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History of 22 February

- ♦ 1784 : America's first merchant ship left New York for trade with China.
- ◆ 1935 : Airplanes were banned from flying over the White House.
- 1885 : Yatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, one of the major heroes of the Indian independence struggle, was born.
- 1944 : Kasturba Gandhi, wife of Mahatma Gandhi, died.

Current affairs related to 22 February

- According to the Finance Minister, through roof-top solarization, one crore families will be able to get up to 300 units of free electricity every month. As a result of receiving free solar energy and selling excess electricity to distribution companies, families are expected to save fifteen to eighteen thousand rupees per year. This is expected to provide entrepreneurial opportunities to vendors for supply and installation. It is expected that this will also provide work opportunities to youth having technical skills in manufacturing, installation and maintenance.
- The Indian Navy has declared 2024 as the Year of Naval Civilians, giving priority to holistic civilian human resource management. Its objectives are to promote administrative efficiency and enhance employee welfare. This unprecedented initiative targets comprehensive civilian human resource management, with a special focus on enhancing administrative efficiency, embracing digital transformation, implementing targeted training programs and promoting employee welfare activities.
- The Government of Karnataka has taken a pioneering step towards promoting a healthy digital ecosystem. Recognizing the need to mitigate the adverse effects of excessive online gaming, the State has announced an unprecedented digital detox initiative to create a responsible gaming environment. This move not only highlights the government's commitment towards public health but also sets an example for digital well-being.
- The ancient tradition of the Olympic torch relay will continue its journey at Paris 2024, with the flame crossing the Mediterranean Sea and embarking on a 68-day adventure across France. Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist and IOC Athletes Commission member, is one of the 11,000 torchbearers selected to carry the iconic symbol.

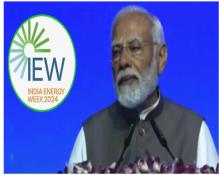
- India has officially launched the Unified Payment Interface at the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris, an important step towards realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of globalizing UPI. The initiative follows the Digital Payments Sector Agreement signed between India and France in July last year, making France the first European country to adopt India's UPI for retail transactions.
- ◆ Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Union Budget 2024-2025 in Parliament, underscoring the government's commitment to inclusive growth. Sabka Prayas Approach This budget aims to address the upliftment of key social sections and move the nation towards a comprehensive development path.
- In a concerted effort to strengthen child protection measures, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has taken up the development of two important portals: Track Child Portal and Go Home and Re-Unite Portal. These platforms play an important role in tracking missing and found children, enhancing restitution and repatriation processes, and protecting the welfare of vulnerable minors within the scope of the juvenile justice system.
- The University Grants Commission has issued guidelines to provide equal opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged groups in higher education institutions. The guidelines are in line with the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020. It emphasizes access, equity and inclusivity in higher education for socioeconomically disadvantaged groups. The University Grants Commission recommended that all universities and higher education institutions should follow these guidelines to improve the educational opportunities of socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

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National and International Current Affairs

- 1. In which state has India Energy Week 2024 been organized recently?
 - (A) Assam (B) Bihar (C) West Bengal (D) Goa
 - (D) Recently India Energy Week 2024 was organized in the state of Goa. It is India's premier and only exclusive energy exhibition and conference, which will provide a platform to the entire energy value chain and act as a catalyst for India's energy transition goals.
- 2. Recently Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak has become the new Prime Minister of which country?
 - (A) Sudan (B) Yemen
 - (C) Morocco (D) None of these
 - (B) In a significant move, Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council appointed Foreign Minister Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak as the country's new prime minister. This appointment comes at a critical time when Yemen is facing increasing tensions and security challenges. Outgoing Prime Minister Maain Abdulmalik Saeed has been appointed as an advisor to the Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council.
- 3. Recently a committee was constituted by which government to ensure effective implementation of the Sickle Cell Disease Control Programme?
 - (A) Karnataka (B) Mizoram (C) Maharashtra (D) Chhattisgarh
 - (C) Instructions were issued by the Maharashtra State Government to form committees at the state, district and taluka level and entrust them with the important task of screening, treatment and prevention of sickle cell disease. This initiative is being seen for the first time in history. It has been specifically designed to meet the health care needs of rural, remote and tribal areas.
- 4. According to a recent report by Amsterdam-based location technology expert TomTom, who will become the world's most congested city in 2023?
 - (A) London (B) Mumbai (C) New Delhi (D) Chennai
 - (A) According to a report by Amsterdam-based location technology expert TomTom, London is the most congested city in the world. 148 hours are wasted annually in London during rush hour. Commuters have to spend an average of 37 minutes and 20 seconds in traffic to cover a distance of 10 km. Dublin, the capital of Ireland, is the second most crowded city.
- Recently, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed an interim budget of how many lakh crore rupees for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2024-2025.
 - (A) 1.18 lakh crore (C) 3.2 lakh crore (D) 3.20 lakh crore
 - (A) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed an interim budget of Rs 1.18 lakh crore for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year 2024-2025. The interim budget envisages a fiscal deficit of Rs 20,760 crore and a growth of 7.5 per cent in gross state domestic product. According to the interim budget presented by Sitharaman in Parliament, capital expenditure for the financial year has been proposed at Rs 38,566 crore.











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- 6. Which government has recently announced visa free travel policy for Indian citizens?
 - (A) Japan (B) Iran (C) Germany (D) France
 - (B) Visa free policy for Indian citizens has been approved by the Iranian Government. This visa free policy will be valid for tourism purposes only. This policy allows Indian citizens holding ordinary passports to enter Iran without a visa. This entry can be made only once in every six months for a maximum stay of 15 days.
- 7. Recently, how many crores of rupees fine was imposed on Coromandel International Limited fertilizer plant for ammonia leakage?
 - (A) 6 crores (C) 9 crores (B) 7 crores (D) 10 crores
 - (A) Following the ammonia gas leak from Coromandel International Limited fertilizer plant in Ennore, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forest has imposed a fine of Rs 5.92 crore on the company. Forty days after the ammonia gas leak from a fertilizer plant owned by Coromandel International Limited in Ennore, Tamil Nadu, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests has taken decisive action against the company.
- 8. After whom will Baramunda ISBT in Bhubaneswar be named recently?
 - (A) Atal Bihari Vajpayee (B) BR Ambedkar
 - (C) Sushma Swaraj (D) None of these
 - (B) Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Baramunda Inter State Bus Terminal in Bhubaneswar will be named after jurist, social reformer, economist and one of the architects of the Indian Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar. The Chief Minister said that Dr. Ambedkar was a visionary leader and dedicated social reformer. He was the light of hope for the underprivileged of the society.
- 9. Which state has recently launched the NITISH device by the Disaster Management Authority?
 - (A) Bihar (B) Odisha (C) Tamil Nadu (D) Mizoram
 - (A) Recently, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority has launched NITISH device. The full name of NITISH is Nobel Initiative Technological Intervention for Safety Human Lives. It is a pendant shaped technology designed to provide timely alerts to farmers and the public.
- 10. Recently, in which city will Telangana Football Association host the FIFA World Cup Qualifier?
 - (A) Hyderabad (B) Mumbai
 - (C) New Delhi (D) Jammu and Kashmir
 - (A) Telangana Football Association has got the opportunity to organize qualifier matches for the FIFA Football World Cup. This match will take place between Kuwait and India on 6 June 2026. Telangana Football Association Secretary GP Palguna has confirmed this news. Mahi and TFA Secretary G.P. Palguna said that there was a fruitful discussion with Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.









