

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 25, 2022

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu government - has decided to include provisions to nominate a legal heir while buying a new vehicle.**
- ✓ Until now, transferring a vehicle's ownership after the owner's death was tough as there was no provision to nominate another person while buying a vehicle
- ✓ At present, legal heirs of the deceased had to submit nine different government documents with RTOs within 90 days to transfer vehicle ownership to their names.
- ✓ In December 2020, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amended the Motor Vehicles Act, allowing vehicle owners to nominate anybody while registering a vehicle and allowed states to take a call.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu accepted the amendment in January 2022.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin - announced military operation in Ukraine to defend Donbas separatists in eastern Russia**
- ✓ Putin appealed to Ukrainian soldiers to lay down their arms and go home through a televised address



- ✓ He also warned other countries that any attempt to interfere with the Russian action would lead to "consequences they have never seen".
- ✓ Russia invaded Ukraine on three sides through assault by land, sea and air, in the biggest attack on a European state since World War II.
- ✓ Missiles rained down on Ukrainian targets and columns of troops entered across Ukraine's borders from Russia and Belarus to the north and east, and landing on the southern coasts from the Black Sea and Azov Sea.



- ✓ Shortly afterwards, the first bombardments were heard in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, Kharkiv and several other cities
- ✓ Ukraine reported that Russian troops captured the Chernobyl power plant, where the 1986 reactor blast leaked radiation
- ✓ Meanwhile, Russia's defence ministry said it had neutralised Ukrainian military airbases and its air defence systems following the military offensive
- ✓ According to Russia's Defence Ministry, the first day of the Ukraine invasion was termed "successful" after destroying 74 above-ground military infrastructure facilities, including 11 aerodromes
- ✓ Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said in an address to the nation that Ukraine poses no threat to Russia but will defend itself if attacked
- ✓ He declared martial law in the country and urged the citizens to not panic



- ✓ President Joe Biden called the move "an unprovoked and unjustified attack by Russian military forces" and said the "world will hold Russia accountable."
- ✓ Russia's recognition of Ukraine's separatist Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics and the treaties signed by Putin with them gave him a reason for sending "peacekeeping" forces to an area driven by conflict since 2014.
- ✓ Putin had been demanding NATO roll back its presence to before its 1997 eastward expansion and rule out any accession for Ukraine
- ✓ Ukraine is not part of NATO, but some member nations have supplied weapons to help in its defense



- ✓ NATO was founded in 1949 to protect Europe against Soviet attack during the Cold War

- ✓ Russia is the world's second-largest oil producer, which mainly sells crude to European refineries
- ✓ It is the largest supplier of natural gas to Europe, providing about 35% of its supply

INDIA AND NEIGHBOURS

- **On February 22, India - sent 2,500 MT of wheat to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan through Pakistan.**
- ✓ The wheat will be handed over to the UN's World Food Programme (WFP) in Jalalabad, Afghanistan
- ✓ The first consignment of 50 trucks was flagged off by foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla from Attari, Amritsar



- ✓ The aid is part of the commitment made by India to supply 50,000 MT (metric tonnes) of wheat for the people of Afghanistan.
- ✓ The exercise is expected to be completed over several weeks.
- ✓ India has decided that it will deliver the entire 50,000 MT of wheat from the 2020-21 RMS (Rabi Market Season) in jute bags that hold 50 kg each.
- ✓ India has done a prior quality testing of the wheat at a WFP-approved laboratory.
- ✓ Each bag is stamped with the following text - "Gift from the people of India to the people of Afghanistan" in English, Pashto and Dari.
- ✓ The supply will be effected by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and transported from ICP Attari (India) to Jalalabad (Afghanistan) by Afghan transporters
- ✓ Jalalabad is the capital of the Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan.
- ✓ The convoy will cross over into Afghanistan through the country's Torkham border crossing with Pakistan.
- ✓ The WFP estimated that around 22.8 million in Afghanistan face acute food insecurity, while 8.7 million face emergency-level food insecurity.
- ✓ India has not officially recognised the Taliban regime since the Islamist group took over Afghanistan in August 2021

- ✓ On December 3, Pakistan decided that trucks of Afghanistan would be allowed to use its territory to transport wheat and medicines from India to Afghanistan
- ✓ On February 12, India had signed an MoU with the World Food Programme in Rome to distribute the wheat consignment across Afghanistan.
- ✓ India has already supplied four batches of medical consignments to Afghanistan, consisting of essential life-saving medicines and vaccines.
- ✓ It has already sent 5,00,000 doses of the Covaxin vaccine, 13 tonnes of essential lifesaving medicines and 500 units of winter clothing.
- ✓ These consignments were handed over to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Indira Gandhi Hospital, Kabul.

SPORTS

- **Tamil Nadu's Baba Indrajith and Baba Aparajith - became the first set of Indian twins to score centuries in the same game for the same team in first-class cricket.**



- ✓ The twins scripted history while batting against Chhattisgarh in Elite Group H clash at the Ranji Trophy 2022 in Guwahati on February 24
- ✓ It was Indrajith's 11th century in first-class cricket and for Aparajith, it was his 10th.
- ✓ Notably, this is not the first time Indrajith and Aparajith have scored centuries in the same match
- ✓ They have previously done that, however, their centuries came while playing for different teams.
- ✓ Indrajith was representing India Green and Aparajith was representing India Red in a Duleep Trophy match played at Dindigul in 2018

