



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 23, 2026

NATIONAL

➤ **UGC declares 32 Fake Universities Across India**

- ✓ The University Grants Commission (UGC) has declared 32 institutions across India as fake universities as of February 2026, warning that their degrees are invalid for jobs and higher education.
- ✓ Under Sections 2(f) and 3 of the UGC Act, only recognised or deemed universities can legally award degrees.
- ✓ Delhi tops the list with 12 fake universities, followed by Uttar Pradesh (4), and several other states reporting multiple cases.
- ✓ UGC has urged students to verify recognition status on its official website before taking admission to avoid academic and career risks.

➤ **Vice-President Launches Tamil & Gujarati Versions of Constitution**

- ✓ On International Mother Language Day, C. P. Radhakrishnan released the Tamil and Gujarati editions of the Constitution of India and the 8th Legal Glossary (English-Hindi) at Uprashtrapati Bhavan.
- ✓ The initiative strengthens multilingual governance, promotes constitutional awareness, and enhances access to rights in regional languages.
- ✓ Highlighting India's linguistic diversity (22 Eighth Schedule languages), he said the Constitution reflects unity through multilingualism.

➤ **'Prahaar'**

- ✓ Ministry of Home Affairs has launched 'Prahaar', a new national counter-terrorism policy outlining a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism.

- ✓ Announced on February 23, 2026, the strategy focuses on prevention, intelligence-led coordination, swift response, technological upgrades, and adherence to the rule of law.
- ✓ It addresses evolving threats such as cross-border terrorism, drone misuse, cyber-attacks, online radicalisation, and terror financing through crypto and the dark web.
- ✓ Agencies including the National Investigation Agency, National Security Guard, Multi Agency Centre (MAC), and Joint Task Force on Intelligence (JTFI) will strengthen coordinated action.

➤ **Forex Reserves of India**

- ✓ India's forex reserves surged to a record \$725.727 billion for the week ended February 13, according to data from the Reserve Bank of India, marking a major boost to external stability.
- ✓ The rise of \$8.663 billion was driven mainly by gains in Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) at \$573.603 billion and gold reserves at \$128.466 billion.
- ✓ Higher reserves reflect strong currency management, improved liquidity buffers, and resilience amid global volatility.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **21st G20 Leaders' Summit**

- ✓ Donald Trump will host the G20 Leaders' Summit in Miami on December 14-15; it will be the 21st meeting of the Group of Twenty.
- ✓ The 2025 G20 Summit was held in South Africa, and the United Kingdom is scheduled to host the G20 in 2027.

DEFENCE

➤ **16th edition of Exercise Vajra Prahar**

- ✓ India and the United States will hold the 16th edition of Exercise Vajra Prahar from February 23 to March 15, 2026 at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, strengthening bilateral defence ties.
- ✓ Vajra Prahar 2026 will enhance interoperability, counter-terror capabilities, and joint operational readiness, with participation from the Indian Army and the United States Army, including elite Green Berets.

- ✓ The drill reflects the expanding India-US strategic partnership, complementing exercises like Yudh Abhyas, Malabar, and Cope India.
- ✓ Separately, the Indian Air Force will conduct Exercise Vayushakti-26 at Pokhran, showcasing advanced fighter, transport, and helicopter combat capabilities.

SUMMITS/ MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES

➤ **AI Summit 2027 & 2028**

- ✓ Switzerland will host the AI Summit 2027 in Geneva, positioning Geneva as a key global AI diplomacy hub.
- ✓ The United Arab Emirates will host the AI Summit 2028, ensuring continuity in international AI governance efforts beyond Europe.
- ✓ The announcement, later confirmed by Narendra Modi, highlights strengthening India-Switzerland cooperation in artificial intelligence, trade, research, and multilateral engagement.
- ✓ The development also aligns with the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA), boosting investment, innovation, and ethical, inclusive AI governance globally.

BOOKS & AUTHOURS

➤ **'Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman'**

- ✓ C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book "Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman" is authored by Shri Vijay Goel.
- ✓ It was released at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ The book is a tribute to Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, highlighting his life, leadership and legacy.
- ✓ The publication contains rare photographs, personal anecdotes and archival material reflecting Vajpayee's journey from parliamentarian to Prime Minister.

