

# TEACHERS' VISION

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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 13<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

- 1) **Indian National Women's Day** is observed every year on **13 February** to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu. She was famous for her nickname 'Nightingale of India' or '**Bharat Kokila**' because of her poems. Sarojini Naidu is well-known across the globe for her contributions to literature. In 1925 Sarojini Naidu became the president of the Indian National Congress. When she graces the United Provinces as Governor in 1947, she rewrites the history by becoming the first woman to hold the office of Governor in the Dominion of India.
- 2) **Anti-Smuggling Day - 11 February, FICCI**. CASCADE Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying Economy. FICCI Founded: 1927; Headquarters: New Delhi; President: Sanjiv Mehta;
- 3) **Maharashtra's Health Minister, Rajesh Tope has announced that "HopeExpress"** will be launched in the state to prevent cancer. Mosaic-3D radiation machine is the first such machine in India. The State Health Minister also promised to take initiative to start Hope Express in every district of the state through district planning.
- 4) **The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) Survey** is the largest annual study of entrepreneurial dynamics in the world. GEM was conceived in 1999 and has since been venerated for the credibility and coverage of its research. GEM began in 1999 as a joint research project between Babson College (USA) and London Business School (UK). The United Kingdom was a founding GEM nation and the first GEM UK report was produced in 1999. HQ of GEM: London, UK.
  - As per the report 2021-22, **India is ranked at 4th spot** in Ease of starting business.
  - It is topped by Saudi Arabia.
  - 2nd and 3rd Netherlands & Sweden
- 5) **Israel became first country to allow drones in civilian airspace** Israel becomes the first-ever country to allow drone flights in civilian airspace. The certification was issued to the Hermes Starliner unmanned system by the Israeli Civil Aviation Authority and was manufactured and developed by Elbit Systems, an Israeli defence electronics company.
- 6) **Union Power Minister R K Singh has announced that India will achieve zero-diesel use in agriculture and replace fossil fuel with renewable energy by 2024.** This initiative is a part of the government's commitment to increase the share of non-fossil fuels by 2030 and become a net-zero emitter by 2070.
- 7) **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has launched the 'JIVA programme'** to promote natural farming. NABARD Formation: July 12, 1982 Headquarters: Mumbai; Chairman: Govinda Rajulu Chintala.

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- 8) **State Bank of India (SBI) Research Report, Ecowrap, has revised downwards the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate of India for FY22 (2021-22) to 8.8 percent.** Earlier this was estimated at 9.3 per cent. The report projects the GDP to grow at 5.8 per cent in the third quarter (Q3) of FY2021-2022 (October-December).
- 9) **JPMorgan has become the world's first bank to set up shop in the metaverse.** The largest bank in the US has opened a lounge in the blockchain-based world Decentraland. Users can create their virtual avatars, build virtual spaces. CEO: Jamie Dimon. Founded in 2000.
- 10) **MP Shashi Tharoor introduced a Private Member's Bill in the Lok Sabha proposing the enactment of a Refugee and Asylum law.** The Bill lays down comprehensive criteria for recognising asylum seekers and refugees and prescribes specific rights and duties accruing from such status.
- 11) **Nepal to become the first country to adopt India's UPI system** -Nepal will be the first country to adopt India's UPI system, which will play a pivotal role in transforming the digital economy of the neighbouring country, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The international arm of NPCI, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has joined hands with Gateway Payments Service (GPS) and ManamInfotech to provide the services in Nepal, according to PTI.
- BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) is a UPI enabled initiative to facilitate safe, easy & instant digital payments through your mobile phone.
- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is an instant real-time payment system developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) facilitating inter-bank peer-to-peer (P2P) and person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions. NPCI is umbrella organization for all digital payments. The interface is regulated by the (RBI) and works by instantly transferring funds between two bank accounts on a mobile platform.
- 12) **World Radio Day, 13 Feb 2022** February 13 is World Radio Day, which celebrates the radio as a way of educating people, providing information, and promoting freedom of expression across cultures. Each year the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) celebrates World Radio Day by planning activities with broadcasters, organizations and communities around the world.
- The theme of the 2022 edition of World Radio Day is thus devoted to "Radio and Trust". On the occasion of World Radio Day 2022, UNESCO calls on radio stations worldwide to celebrate this event's 11th edition and more than a century of radio.
- 13) **Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 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. Bihar Governor: Phagu Chauhan; Capital: Patna; Chief minister: Nitish Kumar.

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- 14) DebashisMitra takes over as ICAI President;** Aniket Sunil Talati becomes VP: DebashisMitra has been elected as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23. Mitra, who is serving his third term in ICAI Council, has been in the accounting profession for more than 34 years. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament, viz. The Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (Act No.XXXVIII of 1949) for regulating the profession of Chartered Accountancy in the country.
- 15) RBL Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, announced a partnership with Credits Solutions,** a global technology company in the field of delinquency management, for its 'Neo Collections' platform. RBL Bank will utilise the SaaS-based platform to accelerate efficiency in collections across the loan cycle. RBL Bank Founded: 1943Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; CEO & MD: Rajeev Ahuja; Bank Tagline: ApnoKa Bank.
- 16) Government has approved the continuation of the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme)** for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) has been implemented by the union government since 1969-70 for reforming the state police forces.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is responsible for implementing the Modernization of Police Forces (MPF) Scheme.
  - The modernization of the Police Forces (MPF) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme
- 17) Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor, Manoj Sinha has launched a QR code-based mechanism for certification and labelling of handmade carpets of the union territory.** With the QR-based application, which is the first of its kind in the country, customers can check and verify the authenticity and other requisite details of carpets produced in Jammu and Kashmir, read an official statement from the administration.
- 18) Former Turkish Airlines Chairman IlkerAyci named Air India CEO and MD:** Ilker Ayci has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Air India. He will assume his responsibilities on or before 1st April 2022. IlkerAyci is a former chairman of Turkish Airlines. Ayci was born in Istanbul in 1971. After graduating from the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Bilkent University, he served as a researcher in the Department of Political Sciences at Leeds University in the U.K. Tata Group Founder: Jamsetji Tata in 1868, Mumbai.
- 19) Reliance Jio partners with a European firm to provide satellite-based broadband in India.** Jio Platforms is an Indian technology company and a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, headquartered in Mumbai, India. Established in 2019, It acts as a holding company for India's largest mobile network operator Jio and other digital businesses of Reliance.

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In May 2020, it was reported to be the fourth largest Indian company by market capitalization. Since April 2020, Reliance Industries has raised 165,000 crore (US\$22 billion) by selling 33% equity stake in the company.

SES is one of the world's leading satellite owners and operators with over 70 satellites in two different orbits, geostationary orbit (GEO) and medium Earth orbit (MEO).

The two companies have formed a joint venture, Jio Space Technology Limited, in which Jio Platforms (JPL) and SES will own 51 percent and 49 percent equity stake respectively. The joint venture will be the vehicle for providing SES's satellite data and connectivity services in India, except for certain international aeronautical and maritime customers who may be served by SES.

**20) CBI finds India's biggest bank fraud of Rs 22,842 cr, books ABG Shipyard:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a case against ABG Shipyard Ltd, one of the largest private sector shipping companies in the country,

For allegedly cheating a consortium of 28 banks and financial institutions led by ICICI Bank to the tune of Rs.22,842 crore, the largest amount in a single bank fraud case ever. ABG Shipyard Ltd is the flagship company of the ABG Group and is engaged in the business of shipbuilding and ship-repair and is a major player in the Indian ship building industry. Its yards are located in Dahej and Surat in Gujarat.

According to the complaint filed by the State Bank of India in the matter, the total exposure of 28 banks and financial institutions as on date is 22,842 crore,

Out of which the ABG owes highest amount - 7,089 crore to the ICICI Bank, 3,639 crore to IDBI Bank, 2,925 crore to SBI, 1,614 crore to Bank of Baroda, 1,244 crore to Punjab National Bank and so on.

**21) ISRO launched three satellites into orbit:** ISRO's PSLV C-52 Rocket, carried Earth Observation Satellite EOS-04 along with two co-passenger payloads. Life 10 years. Click images. The rocket carried two small satellites

Student Satellite INSPIRESat-1: from Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology (IIST) in association with Laboratory of Atmospheric & Space Physics at University of Colorado.

INS-2TD: A technology demonstrator satellite from ISRO, which is a precursor to India-Bhutan Joint Satellite (INS 2B).

The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) launched from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR, Sriharikota AP. It is ISRO's first launch of 2022 and under the new Chairman S.Somanath.

This was the 80th launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota; 54th flight of PSLV; and the 23rd flight of PSLV in XL configuration.

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Sun-synchronous orbit (SSO) is a particular kind of polar orbit. Satellites in SSO, travelling over the polar regions, are synchronous with the Sun. This means they are synchronised to always be in the same 'fixed' position relative to the Sun.

**22) Paisabazaar.com, a digital platform for consumer credit, has partnered with RBL Bank Limited to offer 'Paisa on Demand' (PoD), a credit card that will be exclusively available on the Paisabazaar platform. To build products that offer integrated services for the large under-served segments across India. This is the third product under Paisabazaar's neo-lending strategy.**

**23) Delhi High Court Appoints Justice Gita Mittal As Chairperson Of Committee Of Administrators To Run Table Tennis Federation Of India.** President: Dushyant Chautala

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Table Tennis Federation of India Founded: 1926.

**24) WHO launches Quit Tobacco App:** The 'WHO Quit Tobacco App' is the latest tobacco control initiative by the WHO South-East Asia Region. It was launched during WHO's year-long 'Commit to quit' campaign. The App was launched by Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO-SEAR, during WHO's year-long 'Commit to quit' campaign, is the latest tobacco control initiative by the WHO South-East Asia Region.

**25) Vineet Joshi, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Education, was on Monday, 14 February, appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).** He will be succeeding Manoj Ahuja as the chairperson. The development came soon after Manoj Ahuja was appointed as the OSD in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

**26) February 15 is observed as International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) to raise awareness about the evil that entails this issue and the ways to deal with the same.**

**27) Indian fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) company Dabur has become India's first plastic waste-neutral company,** meaning it collects, processes and recycles as much packaging as it sells. In the fiscal year 2022 (FY22), the company collected, processed and recycled around 27,000mt of post-consumer plastic waste from across the country. Dabur has also announced the beginning of a new 'Save the Environment' campaign in Himachal Pradesh to raise community awareness about how to manage home plastic waste.

- Dabur India CEO: Mohit Malhotra;
- Dabur India Headquarters: Ghaziabad;
- Dabur India Founder: S.K. Burman;
- Dabur India Founded: 1884.

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28) Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) has released the FAITH 2035 vision document containing goals and an execution path for making Indian tourism preferred and loved by the world by the year 2035. The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH), the policy federation of all the national associations representing the complete tourism, travel and hospitality industry of India . NakulAnand, Chairman, FAITH.

29) The union government approved a new scheme "New India Literacy Programme" during the fiscal years 2022-2027 to cover all the aspects of adult education and also to align with national education policy 2020.

The objectives of the scheme is to impart not only foundational literacy and numeracy but also to cover other components which are necessary for a citizen of 21st century such as critical life skills, the ministry said. All material and resources will be provided digitally for easy access to registered volunteers through easily accessible digital modes. (TV, radio, cell phone-based free/open-source Apps/portals, etc.)

The scheme aims to align Adult Education will all aspects of National Education Policy 2020 and Budget Announcements 2021-22. The government has now replaced the term "Adult Education" as 'Education for All' in the country.

30) The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) held from 16th to 18th February 2022. It is the annual flagship event of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). This year i.e. 2022 marks the twenty first edition of this summit.

The theme for this year's Summit is 'Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future'. The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has delivered the inaugural address at The Energy and Resources Institute's (TERI) World Sustainable Development Summit

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