



## February 15 | Daily Current Affairs 2022

### Important Days – Daily Current Affairs February 15

#### 1. International Childhood Cancer Day 2022:

- **February 15** is observed as the **International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)** to highlight the danger and impact of this deadly disease among children.

#### History:

- It was first observed in **2002** by **Childhood Cancer International (CCI)**, a network of over **170 organisations**.

#### Theme:

- As part of the 3 campaigns launched in 2021 for ICCD, the theme for this year is 'Better Survival' is achievable #throughyourhands.
- The theme is aligned with the **WHO Global Initiative** for Childhood Cancer (GICC).
- Last year, theme is #throughourhands

#### Remarks:

- More than **4 lakh children and adolescents** below the **age of 20 years** are diagnosed with cancer every year.
  - ✓ The chances of their survival are close to **80 % in some high-income countries**, the rate of survival for such patients from **low-income countries is as low as 20 %**.
- As per the data of a **2017 study** by the **Indian Journal of Medical and Pediatric Oncology**, nearly **50,000 children, adolescents** in India between the age group of **0 and 19** are likely to succumb to this illness every year.
- Cancer is the **9<sup>th</sup>** most common cause of death among children in the country.

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#### 2. Leh: Kharu team wins 15th CEC Ice Hockey Championship for women:

- **At NDS Indoor Ice Hockey rink ,in Leh, Kharu team** won the **15th CEC Ice Hockey Championship for women**, by **Defeating Lalok women team** by **4-1 goals**.
- Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh **Deputy Chairman TseringAngchuk** gave prizes to the finalists.

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### 3. Rajasthan tops solar electrification under Saubhagya: Centre

- Under the **Saubhagya scheme**, as many as **1,23,682 households** were electrified through **solar-based standalone system in Rajasthan**, followed by **Chhattisgarh (65,373), Uttar Pradesh (53,234), Assam (50,754), Bihar (39,100), Maharashtra (30,538), Odisha (13,735), Madhya Pradesh (12,651)**.
- Solar-based standalone system for electrification of households were not provided in **Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir** (had nil beneficiaries).
- **Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana – 'Saubhagya'**: was **launched in October 2017** with the aim to achieve universal household electrification by providing last mile grid connectivity and electricity connections to all poor households across the country.
  - ✓ So Far, **2.817 crore households were electrified up to March 31 last year**, including **4.16 lakh** through solar-based standalone systems.

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### 4. Policybazaar Launches AI-enabled WhatsApp bot for Smooth Claim Settlement in Group Health Insurance:

- **Policybazaar** has launched its **AI-enabled WhatsApp chatbot** to automate & expedite the claim settlement process for all its corporate clients.
- Since the launch, over **15000 users** have already utilized the service for enrolling their dependents and availing claims assistance.

### 5. IndusInd Bank to facilitate digital transactions on e-NAM:

- **IndusInd Bank** has been empanelled by the **Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)**.
- To facilitate digital collection and settlement services on **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) portal** for the transactions between farmers and traders across the country.
- It will offer an array of transaction services through digital modes including multi-net banking, debit card, NEFT, RTGS, IMPS and UPI to the buyer and seller of the agriculture produce.
- **eNAM**: Launched in **2016**, with **SFAC** as the nodal implementing agency under the aegis of the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.

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### 6. Airtel ties up with Oracle to digitise processes:

- **Bharti Airtel (Airtel) has chosen Oracle Fusion Cloud Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) & Oracle Fusion Cloud Supply Chain and Management (SCM) to digitise and simplify its finance, planning, and supply chain processes.**

### **Acquisitions and Mergers – Daily Current Affairs February 15**

### 7. Jio Platforms to buy 17% stake in Glance for USD 200 mln:

- **RIL Group's Jio Platforms will acquire about 17 % stake in SoftBank-backed Inmobi's Glance platform for USD 200 million (about Rs 1,500 crore).**
- The proposed deal values the company at **USD 1.8 billion.**
- **Glance:** which provides mobile lock screen content, including videos and advertisements.

### **Appointments – Daily Current Affairs February 15**

### 8. German president Frank-Walter Steinmeier re-elected for another term:

- **German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier was re-elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term of 5 years** by a special parliamentary assembly.
- He was elected with a big majority by a special assembly made up of the members of **parliament's lower house and representatives of Germany's 16 states.**

### **Science and Technology – Daily Current Affairs February 15**

### 9. Israel becomes first country allowing drones in civilian airspace:

- **Israel's Ministry of Transport and Road Safety has announced the country's first certification for unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAVs) to operate in civilian airspace.**
- The certification was issued by the **Israeli Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)** to the **Hermes Starliner unmanned system**, which was developed and manufactured by **Elbit Systems**, an Israeli defense electronics company.
- The approval will allow **Elbit's drone to fly in civilian airspace** like any other civilian airliner, rather than being restricted to **unsegregated airspace.**

### Hermes Starliner:

- It has a **wingspan of 17 metres and weighs 1.6 ton, can fly for up to 36 hours at an altitude of about 7,600 metres, and can carry an additional 450 kg** of electro-optical, thermal, radar and other payloads.



- For safety reasons, international aviation regulations prohibit uncertified aircraft from flying in civilian airspace, limiting the operation of UAVs to unsegregated airspace.

### International Affairs – Daily Current Affairs February 15

#### 10. World Health Organization (WHO) launches Quit Tobacco App:

- **WHO launched 'Quit Tobacco App'** to help people kick the cigarette butt and give up the use of tobacco in all forms – including smokeless and other newer products.
- The **App was launched by Poonam Khetrapal Singh**, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region.
- It was launched during **WHO's year-long 'Commit to quit' campaign**, is the latest tobacco control initiative by the WHO South-East Asia Region.

#### Tobacco:

- It is the world's leading cause of preventable death and kills nearly **8 million persons every year**.
- **It claims 1.6 million** lives in the **WHO South-East Asia Region** which is amongst the largest producers and consumers of tobacco products.
- Tobacco use is a major risk factor for **non-communicable diseases (NCD)** including cancers, cardiovascular diseases, chronic lung diseases and diabetes.
- To reduce NCD burden, countries have been accelerating the implementation of the **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and MPOWER package**
  - ✓ A set of 6 cost-effective & high impact measures to reduce demand & supply of tobacco and tackle the tobacco epidemic.

#### REMARKS:

- **As per the WHO Global Report on Trends in Prevalence of Tobacco Use 2000-2025 (4th edition, 2021)** WHO South-East Asia Region recorded the fastest decline in tobacco use but continued to have the **highest 432 million tobacco users, or 29% of its population**.
- The **Region has 266 million** smokeless tobacco users of the **355 million globally**.
- **Thailand was the first in Asia to implement Plain Packaging**.
- **Timor-Leste, Nepal, Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka** have implemented large-sized graphic health warnings on tobacco packs.
- **Six countries** have banned ENDS (electronic cigarettes).



- **Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka** are working towards moving tobacco farmers away from growing tobacco.
- **Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste** have established and scaled-up tobacco cessation services.

### **National Affairs – Daily Current Affairs February 15**

#### **11. MNRE conducts program on Renewable Energy as 'New Frontiers', from Feb 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.**

- **The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy is conducting a program on Renewable Energy namely "New Frontiers" as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.**
- The Ministry will conduct **"India's Leadership in Energy Transition"** event at **Vigyan Bhawan**.
- **Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh and Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, Bhagwant Khuba will give special address.**
- A video on **"Citizen-Centric Energy Transition – The India Story"**, including the highlights of Energy Compacts will be played.
- Industry Leaders who have submitted their **Energy Compacts (EC)** will be felicitated by the Minister & Minister of State.
- **Energy Compacts (EC) booklet** also has been launched.
- The Ministry will **organize 3 webinars**, on **"Women in RE- Call for Action"**, **"Role of ISA in Energy Transition"**, and **"Role of clean-tech start-ups and climate entrepreneurs in providing clean and affordable energy"**.
- Meeting on **"Roadmap to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2070"** will also be organized.

#### **12. PM to address TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit:**

- **PM Narendra Modi** will deliver the **inaugural address** at **"The Energy and Resources Institute's" (TERI) 21st edition of World Sustainable Development Summit.**
- The **3 days World Sustainable Development Summit is TERI's annual flagship event** which will be held from February 16th to 18th.
- **"For over 20 years**, this summit has successfully garnered varied views on sustainable development and climate action through brainstorming deliberations aimed at sensitizing political establishments and civil society to act.
- so far, It has been **hosted over 25,000 delegates** in this series of the summit.

**Theme:**

- **Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future”.**

**13. Government bans 54 Chinese apps posing threat to national security:**

- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has issued the list of banned apps.
- These include Beauty Camera: Sweet Selfie HD, Beauty Camera – Selfie Camera, Equalizer & Bass Booster, CamCard for Salesforce Ent, Island 2: Ashes of Time Lite, Viva Video Editor, Tencent Xriver, Onmyoji Chess, Onmyoji Arena, AppLock and Dual Space Lite to name a few.
- The list of **54 apps** includes some of those that been had been banned by the government earlier but were rebranded and relaunched under new names.

**14. LAHDC, Leh launches new scheme Kunsnyoms for differently-abled persons:**

- **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh has launched a new scheme Kunsnyoms for differently-abled persons in the district.**
- **Kunsnyoms : meant Equal for All, Fair for All**, aims inclusive and accessible Ladakh.
- Under the new scheme, **Leh Hill council** is providing assistive devices, technologies **to needy people at 90 % subsidy**.
- Launching the new scheme, **LAHDC Leh Chief Executive Councillor and Chairman Mr. TashiGyalson** and his executive councilors have **handed over 28 tri scooters, battery-run wheelchair, walking aids** and other aids required for special needs of the individuals.

**15. Indian Railways to set up biggest, world-class Wrestling academy in Delhi:**

- **Railway Ministry** had committed **wrestlers of Indian Railways** to provide a world class wrestling academy at the earliest, In line with **PM Modi’s** vision to offer the best sports facilities to sportspersons.
- In a bid to fulfill the commitment **to set up a state-of-art wrestling academy in Indian Railways**, work **has been sanctioned by the ministry** to establish the same at **Kishanganj, Delhi**.
- Estimated cost of the academy, **Rs 30.76 crores**.
- According to the Railway Ministry, this wrestling academy will be the biggest in India, equipped with advanced training facilities.

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