



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 22, 2026

### NATIONAL

- **India Sets Guinness World Record with Over 2.5 Lakh AI Responsibility Pledges in 24 Hours**
  - ✓ India achieved a Guinness World Record for the “Most pledges received for an AI responsibility campaign in 24 hours,” securing 250,946 valid pledges between February 16–17 during the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
  - ✓ The nationwide AI Responsibility Pledge campaign, launched under the IndiaAI Mission in collaboration with Intel India, encouraged citizens to commit to the ethical, inclusive, and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence through a dedicated online portal.
  
- **India’s First AI-Driven CM Shri School**
  - ✓ Delhi CM Rekha Gupta inaugurated the first CM Shri School at Sarojini Nagar, launching what is described as India’s first AI-driven comprehensive education model, with foundation stones laid for 75 such schools across Delhi.
  - ✓ The CM Shri Schools focus on modern infrastructure and academic excellence, targeting students from economically weaker and middle-income families, with the goal of making Delhi’s children globally competitive through advanced teaching methods and upgraded facilities.
  
- **India-America AI Connect Initiative**
  - ✓ At the AI summit 2026, Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced a new initiative called the India-America Connect Initiative.

- ✓ The initiative aims to increase AI connectivity between India, the US and multiple locations across the Southern Hemisphere, delivering new sub-scale cable routes.
- ✓ The project will establish a new international subsea gateway in Visakhapatnam; three new subsea paths connecting India to Singapore, South Africa and Australia; and four strategic fiber-optic routes to boost network connectivity between the US, India and multiple locations across the Southern Hemisphere.
- ✓ This builds on Google's ongoing subsea cable projects across the Pacific and Africa

## **SCHEMES**

- **Vibrant Villages programme - Phase II**
- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has formally launched the second phase of the central government's Vibrant Villages programme in a village on the Indo-Bangladesh border in Assam's Cachar district.
- ✓ With a total outlay of Rs 6839 crore till the financial year 2028-2029, the second phase of Vibrant Villages programme aims to cover a total of 1,954 villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, J&K, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- ✓ In April 2023, the first phase of the Vibrant Villages programme was launched in the Indo-China border village of Kibithoo in Arunachal Pradesh. In that first phase, 662 villages had been identified for comprehensive development in 19 districts along the northern border in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Ladakh.

