

## **Current Affairs (February, 2022)**

- On February 1st, 2022, 11th meeting of India-Oman Joint Military Cooperation Committee held in Delhi.
- On February 1st, 2022, Govt. approves sale of PSU Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) to Tata Steel Long Products Ltd for Rs 12,100 crore.
- On February 1st, 2022, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presents Economic Survey 2021-22 in Parliament; Indian economy estimated to grow by 9.2% in 2021-22 after contracting 7.3% in 2020-21.
- On February 1st, 2022, Govt extends term of IPO-bound LIC's chairman & MD by one year.
- On February 1st, 2022, Portugal election results: Ruling Socialist Party secures absolute majority in Parliament; Antonio Costa to continue as PM.
- On February 1st, 2022, Magnus Carlsen of Norway wins Tata Steel Chess Tournament held in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands
- On February 1st, 2022, India hockey goalkeeper PR Srejeesh wins World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented Union Budget for 2022-23 in Parliament
  1. Capital expenditure outlay hiked by 35.4%
  2. Total expenditure in 2022-23 estimated at Rs. 39.45 lakh crore.
  3. Total receipts other than borrowings in 2022-23 estimated at Rs. 22.84 lakh crore.
  4. Fiscal deficit in current year: 6.9% of GDP (against 6.8% in Budget Estimates)
  5. Fiscal deficit in 2022-23 estimated at 6.4% of GDP.
  6. Direct Taxes: Provision to file an Updated Return on payment of additional tax. This will enable the assessee to declare income missed out earlier.
  7. Direct Taxes: No change in income tax slabs.
  8. Scheme for taxation of virtual digital assets: Any income from transfer of any virtual digital asset to be taxed at rate of 30%.
  9. Gems and Jewellery: Customs duty on cut and polished diamonds and gemstones being reduced to 5%.
  10. Customs duty of at least Rs 400 per Kg to be paid on imitation jewellery import.
  11. Customs duty on umbrellas being raised to 20%. Exemption to parts of umbrellas being withdrawn.
  12. Tariff measure to encourage blending of fuel: Unblended fuel to attract an additional differential excise duty of Rs 2/ litre from Oct 1, 2022.
  13. National Highways Network to be expanded by 25000 Km in 2022-23.
  14. Railways: One Station One Product concept to help local businesses & supply chains.
  15. Ken Betwa project: 1400 crore outlay for implementation of the Ken – Betwa link project.
  16. MSME: Emergency Credit Linked Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to be extended up to March 2023.
  17. Skill Development: Digital Ecosystem for Skilling and Livelihood (DESH-Stack e-portal) will be launched

18. Startups will be promoted to facilitate 'Drone Shakti' and for Drone-As-A-Service (DrAAS)
  19. Education: 'One Class-One TV channel' programme of PM eVIDYA to be expanded to 200 TV channels.
  20. Health: An open platform for National Digital Health Ecosystem to be rolled out.
  21. Har Ghar, Nal Se Jal: Rs. 60,000 crores allocated to cover 3.8 crore households in 2022-23
  22. Housing for All: Rs. 48,000 crores allocated for completion of 80 lakh houses in 2022-23 under PM Awas Yojana.
  23. NE: New scheme PM-DevINE (Development Initiative for North-East Region) launched for the North-East.
  24. Vibrant Villages Programme for development of Border villages on the northern border.
  25. Banking: Scheduled Commercial Banks to set up 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in 75 districts.
  26. Accelerated Corporate Exit: Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) to be established for speedy winding-up of companies.
  27. AVGC Promotion Task Force: An animation, visual effects, gaming, and comic (AVGC) promotion task force to be set-up to realize the potential of this sector.
  28. Defence: 68% of capital procurement budget earmarked for domestic industry in 2022-23, up from 58% in 2021-22.
  29. Digital Rupee: Introduction of Digital Rupee by the Reserve Bank of India starting 2022-23.
  30. States: In 2022-23, States will be allowed a fiscal deficit of 4% of GSDP, of which 0.5% will be tied to power sector reforms.
- RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept key interest rates unchanged. It retained the accommodative stance in its first policy after Union Budget 2022. MPC kept the repo rate as well as reverse repo rate unchanged, respectively at 4 percent and 3.35 percent.
  - On February 2, 2022, Amaravati remains the capital city of Andhra Pradesh: Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.
  - On February 2, 2022, Two new Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance) in India — Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in U.P — announced by Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav
  - On February 2, 2022, India and Nepal sign MoU for construction of a motorable Bridge over the Mahakali River connecting Dharchula (India) with Dharchula (Nepal).
  - China celebrates coming of Lunar new Year of the Tiger; end of Year of the Ox.
  - World Wetlands Day observed on Feb 2; theme: "Wetlands Action for People and Nature".
  - IISc, Bengaluru commissions supercomputer Param Pravega having supercomputing capacity of 3.3 petaflops.
  - On February 3, 2022, Foundation stone laid for 3rd border haat in Bangladesh-India border laid in Tripura.

- On February 3, 2022, Export Import Bank of India, Sri Lanka sign \$500-million loan agreement aimed at helping Colombo cope with its current fuel shortages.
- On February 3, 2022, Sonali Singh given charge of Controller General of Accounts.
- On February 3, 2022, India announces diplomatic boycott of Beijing Winter Olympics; China's decision to field PLA Galwan commander as Olympic torchbearer cited as reason.
- On February 3, 2022, RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Independence Co-operative Bank.
- Uttar Pradesh best tableau among states/UTs, Navy best marching contingent among Services at Republic Day parade.
- On February 4, 2022, Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship 2022 announced by Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India.
- On February 4, 2022, Govt decides to continue the Scheme of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram for another 5 years.
- On February 4, 2022, Proposal to rename MP's Hoshangabad district as Narmadapuram cleared by Centre: CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- JNU Vice Chancellor M. Jagadesh Kumar appointed as Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC).
- IndiGo appoints Co-founder Rahul Bhatia as Managing Director.
- International Day of Human Fraternity celebrated on Feb 4 by UN.
- World Cancer Day observed on Feb 4; theme: 'closing the care gap'.
- Honorable Prime Minister inaugurates 50th Anniversary Celebrations of ICRISAT (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics) in Hyderabad and inaugurates two research facilities.
- On February 5, 2022, Honorable Prime Minister inaugurates 216-foot statue of 11th century saint Sri Ramanujacharya in Hyderabad.
- Fees of 50% seats in Private Medical Colleges to be at par with Government College: National Medical Commission.
- On February 5, 2022, Foodgrains vessel leaves from Patna to Pandu in Assam via Bangladesh.
- IIT Hyderabad to set up Suzuki Innovation Centre on its campus.
- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg to take over as Norway's central bank Governor at the end of the year.
- On February 6, 2022, Playback legend Lata Mangeshkar dies in Mumbai at 92; awarded Bharat Ratna in 2001 and Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1989.
- On February 6, 2022, DCGI grants emergency use permission to single-dose Sputnik Light COVID-19 vaccine.
- International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation observed on Feb 6.
- On February 6, 2022, Iconic tapestry of Pablo Picasso's painting 'Guernica' is back at the UN in New York.
- On February 6, 2022, India (195/6 in 47.2) win Under-19 Cricket World Cup by defeating England (189 in 44.5) in the final played at North Sound, Antigua in West Indies.
- On February 7, 2022, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launches Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 that aims to protect children and pregnant women from life-threatening diseases.

- On February 7, 2022, COVID-19 | Aadhaar card not mandatory on CoWIN portal for vaccination, Centre tells SC.
- ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy being held on Feb 7-8; theme: “Experience and Innovations for Integrated Renewables Market”.
- On February 7, 2022, Santishree Pandit appointed 1st woman Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- On February 7, 2022, J&K becomes first UT to be integrated with national single window system.
- On February 7, 2022, Power Minister launches Powerthon-2022 for enabling advanced technology in power distribution.
- On February 7, 2022, Bangladesh signs agreement to purchase 420 broad-gauge railway wagons from India.
- World Interfaith Harmony Week observed by UN from Feb 1 to 7.
- Senegal wins African Cup of Nations football tournament by beating Egypt in the final played in Yaoundé, capital of Cameroon.
- China wins AFC Women’s Asian Cup tournament by defeating South Korea 3-2 in the final played in Mumbai; AFC: Asian Football Confederation.
- Tata Open Maharashtra tennis tournament in Pune: Portugal’s Joao Sousa wins men’s singles title; India’s Rohan Bopanna & Ramkumar Ramanathan win men’s doubles.
- On February 8, 2022, Railway Protection Force launches nationwide “Operation AAHT” to curb human trafficking.
- On February 8, 2022, BARC (Broadcast Audience Research Council) to resume news channels’ ratings after 17 months.
- On February 8, 2022, AIM (Atal Innovation Mission), NITI Aayog, and USAID collaborates under SAMRIDH (Sustainable Access to Markets and Resources for Innovative Delivery of Healthcare) initiative.
- On February 8, 2022, Ayush Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches dedicated storefront for Ayurveda products on Amazon.in.
- ICMR got ₹171.74 crore in royalty from Bharat Biotech from sales of COVID vaccine Covaxin.
- PM CARES Fund got ₹10,990 crore since its inception in March 2020 until March 2021; spent ₹3,976 crore during 2020-21.
- Atal Tunnel recognised as ‘Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 feet’ by World Book of Records; connects Manali to the Lahaul-Spiti Valley.
- 4,844 foreigners granted Indian citizenship in past 5 years under Citizenship Act 1955.
- India received Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows worth USD 339.55 billion in last 5 years.
- On February 9, 2022, PSU THDC India Limited (THDCIL) signs agreement to set up 10,000MW solar projects in Rajasthan.
- IPL 2022: Ahmedabad IPL franchise to be called ‘Gujarat Titans’.
- India to help Sri Lanka implement a ‘Unitary Digital Identity framework’ modelled on the Aadhaar card.
- The UK based JET laboratory recently produced 59 mega joules of energy from a fusion reaction. The reaction was conducted for five seconds. With this, the company has smashed its own world record.

- NITI Aayog released its report titled 'Reimagining Healthcare in India through Blended Finance', recently. In its report, NITI Aayog highlighted that, India's healthcare spending is least among BRICS countries. The report highlights that, around 65 per cent of hospital beds in India cater to almost 50 per cent of the population in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, and Kerala. Other 50 per cent of India's population living in rest of 21 states and 8 Union Territories (UTs) has access to 35 per cent of hospital beds. It noted that, number of beds must be increased by at least 30 per cent for ensuring equitable access to healthcare facilities by people.
- India has about 21 judges per million people: Law Minister Kiren Rijiju.
- 257 police stations in the country don't have vehicles; 638 without phones: Parliamentary Committee Report.
- Petroleum: 23 refineries working in country with total refining capacity of 249.22 million metric tons per annum.
- RailTel bags ICAI award for excellence in financial reporting for the year 2020-21 in Public Sector Entities Category.
- World Pulses Day observed on Feb 10; theme: "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems".
- On February 10, 2022, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted that, for 2022-23, Centre's gross domestic product (GDP) deflator projection is 3 to 3.5 per cent. Government's own real GDP growth projection for fiscal year 2022-23 is in the range of 7.6-8.1 per cent, while Union Budget assumes a nominal GDP growth rate of 11.1 per cent for fiscal year 2023.
- Seven AAI airports have been selected for "Voice of Customer Recognition" under the "World Voice of Customer Initiative" of Airports Council International (ACI). AAI airports namely, Chennai, Goa, Kolkata, Patna, Pune, Chandigarh, and Bhubaneswar participated in ACI-ASQ (Airport Service Quality) survey in 2021. These awards recognize those airports across the world, that deliver best customer experience in the opinion of their passengers.
- On February 11, 2022, Honorable President inaugurates New Darbar Hall at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.
- One Ocean Summit being held at Brittany, France on Feb 9-11 to mobilise the international community for preserving and supporting a healthy and sustainable ocean. The One Ocean Summit was organised under the leadership of French President.
- On February 11, 2022, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 14.5 km long Rail-cum-Road-bridge over Ganga River approach project on NH 333B in Munger, Bihar at a cost of Rs.696 crore.
- On February 11, 2022, 4th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Melbourne; Foreign Ministers of Australia, India and Japan and the Secretary of State of US participated. Foreign Ministers of Australia, India and Japan recently noted that, QUAD is cooperating on sharing intelligence information on threats in the Indo-Pacific region. Ministers called for justice for the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai (2008) as well as Pathankot airbase attack in 2016, for the first time since this group was formed.
- Norway tops 2021 Democracy Index of 167 countries released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU); . Following Norway, New Zealand was at the second

position. Finland, Sweden and Iceland were at the third, fourth and fifth position respectively. India 46<sup>th</sup>. Afghanistan is at the bottom most position.

- On February 11, 2022, International Day of Women and Girls in Science observed by UN on Feb 11.
- On February 11, 2022, Burkina Faso; Coup leader Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba declared new President.
- IRCTC to resume cooked food service on all trains from Feb 14.
- NASA selects two missions — the Multi-slit Solar Explorer (MUSE) and HelioSwarm — to help better understand earth-sun environment.
- Central government has set the target to replace diesel with renewable energy in agricultural sector by 2024. This target was set in line with Government's commitment of increasing the share of non-fossil fuels by 2030 and becoming a net zero emitter by 2070.
- On February 14, 2022, The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) recently launched the PSLV – C52 rocket successfully. The rocket carried two small satellites and EOS – 04. The two small satellites were Inspiresat – 1 and INS – 2TD. This is the first launch of 2022. EOS – 04 is a radar imaging satellite. Inspiresat – 1 is a student satellite. It was jointly been developed by team of international researchers including from universities of India (Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology (IIST)), US, Taiwan, and Singapore. INS – 2TD is to demonstrate a technology. It is a pre cursor to the INS – 2B satellite. INS – 2B is a joint satellite of India and Bhutan.
- Centre approves financial outlay of Rs 26,275 cr for modernisation of police forces from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- Germany: President Frank-Walter Steinmeier re-elected for another term by a special assembly made up of the members of parliament's lower house and representatives of 16 states.
- World Radio Day celebrated on Feb 13.
- On February 12, 2022, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launches "SMILE" (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme to rehabilitate beggars in New Delhi.
- On February 12, 2022, Honorable Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launches first colour souvenir coin on 'Panchtantra' on the foundation day of SPMCIL (Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited).
- Debashis Mitra elected ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) President for 2022-23 term.
- India signs MoU to hand over wheat to United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) in Kandahar, Afghanistan.
- Australia announces 'Maitri' Scholars Program to support Indian students in its universities.
- On Feb 11, 2022, India remembered the revolutionary freedom fighter and tribal leader Tilka Manjhi, marking his 272nd birth anniversary. Tilka Manjhi was an Indian freedom fighter and the first Adivasi leader from Paharia (Hill Peoples) Community. He revolted against the British in 1784, about 70 years before Mangal Pandey.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (SB) has booked ABG Shipyard Ltd, in its biggest bank fraud case. CBI also booked its then Chairman and Managing Director Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal along with others. They have been booked for cheating a consortium of banks led by State Bank of India of more than Rs 22,842 crore.

- India celebrated National Productivity Day on February 12, 2020 which provides for planning time, skills, energy, intelligence, resources, and opportunities in order to achieve goals. National Productivity Council will celebrate productivity week under the theme “Self-Reliance Through Productivity.”
- Central Government cut tax on imports of crude palm oil (CPO), from 7.5 percent to 5 per cent. It came into effect on February 13, 2022. India is world’s biggest edible oil importer. It tries to rein in local prices of commodity and help domestic consumers and refiners.
- Mindtree founders — Sushmita & Subroto Bagchi and Radha & NS Parthasarathy — make Rs 425 crore donation to IISc, Bengaluru to help build medical school & 800-bed multi-speciality hospital.
- Ilker Ayci, former chairman of Turkish Airlines, named new CEO & MD of Air India.
- Sandeep Bakhshi, MD & CEO of ICICI Bank, named Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.
- Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), rises to 6.01% in January. Wholesale price-based inflation declines to 12.96% in January.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has approved a budget of 2.26 crores for the India’s second-largest fair- “Medaram Jathara 2022 Festivals”. Medaram Jathara is the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela. Festival will be held from February 16, 2022 to February 19, 2022. Medaram Jathara is the state festival of Telangana. It is held for four days. The festival is organised by Telangana’s second-largest tribal community called the Koya tribe. Medaram Jathara festival is conducted in honour of Goddesses Sammakka and Saralamma.
- Fintech Open Month started on February 7, 2022. It is a first-of-its-kind initiative that brings together the Fintech professionals & enthusiasts, regulators, industry leaders, start-up community, and developers on a common platform. It was started by NITI Aayog. Summit was inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in the presence of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Dr Rajiv Kumar.
- Guru Ravidas Jayanti was observed on February 16, 2022, in the honour of birthday of Guru Ravidas. This festival is celebrated with joviality in North India, specifically in Punjab. The day marks the birthday of Indian mystic poet-saint, Ravidas and is celebrated on Magh Purnima.
- On Feb 16, 2022, Government approves ‘New India Literacy Programme, a new scheme of Adult Education for FYs 2022-27’; term “Adult Education” to be replaced with “Education For All”. The Ministry of Education (MoE) has announced the ‘New India Literacy Programme’ for the next five years, to cover all aspects of adult education. The ministry has decided to use the term ‘Education for All’ instead of ‘Adult Education,’ because the previous term didn’t represent all non-literates who are in the age group of 15 years and above.  
This programme is expected to cost Rs 1037.90 crore between 2022 and 2027, with the central government providing Rs 700 crore and the states providing Rs 337.90 crore, respectively.
- Road Transport & Highways Ministry amends safety norms, use of safety harness and crash helmet must for children below four years on motorcycles

- On Feb 16, 2022, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link: Longest tunnel of Indian Railways T-49 of 12.758 km length connected. It has surpassed Peer Panjal Tunnel of 11.2 Km length, which was constructed by USBRL on Banihal-Qazigund section.
- Govt. estimates record foodgrains production of 316.06 million tonnes for 2021-22. Foodgrains – 316.06 million tonnes. (record) Wheat –111.32 million tonnes. (record), Rice –127.93 million tonnes. (record),Maize –32.42 million tonnes. (record),Coarse Cereals/Nutri –49.86 million tones,Tur –4.00 million tones,Pulses –26.96 million tonnes. (record),Gram – 13.12 million tonnes. (record),Oilseeds –37.15 million tones,Soyabean –13.12 million tones,Groundnut – 9.86 million tones,Mustard and Rapeseed –11.46 million tonnes. (record),Cotton –34.06 million bales,Sugarcane – 414.04 million tonnes. (record),Mesta and Jute –9.57 million bales.
- On Feb 16, 2022, NITI Aayog in association with PhonePe launches Fintech Open Hackathon.
- English club Chelsea defeats Brazilian club Palmeiras in final to win FIFA Club World Cup in Abu Dhabi.
- National senior volleyball championships in Bhubaneswar: Kerala (women’s), Haryana (men’s) win titles.
- Researchers from University of Helsinki have developed a molecule, that can inactivate the coronavirus spike protein. It also offers effective short-term protection against the coronavirus.
- The DefExpo 2022 is scheduled to be held from March 10 to March 13, 2022. DefExpo exhibition is India’s biennial marquee event for defence manufacturing industry. The event will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, for the first time.
- On Feb 17, 2022, Nepal became first country to deploy India’s UPI (Unified Payments Interface) platform for digitalisation of cash transactions
- On Feb 17, 2022, First meeting of G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors under G20 Presidency of Indonesia held.
- Government has appointed Vice Admiral (retd) G Ashok Kumar as the nation’s first national maritime security coordinator with the view of strengthening the country’s maritime security.
- On February 19, 2022, Asia’s largest Bio-CNG plant was virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Indore. Indore is considered as one of the cleanest cities India.
- The National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad, has developed the “Fluorine Doped Tin Oxide (FTO) electrode fabricated with reduced Graphene Oxide (rGO)” to detect the Japanese Encephalitis Virus. Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) is the leading cause of mosquito-borne encephalitis in Western Pacific and South-East Asia. It is often misdiagnosed as Dengue. There is no cure available for JEV. Thus, its early detection is essential in order to mitigate a breakout.
- On February 18, 2022, Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs (MoHUA) interacted with the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in virtual mode, under the “Labharthiyon se Rubaroo” initiative. In the session, Secretary of MoHUA interacted with PMAY(U) beneficiaries from Assam, Kerala and Jharkhand to know about their empowerment stories and life transforming experiences after getting a pucca house of their own.



- The Sixth European Union-African Union Summit was held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022. This summit took place in Brussels, Belgium. The summit was co-chaired by Charles Michel, President of the European Council, and Macky Sall, President of Senegal, who was also the Chairperson of the African Union at the time. The immediate task is ensuring that vaccines are distributed equally. EU and AU will work together for the allocation, procurement, and deployment methods for medical products.
- On February 18, 2022, Govt. approves implementation of Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) project. This project will cost Rs 3375 crore for the period 2022-23 to 2025-26. This project is being implemented by the National Crime Records Bureau.
- On February 18, 2022, Centre approves continuation of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme for funding state government universities and colleges till 31st March 2026
- On February 18, 2022, Direct flight between Delhi and Khajuraho (MP) under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme inaugurated.
- Chetan Ghate appointed new Director of Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi.
- IndiaMart.com, Delhi's Palika Bazaar figure in 'US Notorious Markets List' for allowing counterfeiting and piracy.
- On February 18, 2022, IndiGo co-founder Rakesh Gangwal resigns from the company's board; co-founder Rahul Bhatia is MD.
- On February 18, 2022, Bill Gates conferred Hilal-e-Pakistan honour for efforts to eradicate polio; country's second highest civilian honour.
- On February 18, 2022, Shakibul Gani of Bihar becomes first to score triple hundred on First-Class debut in the Ranji Trophy match against Mizoram in Kolkata.
- On February 18, 2022, India-UAE sign Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have signed a trade agreement that will decrease import duties on the majority of Indian exports to the UAE. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is the government's first significant trade agreement since 2014.
- According to UNCTAD's Global Trade Update published on February 17th, global trade in goods continued strong in 2021, and trade in services finally returned to the levels of pre-COVID-19. Global trade touched \$28.5 trillion which is a record level in 2021, according to the research.
- In its new guidelines on data security, Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry has prohibited the sharing of secret or top-secret documents by its officials over Internet. They have also been asked not to use digital assistant devices like Amazon's Echo, Google Home in office, Apple's HomePod and turn off digital assistants, including Siri and Alexa, in their smartphones or watches. Officials have also been mandated to deposit their smart phones outside the meeting room during discussions on classified issues.
- On February 18, 2022, diversified energy major Indian Oil announced that, it has installed more than 1,000 electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) in India. Indian Oil is all set to provide EV charging facilities at 10,000 fuel stations in upcoming three years. This will provide confidence to customers for an uninterrupted drive and to automobile manufacturers in enhancing production of electric vehicles. Indian Oil installed its first EV charger at Nagpur, for public in 2017. Now, its

charging points are present across 500 towns and cities including multiple state and national highways.

- A team of researchers recently discovered a new species of bent-toed gecko or lizard, from Umroi Military station in Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya. The new species of Gecko or lizard belongs to the family of *Cyrtodactylus exercitus* ('exercitus' means army, in Latin). It has been named to honour the valour of Indian Army for their services to India.
- Under "Operation Nanhe Farishte", the Railway Protection Force (RPF) have rescued more than 1,000 kids from Railway stations across India, in the month of January, 2022. It saved 1,045 children who were found alone or were abandoned at the railway stations. Out of all, 701 were boys and 344 were girls.
- On February 19, 2022, PM flags off 100 'kisan drones' of Garuda Aerospace in different parts of the country for spraying pesticides and other farm materials
- Mumbai to host International Olympic Committee session in 2023
- 58th Munich Security Conference (MSC) organised in Germany on Feb 18-20.
- On February 19, 2022, Honorable Prime Minister inaugurates municipal solid waste based "Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant" in Indore ,Madhya Pradesh.
- Centre to launch doorstep distribution drive 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' for PMFBY (Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana) agriculture insurance scheme.
- India sweep T20 series 3-0 against West Indies.
- On February 20, 2022, Winter Olympics conclude in Beijing; Norway tops medals tally followed by Germany and China.
- UN celebrates World Day of Social Justice celebrated on Feb 20; theme: 'Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment'.
- Coal India Ltd wins 'Most Dependable Public Sector in India' award from Assocham.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla leading Parliamentary delegation to UAE from Feb 21 to 25,2022.
- Statehood Day of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh celebrated on Feb 20; both were Union Territories before becoming states on February 20, 1987.
- Govt. organising 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate' commemoration from February 22 to 28 to celebrate Science and Technology achievements over past 75 years.
- Assam government is set to launch a four-year mentorship programme called Project Arohan. This project will be launched to provide guidance to students and boost their skills. For this project, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma met Anita Rajan, CEO of Tata STRIVE, to sought their cooperation on this project. Tata STRIVE is a skill development programme of Tata Trusts.
- The Taj Mahotsav 2022 is scheduled to happen from March 20 to March 29, 2022. It is a 10-day cultural festival, held in Agra each year. It is the most well-known art, craft, gourmet, and culture festival, held at the crossroads of winter and spring.
- The Madhya Pradesh Kala Parishad organizes the Khajuraho Dance Festival, a one-week classical dance festival held annually beside the Khajuraho temples located in the Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh. This festival takes place from 20th to 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- The International Mother Language Day 2022 is being observed on February 21. The day is observed every year for promoting awareness on linguistic and cultural

diversity. The theme of International Mother Language Day 2022 is “Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities”.

- A study has revealed that moths are essential for pollination in northeast India’s Himalayan environment. The study established that 91 species of moths are pollinators of 21 different species of plants in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in the north-eastern Himalayas.

The city of Mumbai will be hosting the 2023 International Olympic Committee session. This event will see the election for the 2030 Winter Olympics host country and the sports programme for the Olympic Games scheduled in Los Angeles for the year 2028. This IOC session will be held either in the months of May or June the next year. The announcement confirms that India will host the prestigious IOC meeting for the first time since the year 1983. This will help in bringing in engagement between the Olympic Movement and the youths of the nation.

As India gets to host this session, India will be front-runners to host the 2030 Youth Olympics and can push for the 2036 Summer Olympics.

- According to Union Minister of State of Prime Minister’s office, Jitendra Singh, central government was planning to start ‘Purple Revolution’ in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir. Purple revolution will be planned by encouraging lavender cultivation under CSIR-IIIM’s Aroma Mission through the Ministry of Science and Technology. It will be planned on lines of Doda and Reasi districts.
- On February 21, 2022, DCGI grants Emergency Use Authorisation to COVID-19 vaccine Corbevax for children between 12-18 years of age group
- Ranveer Singh (83) and Kriti Sanon (Mimi) win Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Award 2022 in the Best Actor and Best Actress category.
- Air forces of India, Oman to conduct Eastern Bridge-VI exercise in Jodhpur from Feb 21 to 25,2022.
- On February 21, 2022,6th Anniversary of the launch of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission observed.Marking the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission, ministry of Rural Development approved 296 clusters under it.
- On February 21, 2022,IRCTC, NPCI, Bank of Baroda (BOB) Financial Solutions launch ‘IRCTC BoB RuPay Contactless Credit Card’ for railway customers.
- On February 21, 2022,16-year-old Indian chess Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa defeats world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen of Norway in 8th round of Airthings Masters rapid online chess tournament.
- Japan has launched its first hydrogen-powered train. This unveiling is seen as a step towards the country’s objective of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. The hydrogen-fuelled train will be tested in the country in March. “Hybari” the two-car train costs over USD 35 million or 4 billion yen and can go up to 140 kilometers or 87 miles at a top speed of 100 kilometers per hour on a single hydrogen refuelling. The train has been developed by East Japan Railway in association with Hitachi and Toyota Motor Corporation.
- On February 22, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the ‘Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate programme’ in virtual mode. Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate is a week-long, nationwide programme of competitions and lectures for school students and collegians. To organise this programme, Union Ministry of Science and Technology has selected three institutions in Madhya Pradesh. MP Council of Science and

Technology (MPCST) will hold the event in Bhopal, SGSITS College in Indore and Rani Durgavati University in Jabalpur.

- Storm Eunice sparked the first-ever red weather warning in London on February 19, 2022. It was one of the most powerful storms in Europe since 1984, when the Great Storm hit Britain and northern France.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> February, the World Day of Social Justice is observed annually. The United Nations General Assembly declared 20 February as the World Day of Social Justice, which was accepted on 26 November 2007, and observed annually since 2009. **'Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment'** is the theme of World Day of Social Justice 2022.
- With elections in Manipur being scheduled from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the candidates are holding a unique flag hoisting ceremony in their constituencies before embarking on campaigning to the people of the state. This ritual is unique to Manipur, is practiced by people of all races, political parties, religions, and communities. Generally, on an auspicious date, this ceremony is held in the courtyard of the respective candidate's home. The event consists of a priest's prayers, hoisting of the party flag by the candidate, and blessings from the elders of the community. The scale of the ceremony varies from one candidate to the other.
- A draft data policy has been published by the central government. This policy states that all data collected, maintained, and generated, by every government ministry and agency shall be open and shareable. The government could also monetize and earn from detailed datasets that have undergone value addition. The policy has been named **"Draft India Data Accessibility & Use Policy 2022."**
- Vedanta Ltds. Cairn Oil & Gas has discovered oil in the Barmer district of Rajasthan. The company has notified the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) about this discovery. This oil was discovered by Cairn Oil & Gas in a block that was given to them under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP). This discovery is the third such discovery that the company has notified under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy. 'Durga' is the name given to this discovery.
- A new naval air defence system named **'C-Dome'** has been successfully tested by Israel. The C-Dome is a naval variant of the Iron Dome of Israel. The Iron Dome is a missile system of Israel that is used to destroy and intercept missiles and rockets of short-range from the Gaza Strip.
- On February 22, 2022, Centre extends National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) till 2025-26; provides scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections. There will be minimum changes in the eligibility criteria like increasing the income ceiling from the present Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 3.5 lakh per annum. Also, PM CARES for Children Scheme Extended up to February 28, 2022.
- On February 22, 2022, Union Minister Giriraj Singh releases Rural Connectivity GIS (Geographic Information System) Data in Public Domain; that will benefit entrepreneurs. Also, Union Minister Giriraj Singh launches Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAYG) Dashboard.

- On February 22, 2022, Union Ministers Jitendra Singh, Kishan Reddy jointly inaugurate “Vigyan Sarvatra Pujiyate” (Universal Reverence for Science) program to celebrate the country’s scientific achievements.
- On February 22, 2022, Signature tune for “Vande Bharatam” composed by Ricky Kej and Bickram Ghosh released by Minister of State for Culture & External Affairs Meenakashi Lekhi.
- On February 22, 2022, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla flags off first consignment of humanitarian aid of 50,000 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan.
- On February 22, 2022, Finance Ministry’s Principal Economic Adviser Sanjeev Sanyal inducted into the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister as a full-time member.
- On February 22, 2022, Saudi Arabia celebrates its foundation day for the first time on Feb 22; founded in 1727.
- On February 22, 2022, Russia recognises independence of breakaway Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk.
- On February 22, 2022, 34th Federation Cup volleyball championships in Bhubaneswar: Services (men’), Kerala (women’s) win titles.
- A group of archaeologists have found 5,300-year-old skull in a Spanish tomb, that shows possibly the oldest evidence of ear surgery. Several cut marks are visible in the skull across the left ear canal. This implies that, surgery may have been done to relieve pain.
- In the city of Mumbai, the Financial Stability and Development Council’s (FSDC) 25th meeting was held. This meeting was held under the chair of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The first bank to set up shop in the metaverse is JP Morgan. A lounge in Decentraland, a blockchain-based community has been set up by the largest bank in the United States. Users can create virtual avatars and rooms, and travel in the ‘Onyx Lounge,’ of the Ethereum-based services it offers. A digitized image of the bank’s CEO, Jamie Dimon, is also displayed in the lounge.
- On February 23, 2022, the Reserve bank of India (RBI) cautioned public against carpooling app “sRide”. RBI caution against sRide App, stating that this firm was operating a semi-closed pre-paid instrument, without receiving authorization from the central bank, under Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) and Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) are taking part in a bilateral exercise names “Eastern Bridge- VI”, in a bid to booster operational efficiency through interoperability. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the exercise, taking place at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- On February 23, 2022, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya releases reports of Institute for Competitiveness (affiliated to Harvard Business School) on India’s COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
- On February 23, 2022, Tripura CM Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurates Second Bangladesh Film Festival in Agartala.
- On February 22, 2022, Professor Neena Gupta, conferred the Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians 2021. Neena Gupta is a mathematician from Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata. She conferred the award for her outstanding work in affine

algebraic geometry and commutative algebra. The Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians is a mathematics prize, that is awarded annually by “International Centre for Theoretical Physics” in Italy.

- On February 9, 2022, Iran unveiled a new missile called “Khaibar Buster Missile”, which is capable of hitting nearby US bases and Israel. It has a range of 900 miles.
- On February 23, 2022, the union minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated “Nikarshan Sadan Dredging Museum”. The Nikarshan Sadan Museum is built by “Dredging Corporation of India”, at DCI campus in Visakhapatnam.
- A joint team of scientists from IIT Delhi and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully demonstrated Quantum Key Distribution Link, for the first time in India. Quantum Key Distribution link will be created between Prayagraj and Vindhyachal in Uttar Pradesh, for a distance of around 100 km. Quantum key distribution is a secure communication method, that implements a cryptographic protocol comprising of components of quantum mechanics.
- Jammu & Kashmir’s Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has approved a foreign direct investment (FDI) policy for the union territory with a foreign stake of a minimum of 51 percent. L-G Manoj Sinha approved the Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in the Industrial Sector in J&K during a meeting of the Administrative Council (AC) in Jammu. This policy will be effective for the next ten years.
- On February 24, 2022, Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launches National Policy Guidelines on Bio-Medical Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- On February 24, 2022, Central Excise Day observed on Feb 24; commemorates the Central Excise and Salt Act enacted on 24th February 1944
- Rakesh Sharma reappointed as MD & CEO of IDBI Bank for a period of 3 years
- On February 24, 2022, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh launches Ombudsperson App for MNREGA. This app will help the Ombudsman in carrying out their duties in a transparent and accountable manner.
- On February 24, 2022, World Economic Forum and the National Institute of Urban Affairs sign a MoU to collaborate on a jointly designed ‘Sustainable Cities India program’. This partnership between WEF and NIUA is significant in the light of India’s commitment of achieving net zero carbon emission by 2070, made at COP26 summit in Glasgow.
- On February 24, 2022, Defence Ministry signs MoU to onboard pension services under SPARSH across over 4 lakh Common Service Centres.
- The Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP) is a type of implant that bypasses the optic nerves and the retina to link directly to the brain’s visual cortex. At Rush University Medical Center, this was successfully placed surgically in the study’s first participant. The surgery that was conducted is a part of Phase I Feasibility Study of an Intracortical Visual Prosthesis for Blind People. The ICVP system was developed by a team which is led by Philip R. Troyk, executive director of Illinois Institute of Technology’s Pritzker Institute of Biomedical Science and Engineering.

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras Research Park in association with the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) hosted the “OCEANS 2022 conference”. OCEANS conference is a bi-annual event of global marine researchers. It was hosted in India, for the first time. Department of Ocean Engineering is coordinating the OCEANS 2022 conference, on behalf of Marine Technology Society and Institution of Electrical & Electronics Engineering (IEEE) Ocean Engineering Society.
- ‘Chandrayaan-2 Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer (CLASS)’ payload of Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter detected solar proton events recently. The Solar Proton Events significantly increase the radiation exposure to humans in space.
- According to an annual report which has been published by the prominent US Chamber of Commerce’s Global Innovation Policy Center, India’s total IP score has risen from 38.4 percent to 38.6 percent, and the country is now ranked 43 out of 55 countries on the International Intellectual Property Index. The overall score of India has increased from 38.40 percent (19.20 out of 50) in the ninth edition of this report to 38.64 percent (19.32 out of 50) in the latest edition.
- Honorable President Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates year-long celebration marking 400th birth anniversary of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan in Guwahati
- Indian Navy’s multilateral exercise MILAN 2022 being held in Visakhapatnam from Feb 25 to March 4; theme: ‘Camaraderie – Cohesion- Collaboration’.
- India, Japan to conduct military exercise “Dharma Guardian 2022” in Belgaum, Karnataka, from Feb 27 to March 10.
- On February 25, 2022, Education Ministry launches Bhasha Certificate Selfie campaign to promote Bhasha Sangam mobile app.
- Defence Ministry awards Rs 1,075 crore contract to BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited) for retro-modification of commander sight in battle tanks.
- Union Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane announces establishment of MSME-Technology Centre with an outlay of Rs. 200 crores in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra.
- Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane launches Union Bank MSME RuPay Credit Card.
- C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics) bags 3 awards for its indigenously designed & developed innovative Telecom solutions at 12th Annual Aegis Graham Bell Awards.
- High Commission of India in Dhaka launches Suborno Jayanti Scholarship website.
- A 1.7-megawatt solar photovoltaic plant has been commissioned by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) at Bina, Madhya Pradesh for the Indian Railways. This is the first such Solar Power Plant commissioned on the Indian Railways network to directly feed Traction Power.
- Chinese rover Yutu-2 recently discovered mysterious glass spheres on far side of the moon. The paper highlighting the discovery was published in Science Bulletin.
- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is organising “Devayatanam Conference”, as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Conference is being held on February 25 and 26, 2022 at Hampi, Karnataka. It was inaugurated by union minister for Culture, Tourism and DoNER Shri G Kishan Reddy.

- On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a military operation in Ukraine, which was termed as “full-scale invasion” by Ukrainian foreign minister. Russian troops launched a full-scale invasion in Ukraine and targeted its bases and cities with airstrikes and shelling. The Russian army captured airfield near capital of Ukraine, Kyiv. It also took control of the Chernobyl nuclear plant. It has attacked Ukraine, from three sides (Land, Sea, Air).
- The first country in the world that has authorized the use of a plant-based COVID-19 vaccine is Canada. The two-dose vaccine of Medicago can be given to adults who are aged between 18 to 64, but little data is available on the shots received by people aged 65 and above. Covifenz is the name given to this vaccine.
- Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti 2022 is being celebrated on February 26, 2022. Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati was born on February 12, 1824. According to traditional Hindu calendar, he was born on the Dashami Tithi of Phalguna Krishna Paksha. Thus, in 2022, occasion is being celebrated February 26.
- In October 2019, Anoop Kumar Mendiratta became the first serving judge to be appointed as Union Law Secretary, among 60 candidates. On February 25, 2022, he became the first Union Law Secretary to be appointed as a judge in High Court.
- On February 24, 2022, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia, announced that Delhi will get India’s first e-waste eco-park. First electronic-waste eco-friendly park will be set up in Delhi, to handle the increasing e-waste. Dismantling, Re-cycling, Re-furbishing and re-manufacturing of the waste will be done in a safe and scientific manner. The Card comes with interest free credit up to 50 days
- India abstained from a United Nations Security Council resolution sponsored by the United States that strongly condemned Russia’s aggression against Ukraine. India stated that discussion is the only way to resolve differences and issues, and expressed regret that diplomacy was abandoned. Russia, chaired the meeting as it holds the presidency for the month of February vetoed the resolution. China along with United Arab Emirates (UAE) has also abstained.
- Cyclone Ennati wreaked havoc on Madagascar. It made landfall just north of the south-eastern district of Manakara.
- On February 24, 2022, India and Nepal agreed to set up a joint task force on “proposal to construct a hydropower project” from investments of both the countries.
- Tamil Nadu government has begun work to set up the first Dugong Conservation Reserve of India in the Palk Bay region. Dugongs are endangered species and are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act’s, 1972 Schedule 1.
- On February 26, 2022, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launches National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022.
- India, Oman conduct 5-day air exercise ‘Eastern Bridge-VI’ in Jodhpur from Feb 21 to 25.
- On February 26, 2022, Govt approves national roll-out of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) with budget of Rs. 1,600 crore for five years.
- On February 26, 2022, Cabinet approves supply of coal through common e-auction window instead of sector-specific auctions.



- The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, is all set to receive the “CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award” at an annual international energy conference which is scheduled in March 2021.
- Amin Awad of Sudan to serve as UN Crisis Coordinator for Ukraine.
- Joe Biden nominates Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, first Black woman, to US Supreme Court.
- Govt. continuing ‘Operation Ganga’ to evacuate Indian citizens stranded in Ukraine.
- Over 550 Indian biotechnologists returned to pursue careers in India under the Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship scheme: Govt.
- States that don’t appoint MGNREGA ombudsperson in at least 80% districts won’t get funds from Centre.
- India complete 3-0 sweep in T20I series against Sri Lanka by winning 3rd match at Dharamshala.
- 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria: India’s Nikhat Zareen (52kg) and Nitu (48kg) win gold medals.
- Dabang Delhi defeat Patna Pirates 37-36 in final to clinch ProKabaddi League title in Bengaluru.
- Kolkata Thunderbolts won RuPay Prime Volleyball League title in Hyderabad by defeating Ahmedabad Defenders in final.
- Pooja Jatyan wins silver in Para World Archery Championships in Dubai.
- Rafael Nadal wins men’s singles title at Mexican Open tennis at Acapulco.
- Marathi Bhasha Gourav Day celebrated on Feb 27; birth anniversary of author Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar alias Kusumagraj.
- Scientists have discovered a bacterium that is big enough to be seen through the naked eye. It has been named Thiomargarita magnifica and is said to be the size of a fly. It’s nearly 5,000 times bigger than most other microorganisms.
- In his Mann ki Baat broadcast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged security agencies to include Indian breeds, instead of foreign ones in their dog squads, in the direction of Atmanirbhar Bharat. In this direction, most security agencies have taken steps to train and enlist Indian breeds of repute such as Mudhol hounds, Rajapalayam and Rampur Hounds. He advised to train dogs, that are found at the border of Karnataka and Maharashtra.
- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandavia, launched the National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022, on February 26.
- On February 27, 2022, the ministry of external affairs set up 24×7 control centres in order to assist the evacuation of Indian nationals from Ukraine.
- On 28 February, every year National Science Day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of scientists towards the nation’s development. On 28 February 1928, an important discovery in the field of spectroscopy was made by renowned Indian Physicist Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman. Later, this discovery was named after him i.e. the Raman Effect. In 1930, CV Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work. ‘Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future’ is the theme for this year’s National Science Day.
- On February 27, 2022, China launched a Long March-8 rocket to place 22 satellites in space.

- On the fourth day of Russian invasion to Ukraine, Russia destroyed the largest plane in the world called “Ukraine’s Antonov-225 cargo plane”. The plane was destroyed outside Kyiv. The aircraft was unique to the world. It was 84 meters long and could transport up to 250 tonnes of cargo at a speed of 850 kilometres per hour.
- On February 26, 2022, the North-West Frontier Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) organised an ice wall climbing competition in Ladakh, for the first time. More than 100 climbers took part in the competition. It was attended by the lieutenant governor of Ladakh, Radha Krishna Mathur.
- The Road Transport and Highways Ministry have decided to increase the compensation to the kin of hit-and-run victims by eight times to Rs 2 lakh in case of death starting April 1. The solatium for a person who suffers serious injuries in a hit-and-run case would be increased from Rs 12,500 to Rs 50,000. Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022 might be the name given to this scheme.
- Every year on February 27, people all over the world celebrate World NGO Day to honour the work and contributions of various NGOs. NGO stands for Non-Governmental Organization, and it is a type of organization that works to improve society.
- Janaushadhi Diwas week to be observed from March 1 to 7; theme: “Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi”.
- Ministry of Women & Child Development to celebrate International Women’s Day Week from March 1 to 8.
- On 28 February,2022 ,Minister of States for Education Annpurna Devi presents National ICT Awards to 49 teachers.
- On 28 February,2022 ,AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy formally dedicates INS Visakhapatnam to the City of Destiny.
- On 28 February,2022 ,Madhabi Puri Buch appointed first woman Chairperson of SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) for a term of three years.
- On 28 February,2022 ,Former Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia nominated again as Chairman of state-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) for two-year term starting March 1.
- On 28 February,2022 , India and Japan renew bilateral swap arrangement of \$75 billion.

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