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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 17/02/2026

1. SAHI and BODH Initiatives Launched at India AI Impact Summit 2026:

Recent - The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched two national initiatives, SAHI and BODH, at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

About SAHI (Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare for India)

The Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare for India (SAHI) is a national framework that guides the safe, ethical, and inclusive adoption of AI in healthcare.

About BODH (Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI)

The Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (BODH) is a specialised platform for evaluating and validating the performance of AI models in healthcare.

It was developed by IIT Kanpur in collaboration with the National Health Authority (NHA).

2. UNEP FI Launched Impact Centre for Holistic Impact Management:

Recent - The UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) launched the Impact Centre to consolidate its “SDGs & Impact” workstream into a single, dedicated centre of expertise.

Strategic Role: The centre serves as a centralised hub to help financial institutions align with sustainability standards.

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UNEP FI is a Geneva-based global partnership established in 1992 between UNEP and the private financial sector to integrate sustainability into financial market practices.

3. India-AI Impact Summit 2026:

Recent - The India-AI Impact Summit 2026 is underway at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

This event represents the first global AI summit in the Global South, positioning India as a voice for developing nations in shaping AI norms.

It is being organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

4. Synchronised Terrestrial Bird Census in Tamil Nadu:

Recent - The Tamil Nadu Forest Department organised the Synchronised Terrestrial Bird Census (2025-26) to monitor avian biodiversity during the migratory season.

This terrestrial exercise followed the Wetland Bird Census, conducted earlier in the cycle in December 2025.

Migratory Sighting: Recorded species included the Indian Golden Oriole, Brown Shrike, Booted Eagle, and Blue-tailed Bee-eater.

Resident Species: Common species were – Skylark, Jerdon's Bushlark, Plain Prinia, Spotted Dove, and Red-vented Bulbul.

5. *Lepidocampa sikkimensis*:

Recent - Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) recently discovered *Lepidocampa sikkimensis*, a new soil-dwelling microarthropod species in the Eastern Himalayas.

This discovery marks the first time an Indian research team has described a species in the Diplura group.

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Lepidocampa sikkimensis is a wingless micro-arthropod belonging to the primitive hexapod (six-legged) order Diplura.

Its known range is restricted to the Eastern Himalayas, with records from Ravangla (Sikkim) and Kurseong (West Bengal).

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