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- 1. World shocked by Russia's fullscale invasion of Ukraine** **Gs 3, Front Page**
 - Eight killed, nine wounded, says Ukraine official.
 - Russia launched an all-out invasion of Ukraine by land, air and sea on Thursday, the biggest attack by one state against another in Europe since the Second World War and confirmation of the worst fears of the West
 - Mr. Putin declared in a televised address that he had ordered **“a special military operation” to protect people, including Russian citizens who had been subjected to “genocide” in Ukraine**, an accusation the West has long described as absurd propaganda. “And for this we will strive for the demilitarisation and denazification of Ukraine,” Mr. Putin said.
 - Russia's Defence Ministry said its military destroyed 83 Ukrainian land-based targets and achieved all its goals in Ukraine for Thursday, the Interfax news agency said.

- 2. Uncertainty grips Indian students stuck in Ukraine** **Gs 2,3 Front Page**
 - An Air India flight to Kiev to bring back Indian citizens turned back midway on Thursday morning after Ukraine closed its airspace for commercial flights. This was the second repatriation flight planned by Air India this week.

- 3. Shaking up Europe's security architecture** **Gs 3, The Editorial Page 8**
 - The commencement of Russian military action in Ukraine brings down the curtain on the first act of a bizarre drama that has been playing out over the past eight months. At the heart of it is the instability in the post-Cold War security order.

- 4. Russia's NATO problem** **Gs 3, Editorial Page 8**
 - Russia's unjustifiable incursion into Ukraine following weeks of military troop build-up on their shared border has drastically raised tensions in the region with broader ripple effects across the world, particularly for NATO countries and others with strategic connections to the two nations.
 - While the sense of frustration in western capitals over Mr. Putin's intractability and aggression are palpable, and the use of severe sanctions stemming from that is a strategic inevitability, it is unlikely that the prospect of escalating violence and a devastating toll on human life and property in Ukraine can be ruled out until Mr. Putin's broader questions on NATO are answered.

- 5. Ploughing a new channel for India's food systems.** **GS 2, Editorial Page 8**
 - The siloed approach of 'agriculture' serving 'food security' needs to give way to a science-society-policy interface.
 - In an effort to spur national and regional action to deliver the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through transforming food systems, the UN Food Systems Summit called for action by governments in five areas: nourish all people; boost nature-based solutions; advance equitable livelihoods, decent work and empowered communities; build resilience to vulnerabilities, shocks and stresses; and accelerate the means of implementation. Such a transformation in the Indian context would involve enhancing interfaces between the spheres of science, society and policy, focusing on sustainability, resource efficiency and circularity.

- 6. Modi talks to Putin, calls for ceasefire** **Gs 2,3 Page 10**
 - He appeals for return to dialogue; safe exit of Indian citizens from conflict zone 'highest priority': PMO
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed for an immediate ceasefire and a return to dialogue in a conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday night, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement
 - Mr. Putin “briefed” Mr. Modi about the Russian decision to attack several locations in Ukraine, the PMO said, adding that the safe exit of Indian citizens from the conflict zone was India's “highest priority”

- 7. Calls to change stance grow louder** **GS 2,3 Page 10**
 - Jaishankar speaks to EU, U.K. Ministers
 - External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar returned from a visit to Europe on Thursday morning to the news of the Russian attacks on Ukraine and the diplomatic fallout

- He also took a number of calls from European leaders pressing the need for India to change its position, which has thus far not criticised Russia's actions, and in particular, support a UNSC (United Nations Security Council) resolution and vote expected on Friday.

8. Give peace a chance, UN tells Russia

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- As news of Russian President Vladimir Putin ordering a military operation in eastern Ukraine broke, United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, speaking at a hastily called Security Council meeting, asked Russia to stop the attack on Ukraine and to "give peace a chance." By the morning of Thursday, New York time, it had become apparent that Moscow was engaged in an extensive attack on Ukraine

9. China says it 'understands' Russia's 'legitimate security concerns'

- China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov on Thursday that Beijing "understands" Moscow's "legitimate security concerns". The comments from Mr. Wang in a phone call on Thursday underlined Beijing's broad backing to Russia on the Ukraine issue, even as its diplomats have called for a return to diplomacy. The diplomatic process, however, lies completely derailed following Russia's invasion
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- China's media broadly backed Russia and focused much of its coverage on NATO and Russia's broader security concerns

10. 'Crisis a chance for India to export more wheat'

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- '18% of global exports are from Russia
- The Russia-Ukraine crisis might give India an opportunity to export more wheat in the global markets and domestic exporters should tap this opportunity, sources said on Thursday
- India's central pool stood at 24.2 million tonnes, twice more than the buffer and strategic needs, they said

11. The Russian Aggression on Ukraine and International Law

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- What principles of International law are Russia breaking by its actions in eastern Ukraine?
- The principle of non-intervention is enshrined in article 2(4) of the UN Charter. It requires states to refrain from using force or threat of using force against territorial integrity or political independence of any state.
- The Russian attack on Ukraine is violative of this principle, and amounts to aggression under international law. Russia's desire to keep Ukraine out of NATO is a prime reason for its use of force against Ukraine