



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 13, 2026

NATIONAL

- **India Hosts First BRICS Sherpas Meeting 2026**
 - ✓ India officially began its BRICS Chairship 2026 by hosting the first BRICS Sherpas and Sous Sherpas meeting in New Delhi on February 9-10, chaired by Sudhakar Dalela and supported by Shambhu L. Hakki.
 - ✓ The year-long engagement follows the theme “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability,” focusing on economic stability, technological innovation, climate resilience, and inclusive global governance.
 - ✓ The meeting brought together representatives from all BRICS members and partner countries, with discussions covering health, agriculture, labour, disaster management, energy, security, and innovation.

- **V.O. Chidambaranar Port Becomes India's First IGBC Platinum & Net Zero Certified Major Port**
 - ✓ V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority becomes the first major Indian port to achieve the prestigious IGBC Platinum Rating for its sustainable, eco-friendly, and energy-efficient administrative building.
 - ✓ The port's administrative building operates on 100% renewable energy, while the Hospital and CISF Barracks earned Shunya Plus certification, and the Administrative Building and Guest House earned Shunya certification from BEE, highlighting net zero and net positive energy performance.
 - ✓ Features include rooftop solar panels, rainwater harvesting, IoT water meters, indoor air quality monitoring, 70% green cover, inclusive facilities for

differently-abled and senior citizens, and zero-waste practices, setting a benchmark for sustainable port infrastructure in India.

RANKING & INDEX

➤ **Women, Peace and Security Index 2025-26**

- ✓ The Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Index 2025-26 has been released by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security in partnership with the Peace Research Institute Oslo.
- ✓ The index ranks 181 countries based on women's inclusion, justice, and security.
- ✓ Denmark ranked first for the third consecutive time, while Afghanistan ranked last. India ranked 131st out of 181 countries.
- ✓ The assessment is based on 13 indicators covering economic participation, political representation, legal equality, discrimination, violence, and conflict exposure.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Radio Day – 13 February**

- ✓ UNESCO observes World Radio Day 2026 on February 13, marking the 1946 launch of United Nations Radio and celebrating radio as a vital public service medium worldwide.
- ✓ Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2012, the day highlights radio's historic role, including India's Independence announcement, uniting citizens nationwide.
- ✓ The 2026 theme, "Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice," stresses ethical AI use to support not replace human judgement and credibility.
- ✓ In India, All India Radio and 528 community stations continue informing, educating, and connecting millions across urban and remote regions.

➤ **National Women's Day – 13 February**

- ✓ India celebrates Sarojini Naidu Birth Anniversary on 13 February every year, honoring the "Nightingale of India" for her contributions to the freedom struggle, literature, and women's empowerment.

- ✓ Born in 1879 in Hyderabad, Sarojini Naidu was a poet, nationalist, and political leader who became the first Indian woman President of the Indian National Congress (1925) and the first woman Governor of United Provinces (1947).
- ✓ The day is also observed as National Women's Day 2026, recognizing her efforts toward gender equality, education, and social justice.
- ✓ Her lyrical poetry, including The Golden Threshold and The Bird of Time, reflects her patriotism and literary brilliance, making her legacy an enduring inspiration for India.

