

CURRENT AFFAIRS 17th February 2023

National News

1. Indian-American Neal Mohan to be new CEO of YouTube after Wojcicki resigns



- An Indian-American Neal Mohan will be the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of YouTube after Susan Wojcicki announced her resignation citing personal reasons.
- Taking to Twitter, YouTube Creators informed about Wojcicki's resignation and thanked her for contributing to the online video-sharing platform.
- Neal Mohan is currently the Chief Product Officer of YouTube.
- Before joining YouTube, Mohan was the Senior Vice President, Display and Video Ads at Google.
- In a blog post, Wojcicki said that she will focus on family, health, and personal projects she is passionate about.

2. India International Seafood Show to conclude today in Kolkata



- The biggest Seafood Show in Asia, India International Seafood Show will conclude today in Kolkata.
- The three-day event organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority MPEDA in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India began on Wednesday.
- It featured a buyer-seller meeting with a particular focus on G20 countries.
- Inaugurating the event, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said that India has set a target of achieving 14 billion dollars in exports of marine products by 2025 and efforts are being made to achieve the target.
- Around five thousand delegates from India and other countries are attending the event.
- The Government in the latest Union budget announced a new sub-scheme named Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana and has allocated six thousand crore rupees.
- A custom duty benefit of 2.5 per cent is also proposed for inputs of shrimp feed.

3. Joint military exercise between India and Japan to begin at Camp Imazu today in Japan



- The 4th edition of joint military exercise, "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN", between India and Japan will begin today at Camp Imazu in Shiga province of Japan.
- It will continue till 2nd of next month. The annual training event with Japan is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.
- The scope of this exercise covers platoon-level joint training on operations in jungle and semi-urban or urban terrain.
- Troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and an Infantry Regiment from the Middle Army of the Japan Ground Self Defence Force are participating in the exercise this year to share experiences gained during various operations in order to enhance interoperability in planning and execution.
- This joint exercise will enable the two armies to share best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures of conducting tactical operations under a UN Mandate, It will

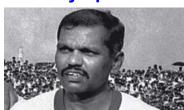
also help develop interoperability, bonhomie, camaraderie and friendship between the two armies.

4. Five day mega air show Aero India to conclude in Bengaluru today



- The curtains will fall on the Five days Aero India show in Bengaluru today. The mega show saw participation from over 98 countries.
- During the event, 73 CEOs from India and abroad, Defence Ministers from 32 countries and Chiefs of the Air Staff from 29 countries interacted with their Indian counterparts and Government functionaries during the show.
- Various countries exhibited their defense equipment and gadgets. India Pavilion saw participation from 115 Indian companies which displayed 227 products made in India.
- Fully configured LCA Tejas Mark 1 was the highlight during the event.

5. Tulsidas Balaram - Only surviving member of Indian football's 1956 Olympics team passes away at 86



- Tulsidas Balaram, one of the country's finest footballers and a member of the golden era of Indian football (1951-1962), passed away. He was 86.
- He played in two Olympics in 1956 and 1960 and reached the pinnacle of Asian football when India, under the guidance of legendary coach Syed Abdul Rahim, won the Asian Games gold in Jakarta, beating South Korea 2-1 in 1962.
- Balaram scored 131 goals, including 14 for India, across seven seasons.
- Balaram made his mark playing football for the East Bengal of Kolkata, and captained the team in 1961–62.
- He was one of the best players of the golden age of Indian football of the 1950s and 1960s.
- His playing position was as a center forward or as a left winger. In 1962, he received Arjuna Award from the Government of India.
- The Government of West Bengal awarded him 'Banga Vibhushan' in 2013.

6. Ladakh to host India's first frozen-lake marathon 'Last Run' at Pangong Tso



- The Pangong Tso Lake in Ladakh will host the first-ever frozen lake marathon on 20th February 2023, at an altitude of roughly 13,862 feet.
- The first-ever frozen lake marathon which is 21-kilometer is India's first of its kind.
- The marathon will occur at a height of 13,862 feet and it will be the first of its kind to ever take place in the globe at this altitude.
- On 20th February Adventure Sports foundation of Ladakh (ASFL) in collaboration with Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh and Ladakh Tourism Department is going to organize India's first 21 km long Pangong Frozen Lake Marathon.
- It would be an attempt to make a Guinness world record for the world's highest frozen lake marathon according to Chief Executive Councilor LAHDC Leh Advocate Tashi Gyalson.
- Deputy commissioner Leh Shrikant Balasaheb Suse informed that the purpose of organizing this frozen lake

- marathon is to promote sustainable tourism and create awareness about climate and the environment.
- The marathon is the brainchild of the Adventure Sports
 Foundation of Ladakh (ASFL), who have nicknamed it "The
 Last Run" to highlight a bleak reality given the precarious
 state of Himalayan glaciers due to global warming, parts of
 the lake may be unfit for a race of this kind in the years to
 come.

