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- **1. Ukraine drops pitch for NATO** **GS 3, Front Page**
 - President Volodymyr Zelensky said he was no longer pressing for NATO membership for Ukraine, a delicate issue that was one of Russia's stated reasons for invading its pro-Western neighbour.
 - Zelensky says open to compromise on breakaway regions.
- **2. Poignant reflections that stretch a war's canvas** **Page 10 Editorial**
 - How can this happen in 2022? The ferocity and the scale of the violence are shocking enough; the aggressor's resolve to give peace no chance is profoundly depressing.
- **3. Clear signals GS 3** **Page 10 Editorial**
 - China's claim that the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy is aiming to create "an Indo-Pacific version of NATO", as the Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang Yi, put it on March 7, is not new. Indeed, even as long as 15 years ago, during the first iteration of the now revived India, Australia, Japan, U.S. Quad, Beijing warned of an impending "Asian NATO", which, of course, never materialised.
- **4. Global stagflation risk** **GS 3 Economy and World**
 - As Russia's invasion of Ukraine is set to enter the third week, the economic costs of the conflict in Eastern Europe threatens to stall the shaky global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. While the expansive financial sanctions imposed on Russia by the U.S. and its western allies have sent the value of the rouble plunging by more than 60% against the dollar since the start of the conflict, the war-led disruptions to supply and the sanctions have sent the prices of several key commodities soaring: from wheat and corn, to metals including nickel and aluminium, and, most crucially, crude oil and gas. Brent crude futures surged to a high not seen since July 2008, and are currently about 29% higher than before the invasion began on February 24.
- **5. Many Indians volunteer to join Ukraine Legion** **Page 12 NEWS**
 - Over 500 Indians from across the country, including some veterans, have submitted applications volunteering to join the International Legion created to fight Russian forces in Ukraine, diplomatic sources said. One Indian has, so far, joined the Ukraine International Legion, according to official sources.
- **6. Court declines to take up petition seeking caste-based reservation in NDA** **Page 14, GS 2**
 - Social revolution does not come overnight and takes time, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday while refusing to deal at this stage with the issue of caste-based reservation in the National Defence Academy (NDA).
- **7. The office of the Governor** **Page Text and Context**
 - The Sarkaria Commission recommended that the appointee should be someone from outside the respective State so that he would not have any personal interest to protect. They reiterated that it is better to have a detached figure as Governor. The Commission condemned the practice of Governors venturing further into active politics as well as ascending to other offices after the completion of their term.

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