



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

### **NATIONAL**

- **Indian Army to Host First International Military Adventure Challenge Cup 2026**
- ✓ The Indian Army will host the first-ever International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC) 2026 from February 18-23 in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas, bringing together military teams from India and seven friendly foreign nations for week-long adventure and endurance-based competitions
- ✓ The competition is designed to test physical fitness, mental resilience, teamwork, leadership, and decision-making capabilities of soldiers in challenging mountain terrain that simulates real operational conditions
- ✓ Participating teams include forces from Bhutan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Saudi Arabia, along with Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, and Indo-Tibetan Border Police representatives
- ✓ International military sports events like IMACC promote trust, cooperation, and camaraderie among armed forces under the International Military Sports Council (CISM) banner, guided by the motto “Friendship through Sport”.

### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- **WHO Prequalifies Novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2 (nOPV2) to Strengthen Global Polio Eradication**

- ✓ The World Health Organization has prequalified an additional novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to strengthen global capacity in responding to outbreaks caused by circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2)
- ✓ The nOPV2 vaccine is genetically more stable than older OPV vaccines with a lower risk of mutating into virulent strains while maintaining the ability to rapidly stop virus transmission
- ✓ The newly prequalified vaccine is produced by Biological E Limited in Hyderabad, expanding global production beyond the earlier manufacturer in Indonesia and improving supply resilience
- ✓ The vaccine has a shelf life of up to 24 months and can be stored under standard vaccine temperatures, making it accessible for deployment in resource-limited settings.

## **MEETINGS & CONFERENCES**

- **National Conference on Safety of Women at Workplace (SHe-Box)**
  - ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development organised a National Conference on Safety of Women at Workplace (SHe-Box) on 14 February 2026, held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
  - ✓ The Conference is an effort to reaffirm commitment of the Government to make sure creation of a safe, dignified and harassment-free workplaces for all women across different sectors.
  - ✓ It is also an effort to strengthen implementation of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
  - ✓ SHe-Box portal was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on 29th August, 2024.
  - ✓ It was launched as a secure, user-friendly, multilingual single-window platform.
  - ✓ Around 1,500 participants from over 100 Organizations including Government and Private sectors came together during the conference.
- **International Conference on Dam Safety 2026**
  - ✓ The International Conference on Dam Safety 2026 held in Bengaluru at the J.N. Tata Auditorium at the Indian Institute of Science, held on 13 and 14 February 2026 under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II & III.

- ✓ It was organised in collaboration with the Central Water Commission (CWC); Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru; and the World Bank.
- ✓ Siddaramaia, Chief Minister of Karnataka inaugurated the conference.
- ✓ An AI-powered platform named DAMCHAT was launched during the inaugural session. It was developed by IIT Roorkee's International Centre of Excellence for Dams.
- ✓ More than 750 delegates attended the first day. Participants came from 12 countries.

