

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF FEBRUARY 2022

Persons

The former Chief Minister of Odisha (first tribal CM of Odisha) who passed away on 25.02.2022 – **Shri Hemananda Biswal**

The Indian singer, composer and record producer famous for popularising disco music in Indian cinema who passed away on 15.02.2022 – **Bappi Lahiri**

The veteran Indian playback singer and musician, specialising in Bengali music (recipient of Banga Bibhushan (2011), Padma Bhushan (2022) (refused) who passed away on 15.02.2022 – **Sandhya Mukherjee**

The noted Indian industrialist, recipient of Padma Bhushan in 2001, who passed away on 12.02.2022 – **Shri Rahul Bajaj**

The Indian industrialist who has been ranked as Asia's richest person overtaking Mukesh Ambani in the Bloomberg Billionaire Index – **Shri Gautam Adani**

The former Indian Olympic film and television actor, (who played the role of Bheem in Mahabharata), who passed away on 07.02.2022 – **Praveen Kumar Sobti**

Defence

Indian Navy's multilateral exercise conducted in Visakhapatnam from 25 February to 04 March with the theme 'Camaraderie – Cohesion – Collaboration' is named – **Milan 22**

The bilateral exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) from 21 to 25 February 2022 at Air Force Station Jodhpur is named – **Eastern Bridge-VI**

Sports

The Indian chess player who defeated the world chess champion Magnus Carlsen in an online rapid chess tournament – **R. Praggnanandhaa**

The New Zealand cricketer who has been chosen for the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award for not taking an easy single during the T20 World Cup semifinal against England as he felt he had "obstructed" the way of bowler – **Daryl Mitchell**

Awards

The Indian industrialist who has been conferred Assam's highest civilian award Assam Vaibhav for his extraordinary contribution to cancer patients' care in the state – **Ratan Tata**

Places

The city in which Asia's biggest 'gobar-dhan' Bio-CNG (550-tonne capacity) plant was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Indore**

The city in which India's first water-taxi service was inaugurated by the Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal – **Mumbai**

The place at which the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' commemorating the 11th-century Bhakti Saint Sri Ramanujacharya was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Hyderabad**

Miscellaneous

The theme of National Science Day observed on 28 February 2022 – **Integrated approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future**

The operation launched by Govt of India to bring back students studying in Ukraine from its neighbouring countries viz Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Hungary is named – **Operation Ganga**

The Maharatna company which has been awarded the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award at the "Energy Meet and Excellence Award" function organized by Industry Chamber "ASSOCHAM" – **Coal India Ltd**

The earth observation satellite launched aboard PSLV-C52 by ISRO from Sriharikota on 14.02.2022 – **EOS-04 (RISAT1)**

The central sector scheme, launched by the Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar, to provide welfare and rehabilitation to the Transgender community and the people engaged in the act of begging is named – **SMILE**

The State in which 7 Indian Army personnel lost their lives after being hit by an avalanche – **Arunachal Pradesh**

The inland waterway vessel which set sail from Patna carrying 200 Metric Tonnes of foodgrains headed for Pandu in Guwahati via Bangladesh to reach the destination by early March, 2022 – **MV Lal Bahadur Shastri**

Highlights of Union Budget 2022-23

- India's economic growth estimated at 9.2% to be the highest among all large economies.
- 60 lakh new jobs to be created under the productivity linked incentive scheme in 14 sectors.
- Entering Amrit Kaal, the 25 year long lead up to India @100, the budget provides impetus for growth along four priorities:
 - PM GatiShakti
 - Inclusive Development

- Productivity Enhancement & Investment, Sunrise opportunities, Energy Transition, and Climate Action.
- Financing of investments
- National Highways Network to be expanded by 25000 Km in 2022-23.
- One Station One Product concept to help local businesses & supply chains.
- 2000 Km of railway network to be brought under Kavach, the indigenous world class technology and capacity augmentation in 2022-23.
- 400 new generation Vande Bharat Trains to be manufactured during the next three years.
- 100 PM GatiShakti Cargo terminals for multimodal logistics to be developed during the next three years.
- National Ropeways Development Program, Parvatmala to be taken up on PPP mode.
- Rs. 2.37 lakh crore direct payment to 1.63 crore farmers for procurement of wheat and paddy.
- Kisan Drones' for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides and nutrients.
- Digital Ecosystem for Skilling and Livelihood (DESH-Stack e-portal) will be launched to empower citizens to skill, reskill or upskill through on-line training.
- One class-One TV channel programme of PM eVIDYA to be expanded to 200 TV channels.
- Digital University for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience to be established.
- An open platform for National Digital Health Ecosystem to be rolled out.
- National Tele Mental Health Programme' for quality mental health counselling and care services to be launched.
- Two lakh anganwadis to be upgraded to Saksham Anganwadis.
- Rs. 60,000 crore allocated to cover 3.8 crore households in 2022-23 under Har Ghar, Nal se Jal.
- Rs. 48,000 crore allocated for completion of 80 lakh houses in 2022-23 under PM Awas Yojana.
- New scheme PM-DevINE launched to fund infrastructure and social development projects in the North-East.
- Vibrant Villages Programme for development of Border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure on the northern border.
- 100 per cent of 1.5 lakh post offices to come on the core banking system.
- e-Passports with embedded chip and futuristic technology to be rolled out.
- Unique Land Parcel Identification Number for IT-based management of land records.
- Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) to be established for speedy winding-up of companies.
- Introduction of Digital Rupee by the Reserve Bank of India starting 2022-23.

Important Days of February

World Wetlands Day: 02 February 2021

Designated by: Ramsar Convention Secretariat

Theme: **Wetlands Action for People and Nature**

First Observed in: 1997

<p>World Cancer Day: 04 February 2021 Designated by: Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) Theme: Close the Care Gap. First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation: 06 February 2021 Designated by: U.N.O. First Observed in: 2013 Theme: Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation</p>
<p>Safer Internet Day: 08 February 2021 Designated by: European Union Theme: Together for a better internet First Observed in: 2004</p>
<p>World Pulses Day: 10 February 2021 Designated by: U.N.O. First Observed in: 2020 Theme: Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems</p>
<p>International Day of Women and Girls in Science: 11 February 2021 Designated by: U.N.O. First Observed in: 2016 Theme: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us</p>
<p>World Radio Day: 13 February 2021 Designated by: UNESCO Theme: Yes to Radio to Trust First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p>World Day of Social Justice: 20 February 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2008 Theme: Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment</p>
<p>International Mother Language Day: 21 February 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p>Rare Disease Day: 28 February 2021 (Last day of February) Designated by: European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS) Theme: Share Your Colours First Observed in: 2008</p>

Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022

Best Film: **Shershaah**

Best Director: **Ken Ghosh** for film State of Siege: Temple Attack

Best International Feature Film: **Another Round**

Best Actor: **Ranveer Singh** for 83

Best Actress: **Kriti Sanon** for Mimi

Outstanding Contribution to Films: **Asha Parekh**

Film of the Year: **Pushpa: The Rise**

Sushri Lata Mangeshkar

Born: 28.09.1929; Passed away: 06.02.2022

Awards

Bharat Ratna (2001)

Padma Bhushan (1969), Padma Vibhushan (1999)

Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1989)

France's Legion of Honour (2007)

In 1984, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh instituted the Lata Mangeshkar Award in her honour.

In 1992, the State Government of Maharashtra also instituted a Lata Mangeshkar Award in her honour

Note: Only a selective list of awards given above.

ICC Under-19 World Cup 2022

Host: **West Indies**

Winners: **India** (5th title)

Runners-up: England

Player of the Series: **Dewald Brevis** (South Africa)

Most runs: **Dewald Brevis** (South Africa)

Most wickets: **Dunith Wellalage** (Sri Lanka)

Captain of the Indian team: **Yash Dhull**

Republic Day 2022 Awards

Best marching Contingent among three services: **Indian Navy**

Best Marching Contingent among three services (Popular Choice): **Indian Air Force**

Best Tableaux Central Ministry/Departments: **Ministry of Education and Ministry of Civil Aviation** (Joint winners)

Best Tableaux Central Ministry/Departments (Popular Choice): **Ministry of Communication/ Department of Posts**

Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces: **CISF**

Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces (Popular Choice): **CRPF**

Best State Tableaux: 1. **Uttar Pradesh**; 2. Karnataka; 3. Meghalaya

Best State Tableaux (Popular Choice): **Maharashtra**

Abbreviations in News

PM-DevINE: Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East

SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise

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