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WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS 20TH – 26TH FEB 2022

1) **Prime Minister of India flagged off 100 Kisan drones as a part of the “Drone Kisan Yatra” with the aim to promote chemical-free farming in India.** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced major stimulus for farming and agriculture sector in Budget 2022-23

Drone Shakti Scheme: This scheme was announced in Union Budget 2022. The budget pushed for promoting drones by means of start-ups and skilling at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Under the scheme, start-ups will be promoted in a bid to facilitate ‘Drone Shakti’ for Drone-As-A-Service (DrAAS). Garuda Aerospace, the city-based drone start-up, is aiming to manufacture six lakh drone besides creating six lakh jobs by 2025 under its Kisan Drone initiative. India banned the import of foreign drones except those used for research and development, defence and security. The revised guidelines of the "Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization" (SMAM) scheme were announced in January 2022 in an effort to make drones more accessible to farmers.

2) **Dadasaheb Phalke Award-** Which is the highest honor of film and cinema in India - Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Who is known as the '**Father of Indian Cinema**'- **Dadasaheb Phalke**

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 was held on February 20 in Mumbai .

1) Film of the Year Award- **Pushpa- The Rise**

2) Best Film Award- **Shershaah**

3) Best Actor Award- **Ranveer Singh for the film 83**

4) Best Actress Award- **Kriti Sanon for the film Mimi**

5) Outstanding Contribution to Films - **Asha Parekh**

6) Critics Best Actor Award - **Sidharth Malhotra**

7) Critics Best Actress Award - **Kiara Advani**

8) Best Actor Award in a Supporting Role - **Satish Kaushik for the film Kaagaz**

9) Best Actress Award in a Supporting Role - **Lara Dutta for the film Bell-Bottom**

10) Award for Best Actor in a Negative Role – **Aayush Sharma for the film Last – The Final Truth**

3) **SBI, PNB, BoB, UBI, Canara Bank and BoM acquires stake in IDRCL:** State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of Baroda (BoB), Union Bank of India (UBI), Canara

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Bank, and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) have acquired shares of India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL).

4) Government of India, World Bank sign loan agreement of 115 million US dollar for implementation REWARD Project: Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development” (REWARD) Project.

REWARD Project: This project is an initiative of the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and World Bank. It is proposed as a 6 years project, from 2021 to 2026 and one of the largest watershed management programs in the world.

5) Govt Plans To Make India The Global Source For Health Sector And Promote Medical Tourism Through 'Heal By India' Initiative: The Union government is looking to promote India's medical facilities and infrastructure under a new 'heal in India' campaign, with plans to standardise processes and treatment packages for foreign nationals.

6) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will launch 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' which is a doorstep distribution drive to deliver crop insurance policies to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

The campaign aims to ensure all farmers are aware with all information on their policies, land records, the process of claim and grievance redressal under PMFBY. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has completed 6 years of its implementation. It was launched by PM Modi on 18th February 2016 at Sehore, Madhya Pradesh.

7) PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 550 tons per day capacity bio-CNG (gobar-dhan) plant in Madhya Pradesh's Indore. The plant will generate 17-18 metric tons per day of compressed bio-gas. This is the biggest Bio-CNG plant in Asia. It has been set up at a cost of Rs 150 crore. The gobardhan plant is based on the concept of waste-to-wealth innovation. Wet urban household waste and waste from cattle and farm is Gobar Dhan.

8) Mumbai, India will host the International Olympic Committee session in 2023. The IOC Session for 2023 will be held at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. The last such session was hosted by India in the year 1983 in New Delhi. In 2022, the IOC session was held in Beijing, China.

9) INDIAN TABLE TENNIS PLAYER MANIKA BATRA JOINS ADIDAS' SPORTSWEAR as brand ambassador. Manika Batra is the first Indian woman to win gold in table tennis at the Commonwealth Games 2018. She is the first Indian player to reach the top 10 of the (International Table Tennis Federation) ITTF World rankings in women's doubles

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- 10) Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day: 20 February:** Northern States Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh celebrate their Foundation Day on February 20, since 1987. Arunachal Pradesh is the extreme northern part of the country is known as 'land of the rising sun'. Arunachal Pradesh became the 24th state of India. Mizoram was declared as a separate UT in 1972 under the Northeast Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971. It became the 23rd state of India after the 53rd Amendment to the Indian Constitution, 1986. Mizoram, as well as the state of Arunachal Pradesh, came into existence on 20 February 1987.
- 11) Coal India Limited, a Maharatna company of the Government of India, has been awarded the 'India's Most Trusted Public Sector Company' award.** Coal India received this honour at the "Energy Meet and Excellence Award" function organized by Industry Chamber "ASSOCHAM" in Kolkata. Pramod Agrawal is Coal India chairman and managing director.
- 12) India's first Biosafety Level-3 mobile laboratory launched in Maharashtra:** India's first Biosafety level-3 containment mobile laboratory was launched in Nashik, Maharashtra. The mobile laboratory has been set up to investigate newly emerging and re-emerging viral infections that are highly infectious and of lethal potential to human beings.
- 13) RWE and Tata Power collaborate to explore potential for development of offshore wind projects in India.** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in this regard was signed between Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited and Germany-based RWE Renewable GmbH. Government of India's announcement of achieving 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind installations by 2030.
- 14) Madhya Pradesh: 48th Khajuraho Dance Festival begins** Madhya Pradesh Governor, **Mangu Bhai Patel** has inaugurated the 48th 'Khajuraho Dance Festival-2022' at world-famous tourist destination Khajuraho on the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The event will be organized till 26 February. This year a 5-km 'Dil Khel Ke Ghoomo' marathon was also organized under the banner of 'Safe Tourism Project for Women' at the event. It aims to create security among women in tourist destinations with the slogan 'Hindustan Ke Dil Mein Aap Safe Hain'.
- 15) Himachal Pradesh gets the first biodiversity park** to make its contribution towards the conservation of endangered Himalayan herbs. This park is set to come up at **Mandi's Bhulah valley**. Cost of Rs 1 crore, the biodiversity park is set up under the **National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)** by HP's forest department. The aim of the park is to link tourism activities along with extending new opportunities for

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researchers to conduct in-depth exploration of various medicinal herbs found in the Himalayas that are on the verge of extinction.

- 16) The Indian Railways has shared new images of the country's first cable-stayed bridge on the Anji river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.** The under-construction Anji Khad bridge, part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, will connect Katra and Reasi areas through rail links. The bridge will stand at a height of 331 metres above the river bed – higher than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The total length of the bridge is 473.25 metres and it is supported by 96 cables.
- 17) The Govt. has approved the continuation of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme till 31st March 2026 with an expenditure of 12,929.16 crore rupees.** The new phase of the scheme would support around 1,600 projects. The Ministry of Education (MoE), formerly known as the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD) is the nodal agency administering RUSA which was launched in 2013. Union Education Minister – Dharmendra Pradhan (Rajya Sabha Madhya Pradesh)
- 18) India and France have inked a roadmap to enhance their bilateral exchanges on the blue economy and ocean governance.** The agreement was signed between India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar's and his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian. The scope of the roadmap will encompass maritime trade, the naval industry, fisheries, marine technology and scientific research, integrated coastal management, marine eco-tourism, inland waterways, and cooperation between competent administrations on civil maritime issues.
- 19) Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate:** The week-long celebration of achievements in science and technology by GOI from February 22 to 28, 2022. The exhibition will culminate on February 28, 2022, which coincide with the **National Science Day**, commemorated in remembrance of Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman's path-breaking discovery of the Raman Effect in 1930.
- 20) Assam Becomes First State To Launch Night Navigation Mobile App In Rivers**
Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched India's first Night Navigation mobile application for ferry services on the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati, Assam. It was developed by the State Transport Department in association with K Raju, the principal scientist of IIT Madras. The first night journey of the IWT (Inland Water Transport) ferry between Guwahati and North Guwahati was started on 19 February 2022. **Assam Capital: Dispur, Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.**
- 21) K.N. Raghavan named as new Chairman of International Rubber Study Group:** Executive Director of the Indian Rubber Board, K.N. Raghavan has been elected the new Chairman of

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the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG).

He will officiate as Chairman of the group for the next two years. He will preside over the meeting of the heads of delegation scheduled for March 31 at Singapore. International Rubber Study Group (IRSG), an intergovernmental organisation of natural and synthetic rubber producing and consuming countries. **International Rubber Study Group Secretary-General: Salvatore Pinizzotto, Formed: 1944, Headquarters: Singapore.**

22) Reliance Jio's New Subsea Cable 'India-Asia-Xpress' To Connect Maldives. India's largest 4G mobile broadband and digital service provider, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. will land the next generation multi-terabit India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) undersea cable system in Hulhumale, Maldives. The high capacity and high-speed IAX system will connect Hulhumale directly with World's major internet hubs in India and Singapore. IAX is expected to be ready for service by the end-2023

23) India to set up its first IIT outside the country in UAE: The Indian Institute of Technology will establish its first branch outside India in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as part of the India-UAE trade deal signed. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed between the UAE and India will usher in a new phase of joint strategic cooperation in all sectors. The two nations will also set up an India-UAE cultural council to facilitate and promote cultural projects, cross-cultural exchanges and exhibitions.

24) SAAF & National Cross Country Athletics Championship to be held in Nagaland The 2nd South Asian Athletic Federation (SAAF) Cross-Country championship and the 56th National Cross Country Athletics Championship will be held in Kohima on March 26. The tournament will be the first ever international athletics event in Nagaland

25) Mirabai Chanu wins gold at Singapore Weightlifting: International Indian weightlifter and 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist, Mirabai Chanu has won the gold medal in the 55kg weight category at the Singapore Weightlifting International 2022 on February 25, 2022. Chanu lifted 191kg (86kg+105kg) to stand on top of the podium. With this win, the 27-year-old Chanu has qualified for the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG) in Birmingham in the 55kg weight category. She has also qualified for the CWG in the 49kg weight category on the basis of her Commonwealth rankings

26) The third edition of the joint military exercise "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN-2022" between India and Japan will be conducted from 27 February to 10 March 2022, at Belagavi (Belgaum), Karnataka. The 15th Battalion the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment of the Indian Army and 30th Infantry Regiment of Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) are

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participating in this 12 days long joint exercise. Dharma Guardian is an Indo-Japan Joint Military Exercise that started off in 2018. The exercise takes place between the armies of both countries

27) The Union Bank of India has launched the 'Union MSME RuPay Credit Card' in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). It is a first of its kind initiative in the industry, to provide simplified and digital delivery of Finance to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), to meet their business-related operational expenses.

28) International IP Index 2022 India ranks 43rd : India has improved its overall IP score from 38.4 per cent to 38.6 per cent, and the country is ranked 43 out of 55 countries on the International Intellectual Property Index 2022. This index was released by the Global Innovation Policy Center of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The top five countries in the ranking are: Rank 1- United States, Rank 2- United Kingdom, Rank 3- Germany, Rank 4- Sweden, Rank 5- France

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