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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 14/02/2026

1. Phoenicia:

Recent - Archaeologists excavating near ruins on the island of Sardinia discovered an Iron Age scarab amulet that originated from ancient Phoenicia.

Phoenicia was an ancient region at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea.

It covered the land where the country of Lebanon is today.

The people who lived there were called Phoenicians. They traded with many other peoples and set up many colonies.

The Phoenicians lived on the seacoast and made their living from the sea. They were skilled shipbuilders and navigators.

Their trade routes reached as far as Spain and the British Isles.

2. Tetrataenium Paikadae:

Recent - A team of researchers recently discovered a new plant species named Tetrataenium paikadae in the high-altitude grasslands of Idukki district of the Western Ghats.

It is a new plant species.

It was discovered in the high-altitude grasslands of the Western Ghats in the Idukki district, Kerala.

It was identified inside Eravikulam National Park and belongs to the Apiaceae family, which includes commonly known plants such as carrot and coriander.

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The newly discovered species thrives in moist, marshy grasslands at elevations ranging between 1,000 and 2,500 metres above sea level.

3. Chennakeshava Temple:

Recent - The Prime Minister's new office complex, Seva Teerth has been built in the Indian architectural tradition inspired by the features of the 12th-century Chennakeshava Temple.

The Chennakeshava Temple, also referred to as the Keshava, or Vijayanarayana Temple of Belur, is a 12th-century temple in Karnataka.

It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

It was commissioned by King Vishnuvardhana in 1117 CE (after a major military victory in 1116 CE over the Cholas in the great battle of Talakkad), on the banks of the Yagachi River in Belur, also known as Velapura.

The temple was built over three generations and took 103 years to complete.

The temple is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

4. Combined Maritime Forces:

Recent - the Indian Navy has assumed command of Combined Task Force (CTF) 154, a key multinational training task force under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).

It is a multinational maritime partnership that upholds the International Rules Based Order (IRBO) by countering illicit non-state actors on the high seas.

It promotes security, stability and prosperity across approximately 3.2 million square miles of international waters, which encompass some of the world's most important shipping lanes.

5. Lead Bank Scheme (LBS):

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Recent - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently issued the draft circular on the revised guidelines for the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) for public comments.

On the recommendations of the Nariman committee, the LBS was introduced by the Reserve Bank of India in December 1969.

Aim: Coordinating the activities of banks and other developmental agencies in order to achieve the objective of enhancing the flow of bank finance to the priority sector and other sectors and to promote banks' role in the overall development of the rural sector.