular all-round performance of the sculptor of victory Raj Bawa.
- India Wins World Cup for fifth time

#### India Under-19 World Cup wins:

- 1) 2000: Mohammed Kaif
- 2) 2008: Virat Kohli
- 3) 2012: Unmukt Chand
- 4) 2018: Earth Shaw
- 5) 2022: Yash Dhul

**Source:** Indian Express

## Reports and Indexes

### Coastal Vulnerability Index



- **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)** has carried out coastal vulnerability assessment for the entire Indian coast at state level to bring out an Atlas comprising 156 maps on 1:1,00,000 scales to prepare a **Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI)**.

**About Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI):**

- The maps determine the coastal risks due to future sea-level rise based on the physical and geological parameters for the Indian coast, the CVI uses the relative risk that physical changes will occur as sea-level rises are quantified based on parameters like: tidal range; wave height; coastal slope; coastal elevation; shoreline change rate; geomorphology; and historical rate of relative sea-level change.
- Coastal vulnerability assessments can be useful information for coastal disaster management and building resilient coastal communities.

**Source: The Hindu**

**Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index 2022**



- Salesforce, a leading player in Customer Relationship Management (CRM), said that according to its **Global Digital Skills Index 2022**, India leads in digital skills readiness and has the highest readiness score amongst 19 countries it surveyed.
- India had the highest digital readiness score of 63 out of 100.
- The average global readiness score was 33 out of 100.
- According to Salesforce, in India, 72 percent of respondents say they are very actively learning digital skills. 66 percent of respondents in India also said they feel very equipped with resources to learn digital skills.

**About Global Digital Skills Index 2022:**

- The Index is based on a survey of over 23,500 workers in 19 countries.

- The index measures global employee sentiments and readiness to acquire the key digital skills needed by businesses today and over the next five years.

**Source: ET**

## New Appointments

### Ravi Mital takes charge as Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India



- Ravi Mital took charge as Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Ravi Mital is a 1986 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Bihar cadre.
- Prior to joining the IBBI as Chairperson, he superannuated from the position of Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

#### About Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI):

- It is the regulator for overseeing insolvency proceedings and entities like Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPA), Insolvency Professionals (IP) and Information Utilities (IU) in India.
- It was established on 1 October 2016 and given statutory powers through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which was passed by Lok Sabha on 5 May 2016.

**Source: PIB**

### Akshay Kumar appointed as Uttarakhand's brand ambassador



- Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand, the Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama announced ahead of Assembly Elections 2022.
- In 2017, Akshay Kumar was appointed as Uttarakhand's brand ambassador for 'Swachhata Abhiyan'.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2009.



**Previous Brand Ambassador:** In 2021, cricketer Rishabh Pant, who hails from Roorkee, was appointed as Uttarakhand's brand ambassador.

**Source:** ET

### **Santishree Pandit is first woman VC of JNU**



#### **Why in News**

- Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, a political science professor at Savitribai Phule Pune University, has been appointed as the first woman Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

#### **Key Points**

- She was appointed by President Ram Nath Kovind. She will hold the job for the next five years. She succeeds M. Jagadesh Kumar, who was appointed Chairperson of the University Grants Commission last week, after a stormy tenure.
- Dr. Pandit is herself an alumna of JNU, having completed her M.Phil. and Ph.D there at the School of International Relations.

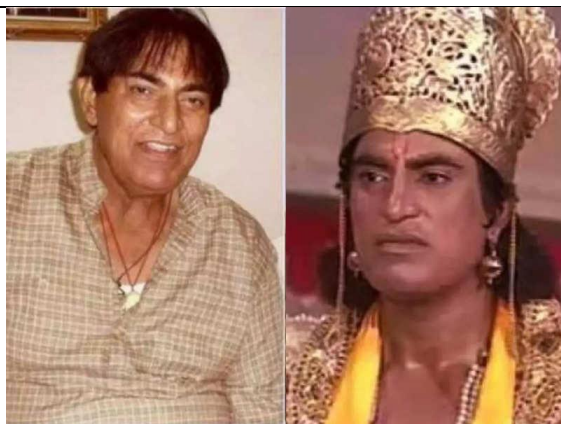
#### **Jawaharlal Nehru University**

- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is a public central major research university located in New Delhi, India.
- It was established in 1969 and named after Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister.
- The university is known for leading faculties and research emphasis on liberal arts and applied sciences.

Source: Hindu

## **Obituaries**

### **Mahabharat's Bheem aka Praveen Kumar Sobti passes away**



- Praveen Kumar Sobti who played the role of Bheem in BR Chopra's Mahabharat, passed away.

- Sobti was 20 when he joined the Border Security Force (BSF), and later represented the country across various athletic events in hammer and discus throw.
- The Arjuna Awardee was a two-time Olympian (1968 Mexico Games and 1972 Munich Games) and four-time Asian Games medallist (two gold, one silver and one bronze)

**Source: TOI**

### **Death of Dashavtar artist Sudhir Kalingan**



#### **Key Points**

- Sudhir Kalingan, a veteran Dashavtar artist from Nerur, who was known as the 'King of the People' at the DashavtarNatya Darbar and played a pivotal role in bringing Dashavtar art across the ocean, died during his treatment.
- He is being treated at a private hospital in Goa. Sudhir Kalingan was running KaleshwarDashavtarNatya Mandal Company for last 20 years

### **Lata Mangeshkar's demise**



#### **Why in News**

- Veteran Singer Lata Mangeshkar Dies At 92

#### **Key Points**

- Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar died in Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital on Sunday. She was 92. She was cremated with full state honors at Mumbai's iconic Shivaji Park this evening. The funeral was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Lata Mangeshkar, a recipient of the Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Dadasaheb Phalke Awards, was an icon of Indian cinema, having sung playback for an extensive list of Hindi films; she also sang in several regional languages including Marathi and Bengali.

- Lata Mangeshkar, who belonged to a prominent musical family, also composed music as well as produced a handful of films. She was popularly known as the 'Nightingale of India.'

**Awards:**

- National Film Awards
- BFJA Award
- Filmfare Award for Best Female Playback Singer
- Special Award:
- Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award
- Padma Bhushan (1969)
- Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1989)
- Maharashtra Bhushan (1997)
- Padma Vibhushan (1999)
- Bharatratna (2001)
- Allison of Honor (2006).

**Source:** Indian Express

# **Weekly Current Affairs**

## **2nd Week**

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