



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 25, 2026

NATIONAL

- **India Launches First Compliance-Based Carbon Credit Trading Scheme**
 - ✓ India is in the final stage of launching its Carbon Credit Trading Scheme to regulate industrial emissions
 - ✓ Around 490 industrial units across seven sectors have been assigned emission targets
 - ✓ Units emitting below targets can earn and trade carbon credits, while violators must purchase credits
 - ✓ The first phase excludes steel and fertiliser sectors despite their high emission contribution
 - ✓ The scheme aims to promote cleaner production, energy efficiency and climate compliance.

- **Union Cabinet Approves Renaming Kerala as Keralam**
 - ✓ Union Cabinet approved the proposal to change the State's name from Kerala to Keralam
 - ✓ The move follows a resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly in June 2024
 - ✓ Article 3 of the Constitution empowers Parliament to alter the name of a State
 - ✓ The proposal requires amendment to the First Schedule of the Constitution
 - ✓ The change reflects the State's linguistic and cultural identity in Malayalam.

- **SUJVIKA AI Biotech Data Portal**
 - ✓ Department of Biotechnology launched SUJVIKA, an AI-driven biotech import data portal

- ✓ The platform provides structured analytics on biochemical and industrial enzyme imports
- ✓ It aims to reduce import dependency and promote domestic biomanufacturing
- ✓ India targets a \$1 trillion bioeconomy by 2047 under Viksit Bharat vision
- ✓ The portal was developed in collaboration with industry body ABLE.

➤ **National Monetisation Pipeline 2.0**

- ✓ Ministry of Finance launched the second phase of the asset monetisation pipeline of Central ministries and public sector entities - 'National Monetisation Pipeline 2.0 (NMP 2.0)' in New Delhi
- ✓ The 2nd phase of the pipeline has been formulated by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog in consultation with infrastructure ministries, in line with the mandate of the Asset Monetisation Plan 2025-30 announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.
- ✓ The NMP 2.0 estimates aggregate monetisation potential of Rs 16.72 lakh crore (Cr), including private sector investment of Rs 5.8 lakh Cr, over the 5-year period from Financial Year 2025-26 (FY26) to FY30.
- ✓ This target is over 2.6 times higher than that under NMP 1.0.

➤ **Teacher App 2.0**

- ✓ Ministry of Education, launched Teacher App 2.0, powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI), developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation in collaboration with the CK-12 Foundation, a California (United States of America, USA) based global nonprofit organisation, in New Delhi.
- ✓ The initiative accelerates AI adoption in India's K-12 (Kindergarten to Class 12) ecosystem, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Viksit Bharat @2047.
- ✓ The platform integrates 45+ AI-enabled tools for lesson planning, personalised learning, pedagogy, and classroom management, offers 2,500+ hours of training modules including Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), and provides collaborative spaces such as the Teachers' Lounge.
- ✓ The app currently supports over two lakh educators across India as a free-for-life digital platform to enhance classroom teaching, reduce preparation time, and improve learning outcomes.

➤ **States' Electricity Transition Report 2026**

- ✓ The 3rd edition of the States' Electricity Transition (SET) Report was released by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and Ember.
- ✓ The report highlights that India's electricity transition at the sub-national level is witnessing broader, though uneven, progress across States, with Uttar Pradesh (UP), Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Rajasthan emerging as leaders in electric vehicle (EV) adoption and green hydrogen development.
- ✓ The report assessed 21 States, which together account for 95% of India's total power demand, and analysed their progress in transitioning towards clean electricity.

DEFENCE

- **'Exercise - Dharma Guardian'**
- ✓ On 24 February, the 7th edition of the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) Joint Military Exercise 'Dharma Guardian' was commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubattia, Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 24 February to 9 March 2026 to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation. A 120-member contingent from each side has been deployed for the joint training programme.
- ✓ The Japanese side is represented by troops from the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, while the Indian contingent is drawn from the Ladakh Scouts.
- ✓ The primary objective is to enhance joint capabilities for operations in a semi-urban environment. Participating troops will focus on physical fitness, joint planning procedures and synchronisation of tactical drills.
- ✓ Additional drills such as Mobile Vehicle Check Posts, Cordon and Search Operations, Heliborne Operations and House Intervention exercises will also be undertaken.

MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES/ SUMMITS

- **Him-CONNECT 2026**
- ✓ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will organise Him-CONNECT 2026 alongside WSDS in New Delhi

- ✓ Over 24 innovations developed under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies will be showcased
- ✓ Focus areas include water security, climate adaptation, waste management and renewable energy
- ✓ More than 100 startups, investors and policymakers are expected to participate
- ✓ The initiative aims to align research, finance and policy for sustainable Himalayan development.

➤ **Indo-German Science & Technology Centre Strategic Conclave 2026**

- ✓ The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre organised its Strategic Conclave 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- ✓ The theme centred on Integrated Water Resource Management and sustainable water governance
- ✓ Discussions highlighted wastewater treatment, pollution control and climate resilience
- ✓ The 2+2 model promotes collaboration between academia and industry of both countries
- ✓ The conclave strengthened Indo-German scientific and technological cooperation.

➤ **7th All India Conference of Government Railway Police Chiefs**

- ✓ The 7th All India Conference of Government Railway Police Chiefs concluded at Vigyan Bhawan
- ✓ The conference was organised by the Railway Protection Force
- ✓ Key focus areas included railway security, organised crime and drug trafficking
- ✓ Emphasis was laid on AI-enabled CCTV surveillance and drone monitoring
- ✓ The event strengthened coordination between RPF and State Police forces.

➤ **Tourism Leadership Summit-2026**

- ✓ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the Tourism Leadership Summit-2026 organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in New Delhi.
- ✓ Tourism is more than an industry, describing it as a bridge between cultures and a driver of economic opportunities.

- ✓ Tourism serves as a powerful instrument of soft diplomacy and acts as a key pillar of the India-US economic corridor.
- ✓ Emphasizing sustainable and inclusive growth, he called for climate-conscious infrastructure, community-led models, and the integration of emerging technologies such as AI to enhance visitor experience.
- ✓ India has unveiled the Tourism Vision 2029, which aims to develop at least one world-class tourist destination in every state with robust infrastructure, seamless connectivity, smart amenities and sustainable practices.

APPOINTMENTS

➤ NITI Aayog CEO

- ✓ Senior IAS officer Nidhi Chhibber has been given additional charge as Interim Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog.
- ✓ A 1994-batch officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre, she is currently serving as Director General of the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) at NITI Aayog.
- ✓ In her current role, Chhibber looks after outcome-based monitoring and evaluation mechanisms across flagship government programmes.

