

## Current Affairs: 14.02.2022

### Government set target to replace Diesel with Renewable Energy in agricultural sector by 2024

The Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable energy, **R K Singh** has informed that the Government has planned to **replace diesel with renewable source of energy** to achieve the target of **zero diesel use in the agricultural sector by 2024**. The initiative is a part of government's commitment to increase the share of non-fossil fuels by 2030 and become a **net zero emitter by 2070**.

### Centre approves continuation of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF) Scheme for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26; total outlay: Rs. 26,275 cr

The Government has approved the continuation of the **Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme)** for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Total Central financial outlay for five years is **Rs. 26,275 crore**.

The scheme is being implemented by the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** since 1969-70.

### 17th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF-2022)

The **17th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films (MIFF-2022)** is scheduled to take place from **29 May to 4 June, 2022**. Those films which were completed between September 01, 2019 to December 31, 2021 are eligible for entry in MIFF-2022. The programme is organised by the Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting since 1990, with support from Government of Maharashtra, and focuses on documentary, short fiction and animation films. It is the oldest and largest festival for non-feature films in South Asia.

### RBL Bank partners with Creditas Solutions for 'Neo Collections' platform

**RBL Bank** has partnered with **Creditas Solutions** for its 'Neo Collections' platform.

The Neo Collections Platform is a Do It Yourself (DIY) debt management platform that will help **the customers of the bank to monitor, manage and pay their dues/loans**.

### Sebi reconstitutes its 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund; Head-G Mahalingam

The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** has restructured its advisory committee on **Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF)**. **G Mahalingam**, the former Whole Time Member of Sebi, is the new Chair of the **eight-member committee**.

Earlier the panel was headed by Abraham Koshy, former professor of IIM-Ahmedabad.

The objective of the advisory committee is to find out ways and means to best utilise the investor protection and education fund of Sebi.

### GSL delivers final vessel 'ICGS Saksham' under 5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle (CGOPV) Project

The **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)** delivered the 5th and final vessel of the **5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle (CGOPV) Project** to the Indian Coast Guard, on February 08, 2022, ahead of contractual schedule. The vessel has been named as **ICGS 'Saksham'**. All 5 vessels under the project have been delivered before time to the Indian Coast Guard by GSL.

The contract for 5 CGOPVs was inked between GSL and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on 26th Aug 2016 for INR 20 billion. Other 4 vessels under the project are **ICGS Sachet, ICGS Sujeet, ICGS Sajag and ICGS Sarthak** respectively.

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## Debashis Mitra elected as President of ICAI

**Debashis Mitra** has been elected as the **President** of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year **2022-23**. While Aniket Sunil Talati has been elected as Vice President of ICAI.

## Military officer Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba appointed as interim President of Burkina Faso

In **Burkina Faso**, the military junta has appointed lieutenant colonel **Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba** as the interim President of the country following military coup. The 2022 Burkina Faso military coup took place on January 24, 2022, which was led by Damiba. President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré and Prime Minister Lassina Zerbo were disposed from their position and the parliament, government and constitution were declared dissolved.

## Book titled “India–Africa Relations: Changing Horizons” authored by Rajiv Bhatia

Indian scholar- diplomat **Rajiv Bhatia** has come out with a book titled *India-Africa Relations, Changing Horizons*. The book presents an in-depth exploration of India–Africa partnership in all its critical dimensions, and continental, regional and bilateral facets of India–Africa relations. The book also offers a roadmap to strengthen and deepen the relationship in the coming decade. Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia is Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Programme at Gateway House.

## International Epilepsy Day : Second Monday of February (14 February 2022)

The **International Epilepsy Day** is observed every year on the **Second Monday of February** across the world. In 2022, the International Epilepsy Day falls on **February 14, 2022**. The day is organised jointly by the **International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)** and the **International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)** to raise awareness about epilepsy and highlight the kinds of problems faced by victims, their friends and family. Epilepsy is a **neurological disorder** which makes a person go through sudden and recurrent episodes of sensory disturbances.

## Nobel Prize winning French Scientist Luc Montagnier, who discovered HIV Virus, passes away at 89

**French scientist Luc Montagnier**, who won the Nobel Prize for his **co-discovery of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)**, the infection which causes AIDS, has passed away. He was 89.

The noted virologist won the **2008 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine**, which he shared with fellow researcher Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and the duo shared half of Nobel Prize with Germany’s Harald zur Hausen.