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## DAILY DOSE

### CURRENT AFFAIRS – 19/02/2026

#### 1. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti:

**Recent** - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti, or Shiv Jayanti, is observed on 19 February to honour the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji.

Mahatma Jyotirao Phule initiated the first public celebration in 1870 at Raigad, and Bal Gangadhar Tilak later popularised it to mobilise anti-colonial unity.

Shivaji was born in 1630 at Shivneri Fort to Shahaji Bhonsle (Maratha general) and Jijabai.

He established an independent Maratha kingdom and advanced “Hindavi Swarajya” by confronting the Mughal Empire and the Bijapur and Golconda Sultanates.

He was formally crowned Chhatrapati (Supreme Sovereign) in 1674 at Raigad Fort.

#### 2. U.S.A. Launched ‘Project Vault’:

**Recent** - The U.S. Government launched Project Vault to establish a strategic national stockpile of critical minerals for American industrial and civilian sectors.

The program aims to reduce strategic dependence on China and protect American manufacturers from global supply chain disruptions.

#### 3. Kerala Declares Tidal Flooding as State-Specific Disaster:

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**Recent** - The Kerala government declared tidal flooding a state-specific disaster, becoming the first Indian state to formally recognise it as a disaster.

The declaration is based on Section 2(d) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, which defines a disaster as a natural or man-made calamity causing loss of life, property, or livelihood.

Tidal flooding refers to the temporary inundation of low-lying coastal areas during exceptionally high tides. It is commonly known as sunny day flooding because it occurs without rainfall or storms.

## 4. Exercise MILAN 2026:

**Recent** - The Indian Navy is conducting the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026 alongside Exercise MILAN 2026.

These events operationalise the MAHASAGAR vision, reinforcing India's status as a 'Preferred Security Partner' in the Indian Ocean Region.

Exercise MILAN 2026 marks the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indian Navy's multilateral naval exercise.

The event comprises a Harbour Phase for professional exchanges and a Sea Phase for operational drills.

It marks the maiden participation of naval assets from Germany, the Philippines, and the UAE.

## 5. Alpheus madhusoodanai Shrimp:

**Recent** - Scientists discovered a new shrimp species, *Alpheus madhusoodanai*, in the Kochi backwaters of Kerala.

*Alpheus madhusoodanai* is a snapping shrimp (also known as a pistol shrimp) of the Alpheidae family, known for producing high-velocity acoustic pressure to stun prey.

*A. madhusoodanai* is endemic to the Kochi backwaters in Kerala.

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