



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 14th Feb 2024

### National News

#### 1. Farmers Protest 2.0: Key Demands Explained



Farmers affiliated with the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) are marching from Punjab and Haryana towards Delhi to demand key reforms. Their primary demand is the enactment of a law guaranteeing a minimum support price (MSP) for crops, addressing uncertainties in the market.

### Guaranteed Minimum Support Price (MSP) Law

- Demand for a law ensuring MSP for all crops.
- Insistence on legal assurance due to unmet promises by the government.
- Desire for MSP on every crop, citing the government's role in procurement for public distribution.

## Implementation of MS Swaminathan Committee Recommendations

- Urgent implementation of recommendations, including a minimum 50% increase in MSP.
- Acknowledgment of Swaminathan's contribution, recently honored with Bharat Ratna.
- Farmers seek economic security and fair pricing mechanisms.

## Other Demands

- Pension of Rs 10,000/month for farmers above 60 years.
- Stronger actions against accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident.
- Grant of land in Delhi for a memorial honoring previous protest "martyrs".
- Justice for victims of the Lakhimpur Kheri tragedy.
- Waiver of farm debts and withdrawal of police cases from previous protest

## 2. PM Modi's UAE Visit: UPI payment, CBSE office, BAPS Hindu temple and other key highlights



Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where he was warmly received by President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Their cordial meeting included discussions on various fronts, signifying the strengthening of bilateral relations.

### 3. Pulwama Terror Attack 5th anniversary



Five years ago, on February day, India faced one of its darkest moments in recent history. The Pulwama attack, a horrific act of terrorism, shook the nation to its core, leaving an indelible scar on the heart of every Indian.

A suicide bomber, driving an explosives-laden vehicle, targeted a convoy of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, claiming the lives of 40 brave soldiers. These soldiers were either returning from leave or heading to deployment areas, unaware of the tragedy that lay in wait.

### International News

#### 4. Dubai Launches World's First Air Taxi Service at World Government Summit 2024



At the World Government Summit 2024, Dubai has unveiled groundbreaking agreements to introduce the world's inaugural air taxi service, setting a new standard in urban transportation.

This initiative, centered around the innovative Joby Aviation S4 aircraft, promises to revolutionize Dubai's cityscape with its electric-powered, environmentally friendly design.

## **5. Trinidad and Tobago Declares National Emergency After Offshore Oil Spill**



The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago has officially declared a state of “national emergency” following a significant oil spill in the eastern Caribbean. The spill, originating from an overturned vessel near Tobago, has led to widespread environmental damage along the coastline, prompting concerns about the impact on the nation's economy, particularly its tourism sector.

## **State News**

## **6. Assam Designates Kaji Nemu as the Official State Fruit**



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Assam, the state government has officially declared kaji nemu (Citrus limon), a variety of lemon unique to the region, as the 'State Fruit'.

The announcement was made by State Agriculture Minister Atul Bora, following a Cabinet meeting on February 12, underscoring the fruit's cultural, traditional, and nutritional significance to the state and its people.

## **Business News**

### **7. Reliance Industries Hits ₹20-Lakh Crore Market Cap Milestone**



Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) achieved a significant milestone on Indian stock exchanges by surpassing a market capitalization of ₹20-lakh crore.

This marks the first instance of any company achieving this valuation on the Indian bourses. The surge in market value is attributed to various factors including robust performance across its business segments and favorable market conditions.

## **Summits and Conferences News**

### **8. National Conference on APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card Inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan**



Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship, inaugurated the National Conference on APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card in New Delhi.

This conference aimed to emphasize the importance of the APAAR ID as a universally recognized document for students across the nation. Pradhan highlighted the significance of Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) and their proliferation, both globally and within India, with 19 established DPIs in the country.

## Appointments News

### **9. ICAI elects a new President, Vice President**



The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), a pivotal organization in the field of Chartered Accountancy in India, announced a significant leadership transition. In a recent meeting, the Council of ICAI elected CA. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal as the President and CA.

Charanjot Singh Nanda as the Vice-President for the term 2024-25, starting from February 12, 2024. This change in leadership marks a new chapter in ICAI's storied history, promising to steer the institute towards new horizons of professional excellence and regulatory prowess.

## Sports News

### **10. Shamar Joseph and Amy Hunter Crowned ICC Players of the Month for January 2024**



International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the winners of the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month for January 2024.

West Indies' Shamar Joseph and Ireland's Amy Hunter have been bestowed with this honour, marking their remarkable contributions to their respective teams in the past month.

### **11. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Gandhinagar Premier League**



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Gandhinagar Premier League (GPL) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The event, graced by the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel among other dignitaries, marks a pivotal step towards enhancing grassroots cricket and fostering local talent across the nation. Hardik Pandya, an India all-rounder, was spotted with Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the Gandhinagar Premier League's launch.

## Important Days

### **12. Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day 2024, Date, Significance and Types**



Every year on February 14, while many celebrate love and affection, the medical and health advocacy communities band together to observe a day of significant importance – Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day.



This day is dedicated to increasing awareness about congenital heart defects (CHDs), the most common type of birth defect affecting infants across the globe.

Organizations such as the Pediatric Congenital Heart Association and the American Heart Association lead the charge in promoting this day, aiming to shed light on the challenges faced by individuals with CHDs and the need for advanced medical research

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