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## WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIR 27<sup>TH</sup> FEB - 5<sup>TH</sup> MAR 2022

- Gol launches mission named Operation Ganga to evacuate nationals from Ukraine. Due to the ongoing tension between Ukraine and Russia, Ukraine has been declared as a no-fly zone by the authorities for the safety and security of the nations. Due to this many Indian nationals were left stranded in Ukraine.
- 2. Union Minister for MSME, Shri Narayan Rane, has announced the establishment of MSME-Technology Centre with an outlay of Rs.200 Crore, in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. MSME Ministry has set up nearly 2000+ new manufacturing units in Konkan; huge scope of employment creation in Maharashtra.
- 3. World NGO Day 2022 February 27.

World Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Day is annually observed across the globe on 27th February. World NGO Day is dedicated to recognise, celebrate, and honour all non-governmental and nonprofit organizations that contribute to society. In 2010, World NGO Day was proposed by the Civil Alliance – Latvia at the IX Baltic Sea NGO Forum of the Council of the Baltic Sea States(CBSS). The first World NGO Day was observed on 27th February 2014 by the United Nations(UN), European Union(EU), Nordic Council leaders and international organizations.

4. 3rd National Protein Day – 27th February 2022.

National Protein Day is annually observed across India on 27th February to create public awareness and educate India about the health benefits of protein. The 27th February 2022 marks the observance of the 3rd National Protein Day in India. The theme of National Protein Day 2022 is "Food Futurism". The National Protein Day in India was launched by 'Right to Protein', The first ever National Protein Day was observed on 27th February 2020.

5. Rare Disease Day observed on 28 February 2022.

Rare Disease Day is an observance held on the last day of February to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatment.

The European Organisation for Rare Diseases established the day in 2008 to raise awareness for unknown or overlooked illnesses.

EURORDIS Founded: 1997.

EURORDIS Headquarters location: Paris, France.

6. National Science Day 2022 February 28:

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Each year, February 28 is celebrated as National Science Day to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by Indian physicist CV Raman. This year, the theme of the celebrations is 'Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future'.

The day was first celebrated on February 28, 1987. On this day, scientist

ChandrasekharaVenkata Raman discovered the Raman Effect. Raman won the Nobel Prize in 1930 for his work on 'The scattering of light and the discovery of the Raman effect.'

In 1954, CV Raman was awarded the Bharat Ratna.

### 7. Singapore Weightlifting International 2022: India secures 8 medals.

India concluded its campaign at the Singapore Weightlifting International 2022 with eight medals, including six golds and one silver and one bronze.

Each of the eight Indian lifters who registered for Singapore International won medals and secured their spots at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, scheduled to be held in July-August. India now has total of 12 weightlifters qualified for the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.

**8. Ministry of Education has launched a campaign 'Bhasha Certificate Selfie.** Using the app, people can learn 100+ sentences of daily use in as many as 22 scheduled Indian languages.

The initiative, under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat will aim to ensure that people acquire basic conversational skills in Indian languages.

BhashaSangam mobile app was launched by Minister of Education and Skill Development

Dharmendra Pradhan while commemorating RashtriyaEktaDiwas which is celebrated on October

31 every year to mark the birth anniversary of SardarVallabhbhai Patel.

## 9. Polio National Immunization Day 2022)

The National Polio Immunization Drive for 2022 was launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare DrMansukhMandavia on February 26, 2022.

India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in 2012 and in 2013 the entire Southeast Asia Region was declared Polio free.

The last case of wild poliovirus reported in India was on 13th January 2011.

## 10. MadhabiPuriBuch appointed first woman chairperson of SEBI.

Ms. Buch (57), who was not only the first woman whole-time member of SEBI but also the first person from the private sector working at the regulator, has been appointed for a three-year term.

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Mr. Tyagi (63), a 1984 batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, was appointed as SEBI Chairperson on March 1, 2017, for three years.

11. Delhi cabinet approves India's first e-waste eco-park, film policy to boost tourism. The Delhi government has announced the setting up of the 'country's first' electronic-waste eco-friendly park in the national capital to handle the increasing e-waste. Sisodia informed that the park will be built on 20 acres of land.

Nearly, 2 lakh tonnes of e-waste are thrown by Delhi every year. This eco-park will recycle, refurbish and dismantle e-waste in a scientific and safe way.

12. New Development Bank 1st multilateral agency to open office in Gift City. New

Development Bank (NDB) will become the first multilateral agency to open an office in the Gujarat International Finance Tech City (Gift). The New Development Bank (NDB), formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states.

The idea of setting up NDB was first conceived in 2012 during BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India. The Agreement for establishing NDB was signed during the BRICS Summit held in Fortaleza on July 15, 2014 and the Bank started operations on July 21, 2015. Mr. K.V. Kamath from India was the first President of the NDB (2015-2020). Mr. Marcos Prado Troyjo from Brazil is the current President of NDB. Headquarters Location: Shanghai, China;

## 13. Zero Discrimination Day observed on 01st March.

The Zero Discrimination Day is held every year on the 1st of March. The day aims to ensure right to equality, inclusion and protection of all people without any discrimination in their law.

The theme of 2022: "Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower"

The day was first celebrated on March 1, 2014, and was launched by UNAIDS Executive Director at Beijing after UNAIDS launched its Zero Discrimination Campaign on World AIDS Day in December 2013.

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;

**UNAIDS Executive Director:** Winnie Byanyima;

UNAIDS Founded: 26 July 1994.

14. JanaushadhiDiwas week to be observed from 1st March to 7th March.

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The theme of 4th JanaushadhiDiwas: "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi". The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan MantriBhartiyaJanaushadhiKendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.

### 15. 28th DST-CII India-Singapore Technology Summit 2022 Held Virtually.

On February 23-24, 2022, the 28th edition of DST-CII India-Singapore Technology Summit 2022 held virtually on the theme 'Building Economies for the Future' which was attended by Minister of State(MoS-Independent Charge) DrJitendra Singh.

It was organized by Delhi based Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.

Singapore is the partner country for the 28th edition of the summit. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) of Singapore represents Singapore in the summit.

### 16. IOC Withdraws Top Olympic Honour From Vladimir Putin.

The International Olympic Committee has stripped Russian President Vladimir Putin of the Olympic Order award in response to the invasion of Ukraine. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) 1894 is an important non-governmental organization that looks after the administration of the Olympic Games held all over the world.

Beijing – China 2022 Winter Olympics

Paris – France 2024 Summer Olympics

Milano Cortina – Italy 2026 Winter Olympics.

## 17. Japan and India renews the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA).

Japan and India have renewed the Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) the size of which is up to USD 75 billion. The BSA is a two-way arrangement where both authorities can swap their local currencies in exchange for the US Dollar. It means that Japan and India can borrow money from each other in either their currency i.e Indian Rupee or Japanese Yen or US Dollar.

The actual Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) was signed between the Bank of Japan and the Reserve Bank of India in 2018.

## $\underline{\mathbf{18.}}$ DRDO successfully tests Quantum Key Distribution tech between 2 cities.

A joint team of scientists from Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, for the first time in the country successfully demonstrated Quantum Key Distribution link between Prayagraj and Vindhyachal in Uttar

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Pradesh, a distance of more than 100 km. Quantum key distribution is a secure communication tech method that uses quantum physics to construct a cryptographic protocol.

19. Bank of Maharashtra launches "Project Banksakhi" in Odisha.

Public sector lender, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has announced the launch of "Project Banksakhi" in Odisha in collaboration with Mahagram&Sunivesh India Finance Services Pvt. Ltd. for Online Bank Account opening.

<u>20.</u> World Civil Defence Day is annually observed across the globe on 1st March to honour the significance of Civil Defence and the personnel who have sacrificed their lives for it.

The theme of the day: The theme of World Civil Defence Day 2022 is "Civil defence and management of displaced populations in face of disasters and crises; role of volunteers and the fight against pandemics".

Civil Defence Day was officially inaugurated by the International Civil DefenceOrganisation in 2012.

The Constitution of the ICDO was adopted on 17 October 1966, came into force on 1st March 1972. It attributes the status of the intergovernmental organizations to the ICDO (United Nations, Treaty Series, volume 985, registration No. 14376).

21. Professor Deepak Dhar becomes first Indian to bag Boltzmann Medal.

The Commission on Statistical Physics of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) presents this medal once in three years for contributions in the field of statistical physics established in 1922. Hq Singapore.

22. India's first ambulance for street animals has been launched in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It has been started by the Blue Cross of India in collaboration with the international animal welfare organization "Four Paw". Madras High Court Justice DrAnithaSumanth launched the ambulance. The Stray Animal Care programme will be a "hospital on wheels" with an onboard veterinarian to provide on-site treatment to injured and sick street animals.

Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister: M. K. Stalin;

Tamil Nadu Governor: R. N. Ravi.

23. The President of India, Shri Ram NathKovind has inaugurated a newly developed

'ArogyaVanam' at the President's Estate, (RashtrapatiBhavan) in New Delhi. The objective of this ArogyaVanam is to promote the importance of Ayurvedic plants and their effects on the

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human body. The concept of ArogyaVanam has been conceived with the aim of publicising the importance of Ayurvedic plants and their effects on the human body.

- 24. NITI Aayog is in the process to develop a National Gender Index. The objective of the National Gender Index is to measure the progress and identify the persisting gaps in gender equality to make informed policy decisions. It will serve as a tool to map the progress of India's States and UTs on defined gender metrics and build the foundation for positive change. The information was released in the Annual Report 2021-22 of NITI Aayog.
- 25. NASA launches next-generation GOES-T satellite to track hazardous weather.

US space agency, NASA, successfully launched the third in a series of four next-generation weather satellites, Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES), from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida. The satellite is named as GOES-T. Once the satellite gets positioned in its geostationary orbit it will be renamed from GOES-T to GOES-18.

Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States;

NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.

26. World Wildlife Day 2022 Observed on 03rd March.

The World Wildlife Day is observed every year on March 3 to raise awareness about the world's wild fauna and flora. The day also reminds us of the need to fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species causing various wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts.

World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2022 under the theme "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration",

The day was proposed by Thailand and recognised in 2013 by United Nations General Assembly.

27. SWISS to Become World's First Airlines to Use Solar Aviation fuel.

Swiss International Air Lines AG (SWISS or Swiss Air Lines) and its parent company, Lufthansa Group have partnered with Switzerland based solar fuels start-up, Synhelion SA (Synhelion) to use its solar aviation fuel. Swiss International Airlines will become the first airline to use solar aviation fuel ("sun-to-liquid" fuel) to help power its flights. Swiss International Air Lines AG Headquarters: Basel, Switzerland.

Founded: 1 April 2002.

<u>28.</u> Jet Airways named Sanjiv Kapoor as CEO 2022.

Sanjiv Kapoor has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways. Prior to this, Kapoor was the president of Oberoi Hotels and has also worked as a chief operating

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officer at SpiceJet and chief strategy and commercial officer at Vistara. Jet Airways founded by NareshGoyal on 1 April 1992, Mumbai.

### 29. ICC Women's World Cup New Zealand 2022 begins.

The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 has kicked off on March 04, 2022, in New Zealand. This is the 12 edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, being held in New Zealand from March 04 to April 03, 2022. India will open against Pakistan on the 6th of March. Total 8 teams are participating which includes, New Zealand, Australia, England, South Africa, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and West Indies. The World Cup is currently organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The first World Cup was held in England in 1973.

### 30. SDG Index 2021: India ranks 120th position.

India has been ranked at 120th position in the Sustainable Development Report 2021 or Sustainable Development Index 2021. In this Index, countries are ranked by a score out of 100. India has a score of 60.07. Last year India's rank was 117. The Index measures the country's total progress towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.India's øverall Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) score was 66 out of 100. The Index has been topped by Finland. These 17 Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015 as a part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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