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2026, February 26

Zero Prize:

- ➔ India has announced its first-ever results-based environmental award called the Zero Prize which targeting verified reductions in air, water and land pollution. This initiative was unveiled in New Delhi, carries a total corpus of Rs 5 crore and will award Rs 1 crore each across three categories.
- ➔ Unlike conventional recognition platforms, the Zero Prize links financial rewards directly to independently verified environmental outcomes, marking a major shift toward measurable climate accountability in India.
- ➔ The Zero Prize is India's first national-level results-based environmental award designed to reward actual and measurable pollution reduction. It is convened by the School of Policy and Governance (SPG) and supported through philanthropic funding, corporate CSR partnerships and institutional stakeholders.



TRAI:

- ➔ The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) celebrated its 29th Foundation Day on 20 February 2026, marking its establishment in 1997.

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- ➔ The event brought together senior government officials, industry leaders, academicians, and technology experts to discuss emerging issues in India's digital communications sector.



Kalari Leap:

- ➔ The Southern Air Command of the Indian Air Force successfully conducted a high tempo joint maritime exercise which is named Kalari Leap in the Lakshadweep and Minicoy archipelago. The exercise focused on validating rapid force projection and joint operational planning and precision strikes in complex maritime conditions.
- ➔ The Kalari Leap joint maritime exercise was conducted by the Southern Air Command in the strategically important Lakshadweep and Minicoy islands. The primary objective was to test operational preparedness in a challenging maritime environment.



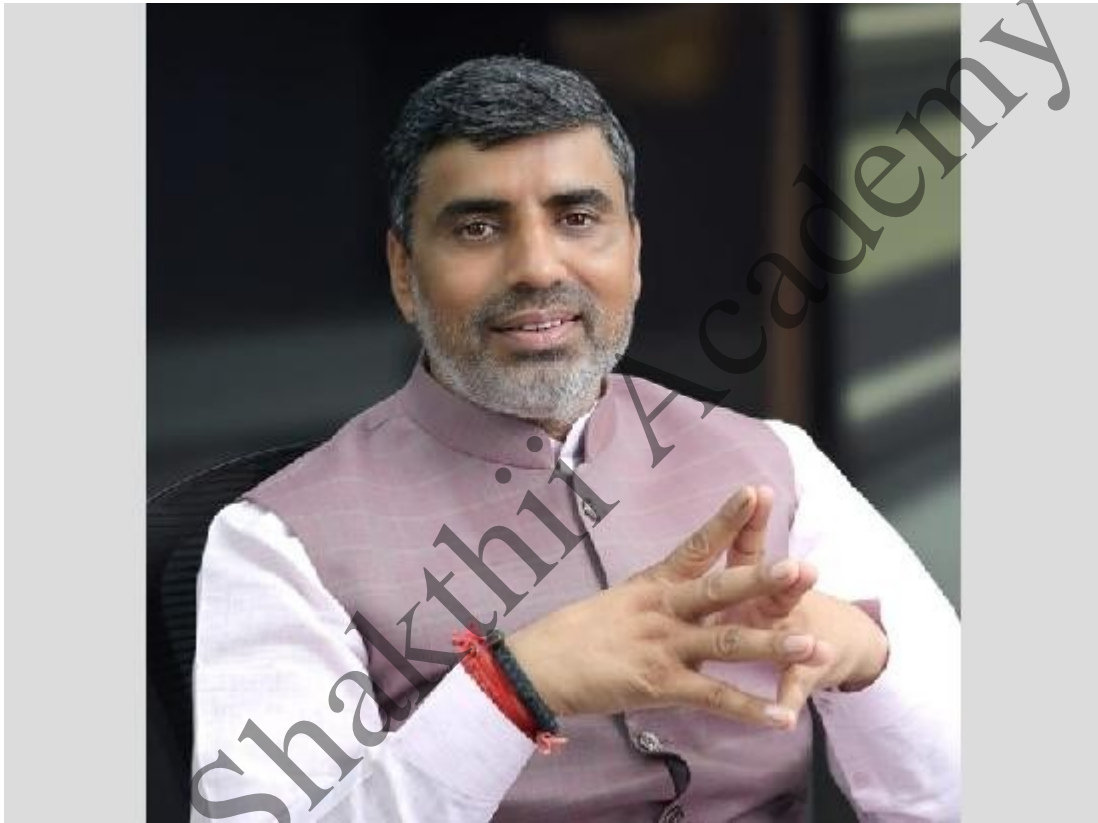
Haryana:

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- Haryana is set to introduce CM Shri Schools on the lines of the central government's PM Shri Schools initiative. State Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda made the announcement during the Budget Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha.
- The new schools will follow the CBSE pattern and aim to enhance the quality of education across the state. The move also reinforces Haryana's commitment to inclusive education under the Right to Education (RTE) Act.
- The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act of 2009 mandates free education for children aged 6 to 14 years. State governments reimburse schools for these admissions. This provision promotes social inclusion and equal educational opportunity.



Prime Minister of India:

- The Prime Minister of India announced that the statue of Edwin Lutyens at Rashtrapati Bhavan will be replaced by that of C. Rajagopalachari. Chakravarti Rajagopalachari was the first and last Indian Governor-General of independent India. He was born on 10 December 1878 in Salem, Madras Province.
- He led the Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha in 1930 and authored the C.R. Formula in 1944 to address the constitutional deadlock. He was one of the first recipients of the Bharat

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Ratna in 1954. Edwin Lutyens was the British architect who designed Rashtrapati Bhavan and several major buildings in New Delhi.



India and Brazil:

- ➔ India and Brazil signed 10 agreements during the visit of Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to New Delhi. India and Brazil decided to increase their trade to 20 billion US dollars within five years.
- ➔ Brazil is India's largest trading partner in Latin America. Both countries signed an agreement to cooperate in critical minerals and rare earth elements. They agreed to work together on Digital Public Infrastructure.
- ➔ They will cooperate in Artificial Intelligence and semiconductor technology. An agreement was signed in the field of health and pharmaceuticals. Both countries agreed to support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs – Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).
- ➔ They agreed to share traditional knowledge systems. An agreement was signed for cooperation in mass communication and media. Both sides decided to strengthen defence cooperation and joint military exercises. India and Brazil work together in international groups such as BRICS, G20, International Solar Alliance, IBSA Dialogue Forum, and G4.

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Ottawa Convention:

- ➔ Poland withdrew from the Ottawa Convention (Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty). Poland has ratified the treaty in 2012 and destroyed its anti-personnel mine stockpiles in 2016. The decision is linked to security concerns near its borders with Russia(Kaliningrad) and Belarus after the Ukraine war.
- ➔ The Ottawa Convention (1997) bans the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of anti-personnel mines. Anti-tank mines are regulated under the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (1980), Amended Protocol II (1996). India, Russia, and the United States have not joined the Ottawa Convention.

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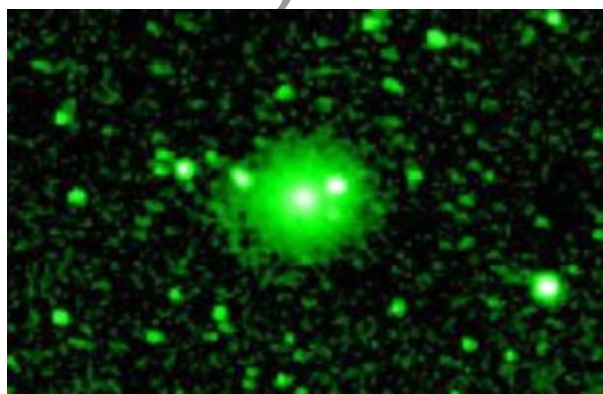
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SPHEREx:

- NASA's SPHEREx space telescope detected organic molecules in interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS. SPHEREx observed the comet in December 2025 using infrared wavelengths. Scientists detected organic molecules such as methanol, methane and cyanide. The comet showed increased brightness after passing closest to the Sun due to sublimation.
- Comet 3I/ATLAS was discovered in July 2025 and confirmed as an interstellar object. SPHEREx was launched in March 2025 to study the universe in 102 infrared wavelengths.



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Saundala village:

- Saundala village in Maharashtra declared itself a caste-free village on 5 February 2026 through a Gram Sabha resolution. The resolution rejects caste-based discrimination and promotes equality under the motto “Aamchi jaat... manav” (My caste is humanity).
- All public places, such as schools, temples, water bodies, and cremation grounds, will provide equal access to all residents. Caste-based discrimination is prohibited under Article 15 of the Indian Constitution.



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2026, February 23

World Peace and Understanding Day:

- World Peace and Understanding Day 2026 will be observed on 23 February 2026 commemorating the first Rotary meeting held in Chicago in 1905.
- That historic gathering laid the foundation of Rotary International, one of the world's largest humanitarian service networks. World Peace and Understanding Day marks the anniversary of Rotary's founding by Paul P. Harris in Chicago.



Vajra Prahar:

- India and the United States will hold the 16th edition of Exercise Vajra Prahar starting from February 23 to March 15, 2026 at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- The joint Special Forces exercise aims to deepen India-US defense cooperation, enhance interoperability and strengthen joint operational readiness. The annual drill reflects the growing strategic partnership between the two democracies and highlights their commitment to counter terrorism and regional stability through high-intensity military collaboration.
- Vajra Prahar 2026 is a joint Special Forces exercise conducted alternately in India and the United States. The primary objective is to promote India-US military cooperation through enhanced interoperability and jointness.

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Our Lady of Grace Cathedral:

- ➔ In the State of Maharashtra, the 475 year old Our Lady of Grace Cathedral in Vasai has won the prestigious Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. The announcement was made in Bangkok, marking global recognition for a remarkable community-funded restoration project.
- ➔ Built in the 16th century without cement and the historic stone cathedral in Papydy village has been carefully revived, preserving its Portuguese-era architectural legacy and spiritual significance.
- ➔ The Our Lady of Grace Cathedral stands as a tangible symbol of the establishment of Catholicism in Maharashtra. Built in the 16th century, the cathedral reflects Portuguese colonial architecture in India.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah:

- ➔ Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the 10th Battalion headquarters of the Assam Police in Kamrup. And asserted that strict action will continue against infiltration. Addressing a public gathering Amit Shah said Assam is set to become the industrial hub of eastern and North-Eastern India within the next five years.
- ➔ This event was attended by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The new Assam Police Battalion HQ will be developed across 124 bighas of land and include modern facilities.

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‘Meri Rasoi’ scheme:

- ➔ The Punjab government has launched the ‘Meri Rasoi’ scheme to provide nutritional support to nearly 40 lakh economically weaker families across the state.
- ➔ Announcing the initiative after a Cabinet meeting in Chandigarh, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the scheme will offer free food kits to blue card holder families in addition to wheat supplied under existing welfare programmes.
- ➔ The announcement comes just ahead of the Punjab Budget Session scheduled from March 6 to March 16, 2026.

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Pax Silica coalition:

- ➔ India joined the U.S.-led Pax Silica coalition during the AI Impact Summit, with Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw signing the agreement to formally include India in the group.
- ➔ The coalition aims to build a common and resilient supply chain for electronics and critical minerals, reducing dependence on China, especially in refined rare earth elements.
- ➔ Other signatories of Pax Silica include the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, and the European Union, working together to strengthen supply chain security and strategic technology cooperation.

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Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Speaker M. Appavu:

- ➔ The book titled “Tamil Nadu Legislature – A Journey in Legislating & Policy Making” was released in Chennai. The book was released by Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Speaker M. Appavu. It covers major laws such as the Temple Entry Authorization Act (1939), Sales Tax Act (1939), Devadasi Abolition Act (1947), and the law granting equal property rights to women (1989).
- ➔ It also mentions welfare schemes like the Midday Meal Scheme, Breakfast Scheme, and Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thittam. It recalls the 1967 resolution to rename Madras State as Tamil Nadu.

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Tamil Nadu government:

- ➔ The Tamil Nadu government withdrew the Tamil Nadu Private Universities(Amendment) Bill, 2025. The Bill proposed the conversion of existing private or government-aided colleges into “Brownfield Universities.”
- ➔ It reduced the minimum land requirement from 100 acres to 25 acres in municipal corporation areas, 35 acres in municipal council or town panchayat areas, and 50 acres in other areas. Higher Education Minister earlier stated that the government would review and withdraw the Bill.
- ➔ The government also withdrew the Tamil Nadu Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2023. The Assembly passed the Tamil Nadu Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill and the Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility (Amendment) Bill during the same session.

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Ministry of Agriculture:

- ➔ The Ministry of Agriculture has launched Phase-1 of Bharat VISTAAR in Jaipur, Rajasthan, during the AI Summit 2026. It is a multilingual Artificial Intelligence (AI) based conversational advisory system for farmers.
- ➔ Farmers can call the helpline number 155261 to receive instant answers. A Digital Farmer Identity Card will link services such as Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and the Soil Health Card Scheme. It provides the guidance on soil testing, seeds, fertilisers, irrigation, loans and insurance.



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U.S. Supreme Court:

- The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down former President Donald Trump's earlier tariffs, after which a new 10% global import duty was announced. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the earlier tariffs exceeded presidential authority. A temporary 10% ad valorem import duty was imposed for 150 days from 24 February 2026.
- The duty was imposed under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974. After this order, India's tariff rate was reduced from 18% to 10% under the Interim Trade Agreement framework. Some goods, such as critical minerals, energy products and pharmaceuticals, were exempted from the temporary duty.



Chhattisgarh Forest Department:

- The Chhattisgarh Forest Department has started six "hornbill restaurants" in Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve for the Malabar Pied Hornbill.
- The Malabar Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros coronatus*), also called the lesser pied hornbill. It is found in the Western Ghats, north-eastern Himalayan foothills, Satpua Hills, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It is mainly frugivorous and is listed as Near Threatened by the IUCN.

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Kerala government:

- ➔ The Kerala government has declared tidal flooding as a State-specific disaster. Tidal flooding, also called sunny day flooding or king tide flooding, is the temporary flooding of low-lying coastal areas during high tide.
- ➔ It occurs due to the combined effect of strong winds, offshore storms and full moon or new moon high tide events. It happens twice daily and becomes more severe during full moon and new moon phases.
- ➔ Along the Kerala coast, the Arabian Sea level rises above a fixed threshold and inundates low-lying areas for a short period. Kerala will provide financial assistance under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), and it is the first State in India to classify tidal flooding as a State-specific disaster.

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World Day of Social Justice:

- 20 February is observed globally as the World Day of Social Justice. In 2026, the theme is “Renewed Commitment to Social Development and Social Justice.” The observance comes at a critical moment following the Second World Summit for Social Development and the adoption of the Doha Political Declaration.
- The day reminds governments and citizens that poverty eradication, full employment, decent work, and social inclusion are essential pillars of sustainable development. It also highlights the need to convert global commitments into real policy actions.



Mizoram:

- Mizoram Foundation Day 2026 will be celebrated on 20 February 2026, marking the day Mizoram became the 23rd state of India in 1987. This day holds deep political, cultural, and historical importance for the Mizo people.

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- ➔ Before becoming a full-fledged state, Mizoram was a Union Territory (UT) from 1972, after being separated from Assam. On 20 February 1987, following the historic Mizoram Accord (1986), the region achieved statehood. Since then, Mizoram Foundation Day is celebrated with pride, unity, and enthusiasm across the state.



Arunachal Pradesh:

- ➔ Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2026 will be celebrated on 20 February to mark the formation of Arunachal Pradesh as the 24th state of India in 1987. Known as the “Land of the Rising Sun,” it is the first region in India to receive sunlight.
- ➔ Located in the northeastern part of the country, Arunachal Pradesh shares international borders with Bhutan, China, and Myanmar. Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2026 highlights the state’s strategic importance, cultural diversity, and journey from a Union Territory to full statehood.

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International Mother Language Day:

- ➔ International Mother Language Day 2026 will be observed on 21 February to promote linguistic and cultural diversity worldwide. Proclaimed by UNESCO in 1999 and later adopted by the UN General Assembly, the day highlights the importance of multilingual education and preservation of endangered languages.
- ➔ The 2026 theme, “Youth voices on multilingual education,” focuses on empowering young people to protect linguistic diversity. With nearly 40% of learners lacking education in their mother tongue, International Mother Language Day 2026 stresses inclusive education and cultural identity.

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Assam cabinet:

- ➔ Assam cabinet decision 2026 brought two major announcements ahead of Assembly elections. The cabinet approved 3% reservation for tea tribes and Adivasi communities in Class I and Class II state government jobs within the OBC quota.
- ➔ Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also announced expansion of the MMUA scheme, adding over 1 lakh new women beneficiaries. So far, 32 lakh women have received ₹10,000 each under the scheme. The decisions are seen as significant political and social measures before the 2026 elections.

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Andhra Pradesh:

- ➔ In a major clean-energy boost, Andhra Pradesh has secured India's largest integrated lithium-ion battery Gigafactory by Waaree Energies with an investment of ₹8,175 crore.
- ➔ The project will be set up at Rambilli in Anakapalli district and is expected to create around 3,000 direct jobs.
- ➔ With a 16 GWh production capacity, the facility will strengthen India's battery manufacturing ecosystem and reduce dependence on imports in the strategic energy storage sector.

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DRDO:

- India's human spaceflight mission achieved a major milestone as DRDO successfully conducted the qualification level load test of the Gaganyaan Drogue Parachute. The test was carried out on February 18, 2026 at the Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) facility of the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL) in Chandigarh.
- The successful test validates the parachute's safety margin and strengthens India's preparation for the Gaganyaan mission, a flagship programme of ISRO aimed at sending Indian

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astronauts to space.

GalaxEye:

- ➔ Bengaluru-based space technology startup GalaxEye is set to revolutionize Earth observation with its upcoming Mission Drishti satellite.
- ➔ The AI-enabled OptoSAR satellite will use NVIDIA Jetson Orin, a powerful compact computer, to process and interpret Earth data directly in space.
- ➔ By accelerating in-orbit data analysis, the mission aims to deliver faster and more reliable insights for sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, and natural resource monitoring.

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India and Nepal:

- ➔ India and Nepal signed an agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters to strengthen cooperation in investigations, prosecutions, and judicial proceedings between the two countries.
- ➔ The pact was signed by Naveen Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Nepal, and Binod Kumar Bhattarai, Joint Secretary of Nepal's Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.
- ➔ It provides a formal framework for the collection and exchange of evidence, assistance during investigations, prosecutions, and judicial proceedings, thereby enhancing rule of law and judicial coordination between both nations.



A mud volcano:

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- A mud volcano recently erupted in Diglipur in the Andaman Islands. A mud volcano is a mound of mud formed when mud, water, and gases erupt from beneath the Earth's surface. It is also called a sedimentary volcano or gas-oil volcano.
- Mud volcanoes usually form in oil-field regions or areas with hot-spring activity due to methane gas pressure and compaction of sediments.
- Around 1,000 mud volcanoes are found on land and shallow seas worldwide. In India, the only mud volcano is located at Baratang Island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



Economic Survey:

- The Economic Survey 2025–26 of the State Planning Commission (SPC) highlights data on women's social and economic conditions in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu reports the highest incidence of consanguineous marriages among peer States at 28%, according to estimates based on the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5).
- Tamil Nadu has the highest television viewership among peer States (83.4%), but print media readership among women is only 14.5%.
- About 47% of women use the internet, and the rural–urban digital divide is visible, as 69% of rural women own a mobile phone and only 39% use the internet. Tamil Nadu reports the highest proportion of pregnancies ending in non-live births at 9.9%, compared to 6.5% in Kerala.

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Madras High Court:

- ➔ The Madras High Court refused to grant interim relief to political parties deregistered by the Election Commission of India (ECI). The ECI de-registered parties that had not contested Legislative Assembly or Parliamentary elections in the last six years.
- ➔ Parties such as Tamizhaga Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam, Manithaneya Makkal Katchi and Manithaneya Jananayaga Katchi filed writ petitions challenging the de-registration orders. The Court said granting a stay would allow the parties to contest the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.
- ➔ The petitioners argued that Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides only for registration and not de-registration of political parties. They contended that Section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 cannot be invoked to de-register parties and relied on the Supreme Court judgement in Indian National Congress vs Institute of Social Welfare (2002).
- ➔ In the 2002 judgement, the Supreme Court held that de-registration is permitted only in extreme cases such as fraud, forgery or loss of allegiance to the Constitution and its principles like socialism and secularism. The ECI stated that the 2002 judgement was delivered before it issued detailed guidelines in 2014 under Article 324 of the Constitution, requiring political parties to contest elections at least once in a six-year block period.

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Environment Programme Finance Initiative:

- ➔ The United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) has launched the UNEP FI Impact Centre. The centre is a specialised platform to support impact management in financial institutions.
- ➔ The centre provides a holistic impact methodology and technical support tools to UNEP FI members. The initiative builds on UNEP FI's Positive Impact Finance framework introduced in 2017.



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HAMMER:

- ➔ HAMMER air-to-surface weapon will soon be manufactured in India after a major India-France defence agreement. Ahead of the 6th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue in Bengaluru on February 16, 2026, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and French Minister Catherine Vautrin are set to sign an MoU for local production.
- ➔ The HAMMER air-to-surface weapon is already integrated with the Indian Air Force Rafale jets and was used in Operation Sindoor in May 2025. This move is expected to significantly boost India's stand-off strike capability in modern warfare. HAMMER air-to-surface weapon will be jointly produced in India under a new Memorandum of Understanding between India and France.
- ➔ The agreement comes during the 6th India-France Annual Defense Dialogue in Bengaluru. The weapon, developed by Safran Electronics and Defense, is already operational with the Indian Air Force's Rafale fleet.
- ➔ The joint venture aims to meet future requirements, especially after India cleared procurement of 114 additional Rafale jets. This India France defence deal strengthens strategic ties and supports the government's push for defence indigenisation under the "Make in India" initiative.



MILAN Village:

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- ➔ The Indian Navy inaugurated the MILAN Village on February 15, 2026, at the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. The event marks the formal commencement of Exercise MILAN 2026, one of the largest multilateral naval exercises in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ➔ The ceremony was presided over by Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, who formally opened the village for participating navies from over 70 countries, highlighting India's expanding maritime outreach.
- ➔ The MILAN Village is a specially curated experience zone designed to foster camaraderie and cultural exchange among naval delegates. It serves as a social and cultural hub where professional engagement blends with friendship and cooperation.



Amazon India:

- ➔ Amazon India has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee to develop non-wood paper packaging from agricultural waste like wheat straw and bagasse, promoting recyclable and home-compostable materials.
- ➔ The 15-month research, led by IIT Roorkee's Department of Paper and Packaging Technology and INNOPAP Lab, aims to reduce stubble burning, cut reliance on imported wood pulp, and provide additional income to farmers.

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Kerala:

- ➔ Kerala has launched the Nawodhan Scheme to bring large areas of fallow land back into cultivation and boost self-reliance in agricultural produce, especially fruits and vegetables.
- ➔ The scheme promotes modern, high-yield commercial farming through a partnership model where landowners retain ownership, while skilled farmers, investors, agri-startups, and farmer collectives undertake cultivation without any transfer of land rights.
- ➔ Nawodhan is a key component of the KERA Project, implemented by the Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare with financial and technical support from the World Bank.

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Indian Institute of Technology Madras:

- ➔ Indian Institute of Technology Madras has partnered with the Finnish Meteorological Institute to establish VAYYU – a Virtual Research Centre focusing on aerosol–meteorology interactions, Himalayan atmosphere-cryosphere dynamics, and urban air quality.
- ➔ The centre will conduct advanced simulations and state-of-the-art observations to study the impact of aerosols on regional hydro-climate, Himalayan snow and glacier melt, and air pollution in Indian megacities.
- ➔ The collaboration, formalised through an MoU signed by senior IIT Madras and FMI officials, aims to strengthen Indo-Finnish cooperation in climate science, urban sustainability, and next-generation environmental research.

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GAIL (India) Limited:

- ➔ GAIL (India) Limited appointed Deepak Gupta as its new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD); he will assume charge on or after 1 March 2026 and serve till 28 February 2029.
- ➔ GAIL (India) Limited serves as India's leading natural gas processing and transmission company, a Maharatna public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Established- 1984. Headquarters- New Delhi.

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Private Member Bill:

- ➔ A Private Member Bill proposing the Right to Recall for elected representatives has been discussed in Parliament in the context of strengthening democratic accountability in India. Right to Recall is a democratic system that allows voters to remove an elected representative before the end of their term.
- ➔ The idea was proposed in India by M. N. Roy in 1944 and later supported by Jayaprakash Narayan in 1974.
- ➔ The Right to Recall is not available for Members of Parliament (MP) and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) at the national level. Some states like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh have implemented Right to Recall provisions in local bodies such as Panchayats and Municipalities. The Representation of the People Act (1951) allows the removal of representatives only for legal offences, not for public dissatisfaction.

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Startup India;

- ➔ The Union Cabinet approved the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (FoF 2.0) with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore. The fund aims to mobilise long-term domestic capital and strengthen India's startup and venture capital ecosystem.
- ➔ It follows Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS 1.0), launched in 2016 under the Startup India initiative. Under FFS 1.0, ₹10,000 crore was committed to 145 Alternative Investment Funds, which invested over ₹25,500 crore in more than 1,370 startups.
- ➔ FoF 2.0 will focus on deep technology, innovative manufacturing, early-stage founders and priority sectors across India. The scheme is implemented by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and managed by the Small Industries Development Bank of India.

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Union Government:

- ➔ The Union Government informed Lok Sabha that 8,630 complaints were received against sitting judges in the last 10 years. Complaints relate to corruption, sexual misconduct, and other serious impropriety against judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts.
- ➔ Complaints against judges are handled under the “in-house procedure” by the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justices of High Courts. Complaints submitted through CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) are forwarded to the concerned judicial authorities.

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Hair-crested Drongo:

- ➔ A Hair-crested Drongo was sighted for the first time at the foothills of Manjamalai near Palamedu in Madurai. The scientific name is *Dicrurus hottentottus*, and it belongs to the Dicruridae family.
- ➔ It lives in evergreen forests, moist deciduous forests, forest edges, scrublands and plantations. Its conservation status is Least Concern in the IUCN Red List, and it is listed under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

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Lion--tailed macaque:

- ➔ A recent study reported a rise in lion-tailed macaque populations in human-dominated landscapes of the Anamalai Hills in the Western Ghats. The lion-tailed macaque is an endemic primate species found only in the Western Ghats rainforest ecosystem.
- ➔ A 40-year study observed 37 groups of macaques across protected forests and human-dominated areas such as plantations and settlements. It is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List and included in Appendix I of the CITES. It is also protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

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NITI Aayog:

- ➔ NITI Aayog released the sixth edition of “Trade Watch Quarterly” for Quarter 2 of FY 2025–26 (July–September 2025) in New Delhi. The report shows India’s total exports grew by about 8.5% during the quarter.
- ➔ Electronics became the second-largest item in India’s export basket, with exports reaching USD 42.1 billion by 2024.
- ➔ The Union Budget allocated ₹40,000 crore under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme to support domestic electronics production. E-commerce exports are projected to contribute 20–30% of India’s merchandise exports by 2030.

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Him-CONNECT:

- ➔ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will organise 'Him-CONNECT' on the sidelines of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2026 in New Delhi from 25 to 27 February 2026.
- ➔ Him-CONNECT is a collaborative platform aimed at linking researchers working in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) with startups, investors and policymakers to scale up climate-resilient and sustainable innovations.
- ➔ More than 24 technologies, prototypes, patents and pilot projects developed under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) will be showcased.



Central Excise Day:

- ➔ India will observe Central Excise Day 2026 on 24 February 2026 to mark the historic Central Excise Act, 1944. This day recognises the contribution of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in tax administration and revenue collection.
- ➔ Even after the introduction of GST, Central Excise remains important for specific goods like petroleum and tobacco. Central Excise Day 2026 highlights the role of CBIC officers in ensuring transparency, preventing smuggling and strengthening India's financial system.
- ➔ Central Excise Day 2026 commemorates the enactment of the Central Excise and Salt Act on 24 February 1944, which later became the Central Excise Act in the 1944. This law consolidated multiple earlier excise related laws into one framework.

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Delhi government:

- ➔ The Delhi government has decided to implement the Centre's 'Rah-Veer' scheme in the national capital to encourage citizens to help seriously injured road accident victims.
- ➔ Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that under this scheme, individuals who assist accident victims and ensure they receive timely medical care will receive a cash reward of ₹25,000 along with a certificate of appreciation.
- ➔ The main aim of the Rah-Veer scheme is to ensure that seriously injured victims receive treatment within the 'golden hour', which is considered crucial for saving lives after an accident.
- ➔ Many people hesitate to help accident victims due to fear of police questioning or legal complications. The scheme addresses these concerns by providing legal protection under the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, which includes Good Samaritan provisions.

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NITI Aayog:

- ➔ Nidhi Chhibber has taken additional charge as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog after BVR Subrahmanyam completed his three-year tenure on February 24, 2026.
- ➔ NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) is the government's premier policy think tank. It was established in 2015 to replace the Planning Commission.

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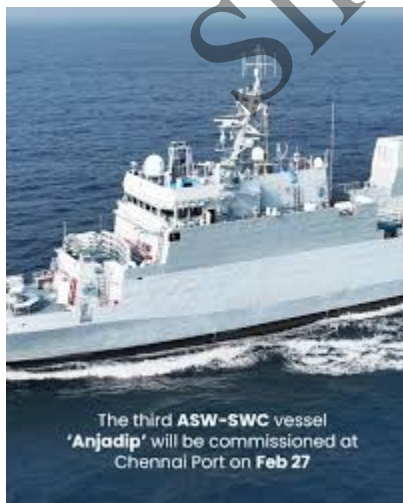
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INS Anjadip:

- ➔ The Indian Navy will commission INS Anjadip, the third vessel of the eight-ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) project, on February 27, 2026 at Chennai Port. The ceremony will be presided over by Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff.
- ➔ The induction of INS Anjadip marks a significant step in strengthening India's Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capabilities and advancing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defense manufacturing. INS Anjadip is part of the ASW-SWC project, aimed at enhancing coastal and shallow-water defense.



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India–Japan:

- ➔ The 7th edition of the India–Japan Joint Military Exercise ‘Dharma Guardian’ has commenced at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubattia, Uttarakhand. The exercise will be conducted from 24 February to 9 March 2026.
- ➔ The annual drill is held between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF), reinforcing defence cooperation between the two countries.



Homestay Scheme:

- ➔ The Rajasthan State government has officially unveiled the Homestay Scheme 2026 to strengthen Rajasthan tourism and promote rural tourism across the state. The new Rajasthan Homestay Scheme 2026 allows local families to host tourists in their homes, offering affordable stays and authentic cultural experiences.
- ➔ With this move, the government aims to expand tourism beyond major cities and boost income opportunities in villages and small towns. The scheme is expected to play a major role in community-based tourism and sustainable development.

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Tirumala temple:

- ➔ The Tirumala temple complex in Andhra Pradesh is set to deploy advanced e-nose and e-tongue technologies at a new ₹25 crore food testing laboratory. To monitor the quality of prasadam and ingredients like ghee, dry fruits and spices. The initiative follows concerns over adulterated ghee used in Tirumala laddus in 2024.
- ➔ Backed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the sensor-based systems aim to strengthen food safety through rapid, AI-driven analysis. An electronic nose (e-nose) is a sensor-based device designed to detect odours and volatile compounds released by food.



Delhi Police:

- ➔ Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has approved a 20% quota for former Agniveers in Delhi Police constable (executive) posts.

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- The amendment to the Delhi Police (Appointment and Recruitment) Rules, 1980 also provides age relaxation and exemption from physical efficiency tests.
- The move aims to support ex-Agniveers after their four-year service in the armed forces and strengthen Delhi Police with disciplined, trained personnel in 2026.



Palamu Tiger Reserve:

- Palamu Tiger Reserve (Jharkhand) has launched the Vanjeevi Didi Initiative (VDI) to empower rural women in forest and wildlife protection. The Vanjeevi Didi Initiative is the community based conservation programme rolled out across 17 forest-fringe villages.
- Under this initiative 18 women from each village are trained to prevent poaching, reduce deforestation and promote eco-friendly livelihoods. The Forest Department of Jharkhand has introduced this pilot programme to strengthen grassroots environmental governance and build a strong civilian surveillance network in vulnerable forest areas.



Palamau Tiger Reserve

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Abua Dishom Budget:

- The Jharkhand State Government on February 24, 2026, presented a ₹1.58 lakh crore Budget for FY 2026-27 in the State Assembly. Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore tabled the Budget, also termed the Abua Dishom Budget, marking a significant increase from the previous year's ₹1.45 lakh crore allocation.
- The JMM-led government stated that the new fiscal plan aims to address the aspirations of poor families, farmers, tribals and women across the state. The term Abua Dishom Budget reflects the government's emphasis on regional identity and inclusive development.
- "Abua Dishom" means "Our Land" in the local tribal dialect, highlighting the state's focus on tribal welfare and grassroots empowerment. By branding the Jharkhand Budget 2026-27 with this name, the government aims to underline its commitment to local aspirations, cultural identity and balanced development across districts.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister:

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated IBM's AI GovTech Innovation Centre in Lucknow, calling it a major step toward strengthening technology-driven governance in the state. He said the initiative will help Uttar Pradesh emerge as a leader in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, deep tech and quantum computing.

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- ➔ The Chief Minister said Uttar Pradesh has strong potential in advanced technology. He recalled that India's first computer was installed at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur with IBM's support, highlighting the state's historical link with technological progress.



Bela Gram:

- ➔ Bela Gram, a village in Bhandara district in Maharashtra, has become India's first net-zero panchayat (net-zero village) and was honoured during Mumbai Climate Week 2026. A net-zero village reduces its greenhouse gas emissions and balances any remaining emissions through eco-friendly measures like tree plantation and renewable energy adoption.
- ➔ In simple terms, a net-zero status means: Pollution produced = Pollution reduced or absorbed, ensuring environmental sustainability.

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Keralam:

- ➔ The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to change the name of the State of Kerala to “Keralam”, following a resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly on 24 June 2024.
- ➔ After Cabinet approval, the President of India will refer the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, to the State Legislative Assembly for its views, after which it will be introduced in Parliament for final approval.
- ➔ The Kerala assembly has urged the central government to take immediate steps to amend it as Keralam under Article 3 of the Constitution and in all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

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CABINET APPROVES KERALA NAME CHANGE FOLLOWING ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION



PRAHAR:

- ➔ The Ministry of Home Affairs unveiled India's new national counter-terrorism policy and strategy titled PRAHAR. The PRAHAR strategy provides a comprehensive and proactive framework to prevent and counter evolving terror threats while safeguarding national interests.
- ➔ PRAHAR stands for Prevention, Response, Aggregation of capacities, Human rights & Rule of Law, Attenuation of radicalisation, Alignment of international efforts, and Recovery & resilience, ensuring a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

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Nilgiri Documentation Centre:

- ➔ The Nilgiri Documentation Centre (NDC) has requested the Tamil Nadu government to mark the 200th death anniversary of British Governor Sir Thomas Munro. Munro served as Governor from 1820 to 1827 and introduced the Ryotwari system of land administration in Tamil Nadu.
- ➔ He laid the foundations for modern administration, police, and education in the state and advocated a federal structure for India. Munro visited The Nilgiris in September 1826 to review John Sullivan's work in developing it as a hill station.
- ➔ He recommended making The Nilgiris a health resort on 28 May 1827 and passed away from cholera on 7 July 1827, the day the recommendation was accepted.

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Maharashtra government:

- The Maharashtra government, led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, has revoked a decade-old 5% reservation for socially and educationally backward sections of the Muslim community.
- The quota was originally introduced in July 2014 by the Congress-NCP government through an ordinance, but was never converted into law and had lapsed in December 2014. The government cited constitutional concerns under Articles 15(1) and 16(2) which prohibit discrimination based solely on religion.
- Courts, including the Supreme Court of India, have consistently ruled that affirmative action cannot be based solely on religious identity. Following the revocation, the issuance of Special Backward Category-A (SBC-A) caste and validity certificates for Muslims has been stopped.

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IONS:

- ➔ India assumed the chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) at the 9th Conclave of Chiefs held in Visakhapatnam. India took over the chair from Thailand after 16 years and will lead IONS for a two-year term. IONS was launched by the Indian Navy in 2008 to promote maritime cooperation among navies of the Indian Ocean Region.
- ➔ The Philippines was admitted as an Observer, and Oman joined the Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR). IONS currently has 25 member navies and 9 observer nations, and the chairmanship rotates every two years.

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Murshidabad district:

- ➔ The wetlands in Murshidabad district, called the “kidneys of South Bengal,” are shrinking quickly at about 2.1 % per year. This shrinkage rate is nearly three times the global average and about 1.5 times India’s national average.
- ➔ A study found the total area of 14 major wetlands fell from 5,524.7 hectares (ha) in 1990 to 1,700.2 ha in 2025. The wetlands help regulate water flows, recharge groundwater, and support fisheries and agriculture. More than half of these wetlands are severely degraded due to invasive weeds, siltation and pollution.

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Kuno National Park:

- ➔ Three new cubs were born at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, increasing India's total cheetah population to 38. The cubs were born to Gamini, a cheetah brought from South Africa under Project Cheetah.
- ➔ With this birth, the number of Indian-born cubs has reached 27. Project Cheetah started in 2022–23 with 20 cheetahs translocated from Namibia and South Africa. The cheetah became extinct in India in 1952 and was reintroduced after 70 years.



Jammu and Kashmir government:

- ➔ The Jammu and Kashmir government is considering diversion of Ravi river water to the Jammu region and revival of the Tulbul Navigation Barrage Project after the suspension

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of the Indus Waters Treaty (1960). The Ravi River diversion plan proposes transferring water from Punjab to the Jammu region.

- The Tulbul Navigation Barrage Project, also known as the Wullar Barrage, is located at the outlet of Wular Lake in Jammu and Kashmir. The project began in 1984 but was stopped due to objections under the Indus Waters Treaty (1960). It was designed to regulate water flow in the Jhelum River during the lean winter months. The project aims to improve navigation and support downstream hydropower generation.



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Chandra Shekhar Azad:

- On 27 February 2025 India observed the 95th martyrdom day of Chandra Shekhar Azad, one of the most fearless revolutionaries of the Indian freedom struggle.
- Political leaders across parties paid tribute to his courage and sacrifice. Azad, who vowed never to be captured alive by the British, kept his promise till his last breath in 1931. His life remains a symbol of uncompromising patriotism and revolutionary spirit in India's struggle for independence. He earned the name "Azad" (meaning Free) at the age of 15 when arrested during the Non-Cooperation Movement.
- When presented before a magistrate, he declared, The Jallianwala Bagh massacre deeply influenced young Azad. He joined Mahatma Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22) as a teenager.
- However, after Gandhi suspended the movement following the Chauri Chaura incident (1922), Azad became disillusioned with non-violent methods and shifted towards revolutionary nationalism. He later joined the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA), which aimed to overthrow British rule through armed resistance.



International Polar Bear Day:

- International Polar Bear Day is observed every year on February 27 to raise awareness about the impact of climate change and shrinking sea ice on polar bear populations.
- The day is organized by Polar Bears International, a global conservation group dedicated to protecting polar bears and their Arctic habitat.

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- The date coincides with the time when polar bear mothers and their newborn cubs are inside snow dens the most vulnerable period in their lives.



World NGO Day:

- World NGO Day 2026 will be observed on Friday 27 February 2026. This global observance recognizes the powerful role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in transforming societies. From education and healthcare to environmental protection and human rights, NGOs work at the grassroots level to improve lives.
- The day celebrates their dedication and encourages citizens, governments, and institutions to collaborate for meaningful social change. World NGO Day 2026 is not just about appreciation it is about awareness, advocacy, and action.

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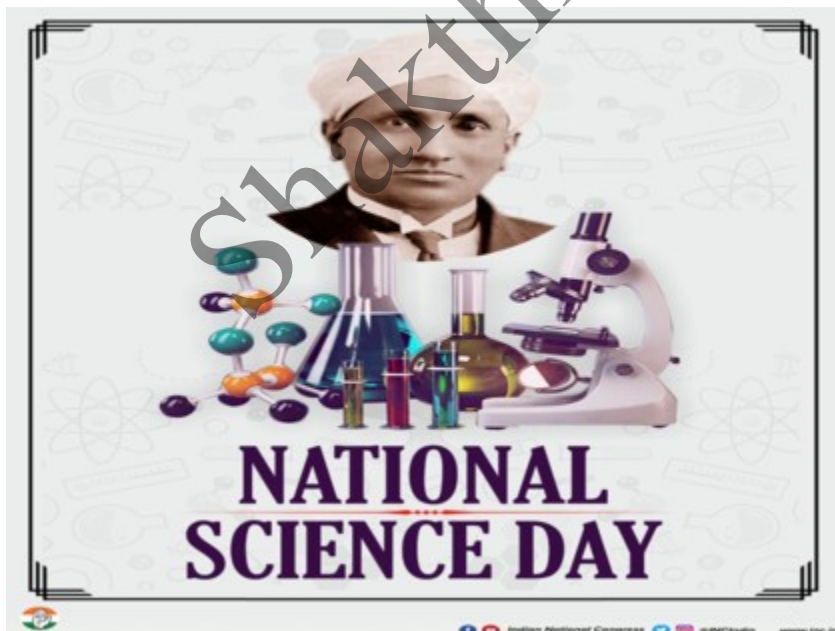
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WORLD NGO DAY
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Sir C. V. Raman:

- ➔ India celebrates National Science Day 2026 to honour the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C. V. Raman in 1928. This day observed on 28th February every year. This historic scientific breakthrough earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 which is making him the first Asian Nobel laureate in science.
- ➔ The 2026 theme, “Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat,” focuses on the powerful role of women scientists in shaping a developed India through innovation, research, and leadership in STEM fields.



Jammu and Kashmir:

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- Jammu and Kashmir etched their name in history by winning the Ranji Trophy 2025-26 in their maiden final appearance. At the KSCA Cricket Stadium in Hubballi, J&K defeated eight-time champions Karnataka by securing a massive first-innings lead of 291 runs.
- Led by captain Paras Dogra, the team celebrated in style as Chief Minister Omar Abdullah watched from the stands. With this triumph, Jammu and Kashmir became only the 10th team in 92 years to win the Ranji Trophy in their debut final.



VSHORADS:

- India has successfully conducted three consecutive flight trials of the indigenous VSHORADS (Very Short Range Air Defence System) missile system off the coast of Odisha.
- This trials were carried out from Chandipur on February 27 2026 and demonstrated the system's ability to intercept high speed aerial threats across varying ranges and altitudes.
- This systems were Developed by DRDO and the missile system is now poised for induction into the Indian armed forces.

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Exercise Vayu Shakti:

- ➔ The Indian Air Force (IAF) displayed its combat power during Exercise Vayu Shakti 2026 at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in western Rajasthan. Exercise was Conducted in the Thar desert near the India–Pakistan border, the large scale day to night exercise was witnessed by President Droupadi Murmu.
- ➔ Exercise Vayu Shakti 2026 included simulated combat missions over a three kilometre target zone. The demonstration reflected operational scenarios similar to those undertaken during Operation Sindoor.



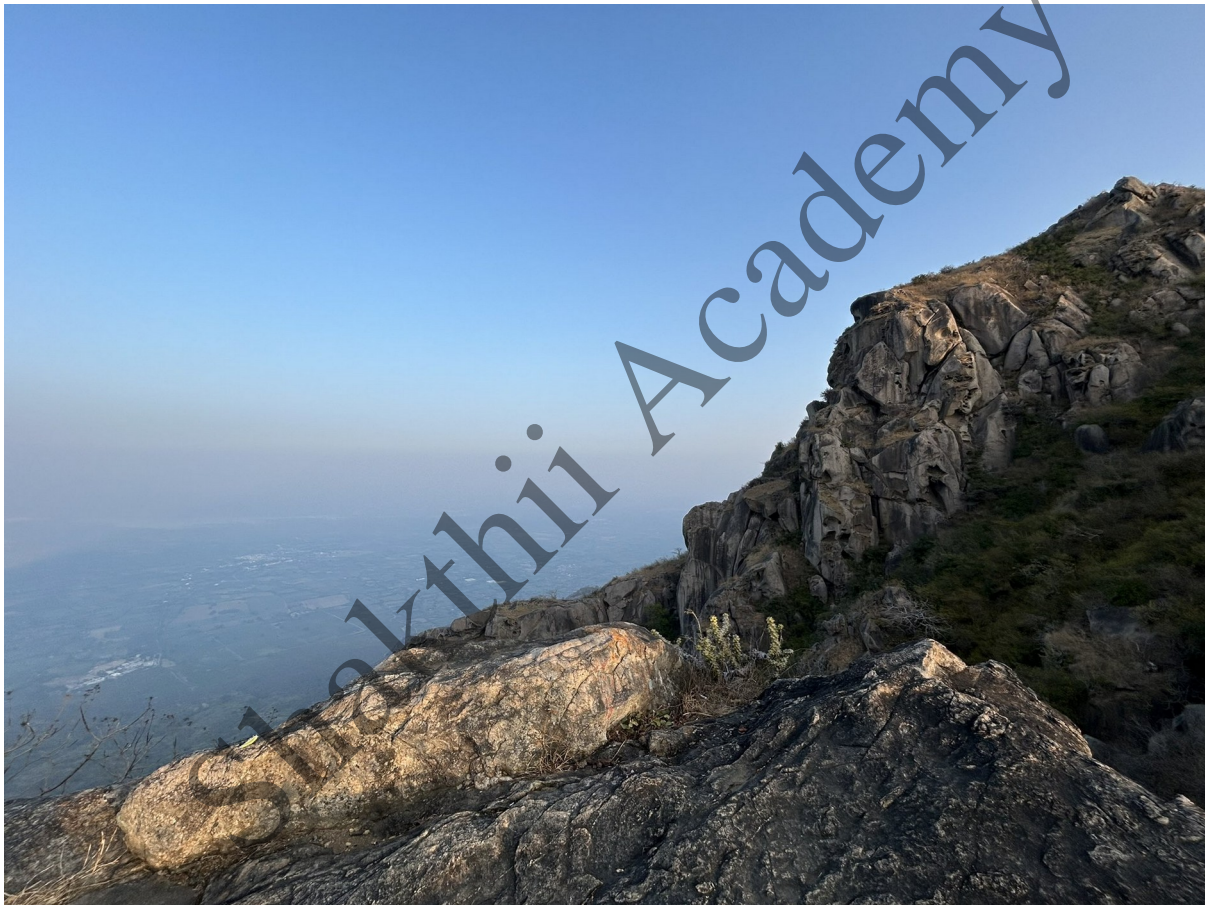
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Aburaj:

- The Rajasthan government has announced that Mount Abu will now be known as Aburaj which is marking a significant step in restoring the historical identity of the region.
- State Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma made the announcement in the Rajasthan Assembly. Along with this, Kaman has been renamed Kamvan and Jahazpur will now be called Yagyapur.
- The decision aims to honour cultural heritage and local sentiments. Official records, government documents, and signage will be updated accordingly.



Nano Banana 2:

- Google has officially launched the Nano Banana 2, the latest version of its AI-powered image generation and editing tool. Built on the Gemini 3.1 Flash Image model and Nano Banana 2 promises faster image generation, improved reasoning, better text rendering, and enhanced visual quality.

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- The new model combines the speed of Gemini Flash with the advanced intelligence previously seen in Nano Banana Pro. Nano Banana 2 is an upgraded AI image generation tool designed for faster edits, quicker iterations, and higher-quality outputs.
- The original Nano Banana was introduced in August 2025, followed by Nano Banana Pro in November, which focused on deeper reasoning and creative control. Now, Nano Banana 2 merges the strengths of both versions.



Speaker of the Knesset Medal:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the “Speaker of the Knesset Medal,” the highest honour of the Knesset.
- The award was presented at the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) in Jerusalem, Israel. PM Modi became the first global leader to receive this prestigious medal.



Special Intensive Revision:

- The Final electoral rolls of Tamil Nadu were published after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). Tamil Nadu has more than 5.67 crore electors, as released by the Election Commission of India.

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- ➔ The list includes 2,89,60,838 women, 2,77,38,925 men, and 7,617 third-gender electors. Sholinganallur in Chengalpattu district has the highest voters (5,36,991), and Harbour in Chennai district has the lowest (1,16,896).
- ➔ Chief Electoral Officer Archana Patnaik stated that there are 12.51 lakh electors aged 18–19, 4.63 lakh persons with disabilities, and 3.99 lakh senior citizens aged 85+.
- ➔ Appeals against the decision of the Electoral Registration Officer can be filed before the District Magistrate within 15 days under Section 24(a) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, read with Rule 27 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. The number of polling booths remains unchanged at 75,032.



Sivagangai POCSO Court:

- ➔ The Sivagangai POCSO Court sentenced a 51-year-old astrologer to a cumulative 200 years of rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting two minor girls in 2021. A case was registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, and the accused was arrested in 2022.
- ➔ The court awarded 100 years of rigorous imprisonment for each victim (a total of 200 years), imposed a ₹2 lakh fine, and directed the government to provide ₹10 lakh compensation to each survivor.
- ➔ The judgment is believed to be the first instance of a court awarding a cumulative sentence of 200 years of rigorous imprisonment.

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Domestic Product:

- ➔ India's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) rankings for the financial year 2025 have been released, showing the richest and poorest states and Union Territories (UTs). GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) measures the total economic output of a state or UT.
- ➔ Maharashtra is the richest state with a GSDP of ₹45.32 lakh crore, driven by finance, manufacturing, and services. Tamil Nadu is second with a GSDP of ₹31.19 lakh crore, led by automobiles, manufacturing, and information technology (IT). Uttar Pradesh is third with a GSDP of ₹29.78 lakh crore, supported by infrastructure, agriculture, and industry.
- ➔ Arunachal Pradesh has the smallest GSDP at ₹4,423 crore, followed by Tripura at ₹8,968 crore and Himachal Pradesh at ₹23,169 crore. Southern states dominate the top rankings, while northeastern states and smaller UTs have lower GSDP due to smaller populations and geography. India's overall real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth is projected at 7.4% for FY 2024–25.

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Smooth-coated otters:

- ➔ Smooth-coated otters were officially recorded for the first time in Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttarakhand. Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand between the Gola and Sharda rivers.
- ➔ The smooth-coated otter (Scientific name: *Lutrogale perspicillata*) is listed as Vulnerable by the IUCN. The species is a semi-aquatic mammal found in freshwater rivers, wetlands, and mangroves.



Shrikant Eknath Shinde:

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- Shrikant Eknath Shinde is the youngest MP to be nominated as the President of the India–Indonesia Parliamentary Friendship Group. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MP Supriya Sule leads the India-Singapore Parliamentary Friendship Group.
- A total of 64 Parliamentary Friendship Groups have been formed in the 18th Lok Sabha. Shrikant Shinde is a three-term MP and the son of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.
- He has previously led international parliamentary delegations to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sierra Leone, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in May 2025. The group will work to strengthen cultural, economic, and social relations between India and Indonesia.



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Tamil Nadu government:

- ➔ The Tamil Nadu government signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth ₹5,980 crore to promote semiconductor and aerospace manufacturing. Minebea Mitsumi will invest ₹1,980 crore to establish a manufacturing and research and development (R&D) centre in Tiruvallur district.
- ➔ The facility at Mahindra Origins Industrial Park will manufacture Insulated-Gate Bipolar Transistors (IGBT), Integrated Circuits (IC), motors, and sensors. Another MoU was signed with Aequs Group to support aerospace manufacturing in the State.



2,300-year-old rock paintings:

- ➔ The 2,300-year-old rock paintings at Kumittipathi village in Coimbatore district remain without protection despite being declared a protected monument in 2025. The paintings are located inside two caves on Pathimalai hill near Madukkarai, close to the Kerala border.
- ➔ The artwork, drawn in white pigment, shows an elephant, a chariot, and humanlike figures. In 2025, the site was notified as a protected monument under Section 3(1) of the Tamil Nadu Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1966.

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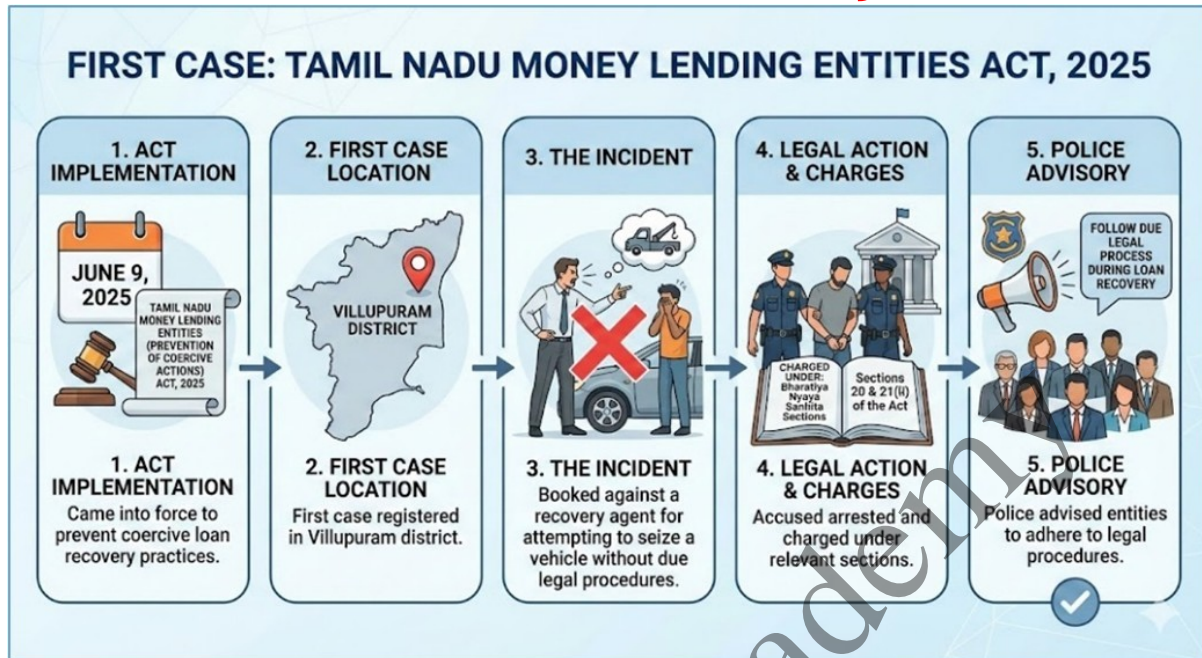
Tamil Nadu Money Lending Entities:

- ➔ The first case under the Tamil Nadu Money Lending Entities (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Act, 2025, was registered in Villupuram district. The Act came into force on 9 June 2025 to prevent coercive loan recovery practices.
- ➔ The case was booked against a recovery agent for attempting to seize a vehicle without following legal procedures. The accused was arrested and charged under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 20 and 21(ii) of the Act.

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Release of convicts:

- ➔ The State government has notified new rules governing the release of convicts on furlough. Under the new rules, prisoners convicted for sedition/acts endangering the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India are ineligible for furlough.
- ➔ Prisoners convicted of rape and convicted foreign prisoners are ineligible for release on furlough. Prisoners convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, are not eligible for furlough. Prisoners convicted under Sections 19, 20(ii)(c), 21(c), 22(c), 23(c), 24, and 27A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 are not eligible for furlough.
- ➔ Prisoners involved in prison offences such as assault, outbreak, riot, mutiny, and escape during the past five years are ineligible for furlough. The rules state that no convict prisoner shall claim furlough as a matter of right. A convict prisoner becomes eligible for furlough only after completing 10 years of imprisonment with satisfactory conduct.

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P. Wilson:

- ➔ The Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament P. Wilson introduced a private member's Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to provide reservation in judicial appointments.
- ➔ The Bill seeks to ensure representation for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), religious minorities, and women in the Supreme Court and High Courts. It proposes that appointments should reflect their population proportion and sets a 90-day time limit for the Central Government to notify collegium recommendations.
- ➔ The Bill also proposes regional benches of the Supreme Court at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Chennai to improve access to justice. At present, judges are appointed through the collegium system, which was created by the Supreme Court through the Second Judges Case (1993).

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M.A.N.A.V.:

- ➔ The Prime Minister presented the M.A.N.A.V. framework at the India AI Impact Summit in New Delhi. M.A.N.A.V. stands for Moral and Ethical Systems, Accountable Governance, National Sovereignty, Accessible and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Valid and Legitimate Systems.
- ➔ It provides a five-pillar framework for the development and use of Artificial Intelligence in India. It focuses on fairness, transparency, accountability, data security, and public access to AI systems.



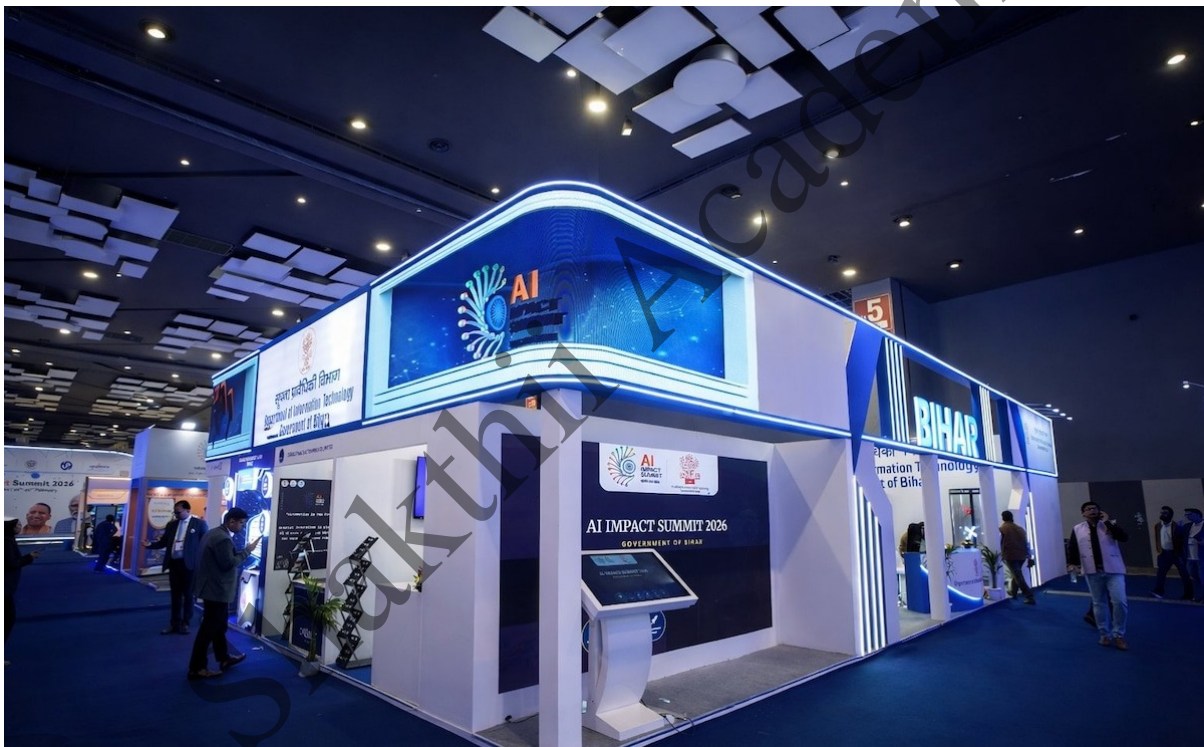
Bihar:

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- ➔ Bihar presented an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered remote e-voting system at the India AI Impact Summit held in New Delhi. The system was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in collaboration with the Bihar State Election Commission.
- ➔ The mobile application “e-Voting SECBHR” enables remote voting through Android smartphones. Voter verification includes One-Time Password (OTP) authentication, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based facial recognition, and matching with the Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) database.
- ➔ Security features include dual encryption, liveness detection, blockchain-based storage, and audit trails similar to Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). The system was first used in the 2025 urban local body elections and may be considered for future Assembly elections.



Indian Grey Hornbill:

- ➔ The Indian Grey Hornbill was voted as the ‘Bird of Tirupattur’ district in a public poll conducted by the Forest Department. The initiative aimed to create awareness about biodiversity conservation and forest protection among students and youth.
- ➔ A sizable population of Indian Grey Hornbill is found in Ambur and Singarapettai forest ranges and Yelagiri Hills in Tirupattur district. The Indian Grey Hornbill (*Ocyeros birostris*) is classified as Least Concern (LC) on the IUCN Red List.

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2026, February 18

Ramakrishna Paramhansa Jayanti:

- ➔ Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa Jayanti 2026 is being observed to honour one of India's greatest spiritual leaders. Born on 18 February 1836 in Kamarpukur, West Bengal, Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa was originally named Gadadhar Chattopadhyay.
- ➔ He became known for his deep devotion to Maa Kali and his message of love, self-realisation, and unity of religions. According to the Hindu lunar calendar, his birth anniversary falls on Dwitiya Tithi of Shukla Paksha in the month of Phalgun.
- ➔ His life continues to inspire millions across India and the world. Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa deeply influenced Swami Vivekananda, who later became a global ambassador of Indian spirituality. Inspired by his guru's teachings, Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Mission in 1897 to promote spiritual education and humanitarian service.
- ➔ The Ramakrishna Mission runs schools, hospitals, and relief programs worldwide. Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa played a vital role in reviving Hinduism in Bengal during the 19th century. His emphasis on unity of religions and social service shaped modern Indian spiritual thought and inspired reform movements.



Marseille Fos:

- ➔ Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Marseille Fos, France's largest port. The agreement aims to strengthen India-EU trade through the IMEC corridor.
- ➔ The partnership focuses on trade facilitation, port innovation, and energy transition. It also proposes creating an IMEC Ports Club to coordinate major ports along the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor.

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Losar Festival:

- ➔ The Losar Festival 2026 has begun from 18 to 20 February in McLeod Ganj, Himachal Pradesh, marking the start of the Fire Horse Year. The Tibetan exile community is celebrating its traditional New Year with prayers, rituals, and cultural activities.
- ➔ Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama has arrived in McLeod Ganj, adding to the festive spirit. Homes and monasteries are decorated, and devotees are offering prayers for peace, prosperity, and freedom for Tibet.
- ➔ The Losar Festival 2026 marks the beginning of the Fire Horse Year according to the Tibetan lunar calendar. In Tibetan astrology, the Fire Horse is considered powerful and energetic, symbolizing strength, passion and transformation.
- ➔ The Fire Horse Year occurs once in 60 years as part of the Tibetan zodiac cycle. The Losar Festival not only marks a new year but also represents renewal, spiritual growth, and cultural identity for Tibetans worldwide.

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World's nuclear stockpile:

- ➔ The world's nuclear stockpile has dramatically shrunk since the Cold War, yet nuclear weapons remain central to global security. According to the Federation of American Scientists' Status of World Nuclear Forces (data updated October 2025), the nine nuclear-armed states collectively possess 12,321 nuclear warheads as of early 2026.
- ➔ Russia continues to lead, closely followed by the United States. Meanwhile, countries like China, India, and Pakistan are gradually expanding their stockpiles, slowing the pace of global reductions.



Bharat Electronics Limited:

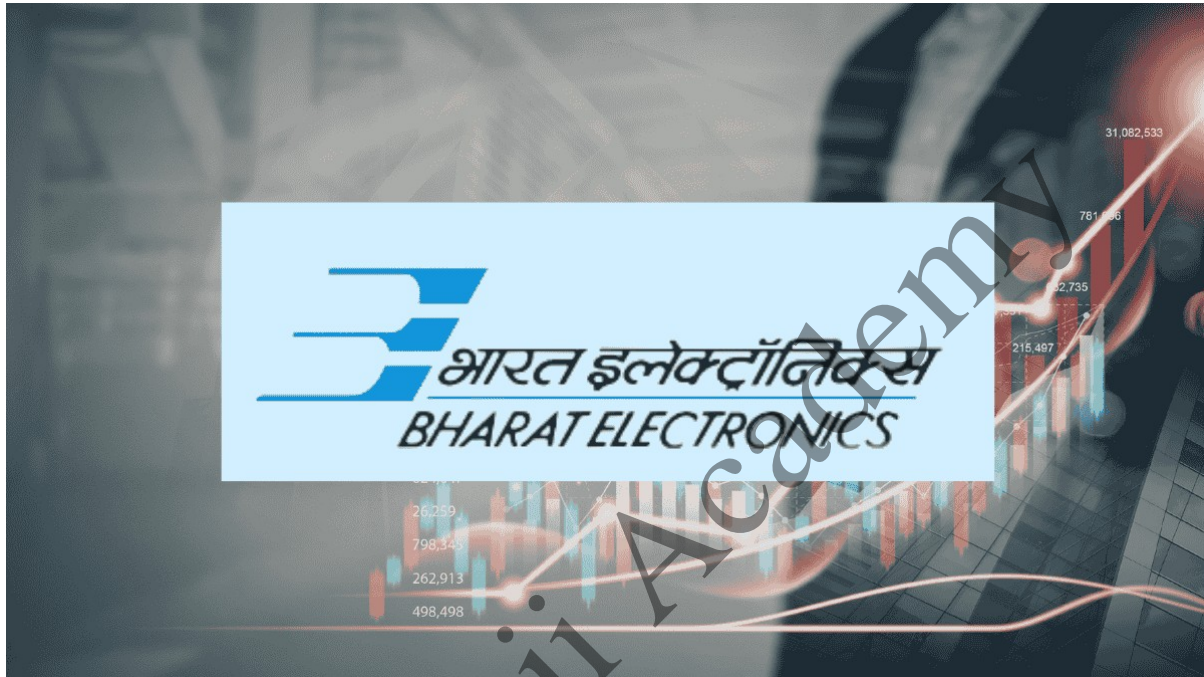
- ➔ Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has approved signing a Joint Venture Agreement with Safran Electronics and Defence, France, for the HAMMER weapon system project, as per a stock exchange filing.

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- Under the agreement, BEL and Safran will jointly incorporate a private limited company under the Companies Act, 2013, with its registered office and principal place of business proposed to be in Pune or another mutually agreed location. Bharat Electronics Limited is an Indian Government-owned aerospace and defence electronics company. Founded -1954. Headquarters – Bengaluru.



PDS:

- Amit Shah inaugurated India's first CBDC-based Public Distribution System (PDS) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, where ration beneficiaries receive digital coupons instead of cash.
- The digital coupons are stored as e-Rupee (CBDC) in an RBI-approved wallet and specify the ration item, quantity, and subsidised price; the funds can only be used for purchasing ration items.
- Beneficiaries with smartphones can scan a QR code at ration shops, while feature phone users can complete transactions using Aadhaar OTP verification, ensuring accessibility for all.

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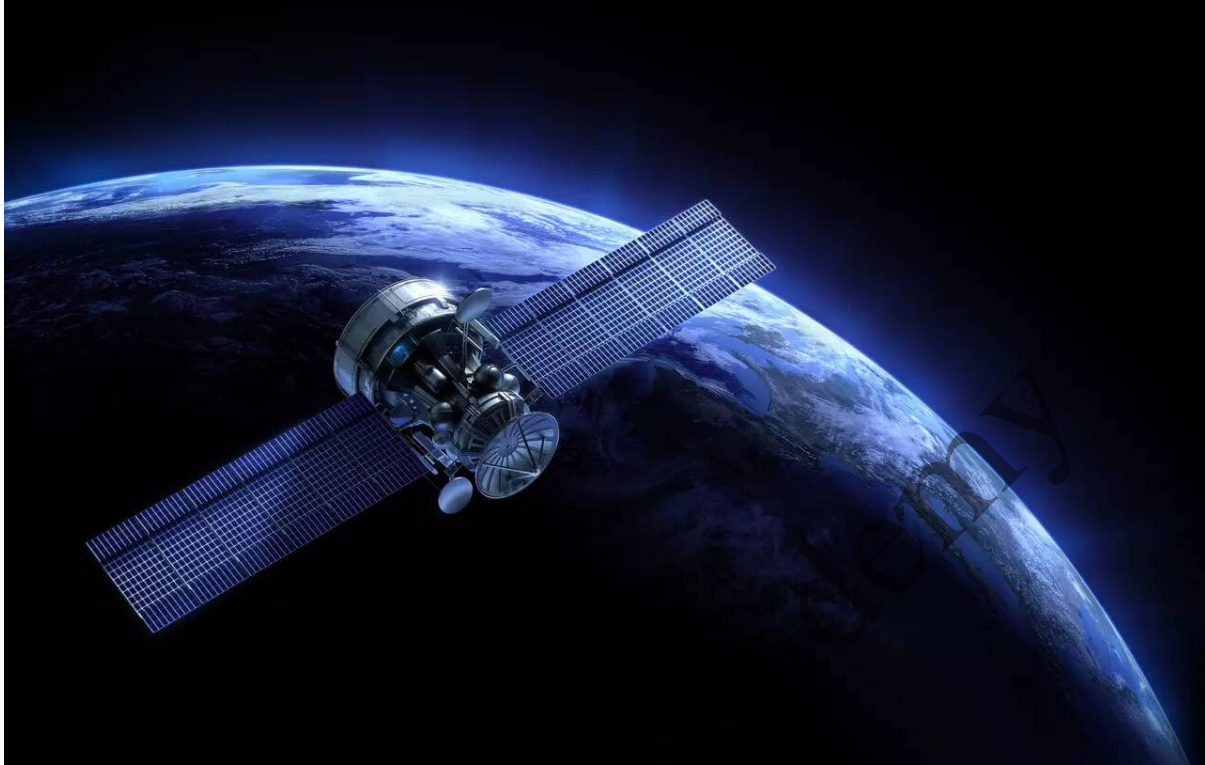
GalaxEye:

- ➔ Space tech start-up GalaxEye has signed a data reseller agreement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation, for providing advanced satellite imagery solutions.
- ➔ Under the collaboration, NSIL will resell GalaxEye's full product portfolio, including its 'SyncFused OptoSAR' solutions, enabling high-precision applications across sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, infrastructure planning, natural resource management, and environmental monitoring.
- ➔ With this agreement, GalaxEye becomes the first private Indian satellite operator to formally partner with NSIL as a data reseller, supporting the Aatma nirbhar Bharat initiative by promoting Indian space products and services at the global level.

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Global Tourism Resilience Day;

- Global Tourism Resilience Day is observed annually on 17 February to highlight the importance of building resilient, sustainable, and adaptable tourism sectors worldwide. Theme 2026 – Tourism Resilience in Action: From Crisis Response to Impactful Transformation. The day was officially proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly to promote strategies that help tourism industries recover from crises such as pandemics, climate change, natural disasters, and economic shocks.

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Government of Tamil Nadu:

- ➔ The Government of Tamil Nadu launched a “Baby Care Kit” scheme to reduce the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) among low birth weight (LBW) babies.
- ➔ The scheme provides monthly kits with iron drops, multivitamin drops, Vitamin D3 drops, an infant medical card, and a booklet on 12 child development signs. Around 4.5 lakh deliveries take place yearly in government hospitals, and about 52,000 babies are born with low birth weight (less than 2.5 kg).
- ➔ The initiative, announced in the State Budget, is implemented at a cost of ₹8.07 crore. Tamil Nadu’s IMR reduced from 8.2 (2023–24) to 7.7 (2024–25) per 1,000 live births. The Pregnancy and Infant Cohort Monitoring and Evaluation (PICME) mobile app “Thaimai” was also launched for monitoring antenatal care, immunisation, and high-risk alerts.

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Early care

Tamil Nadu government has rolled out a 'Baby Care Kit' scheme to strengthen care for low birth weight (LBW) babies being discharged from Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU)

The baby care kits

- The kits will be procured through the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation and supplied to district drug warehouses. From there, they will be distributed to medical college hospitals, district hospitals, and sub-district hospitals with SNCUs

- The kit includes iron drops, multivitamin



Health Minister Ma. Subramanian launching the 'Baby Care Kit' scheme implemented at a cost of ₹8.07 crore at the Institute of Obstetrics and

Smartphones:

- ➔ India became the second-largest active smartphone installed base globally in 2025, with over 740 million smartphones in use, after China.
- ➔ The active installed base refers to the total number of smartphones currently being used, not just yearly sales. More than 50% of India's population (about 1.45 billion) now uses smartphones. The average smartphone replacement cycle in India is about 42 months, slightly lower than the global average of 47 months.



Balaghat:

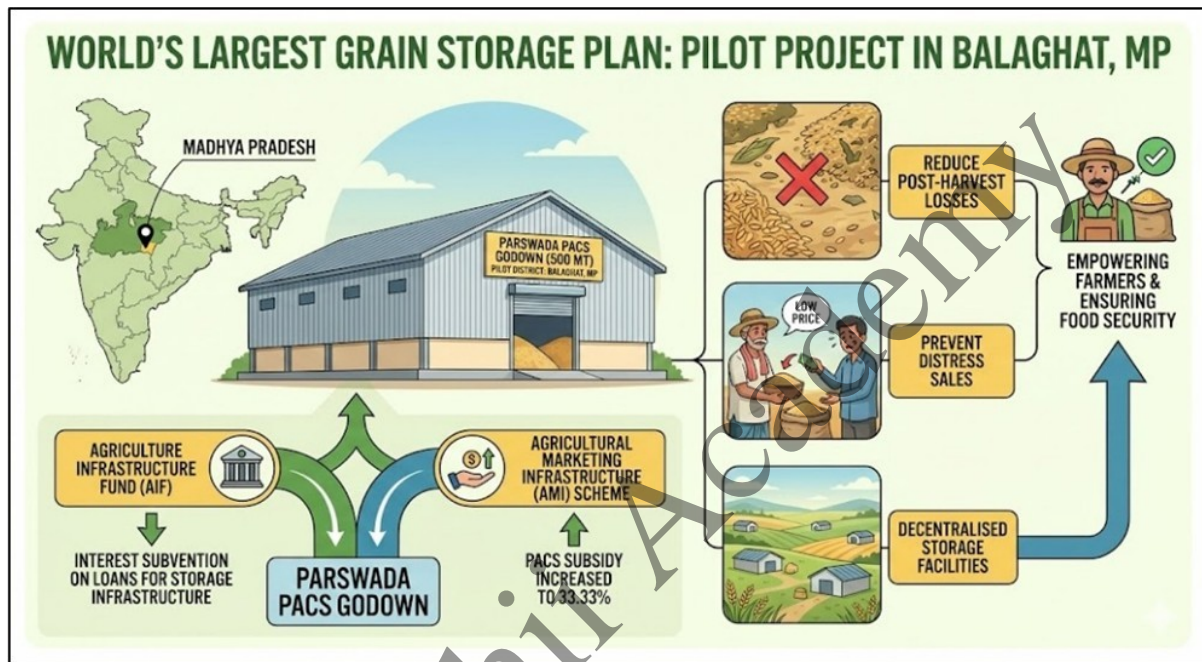
- ➔ Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, has been selected as the pilot district under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector. A 500 Metric Tonne (MT) godown was constructed at the Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) level in Parswada.

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- ➔ The project is implemented through the convergence of schemes like the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Scheme. Under AIF, PACS receive interest subvention on loans for building storage infrastructure.
- ➔ The subsidy for PACS under AMI has been increased to 33.33 %. The initiative aims to reduce post-harvest losses and prevent distress sales by farmers through decentralised storage facilities.



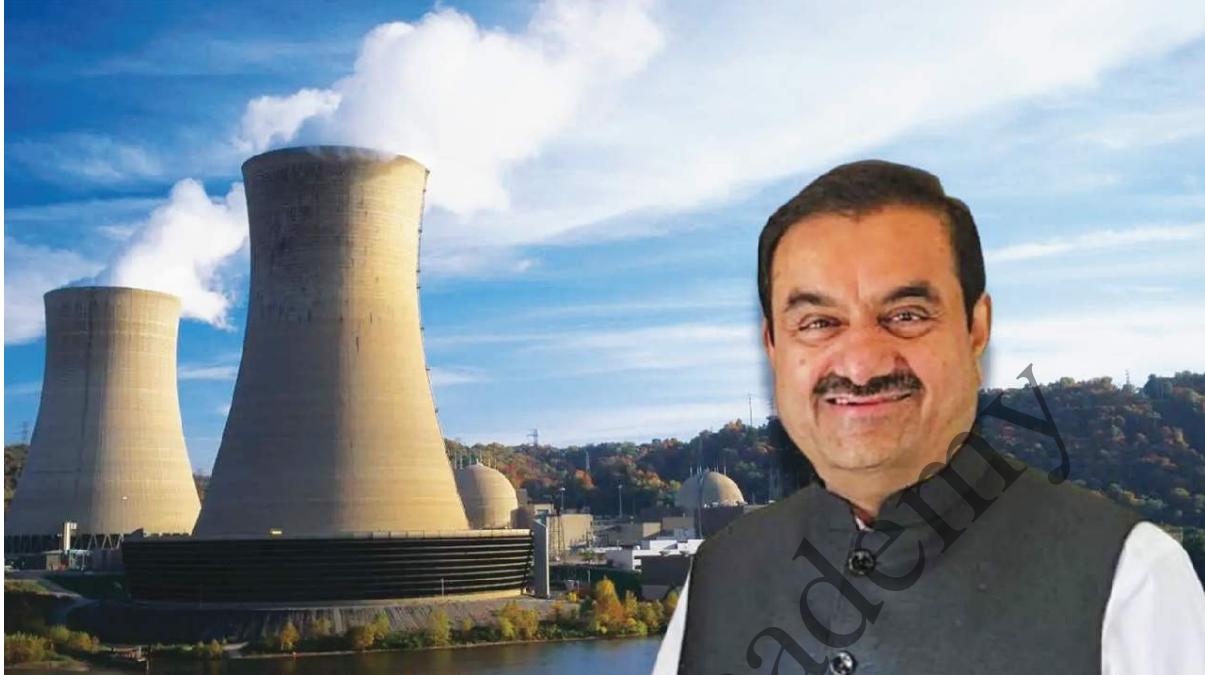
SHANTI Act:

- ➔ The Adani Group entered the nuclear power sector after the passage of the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act, 2025. Adani Power Limited has created a wholly owned subsidiary called Adani Atomic Energy Limited.
- ➔ The SHANTI Act allows private companies to operate nuclear power plants in India and collaborate with foreign technology partners.
- ➔ The law replaces the Atomic Energy Act and enables private participation in nuclear energy production. India currently has about 8.8 gigawatts (GW) of installed nuclear power capacity, contributing around 3 % of total electricity generation. The government aims to increase nuclear power capacity to 32 gigawatts in the next decade as part of the energy transition goal.

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Lakshpati Didi:

- ➔ The Government of India has doubled the target of the Lakshpati Didi Scheme to 6 crore women beneficiaries by March 2029 after achieving the earlier 3 crore target ahead of schedule. The scheme supports women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to earn at least ₹1 lakh annual income through livelihood activities.
- ➔ In the Union Budget 2026–27, the government announced the launch of “SHE-Marts” (Self Help Entrepreneur Marts). SHE-Marts will provide better marketing platforms for SHG products across the country. The initiative aims to increase income opportunities and promote rural women's entrepreneurship.

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New archaeological research:

- ➔ New archaeological research from the Bhirrana site suggests the Indus Valley Civilisation may date back nearly 8,000 years. Radiocarbon dating of pottery and animal remains indicates that early human settlement and agrarian communities developed much earlier than previously believed.
- ➔ The Indus Valley Civilisation (also called the Harappan Civilisation) is traditionally dated between 2600 BCE and 1900 BCE. Major urban centres include Harappa, Mohenjo-daro, Dholavira, and Rakhigarhi.



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2026, February 19

Shivaji Maharaj:

- Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti 2026 will be celebrated on 19 February 2026 (Thursday) across India, especially in Maharashtra, to honour Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of the Maratha Empire. The day remembers his courage, military brilliance, leadership and vision of Swarajya (self-rule).
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was crowned on 6 June 1674 at Raigad Fort and became the first Chhatrapati of the Maratha Empire. His reign from 1674 to 1680 established a strong, people-centric kingdom.
- Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti 2026 celebrates not only a warrior king but also a visionary ruler who built a disciplined administration and inspired generations. Shivaji Maharaj is known for pioneering guerrilla warfare, popularly called Ganimi Kava.



Gujarat Assembly:

- In a significant policy move, the Gujarat Assembly has unanimously passed the Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2026. The amendment allows night shifts

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for women, increases daily working hours from 9 to 10 hours and raises the overtime limit.

- ➔ Introduced by Labour, Skill Development and Employment Minister Kunvarji Bavaliya, the Bill replaces an ordinance issued in December last year.



America-India Connect:

- ➔ At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, Google announced a massive \$15 billion investment over five years under a new initiative called America-India Connect. The project will strengthen digital and AI connectivity between India and the United States through new subsea cable routes.
- ➔ A key highlight is the creation of a new international subsea gateway in Vizag. The initiative is expected to significantly enhance India's digital public infrastructure and support AI-driven growth. The America-India Connect subsea cable initiative is a collaborative infrastructure program designed to improve high-speed data transfer capacity.

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Larsen & Toubro:

- ➔ Engineering giant Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has announced a strategic venture with NVIDIA to build sovereign gigawatt-scale AI factory infrastructure in India. Revealed at the AI Impact Summit, the collaboration focuses on delivering production-grade AI capacity anchored within India.
- ➔ The initiative supports enterprises, policymakers, and global customers seeking scalable and secure AI computing resources.

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VoiceERA:

- ➔ India has taken a major step toward multilingual digital empowerment with the launch of VoiceERA, an open-source Voice AI stack, at the India AI Impact Summit 2026. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) unveiled the platform on the BHASHINI infrastructure, strengthening India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- ➔ VoiceERA is designed to enable secure, scalable, and multilingual voice-based services for citizens across sectors, marking the beginning of what officials described as India's new "Voice Era."



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Ol Chiki script:

- ➔ The President of India inaugurated the 100-year celebrations of the Ol Chiki script, organised by the Ministry of Culture in New Delhi. The script, invented by Pandit Raghunath Murmu in 1925, preserves the Santhali language and serves as a symbol of Santal identity worldwide.
- ➔ Before Ol Chiki, the Santhali language was written in Roman, Devanagari, Oriya, and Bengali scripts, which could not capture the original pronunciation accurately. The President released a special coin and postage stamp and felicitated 10 achievers for promoting the use of Ol Chiki among the Santhali people.



Super law Courts:

- ➔ The Madras High Court has launched an AI-assisted system called Super law Courts, aimed at enhancing judicial efficiency by helping judges and legal professionals manage large volumes of case records and reduce delays in proceedings.
- ➔ The system acts as an intelligent record assistant, creating a secure digital workspace, converting scanned documents into searchable text using OCR (Optical Character Recognition) technology, and enabling faster retrieval of relevant case information.

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- ➔ Established in 1862, the Madras High Court is one of India's three oldest High Courts, along with the Bombay High Court and the Calcutta High Court, and this initiative reflects the growing role of technology in strengthening India's justice delivery system.



India and France:

- ➔ India and France elevated their ties to a “Special Global Strategic Partnership” after talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron, expanding cooperation across defence, advanced technologies, critical minerals, climate action, health, education, and economic security.
- ➔ The upgrade builds on the 1998 Strategic Partnership and the Horizon 2047 Roadmap, with both sides agreeing to launch an annual Foreign Ministers Comprehensive Dialogue and reaffirming support for a rules-based international order and India's permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security Council.
- ➔ The two countries also launched the 2026 India–France Year of Innovation, enhanced collaboration in AI, startups, and critical minerals, agreed to amend the DTAA to boost trade and investment, and strengthened cooperation in climate action, nuclear energy, and the Indo-Pacific region.



Kerala:

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- ➔ Kerala has approved India's first comprehensive Graphene Policy, aiming to position the state as a global hub for graphene research, development, and manufacturing, integrating advanced materials into its long-term economic growth strategy.
- ➔ As part of the initiative, the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of Grefine Park, and the state will set up a dedicated graphene industrial park in Palakkad along with a ₹200 crore Digital Innovation Centre to promote graphene-based innovation.
- ➔ To attract domestic and global investors, Kerala will offer a 50% subsidy on lease payments for manufacturing units established in government-managed parks, creating a competitive ecosystem for advanced material production.



Krishna:

- ➔ The first indigenous Cadet Training Ship (CTS), built by M/s L&T Shipyard for the Indian Navy, was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai, in the presence of Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan.
- ➔ The ship, named 'Krishna', pays tribute to the Krishna River, the third longest river in India, and was launched by Anupama, President of DWWA, following maritime traditions.
- ➔ The contract for building three Cadet Training Ships was signed on 07 March 2023 between the Ministry of Defence and Larsen & Toubro (L&T Shipyard).

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Tower clock:

- ➔ The historic tower clock at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Palayamkottai is being restored and is set to chime again. The clock was manufactured in 1854 and installed in 1855, which is earlier than Big Ben in London, which was installed in 1859.
- ➔ The year 1854 is engraved on the clock, and it was made by John Moore & Sons, a London-based clockmaking company. The cathedral was built in 1826 by Reverend Charles Theophilus Ewald Rhenius and recently celebrated its bicentenary. The clock is believed to be one of the oldest tower clocks in India.

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Madras City Police Act:

- ➔ A history-sheeter was remanded in judicial custody for violating an externment order issued by the Greater Chennai City Police. The police invoked Section 51A of the Madras City Police Act 1888 to take action against the offender.
- ➔ This is the first time in nearly 25 years that provisions of the City Police Act have been used to jail a person for breaching an externment order. An externment order allows the Police Commissioner to direct the removal of individuals from the city if their activities may cause alarm, danger, harm to persons or property, or involve force or violence.
- ➔ The orders were issued as part of a crackdown on notorious rowdy elements entering Chennai and threatening public peace. The measure aims to rein in repeat offenders, safeguard public peace, maintain law and order, and prevent the recurrence of serious criminal activities.

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Economic Survey;

- ➔ The Tamil Nadu Economic Survey 2025–26 was prepared by the State Planning Commission. The Survey states that Tamil Nadu can achieve a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2031 if the State sustains a 16% nominal growth rate recorded in 2024–25.
- ➔ Tamil Nadu's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) reached ₹31.19 lakh crore in 2024–25, with real growth of 11.2%, the highest among major States.
- ➔ Per capita income in 2024–25 was ₹3.62 lakh, which is 1.77 times higher than the national average of ₹2.05 lakh.
- ➔ The State contributed 9.4% to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) despite having 4% of the land area and 6% of the population. The manufacturing sector grew by 14.74% in 2024–25, while the services sector grew by 11.3%, showing strong sectoral performance.



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Union–State Relations:

- Part I of the report by the Justice Kurian Joseph Committee on Union–State Relations was submitted to the Government of Tamil Nadu. The committee was constituted in 2025 and is chaired by Kurian Joseph, a retired Supreme Court of India judge. The report discusses decentralisation, State autonomy, amendment of the Constitution, territorial integrity of States, the role of the Governor, and delimitation.
- It aims to strengthen cooperative federalism within the constitutional framework and restore balance between the Union and the States.
- Two more parts of the report, each containing ten chapters, are under preparation. This committee is the fourth major national-level review of Union–State relations after the Rajamannar Committee, Sarkaria Commission, and Punchhi Commission.



Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu:

- The State's interim Budget for the financial year 2026-2027 was presented in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly by Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu ahead of the Assembly elections due this year. Also, the interim Agriculture Budget was presented by the portfolio minister M.R.K. Panneerselvam.

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- Tamil Nadu can achieve its trillion-dollar economy milestone by 2031 if it sustains the 2024-25 nominal growth rate of 16%. The finance minister will also present in the House the demand for advance grants for the year 2026-2027 and additional expenditure for 2025-2026 for its approval.
- Tamil Nadu recorded 11.3% economic growth in 2024–25. Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) reached ₹31.19 lakh crore, retaining its position as India's second-largest State economy. School Education was allocated ₹48,534 crore. Works of Periyar E.V. Ramasamy translated into 27 languages, including English, French, Arabic, Hindi, and Gujarati.
- Tamil Nadu ranks first in the country in terms of the number of safe deliveries conducted in Government hospitals.
- Tamilnadu's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has dropped to 35 per lakh live births, and the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) stands at 12 per thousand live births. Both are significantly lower than the national average. Tamil Nadu remains India's second-largest state economy.



Assam Rifles:

- The Assam Rifles plans to induct indigenous Tangkhul Hui and Kombai dog breeds into its dog squad and phase out foreign breeds by 2050. The Assam Rifles, established in 1835, is India's oldest paramilitary force and functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (administrative control) and the Ministry of Defence (operational control).

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- The Ministry of Home Affairs issued a 2025 directive to promote Indian dog breeds in armed forces dog squads. The Tangkhul Hui breed is native to the Ukhrul district of Manipur and is known for disease resistance and hunting ability.
- The Kombai breed is native to Tamil Nadu and has been identified as suitable for guard and tracking duties. The force currently has 253 dogs, mainly Belgian Malinois, German Shepherd and Labrador, against a sanctioned strength of 344.



Indian Navy:

- The Indian Navy has assumed the command of Combined Task Force-154 (CTF154) for the first time. CTF-154 is a multinational training task force under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). The change-of-command ceremony was held at CMF headquarters in Manama, Bahrain.
- CTF-154 was established in May 2023 to strengthen maritime security through training and capacity-building programmes. CMF is a 47-nation naval partnership working for security in the Indian Ocean Region and nearby waters. The task force conducts Maritime Security Enhancement Training and exercises such as Compass Rose and Readiness exercises.

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2026, February 9

Baba Amte:

- ➔ India remembers one of its greatest social reformers on February 9, 2026, the 18th death anniversary of Baba Amte. The news brings focus back to his lifelong service for the poor, the sick, and the displaced. Baba Amte dedicated his life to dignity, equality, and justice, especially for leprosy patients and tribal communities.
- ➔ His work continues to inspire social movements, public service, and civil society across the country even years after his passing. Trained as a lawyer, he initially worked during the freedom struggle by defending leaders jailed during the Quit India Movement.



International Epilepsy Day:

- ➔ Monday, February 9, 2026, is being observed as International Epilepsy Day, a global initiative aimed at improving understanding of epilepsy and supporting the rights of people living with the condition.
- ➔ The day highlights the need to move beyond myths and stigma toward empathy, inclusion, and better healthcare access. With over 50 million people worldwide affected, International Epilepsy Day 2026 places renewed focus on awareness, advocacy, and real-world action.

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International Epilepsy Day

USISPF:

- ➔ India-US economic engagement received a significant boost on February 9, 2026, with the appointment of Rohit Kumar Singh, former Consumer Affairs Secretary, as Chair of the Global Value Chains Committee of the US–India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- ➔ The US–India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is a leading platform that strengthens India-US strategic and economic ties through collaboration between governments, businesses, and thought leaders.
- ➔ It works across sectors such as trade, technology, energy, defense, and supply chains. USISPF plays a crucial role in aligning policy priorities and enabling dialogue at a time when global trade faces fragmentation and geopolitical stress.

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Airports Authority of India:

- ➔ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a key agreement with Bharat Taxi to improve last-mile connectivity at select airports. The partnership focuses on providing fair pricing, reliable service, and better passenger experience.
- ➔ This move also supports cooperative-based business models and aligns with national development goals. Bharat Taxi is India's first driver-owned cooperative taxi service, operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Ltd. Unlike app-based ride-hailing platforms, Bharat Taxi follows a no-surge pricing model.
- ➔ This ensures passengers pay fair and predictable fares, while drivers enjoy ownership, income security, and dignity. The platform is promoted by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and backed by leading cooperative institutions.

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Himachal Pradesh:

- ➔ Himachal Pradesh has taken a fresh step in digital education with the launch of 'Padhai with AI', an artificial intelligence-based learning initiative. The programme was formally launched on February 9, 2026, at Barthin in Bilaspur district by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.
- ➔ The Padhai with AI platform is a district-level digital education programme developed for students of Bilaspur district.
- ➔ It uses artificial intelligence tools to deliver structured learning content, exam-oriented study material, and personalized support. The focus is on students preparing for government and competitive exams who often lack access to quality coaching.

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Global Innovation Index:

- ➔ Global spending on research and development (R&D) has reached a historic milestone. According to the Global Innovation Index 2025, released by the World Intellectual Property Organization, total R&D expenditure stood at \$2.87 trillion in 2024, showing nearly 3% annual growth.
- ➔ The biggest highlight is that China has overtaken the United States to become the world's largest R&D spender. India has also strengthened its position, securing a place among the top 10 countries by R&D spending.

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Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship:

- ➔ India will host the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 after the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) secured the hosting rights through a successful bid.
- ➔ This marks the second consecutive time India will host the prestigious continental shooting championship, to be held from 1–10 December 2027 at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges, New Delhi.
- ➔ The 2027 championship will double as an Olympic qualifier for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, with eight Olympic quota places up for grabs for Asian shooters.



Tamil Nadu government:

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- ➔ The Tamil Nadu government released the Tamil Nadu Urban Greening Policy 2026 under the Green Tamil Nadu Mission. The aim is to develop climate-resilient, sustainable, and liveable cities by increasing urban green cover.
- ➔ The policy focuses on integrating trees, urban forests, parks, wetlands, and blue green infrastructure into city planning. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are expected to maintain at least 15% of urban areas under green cover. The Green Tamil Nadu Mission aims to increase forest and tree cover in the State to 33%.



Sea Turtle:

- ➔ The foundation stone for Tamil Nadu's first Sea Turtle Conservation Centre was laid at Guindy in Chennai. The Centre of Excellence will be established under the World Bank-aided Tamil Nadu Sustainably Harnessing Ocean Resources and Blue Economy (TN-SHORE) project at a cost of ₹14.50 crore.
- ➔ The centre aims to strengthen scientific research, monitoring, training, and coordination for sea turtle conservation. Tamil Nadu is the only State in India that has five of the world's six sea turtle species. The coasts of Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Nagapattinam, and Cuddalore witness major sea turtle nesting activity every year.

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Biomass energy:

- ➔ The United States ranked first in biomass energy production in the world in 2026. Biomass energy is produced from organic materials such as wood, agricultural waste, food waste, and animal dung.
- ➔ Brazil ranks second, mainly due to bioethanol production from sugarcane. Indonesia ranks third, followed by China. India is in fifth place in global biomass energy production. Biomass energy is a renewable source of energy because organic materials can be regenerated.



Karnataka Cabinet:

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- The Karnataka Cabinet approved the use of ballot papers and ballot boxes for the upcoming panchayat elections in February 2026. The decision moves away from Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for local body elections.
- The government plans to introduce the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to allow paper-ballot voting legally. Panchayat elections are conducted by the State Election Commission. Electronic Voting Machines are not constitutionally mandatory for local body elections.



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Poompuhar State Awards:

- ➔ The Poompuhar State Awards were presented to 10 artisans by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in Chennai. The awards honour artisans for excellence in traditional crafts in Tamil Nadu. Each award carries a cash prize of ₹50,000, a 4-gram gold medal, a Thamirapattiram, and a certificate.
- ➔ The 10 recipients for 2025-26 are K. Venkatesh, C. Sangeetha, A. Babu, K. Reeta, M. Shabana, S. Murugan, A. Raj, A. Gavvabeevi, T. Celine Mary, and M. Kumar.



Dugong population:

- ➔ The dugong population in Tamil Nadu has been estimated at 270 individuals. Palk Bay and the Gulf of Mannar now represent the largest viable dugong population in India. A survey conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.
- ➔ It found 158 dugongs in Palk Bay and 112 dugongs in the Gulf of Mannar. This increase is largely attributed to the Dugong Recovery Programme by WII, supported through the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

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FORGE:

- ➔ India backed the FORGE (Forum on Resource, Geostrategic Engagement) initiative at the Critical Minerals Ministerial in Washington DC. FORGE is a successor to the US-led Mineral Security Partnership and focuses on securing critical minerals.
- ➔ Discussions aimed to de-risk global supply chains and reduce overreliance on China for rare earths and minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel.

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SabhaSaar Initiative:

- ➔ The SabhaSaar Initiative is a new AI-based tool launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. It aims to make Gram Sabha and Panchayat meetings easier to document by automatically converting audio and video recordings into text summaries.
- ➔ SabhaSaar works on AI and cloud technology under the India AI Mission and is available for all States and Union Territories. The tool helps generate structured minutes of meetings and ensures uniformity across the country. SabhaSaar is powered by Bhashini, the government's AI language platform, and supports major Indian languages like Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Gujarati, and English.
- ➔ The initiative is significant because it streamlines documentation, helps administrative bodies, and empowers local communities by giving instant access to meeting insights.

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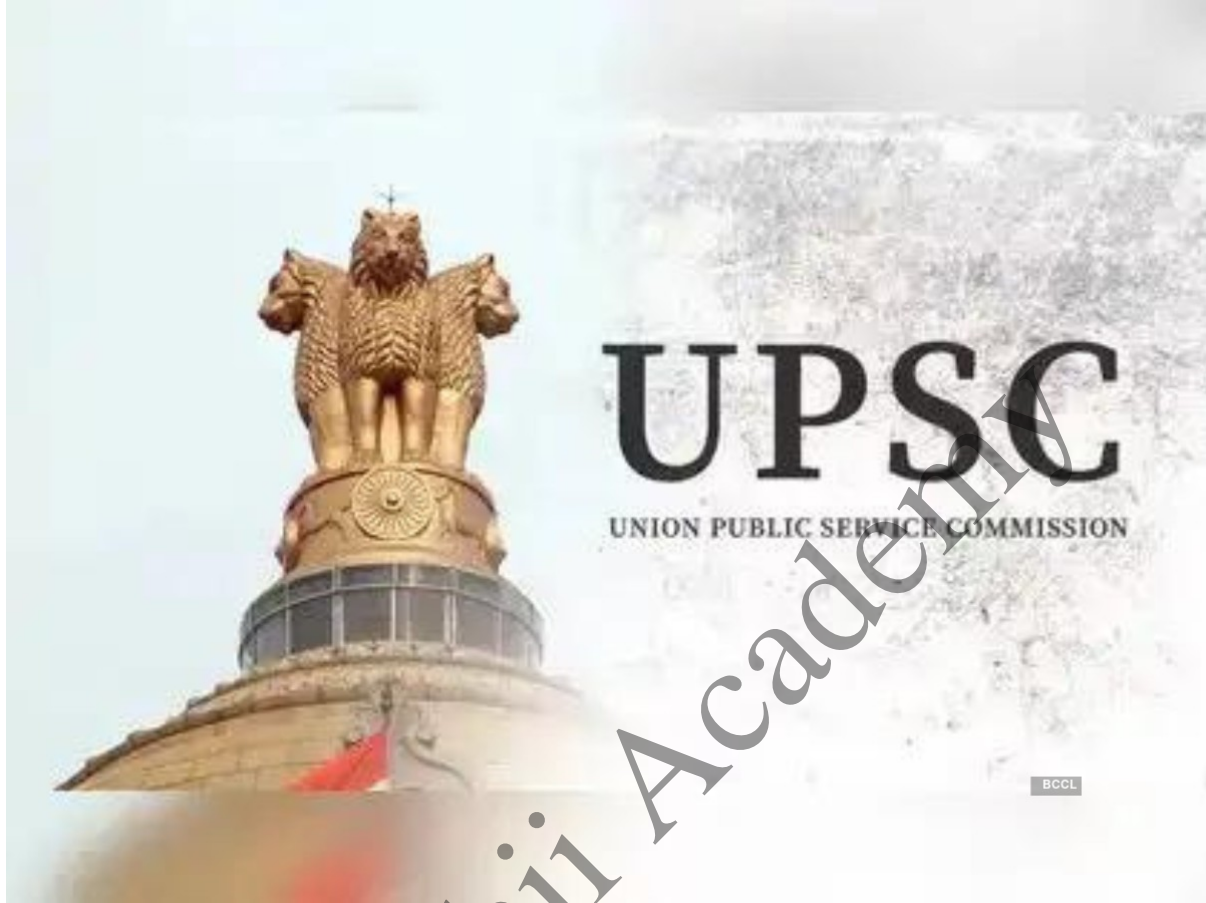
UPSC:

- ➔ The Union Public Service Commission's (UPSC) CSE notification 2026 introduces 14 major changes in the Civil Services Examination.
- ➔ UPSC has introduced a four-stage online application system, including account creation, Universal Registration Number (URN), Common Application Form (CAF), and an exam-specific module. Candidates must upload a live photograph and signature, Aadhaar verification and no correction or withdrawal is allowed after submission.
- ➔ UPSC has also introduced mandatory face authentication at exam centres, online admit cards, and restrictions on service eligibility for IAS, IFS, and IPS candidates. Other changes include a reduced question paper representation window, centre allocation rules for PwBD candidates, and mandatory post-Prelims and post Mains login.

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National Cooperative Development Corporation:

- ➔ The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) implements the Yuva Sahakar Scheme and Swayamshakti Sahakar Scheme. The Yuva Sahakar Scheme encourages newly formed cooperative societies with innovative ideas.
- ➔ Financial assistance under the Yuva Sahakar Scheme for 2024-25 was ₹165.91 lakh for 11,010 beneficiaries. Financial assistance under the Swayamshakti Sahakar Scheme for 2024-25 was ₹1,754.60 crore for 3,15,211 beneficiaries.

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Social Justice Ministry:

- ➔ The Social Justice Ministry has now recommended to the Office of the Registrar General of India that these Denotified, nomadic, and semi-nomadic tribes be included in the upcoming Census.
- ➔ The Criminal Tribes Act was first enacted in 1871 and then amended in 1924, before being officially repealed on August 31, 1952. The 1871 Act said it was for the “registration, surveillance and control of certain criminal tribes and eunuchs”. It was describing “criminal tribes” as “tribe, gang, or class of persons” that are “addicted” to committing non-bailable offences.
- ➔ After the Act was repealed in 1952, the communities notified as “criminal” under the law had become “denotified”. Thus, they are coming to be known as the denotified, nomadic, and semi-nomadic tribes (DNTs). The last National Commission for DNTs, headed by Bhiku Ramji Idate, identified 1,200 such tribes.



Supreme Court:

- ➔ The Supreme Court observed that States were avoiding appointment of regular Director-Generals of Police (DGPs) with a fixed tenure of two years.

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- They are opting instead for “acting” police chiefs of their choice in violation of a 20-year-old top court judgment. The court, in a 2006 judgment in the Prakash Singh case, had made it clear that the office of DGP should be divorced from political or other external pressures and cautioned governments against mixing politics and law enforcement.
- It had invoked its extraordinary powers under Article 142 to direct that DGPs must be selected by State governments from among the three senior-most and meritorious officers empanelled by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The court had thrown out the “concept” of acting DGPs. It had held that State police chiefs should have a minimum fixed tenure of two years. The State concerned shall send a proposal to the UPSC three months ahead of the retirement of the incumbent DGP.
- The UPSC would prepare a panel of suitable officers. The State would appoint one of the empanelled officers as DGP “immediately”.
- The Bench was hearing the case of Telangana, where the UPSC said the last regular DGP retired about nine years ago, in November 2017. The State had not forwarded any proposals to initiate the appointment of a regular DGP. Instead, it was choosing to carry on with ‘acting’ DGPs at the helm of its police force.



Voice note:

- The Lok Sabha had passed the Motion of Thanks by a voice vote, without Prime Minister’s customary reply. After repeated disruptions from the morning, the Speaker took up the Motion of Thanks and put the amendments moved by the Opposition to vote.

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- They were rejected. Mr. Birla then read out the Motion of Thanks to the President for her address to both Houses of Parliament on January 28. It was passed by a voice vote, even as the Opposition sloganeering continued.
- The Prime Minister was not present in the House of People when the Motion was put to vote. Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh were also not present. The last time that the Motion of Thanks to the President's address was passed without the PM's reply was in June 2004.
- The then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh could not deliver his reply to the debate in the Lok Sabha. The Rajya Sabha adopted a Motion to thank President Droupadi Murmu for her address to the Joint Session of Parliament. Here the PM's speech lasted 97 minutes. The amendments moved by Opposition MPs were defeated in a voice vote in their absence.



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2026, February 6-7

Rouble Nagi:

- ➔ Indian teacher and activist Rouble Nagi has brought global recognition to grassroots education in India by winning the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize 2026.
- ➔ The award was presented at the World Governments Summit in Dubai for her work in setting up hundreds of learning centres and using murals to teach children in slum areas.
- ➔ From a small workshop with 30 children to reaching over a million learners, her journey reflects the power of dedication, creativity and belief in education. The Global Teacher Prize 2026 made headlines after Rouble Nagi won the award at the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- ➔ She received a \$1 million prize, making it one of the most valuable awards in education globally. The award was presented by GEMS Education and handed over by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum during the summit.



FGM:

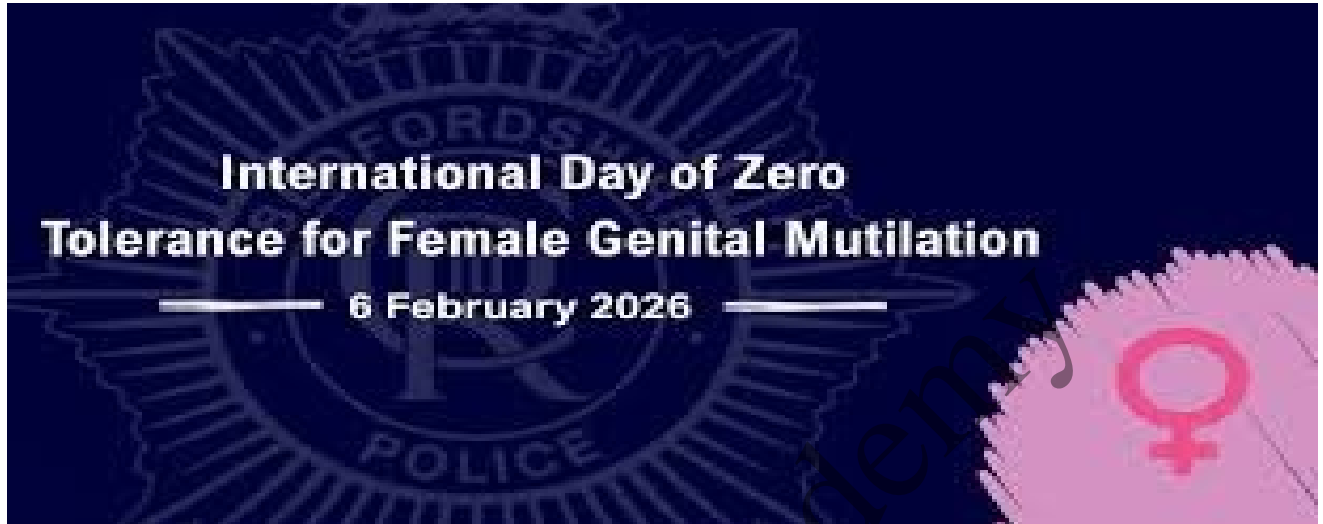
- ➔ On 6 February 2026, the world observes the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), renewing the global pledge to end one of the most harmful practices against women and girls.
- ➔ Despite progress, FGM still affects millions every year. With the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals approaching, the United Nations has warned that without sustained

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political commitment and funding, decades of gains could be reversed. The day calls for urgent, collective action to protect girls' rights and dignity.



Men's Cricket World Cup:

- ➔ India once again stamped its authority in world cricket. In the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026 final, India produced a near-perfect performance against England. A record-breaking batting display followed by relentless bowling left England struggling despite a brave lone fight.
- ➔ The match highlighted India's unmatched depth and dominance at the youth level, taking them closer to extending their legacy in Under-19 World Cups. With this India Claimed the 6th U-19 World Cup title with historic Feat.

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Agni-III:

- ➔ India has successfully test-fired the Agni-III intermediate-range ballistic missile from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha. The test was carried out on 6 February 2026 as part of a routine training exercise.
- ➔ Defense officials confirmed that the missile met all mission objectives and validated critical technical and operational parameters. The launch highlights India's focus on maintaining a high level of preparedness in its strategic missile forces and ensuring the reliability of its deterrence capabilities.



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Kerala:

- ➔ Kerala has once again grabbed national attention. In the FY27 Budget, the state announced India's first-ever Elderly Budget, focusing exclusively on senior citizens. While this move looks path-breaking, a closer look shows that a major share of the allocation is tied to pensions that the state already pays.
- ➔ The announcement highlights Kerala's ageing challenge and raises important questions about welfare planning, fiscal pressure, and demographic transition. An Elderly Budget is a policy tool that consolidates all government spending related to senior citizens into a single budget statement.
- ➔ It includes pensions, healthcare, social security, and welfare schemes. While it does not always mean additional spending, it improves transparency and helps assess the impact of ageing on public finances. Countries facing demographic transition increasingly use such budgetary classifications for planning.



NITI Aayog:

- ➔ NITI Aayog has come out with an ambitious clean energy plan for Andhra Pradesh. The policy blueprint aims to transform the State into one of India's top renewable energy hubs by 2035.
- ➔ The plan promises affordable electricity, large investments, job creation, and strong private sector participation. With falling power costs and major capacity additions, Andhra Pradesh is being positioned as a future clean energy export hub for the country.

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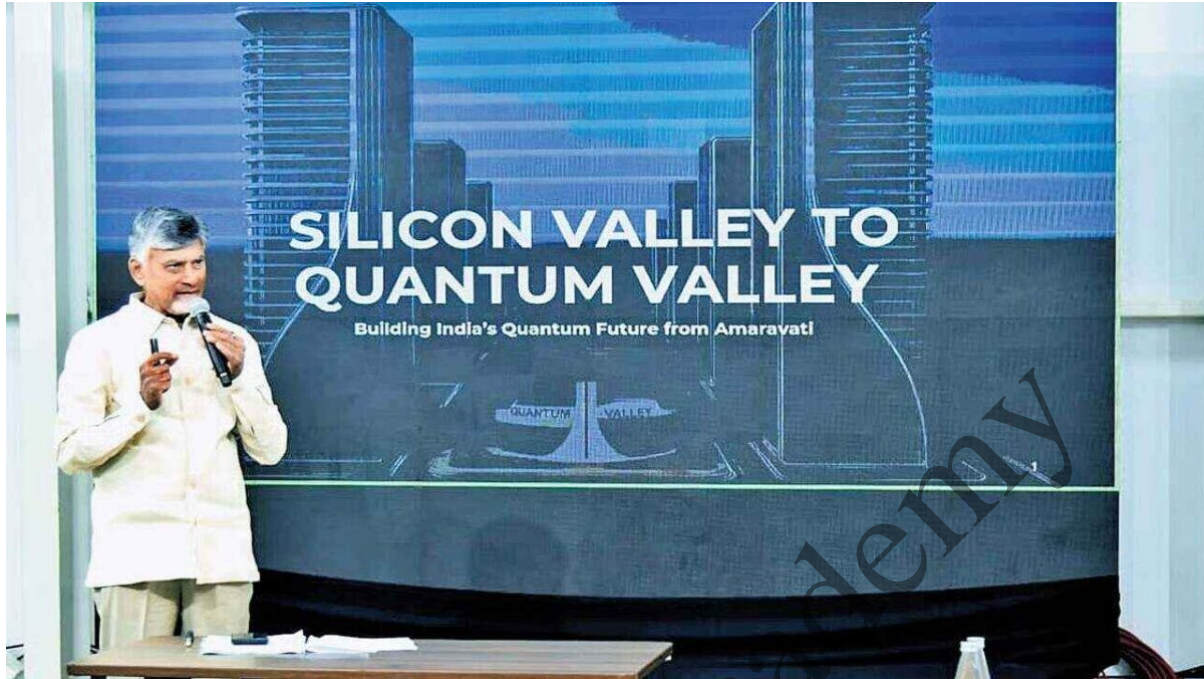
Andhra Pradesh government:

- ➔ The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch the ambitious Amaravati Quantum Valley (AQV) project on February 7, 2026, marking a major step in India's quantum technology journey.
- ➔ The project aims to position Andhra Pradesh as a global hub for quantum research, innovation, talent development, and industry collaboration.
- ➔ Construction work will officially begin with a foundation stone laying ceremony at Amaravati, signalling the state's intent to lead in next-generation technologies critical for national and economic security.

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V.O. Chidambaranar:

- ➔ India has taken a major step to strengthen port and coastal security. The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority has become the first port in the country to deploy an advanced Anti-Drone System. With drones increasingly posing security risks, this move aims to protect critical port infrastructure and operations.
- ➔ The initiative reflects India's growing focus on maritime safety, technology-driven surveillance, and preparedness against emerging aerial threats.

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Goa:

- ➔ Goa has taken an important step towards biodiversity conservation. On February 7, 2026, the State released the Bird Atlas of Goa, becoming the second state in India to do so after Kerala.
- ➔ The atlas was launched during a major bird festival and reflects Goa's growing focus on scientific documentation, citizen participation, and wildlife protection. This initiative is expected to play a key role in long-term ecological monitoring and conservation planning.

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Insurance for All by 2047:

- ➔ Alwar district in Rajasthan became the first district in the country to achieve 100% insurance coverage under the Centre's 'Insurance for All by 2047' roadmap.
- ➔ The achievement reflects a strong focus on last-mile delivery, inclusion, and grassroots execution, marking a practical step toward the vision of a 'Secure India-Insured India'. The Insurance for All by 2047 roadmap is a joint initiative of the Government of India and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, under the Ministry of Finance.
- ➔ The programme aims to achieve universal insurance coverage by the 100th year of India's Independence, focusing on affordability, accessibility, and inclusion across life, health, and general insurance segments.

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World Bank:

- World Bank has highlighted Karnataka's fiscal reform model as a best practice for other states. In a report submitted to the 16th Finance Commission, the World Bank noted that Karnataka's decision in 2014 to include borrowings of public sector undertakings (PSUs) and special purpose vehicles (SPVs) in the state's liabilities helped improve fiscal transparency.
- This approach, the report says, can help states curb hidden debt and strengthen budgetary control.



Operation Shastra:

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- ➔ The Delhi Police has launched a major city-wide crackdown called Operation Shastra to tackle the growing misuse of social media platforms for intimidation and fear-mongering. Announced on February 7, 2026, the operation focuses on individuals who post photos with weapons, use abusive language, or project criminal dominance online.
- ➔ Police officials believe such online behaviour often fuels real-world law and order issues. The operation aims to restore public confidence and send a strong message that digital threats will face strict legal action.



LogiMAT India:

- ➔ Indian robotics firm Addverb has unveiled a major innovation at LogiMAT India 2026 with the launch of Elixis-W, a Made-in-India wheeled humanoid robot. Designed for logistics and warehouse operations,
- ➔ Elixis-W reflects India's growing capabilities in advanced robotics and automation. The launch highlights the country's push towards Industry 4.0 and smart manufacturing. With this step, Addverb aims to redefine how repetitive and physically demanding tasks are handled in industrial environments.

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Bharat Taxi:

- ➔ Bharat Taxi was launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, marking India's first cooperative-based ride-hailing platform. Registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, Bharat Taxi was established on June 6, 2025 and follows a zero-commission, surge-free pricing model with profits directly shared with drivers (sarathis).
- ➔ Driver-centric model emphasises ownership and welfare, including share certificates, ₹5 lakh personal accident insurance, ₹5 lakh family health cover, retirement support, and social security benefits.

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Economic Survey of India:

- ➔ The Economic Survey of India (2025-26) reinforces Tamil Nadu's position as an investment-ready, industry-first State. Tamil Nadu stands out as the fastest-growing State economy, registering 11.19% real growth in 2024-25.
- ➔ As India's second-largest State economy, Tamil Nadu is also a major contributor to national growth.
- ➔ This performance is driven primarily by the secondary sector, which grew by 13.43%. Within this, manufacturing has emerged as a key growth engine, recording 14.74% real growth — more than three times the all-India average of 4.5%. Tamil Nadu also leads every State in four-year average real manufacturing growth(2021-22 to 2024-25) at 9.38%, while its overall GSDP grew by 8.63%.



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Panchayat Advancement Index:

- ➔ Tripura secured the first position in the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0. The PAI 2.0 was released by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India. Jugal Kishore Nagar Village Committee in Sepahijala district ranked first in India with a score of 88.44.
- ➔ South Nalchar gram panchayat ranked third (88.14), and Chesrimai gram panchayat ranked fourth (87.85). All 1,176 gram panchayats in Tripura achieved 100% data submission and verification for the year 2023–24. PAI measures the performance of gram panchayats on governance and service delivery.



Matabari:

- ➔ A review meeting on the development of the Matabari Tourism Circuit in Tripura was chaired by the Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region. The project aims to develop Tripura as a centre of cultural, spiritual, and ecotourism.
- ➔ Key places included are Agartala, Neer Mahal, Sepahijala, Udaipur (Tripura Sundari Temple / Matabari), Chabimura, and Dumboor Lake.

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Supreme Court:

- ➔ The Supreme Court stayed the Madras High Court interim order related to Vice Chancellor appointments in Tamil Nadu State universities. The High Court had earlier stayed an amended provision allowing the Tamil Nadu government to appoint Vice-Chancellors.
- ➔ The Court said the State government must be given a reasonable opportunity to present its case. The Supreme Court asked the Madras High Court to decide the matter within six weeks.



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Mamata Banerjee:

- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee appeared in the Supreme Court regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.
- Mamata Banerjee became the first sitting Chief Minister in India to appear personally before the Supreme Court to argue her own case. She sought permission from the Court to present arguments in person on a petition challenging the voter-list revision process conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI).
- The case relates to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, which is carried out by the Election Commission of India (ECI).



BRICS:

- India has joined the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC) to strengthen manufacturing skills and industrial cooperation among BRICS countries. The initiative is implemented in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
- The National Productivity Council (NPC) has been designated as the India centre for BCIC activities. The aim is to promote Industry 4.0 skills, manufacturing productivity, and support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

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SFDR:

- ➔ The DRDO successfully demonstrated Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) missile technology. SFDR (Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet) is a propulsion technology used in long-range air-to-air missiles.
- ➔ The missile first used a ground booster, and then the ramjet engine ignited during flight.



Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary:

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- A faunal survey conducted in Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala, recorded several new species in the sanctuary. The survey documented 171 bird species, 177 butterfly species, and 42 odonate species, with many recorded for the first time.
- With new additions, the sanctuary now has 247 bird species, 223 butterfly species, and 63 odonate species recorded. Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary, declared in 2020 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, on the western slopes of the Nilgiris. The sanctuary is named after the Karimpuzha River, a tributary of the Chaliyar River.



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Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025:

- ➔ In a significant recognition of humanitarian leadership and cross-border goodwill, Gyalyum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan, was honoured with the 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025.
- ➔ The Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award was instituted in 2004 by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust. The award is named after Upendra Nath Brahma, popularly known as Bodofa, a revered Bodo leader and social reformer.
- ➔ The award upholds Bodofa's ideals of sacrifice, courage, social justice, and service to humanity. It is conferred on individuals who have made outstanding contributions to human welfare, peace, and inclusive development.



World Interfaith Harmony Week:

- ➔ World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2026 is being observed from 1 to 7 February 2026 across the world.
- ➔ The observance is led by the United Nations (UN) and aims to promote peace, tolerance, non-violence, and mutual understanding among people of different religions and beliefs. In a world facing conflict and division, the week highlights the importance of dialogue and respect between faith communities.



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National Cooperative Development Corporation:

- ➔ The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is implementing two major initiatives—Yuva Sahakar Scheme and Swayamshakti Sahakar Yojana—to promote innovation, inclusivity, and sustainable livelihoods in India’s cooperative sector.
- ➔ Both schemes are fully funded and supported by NCDC, a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Cooperation.
- ➔ The initiatives reflect the Government of India’s focus on cooperative-led growth, youth entrepreneurship, and women’s economic empowerment.
- ➔ NCDC plays a central role in strengthening India’s cooperative ecosystem by providing financial assistance, institutional support, and capacity building. It works across sectors such as agriculture, dairy, fisheries, handloom, cottage industries, and services, helping cooperatives improve their economic viability and reach.

Yuva Sahakar -
Cooperative Enterprise
Support and Innovation
Scheme



International Olympic Committee:

- ➔ In a historic development for global sports governance, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has elected its first-ever female member from Iran. The International Olympic Committee is the supreme authority of the Olympic Movement.
- ➔ It is responsible for organising the Olympic Games, promoting Olympic values, and overseeing global sports governance. Membership of the IOC is highly selective, making it one of the most exclusive international sports bodies in the world.

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Karnataka government:

- ➔ The Karnataka government has announced the rollout of an automatic property mutation system, a major reform aimed at speeding up land and property transactions across the state. The initiative is part of Karnataka's broader push towards digitisation of land records and revenue administration.
- ➔ By enabling automatic updating of ownership details after property registration, the reform seeks to reduce delays, curb bureaucratic hurdles, and improve transparency in the real estate ecosystem.

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Cochin International Airport Ltd:

- ➔ Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) is set to become India's first airport to operate hydrogen-powered buses for passenger transportation. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between Kerala Hydrogen Valley Innovation Cluster (HVIC) Foundation and CIAL, exchanged by Kerala Electricity Minister K. Krishnankutty and Industries Minister P. Rajeev.
- ➔ The agreement covers the procurement and operation of three hydrogen fuel cell electric buses at Kochi airport under the Kerala Hydrogen Valley initiative of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with funding capped at ₹2.90 crore per bus and a total project outlay of ₹8.7 crore.



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Kabak Yano:

- Kabak Yano (27), a mountaineer from Arunachal Pradesh, successfully summited Mount Aconcagua in Argentina—the highest peak in South America and the Western Hemisphere (22,831 feet)—as part of her ambitious 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) congratulated Yano, recalling that he had flagged off her 7-Summit Expedition from Itanagar on July 28 last year, and described her success as a source of inspiration for the youth of the state.



Sunetra Pawar:

- Sunetra Pawar was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, becoming the first woman to hold this constitutional post in the state's history. The oath of office and secrecy was administered by Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat at Raj Bhavan.
- The Deputy CM post became vacant following the death of Ajit Pawar, senior NCP leader and her husband, in a plane crash on January 29, 2026.

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Tamil Nadu:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu will receive 4.097% of the net proceeds of shareable Central taxes, as per the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission. It will take effect on April 1, 2026. This is slightly higher when compared to the 4.079% of the net proceeds of shareable Central taxes recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. Thus, it is accounting for a rate of increase of 0.44%.
- ➔ Tamil Nadu is expected to receive ₹62,530.65 crore as net proceeds of sharable Central taxes as per the Budget Estimate for 2026-27. It is higher than the Revised Estimate for 2025-26 of ₹56,819.23 crore. Tamilnadu was followed by Telangana with a rise of 3.43% and Andhra Pradesh with 4.2%. Only Karnataka and Kerala have witnessed a double-digit rate of increase — 13.27% and 23.74%.

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Indian Railways:

- ➔ Indian Railways commissioned 472.3 km of Kavach Version 4.0 safety system in a single day, the largest ever in the country. The rollout covers key sections across Western, Northern, and East Central Railways, taking total Kavach coverage beyond 1,300 km.
- ➔ Kavach 4.0 is India's indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. The system prevents Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD), over speeding, and enhances operational reliability on high-density rail corridors.

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NITI Aayog:

- ➔ NITI Aayog launched Sampoonata Abhiyan 2.0 as a 3-month campaign from 28 January to 14 April 2026. The campaign aims to achieve saturation of 5 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in 112 Aspirational Districts and 6 KPIs in 513 Aspirational Blocks across India.
- ➔ The focus areas include nutrition and health of children, functional facilities in Anganwadi Centres, girls' toilets in schools, and animal vaccination. Districts and Blocks will prepare 3-month action plans, conduct monthly progress tracking, and carry out field monitoring visits. The initiative builds on Sampoonata Abhiyan 2024 and supports the goals of the Aspirational Districts Programme (2018) and Aspirational Blocks Programme(2023).

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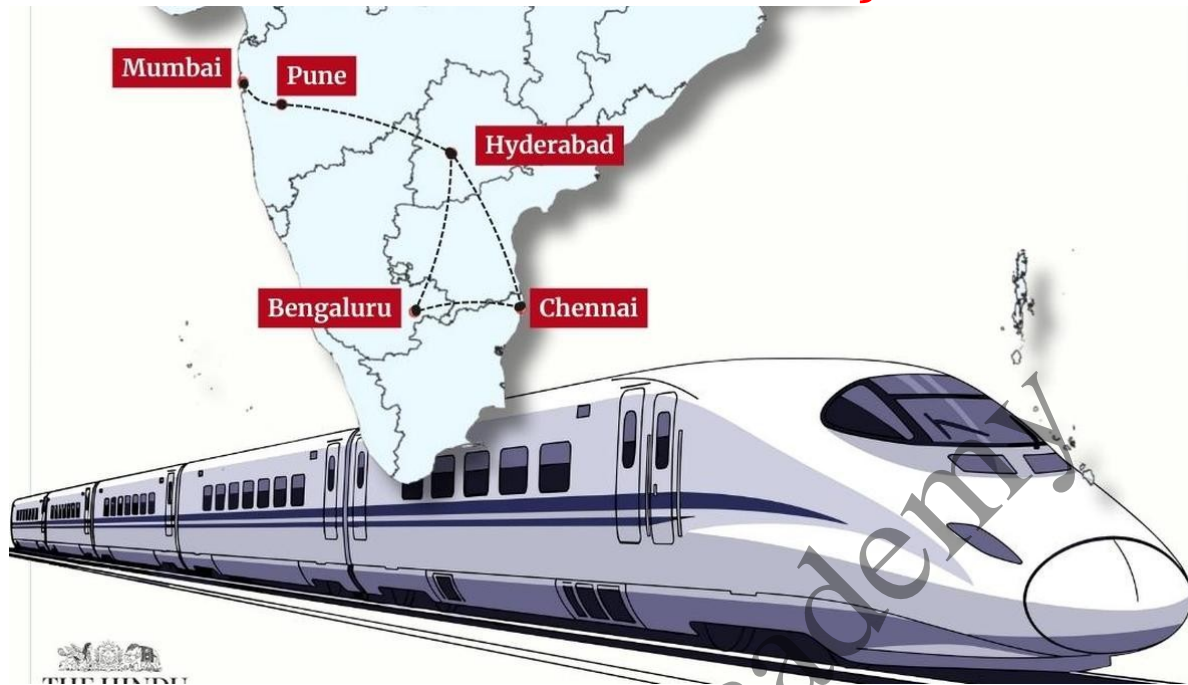
HSR:

- ➔ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in the Union budget 2026, announced seven new high-speed rail (HSR) corridors, including two corridors from Chennai. Chennai is set to get two new routes of high-speed rail in the future.
- ➔ The seven HSR corridors are: Mumbai to Pune, Pune to Hyderabad, Chennai to Bengaluru, Chennai to Hyderabad, Hyderabad to Bengaluru, Delhi to Varanasi, and Varanasi to Siliguri.
- ➔ Three of the seven high-speed rail corridors announced in the Union Budget 2026-27, connect Hyderabad. The project would be executed by National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL).

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Gross market borrowings:

- ➔ Gross market borrowings for 2026-27 are estimated at ₹17.2 lakh crore, with net borrowings at ₹11.7 lakh crore. It was compared to ₹14.8 lakh crore in FY26 and is 16% higher than FY26 Budget Estimates.
- ➔ For FY26 itself, the bond market struggled to absorb ₹14.82 lakh crore of borrowings. The fiscal deficit is projected at 4.3% of GDP, slightly lower than 4.4% in 2025-26.
- ➔ Revenue deficit in 2026-27 is targeted at 1.5% of GDP. While the debt-to-GDP ratio is expected to ease to 55.6% in BE 2026-27, compared to 56.1 percent of GDP in RE 2025-26.

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Arvind Panagariya:

- ➔ The 16th Commission was chaired by Arvind Panagariya. The Finance Commission is a constitutional body (Article 280) that defines the financial relations between the Centre and the States.
- ➔ The 16th Finance Commission retained 41% tax devolution from the divisible pool to states. The divisible pool consists of gross tax revenue excluding the cost of collection, cesses, and surcharges.
- ➔ Its recommendations will apply from 2026-27 to 2030-31. A major innovation is the introduction of State GDP contribution as a new parameter in the horizontal devolution formula, with a 10% weight.
- ➔ It argued that states already account for over two-thirds of total non-debt public revenues, and increasing their share further would constrain the Union government's ability to meet national obligations.

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GDP:

- ➔ The World Economic Forum (WEF) white paper reported that India ranks 8th among 11 countries in Artificial Intelligence (AI) investment as a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). India invested about 1.2%–1.8% of its 2024 GDP in AI during 2010–2024. The United States (US) and Singapore lead with the highest AI investment shares of GDP.
- ➔ The US and China together account for about 65% of global AI investments since 2010. Global AI infrastructure investments, including data centres, have crossed USD 600 billion since 2010. India is expected to receive over USD 67 billion in AI-related investments in the next three years.



Gujarat:

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- Gujarat has emerged as India's top renewable energy state with 42.58 GW capacity, contributing 16.5% of the national total. The state contributes 16.50% of India's total renewable capacity, reflecting its strong policy support and infrastructure readiness.
- Gujarat also ranks first in wind power capacity and second in solar power installations. Gujarat has emerged as a major solar energy hub with 25,529.40 MW installed solar capacity as of December 2025.



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AI Impact Summit:

- ➔ The AI Impact Summit 2026 has officially to begin at Bharat Mandapam today on the 16th February, 2026. Which is marking a historic moment for India and the Global South.
- ➔ This five-day summit is the first-ever global AI summit hosted in the Global South, bringing together world leaders, policymakers, industry experts and international organizations to shape the future of Artificial Intelligence governance and cooperation. India is positioning itself as a bridge between developed and developing nations in shaping responsible Artificial Intelligence policies.
- ➔ The event is being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Over 100 countries have been invited, and ministerial delegations from more than 45 nations are attending.
- ➔ The presence of the UN Secretary-General and senior officials from international organizations highlights the summit's global importance. The AI Impact Summit 2026 strengthens India's leadership role in global digital governance discussions.



PM RAHAT:

- ➔ Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Cabinet approved the launch of PM RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment) on February 14, 2026, soon after shifting to Seva Teerth.
- ➔ The scheme ensures that no road accident victim is denied life-saving treatment due to lack of money. Under PM RAHAT, eligible victims will receive cashless treatment up to

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₹1.5 lakh per person for 7 days from the date of accident, marking a decisive step in strengthening India's emergency healthcare system.

- ➔ India records a high number of road accident fatalities every year. Studies show that nearly 50% of accident deaths can be prevented if victims receive treatment within the Golden Hour the first hour after trauma when timely medical care significantly increases survival chances.\



PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:

- ➔ The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has completed two years since its launch, marking a significant phase in India's rooftop solar journey. Launched with an ambitious outlay of ₹75,021 crore, the scheme aims to cover at least one crore households by promoting residential rooftop solar installations.
- ➔ Under the scheme, beneficiaries receive up to 300 units of free electricity per month and subsidies of up to ₹78,000 for a 3 kW solar system. On its second anniversary, the scheme shows impressive growth but also faces execution challenges.
- ➔ The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana is a flagship initiative promoting rooftop solar energy for households. The financial design of PM Surya Ghar has played a crucial role in boosting adoption. By offering significant upfront subsidies and guaranteeing free electricity up to 300 units, the scheme makes rooftop solar affordable for middle-class and lower-income households.

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Magnus Carlsen:

- World number one Magnus Carlsen has been crowned the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Champion, defeating Fabiano Caruana 2.5–1.5 in the final held in Weissenhaus. A draw in the fourth and final game was enough for Carlsen to seal the title.
- The victory marks his 21st world title across formats and his first official FIDE-recognized title in the Freestyle (Chess960) format.



Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated major infrastructure projects in Assam, including the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu over the Brahmaputra River in Guwahati and the Northeast's first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) on a national highway in Dibrugarh district.

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- The projects are part of a broader development push worth over ₹5,450 crore, aimed at improving connectivity, strategic preparedness, urban mobility, and regional growth in the Northeast.
- The Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu is a 2.86-km-long, six-lane extradosed Prestressed Concrete (PSC) bridge built at a cost of around ₹3,030 crore. It connects Guwahati with North Guwahati and is the first extradosed bridge in Northeast India. PM Modi inaugurated the Northeast's first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) on the Moran Bypass in Dibrugarh district.
- Developed in coordination with the Indian Air Force, the ELF is a dual-use infrastructure supporting both military and civilian aircraft during emergencies. Soon after inauguration, IAF fighter jets including the Sukhoi Su-30MKI and Dassault Rafale conducted successful take-offs and landings on the highway stretch, witnessed by nearly one lakh spectators.



National Cow Culture Museum:

- India is set to establish its first-ever National Cow Culture Museum in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. The museum will be developed inside the campus of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Science University.
- The initiative aims to present a comprehensive understanding of cattle by blending cultural heritage with scientific awareness, moving beyond religious symbolism to highlight agriculture, economy, and sustainability.

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Henley Passport Index:

- ➔ The Henley & Partners Henley Passport Index 2026 has delivered a surprising update for Indian travellers. While India's passport dropped slightly in total visa-free access, it still climbed 10 places in global rankings. This shift highlights how passport power is measured relatively, not absolutely.
- ➔ Even small global visa policy changes can significantly impact rankings, reshaping how countries compare in worldwide mobility and travel freedom. The Henley & Partners Henley Passport Index ranks 199 passports based on access to 227 destinations worldwide.

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Seva Teerth Complex:

- ➔ Narendra Modi inaugurated the Seva Teerth Complex, which now houses the Prime Minister's Office, National Security Council Secretariat, and Cabinet Secretariat, along with Kartavya Bhavan-1 and Kartavya Bhavan-2, accommodating several key Union ministries.
- ➔ The new complexes aim to replace fragmented and ageing infrastructure in the Central Vista area by consolidating ministries into modern, digitally integrated, citizen-centric facilities, enhancing coordination, efficiency, security, and governance processes.
- ➔ Built to 4-Star GRIHA standards, the buildings incorporate renewable energy, water conservation, waste management, and advanced safety systems, reflecting the government's broader administrative reforms and renaming initiatives such as Rajpath to Kartavya Path and Race Course Road to Lok Kalyan Marg.

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Tamil Nadu:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu recorded the highest per capita income growth in India, increasing from 0.07% in 2020–2021 to 11.19%. The per capita income of Tamil Nadu increased from ₹2,09,628 in 2020–2021 to ₹3,61,619, showing an increase of ₹1.76 lakh.
- ➔ The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Tamil Nadu increased from ₹17.89 lakh crore in 2020–2021 to ₹31.19 lakh crore, recording about 16% growth and ranking first in India.
- ➔ The poverty rate in Tamil Nadu declined from 2.20% in 2020–2021 to 1.43%, showing a reduction of about 11.2%. The export value of Tamil Nadu increased from 64.93 billion US dollars in 2020–2021 to 80.89 billion US dollars, making the state one of the leading exporters in India.
- ➔ Tamil Nadu improved from 3rd place in 2020–2021 to 1st place in electronic goods exports in India. Tamil Nadu's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) index score increased from 74 points in 2020–2021 to 78.8 points, and the state ranked 3rd in India.

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TN Tops India with **11.19%** **Growth** — Highest in 14 Yrs

After 14 years, TN achieves double-digit economic growth at 11.19% in 2024-25 — the highest in India! **The State's GSDP hit ₹17.32 lakh crore, driven by strong industrial, services, and export performance.** This milestone proves that TN is firmly on track for its \$1 trillion economy goal by 2031-32. From higher per capita income to improved fiscal health, the future looks brighter than ever for TN's people.

No-Confidence Motion:

- ➔ The Opposition has moved a No-Confidence Motion against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in February 2026. For the removal of the Speaker, Article 94 requires at least 50 members to give a written notice and a 14-day notice period before voting.
- ➔ The procedure is governed by Rules 200 A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha. The Speaker cannot decide the admissibility of the resolution as there's charge against him.
- ➔ Deputy Speaker post is a mandatory provision by the Constitution as per Article 93. As there is no Deputy speaker on a resolution to remove the Speaker, the Speaker cannot chair the House. But the panel of chairs will preside when the Speaker or Deputy Speaker is not present. If passed by a majority of all the then members of the House, the Speaker must vacate office.

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Government of India:

- ➔ The Government of India amended the Ex-servicemen (Re-employment in Central Civil Services and Posts) Rules, 2026, to include personnel of the Military Nursing Service under the definition of ex-servicemen.
- ➔ The amendment was notified under Article 309 of the Constitution of India. It removes earlier confusion about the eligibility of Military Nursing Service (MNS) officers for re-employment benefits.
- ➔ MNS veterans are now eligible for 10% reservation in Group C posts and 20% reservation in Group D Central Government posts. They will also receive age relaxation equal to their years of military service plus three years.

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India and the United Kingdom:

- ➔ India and the United Kingdom signed a Social Security Agreement in New Delhi. The agreement aims to avoid double social security contributions for employees on temporary assignments in each other's country for up to 36 months.
- ➔ It supports the employee mobility and ensures continued social security coverage during short-term overseas postings. The agreement forms part of India's trade deal with the United Kingdom and will come into effect along with the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA).

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization:

- ➔ The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) launched the “Arctic Sentry” mission to strengthen security in the Arctic region after tensions related to Greenland. The mission aims to coordinate the military activities of NATO countries in the Arctic under one command. Countries like Denmark, Germany, Finland, and the United Kingdom are contributing forces and defence support.
- ➔ The mission focuses on security concerns in the Arctic due to Russia’s military activity and China’s growing interest in the region. NATO countries are also discussing greater cooperation and a permanent security presence in the Arctic region.

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Dolphin population:

- ➔ Odisha recorded its highest marine dolphin population in five years, with 765 dolphins counted in the 2026 census. A total of 765 dolphins were recorded across marine and estuarine areas of the state.
- ➔ Chilika Lake recorded 159 Irrawaddy dolphins, which is the largest single-area concentration. Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary recorded 474 humpback dolphins, the highest in the state.

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Indian Army:

- ➔ The Indian Army will host the first-ever International Military Adventure Challenge Cup (IMACC) 2026 from 18 to 23 February 2026 in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. The event aims to strengthen military cooperation and test soldiers' endurance and operational capabilities in demanding terrain.
- ➔ According to the Ministry of Defence, IMACC 2026 will bring together military teams from India and friendly foreign nations for a week-long series of adventure and endurance-based competitions.



NITI Aayog:

- ➔ NITI Aayog has launched the sixth edition of its flagship publication "Trade Watch Quarterly" for Quarter 2 of FY 2025–26 (July–September 2025). The report was released in New Delhi by Vice-Chairman Suman Bery in the presence of Member Arvind Virmani.
- ➔ The publication provides a detailed assessment of global and domestic trade trends and includes a thematic focus on India's electronics trade. The report also highlights that trade among developing economies has expanded nearly fourfold since 2005, aligning with India's growing integration with the Global South.
- ➔ Electronics has emerged as the second-largest item in India's export basket. India's Major export destinations: United States, United Kingdom, UAE. India has established strength in: Mobile phones, Consumer electronics, Communication equipment.

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6,42,232 birds:

- ➔ A bird census by the Gujarat Forest Department recorded 6,42,232 birds of 270 species at the Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, located near Ahmedabad. The sanctuary was divided into 50 survey zones, and teams conducted two systematic counts (morning and evening) to ensure accurate estimation of bird populations.
- ➔ The exercise saw participation from 220 bird experts and wildlife enthusiasts, 12 forest officials, and 99 local boatmen and guides, reflecting strong community involvement. Recognised as a Ramsar site in 2012, Nalsarovar is Gujarat's largest wetland and is protected under the international framework of the Ramsar Convention for conservation and sustainable use.

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Competition Commission of India:

- ➔ Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of around 6.63% minority shareholding in Valuedrive Technologies Private Limited by the Fidelity Funds.
- ➔ The approved combination involves the acquisition of shares on a fully diluted basis through primary subscription and secondary acquisition of compulsory convertible preference shares (CCPS) of Valuedrive Technologies.
- ➔ Valuedrive Technologies is the operating-cum-holding company of the Spinny Group, while Fidelity Funds operate as global investment vehicles under the Fidelity Group with a diversified international portfolio.
- ➔ CCI was set up under the Competition Act, 2002. It comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. It promotes healthy market competition and prevents activities that have an adverse effect on competition in India. CCI also approves merger and acquisitions of companies in India so that the two merging entities do not dominate the market unfairly. Founded – 14 Oct 2003.

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World Congenital Heart Defect:

- ➔ 14 February is observed as World Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Day to spread awareness about heart defects that are present at birth.
- ➔ The day highlights the importance of early detection, proper medical treatment, and lifelong care for individuals affected by congenital heart defects. It also aims to support patients and families, promote research, and improve access to quality cardiac healthcare worldwide.



Tamil Nadu:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu is projected to become a \$150 billion electronics hub by 2030. The State had a 41 % share in India's total electronics exports in the Financial Year (FY) 2025, valued

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at \$15 billion, and this is expected to rise to 45 % in FY2026. Tamil Nadu accounts for 28.6 % of India's electronics manufacturing gross sales value, ranking second in the country.

- ➔ Electronics exports from the State reached \$14.65 billion, recording a 414 % increase since 2021–22. There are 191 electronics manufacturing units in the State, with major clusters in Chennai, Sriperumbudur, Hosur, Coimbatore, and Tiruchirappalli. India's electronics manufacturing industry aims to reach \$500 billion by 2030.



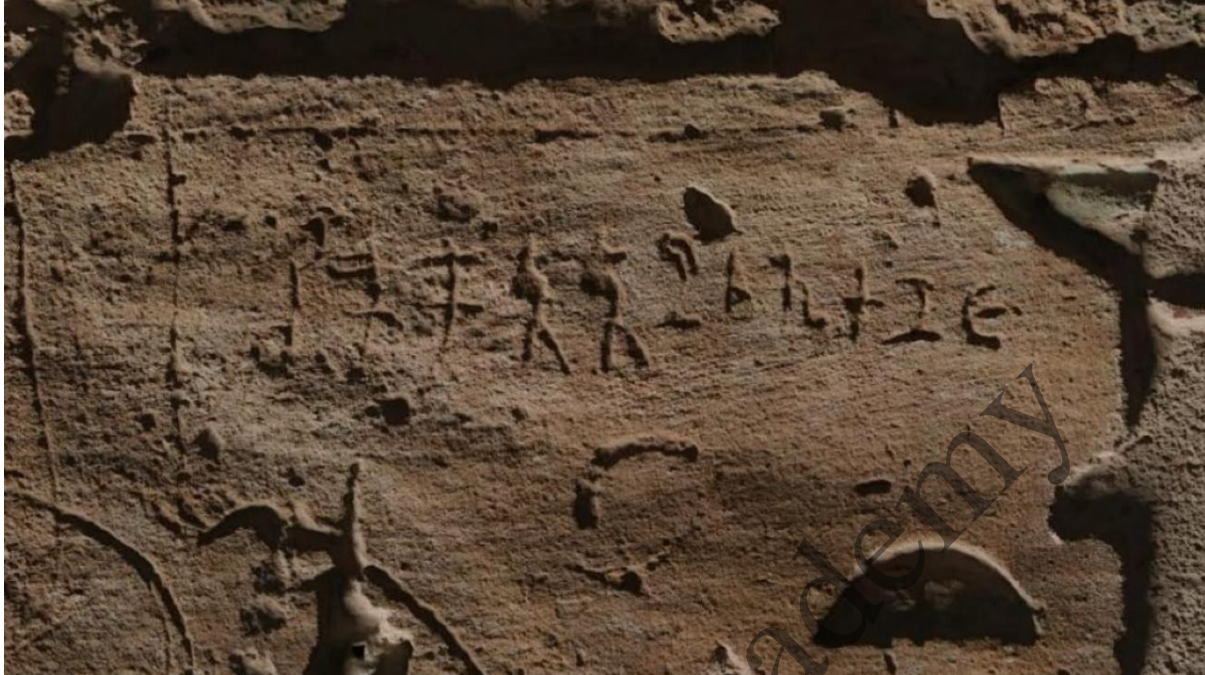
Tamil Brahmi inscriptions:

- ➔ Nearly 30 Tamil Brahmi inscriptions have been identified in Egypt's Valley of the Kings, dating between the 1st and 3rd Centuries C.E. The inscriptions were found in six tombs in the Theban Necropolis during studies conducted in 2024 and 2025. They include writings in Tamil Brahmi, Prakrit, and Sanskrit, indicating the presence of Indian visitors.
- ➔ The repeated name Cikai Korran was inscribed eight times across five tombs. The findings provide evidence of ancient trade links between Tamilagam and the Roman Empire. Similar Tamil names have also been found earlier at Berenike, a Red Sea port in Egypt.

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Telescopes:

- ➔ The Union Budget 2026 approved two new telescopes and an upgrade of an existing telescope in Ladakh. The National Large Solar Telescope will be built in Merak near Pangong Tso in Ladakh to study the Sun and space weather.
- ➔ The National Large Optical–Near Infrared Telescope will be built in the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve to study exoplanets, stars, and the origin of the universe. The Himalayan Chandra Telescope in Hanle will be upgraded with a larger segmented mirror.

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Tamiraparani water bird survey:

- ➔ The 16th Tamiraparani water bird survey recorded over 21,000 water birds in southern Tamil Nadu. A total of 21,091 water birds belonging to 69 species were counted across 68 irrigation tanks in Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, and Thoothukudi districts.
- ➔ Migratory birds formed about 36 % of the total count, including species from the Central Asian Flyway. The Thoothukudi district recorded the highest bird abundance and species diversity.

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Dicliptera pakhalica:

- ➔ A new flowering plant species, “Dicliptera pakhalica,” has been discovered in Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Telangana. The species belongs to the Acanthaceae family, a tropical flowering plant group.
- ➔ The genus Dicliptera has over 220 species globally, with about 29 taxa recorded in India. The species is currently classified as “Data Deficient” under IUCN guidelines due to its limited known distribution. The name “Pakhalica” is derived from Pakhal Lake, after which the sanctuary is named.

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Thwaites Glacier:

- ➔ Scientists recently warned that Thwaites Glacier is melting rapidly due to climate change caused by human activities. Thwaites Glacier is a large glacier located in West Antarctica, often called the “Doomsday Glacier.” It is a wide, fast-flowing glacier about the size of Florida or Great Britain.
- ➔ The glacier contributes about 4% of global annual sea-level rise. Its collapse could destabilise the West Antarctic Ice Sheet and significantly raise global sea levels.

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Melghat and Tadoba:

- ➔ Migratory griffon vultures were recently spotted in Melghat and Tadoba Tiger Reserves in Maharashtra after nearly ten years. A Himalayan Griffon Vulture was recorded in Melghat Tiger Reserve, and a Eurasian Griffon Vulture was recorded in Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- ➔ The Maharashtra Forest Department and the Bombay Natural History Society started a Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre programme. In January 2026, captive-bred long-billed vultures were released into the wild after being fitted with Global System for Mobile communications and satellite transmitters.
- ➔ The Himalayan Griffon is classified as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List. The Eurasian Griffon Vulture is generally listed as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List.

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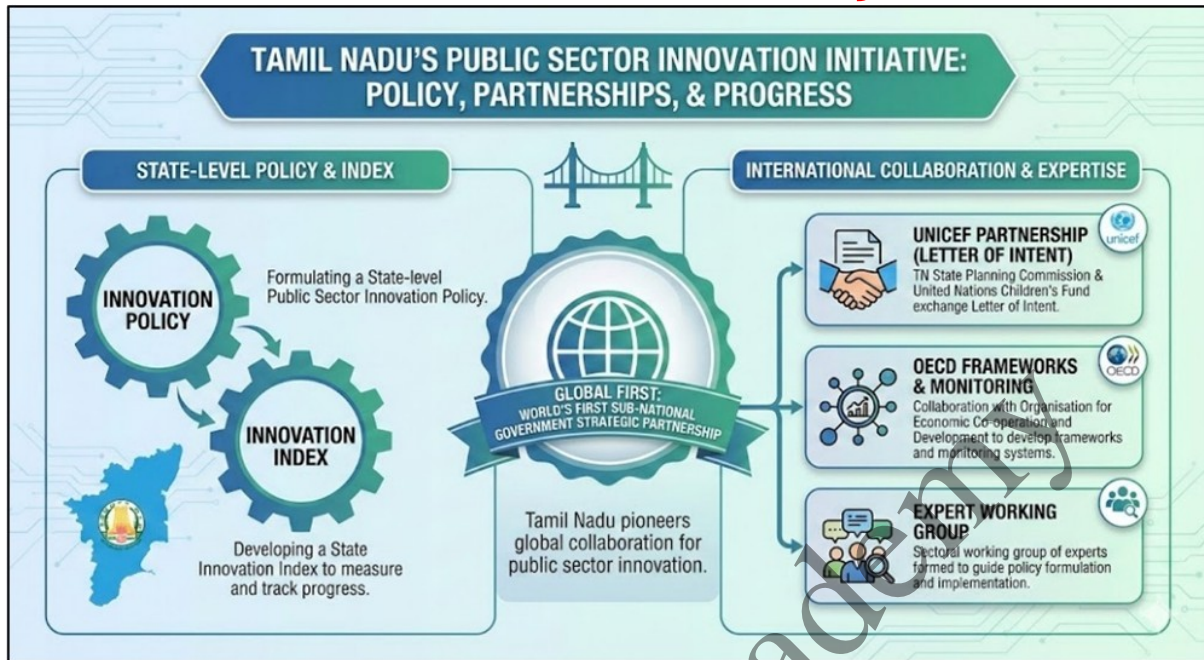
State-level Public Sector Innovation Policy:

- ➔ Tamil Nadu has announced that it will formulate a State-level Public Sector Innovation Policy and a State Innovation Index. A delegation from the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission (SPC) visited the UNICEF Office of Innovation and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France.
- ➔ Tamil Nadu became the first sub-national government in the world to enter a strategic partnership with international agencies to promote the public sector innovation. A Letter of Intent was exchanged between the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission and the United Nations Children's Fund.
- ➔ The collaboration also involves the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to develop innovation frameworks and monitoring systems. A sectoral working group of experts has been formed to guide policy formulation and implementation.

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Kimberley Process Certification Scheme:

- ➔ India has proposed reforms in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme to improve the regulation of the global diamond trade. The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme is a global system that regulates trade in rough diamonds to prevent conflict diamonds.
- ➔ Only member countries of the Kimberley Process can trade rough diamonds with each other using certification. India is not a diamond-producing country, but imports about 40 % of global rough diamonds for cutting and polishing. Major diamond cutting and polishing centres in India are Surat and Mumbai.

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Nishikant Dubey:

- ➔ Nishikant Dubey has moved a Substantive Motion against Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha. A Substantive Motion is an independent and self-contained proposal placed before the Lok Sabha to seek a clear and binding decision of the House. It is complete in itself and is not linked to any other business under discussion in Parliament.
- ➔ When adopted, the motion represents the formal opinion or will of the House on a specific matter. Under the Rules of Procedure of the Lok Sabha, the motion can be admitted only with the approval of the Speaker, Om Birla, who has the discretion to accept or reject it. If admitted, the motion is debated in the House, put to a compulsory vote, and in some cases may be referred to a specially constituted committee for examination.
- ➔ Substantive motions are not commonly used in routine political disputes and provide a formal parliamentary mechanism to consider matters involving constitutional posts such as the Leader of the Opposition.

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Vande Mataram:

- ➔ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued guidelines on the order of singing the National Song and National Anthem. The guidelines state that Vande Mataram must be sung or played before Jana Gana Mana when both are played together.
- ➔ The official version of the National Song is about 3 minutes and 10 seconds long, and the audience must stand at attention when it is played or sung. The song Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. It was adopted as the National Song by the Constituent Assembly on 24 January 1950.

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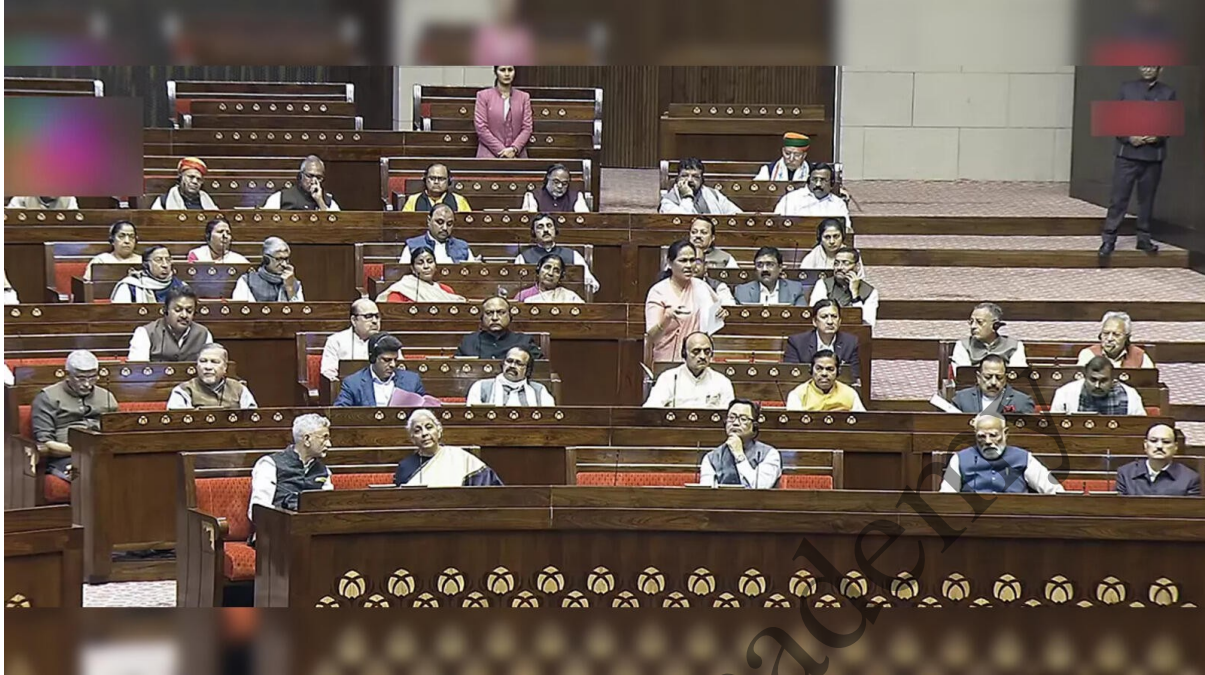
Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill:

- ➔ The Lok Sabha has passed the Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026, during the Budget session of Parliament. The Bill provides legal clarity and continuity for labour laws replaced by the Industrial Relations Code, 2020.
- ➔ The Industrial Relations Code, 2020, consolidated and repealed three major labour laws: the Trade Unions Act, 1926, the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The Amendment contains savings provisions under Section 104 to ensure that actions taken, rights accrued, and proceedings initiated under the repealed laws continue without legal disruption.

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2026, February 13

World Radio Day:

- World Radio Day 2026 will be observed on February 13, celebrating radio as a powerful public service medium. The day commemorates the establishment of United Nations Radio in 1946.
- This year's theme, "Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice," highlights how technology can support broadcasting without replacing the human touch.
- In India, from All India Radio (AIR) to community radio stations, radio continues to inform, educate and connect millions across urban and rural regions.



Sarojini Naidu:

- India celebrates Sarojini Naidu Birth Anniversary every year on 13 February to honour one of the most inspiring leaders of the freedom struggle and a powerful voice for women empowerment. Born in 1879, she became famous as the "Nightingale of India" for her patriotic poetry and strong nationalist spirit.

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- ➔ The day is also observed as National Women's Day 2026, recognizing her efforts toward gender equality and women's leadership. Sarojini Naidu dedicated her life to education, social justice, and political participation for women, making this day deeply meaningful in modern India.



Kisan Credit Card:

- ➔ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued revised draft norms for the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme. The proposed changes aim to broaden farm loan coverage by including agri-tech expenses such as soil testing, weather forecasting, and organic certification.
- ➔ The draft also proposes higher collateral-free limits and extended KCC validity. These reforms are expected to enhance credit access, reduce compliance burdens, and support modern agricultural practices.
- ➔ The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme was launched in 1998 to provide timely and affordable credit to farmers for agricultural and allied activities. It enables farmers to access short-term loans for crop cultivation, post-harvest expenses, working capital, and allied sectors like dairy and fisheries.



Sthree Suraksha Scheme:

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- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan officially launched the Sthree Suraksha Scheme on February 11, 2026, providing a monthly pension of ₹1,000 to economically backward women and transwomen.
- The first month's pension was credited to 10,18,042 beneficiaries whose applications were verified and approved.
- The scheme aims to support unemployed and financially vulnerable women aged 35 to 60 years who are not receiving benefits from any other social welfare pension programme. The launch ceremony was held at Malayinkeezhu in Thiruvananthapuram.



Agneevasthraa:

- In a major step toward strengthening indigenous defense manufacturing, Mumbai-based company Agneevasthraa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army. The agreement focuses on supplying advanced carbon fabrics and high-performance composite materials designed for critical defense applications.
- The collaboration highlights India's growing focus on locally sourced, cutting-edge defense technology under the broader Make in India initiative. With this MoU, the Indian Army is set to gain access to world-class, homegrown material innovation for high-stakes military use.

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Indian Navy:

- ➔ The Indian Navy has assumed command of Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154) under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), marking a significant milestone in India's growing maritime presence.
- ➔ This is the first time India has led this multinational training task force, highlighting its expanding strategic role in global maritime security. Combined Task Force 154 was established in May 2023 as part of the 47-nation Combined Maritime Forces.
- ➔ Unlike other operational task forces that focus on anti-piracy or counter-smuggling operations, CTF-154 is dedicated primarily to training and capacity building. Its main objective is to enhance professional standards and maritime coordination among member navies through structured programs and joint exercises.

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Sangtam Naga tribal body:

- ➔ In a major conservation move, the Sangtam Naga tribal body in Nagaland has officially banned pangolin hunting and trade within its jurisdiction. The resolution was passed by the United Sangtam Likhum Pumji (USLP), marking a significant milestone for pangolin conservation in Northeast India.
- ➔ The decision strengthens community accountability and supports ongoing efforts to counter illegal wildlife trafficking in the region. The resolution was adopted by the United Sangtam Likhum Pumji, the apex tribal body of the Sangtam Naga community.
- ➔ By formally prohibiting hunting and trade of pangolins, the tribal council has demonstrated how indigenous governance systems can play a powerful role in protecting endangered species. The resolution reinforces existing legal protections under Indian wildlife laws and strengthens local monitoring mechanisms.

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Delhi government:

- ➔ Delhi government has approved the Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme to support artisans linked with khadi, handloom, and cottage industries. Announcing the decision, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said artisans are the real custodians of Delhi's cultural heritage and must be connected to modern markets.
- ➔ The scheme aims to provide structured training, digital access, and financial support so that thousands of artisans can upgrade their skills and improve their livelihoods in a rapidly changing economy.



Coastal Road:

- ➔ Mumbai's Coastal Road becomes India's first 'musical path', featuring special rumble strips that play the Oscar-winning song 'Jai Ho' when vehicles drive at 60–80 kmph. The

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stretch, named 'Sangeet Marg', runs from Nariman Point to Worli, and was inaugurated by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy CM Eknath Shinde.

- ➔ Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) stated this is the fifth musical road in the world, with prior examples in Hungary, Japan, South Korea, and the UAE. Signboards have been installed at 500 m, 100 m, and 60 m before the stretch to alert motorists about the upcoming musical experience and required speed.



Bharat Taxi:

- ➔ Delhi becomes the first Indian state to partner with Bharat Taxi's cooperative platform, aiming to provide safe, reliable, and transparent urban taxi services while enhancing the income security and welfare of drivers. A MoU was signed between Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) and Sahkar Taxi Cooperative Limited to roll out technology-enabled, structured taxi services across the city.
- ➔ Under the partnership, DTTDC will focus on driver training, soft skills, and sensitisation to Delhi's culture, while Bharat Taxi will provide mobility services through a digital booking system and organised driver network, positioning drivers as brand ambassadors for Delhi Tourism.

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Uttar Pradesh:

- Uttar Pradesh becomes the first Indian state to present its own Economic Survey, highlighting rapid development and industrialisation. The survey shows the state's contribution to the national economy rising from 8.6% in 2016-17 to 9.1% in 2024-25.
- UP's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) grew at an average annual rate of 10.8%, increasing from ₹13.30 lakh crore in 2016-17 to ₹30.25 lakh crore in 2024-25, and is projected to reach ₹36 lakh crore in 2025-26.

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Corruption Perceptions Index:

- ➔ India climbs five places to 91st position on the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2025, showing a modest improvement in public sector integrity, as per Transparency International. India's CPI score increased by one point, moving from 96th to 91st out of 182 countries and territories, on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
- ➔ Top-ranking countries include Denmark (1st, 89 points), Finland, and Singapore, while the lowest-ranking countries are South Sudan and Somalia (9 points). Among major democracies, the UK is 20th and the USA 29th, highlighting global concerns about anti-corruption performance.

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Pudhumai Penn scheme:

- ➔ Women's enrolment in higher education in Tamil Nadu has increased by 34% due to the Pudhumai Penn scheme.
- ➔ Under the scheme, ₹1,000 per month is provided to girl students studying in colleges. Around eight lakh girl students have benefited from the programme. A State Planning Commission study found that rural girl students benefited more than urban students.
- ➔ The Pudhumai Penn scheme aims to support girls' education and reduce dropouts after school education. The scheme is part of the Tamil Nadu government's initiatives to improve women's access to higher education.

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Sawalkote Hydropower Project:

- ➔ The Sawalkote Hydropower Project is being fast-tracked after the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty following the 2025 Pahalgam terror attack. Sawalkote Hydropower Project is a 1,856 megawatt run-of-the-river hydroelectric project on the Chenab River in Ramban district, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ➔ The project was initiated in 1984 and later declared a project of national importance. The Chenab River is a western tributary of the Indus River under the Indus Waters Treaty (1960) signed between India and Pakistan with World Bank mediation.

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Artificial Intelligence:

- ➔ Indian Railways has deployed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based system to prevent elephant deaths on railway tracks. Indian Railways introduced an AI-enabled Intrusion Detection System (IDS) to detect elephant movement near tracks. The system uses Distributed Acoustic Sensors (DAS) installed along optical fibre cables.
- ➔ It sends real-time alerts to loco pilots, station masters, and railway control rooms to slow or stop trains. The system is currently operational over 141 routes in the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR). The project is implemented with support from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

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SATYA Portal:

- ➔ The SATYA Portal was launched under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). SATYA is a lab automation portal for the Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate.
- ➔ The portal provides digital testing, certification, and quality assurance services on a single platform. It aims to reduce delays, improve transparency, and support startups, MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), and the industry.



India and Seychelles:

- ➔ India and Seychelles announced the SESEL Joint Vision during the visit of Seychelles President Patrick Herminie to India. SESEL stands for Sustainability, Economic Growth and Security through Enhanced Linkages.
- ➔ The vision focuses on maritime security, digital public infrastructure, climate action, trade, and development cooperation. India announced a USD 175 million economic

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package, including a Line of Credit and grant assistance. Seychelles supported India's permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Seychelles also agreed to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).



Haven-1:

- ➔ Haven-1 is expected to become the world's first private space station, planned for launch in 2027. Haven-1 is being developed by Vast Space, a United States-based private space company.
- ➔ It will be launched into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) using the Falcon 9 rocket of SpaceX. This project supports the transition after the International Space Station (ISS) is planned to retire around 2030.

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Rusty-spotted Cat:

- ➔ A Rusty-spotted Cat was recorded alive in Shergarh Sanctuary in Baran district of Rajasthan. The Rusty-spotted Cat is one of the smallest wild cat species in the world.
- ➔ The species is listed as Near Threatened by IUCN. It is a nocturnal and solitary wild animal found in parts of India.



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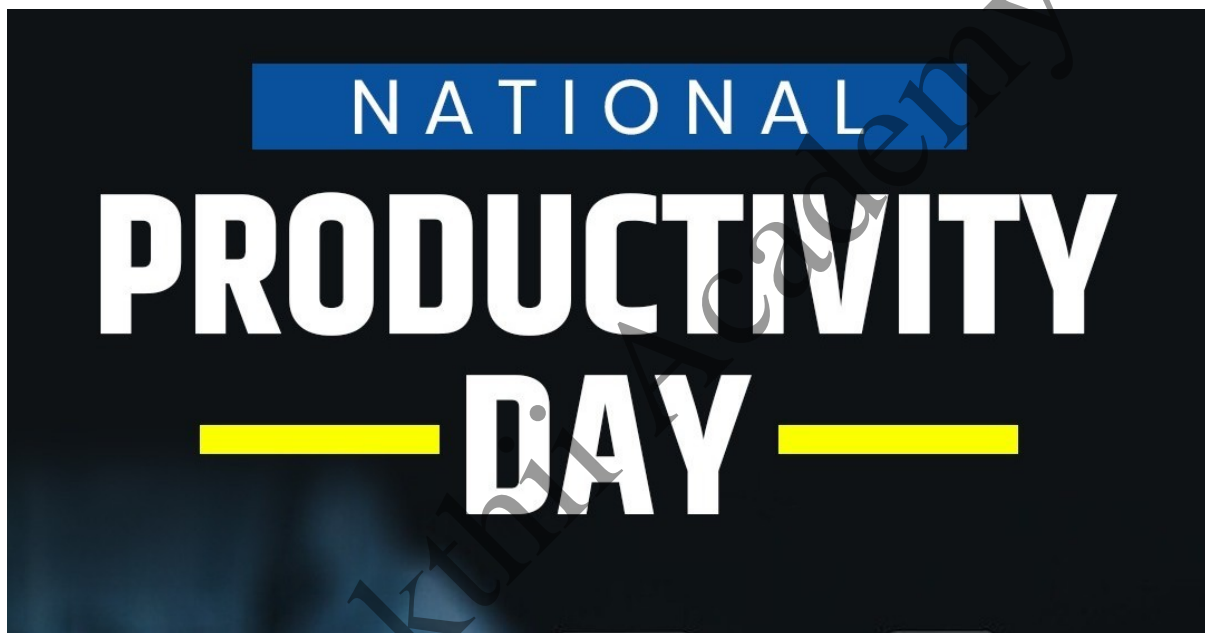
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2026, February 12

National Productivity Council:

- The National Productivity Council (NPC) will celebrate its 68th Foundation Day on 12 February 2026. The council will also observe National Productivity Week from 12 to 18 February 2026 across India.
- This year's theme is "Clusters as Growth Engine: Maximizing Productivity in MSMEs." The focus is on strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through cluster-based development.



Indo-Thai defence:

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted its first international air exercise of 2026 with the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF), marking a significant step in Indo-Thai defence cooperation. The joint in-situ (on-site) drills featured IAF's Su-30MKI fighters alongside RTAF's JAS 39 Gripen aircraft.
- The exercise took place near the strategically vital Strait of Malacca, one of the world's busiest maritime trade routes. The strait carries nearly one-quarter of global seaborne trade and a major share of oil and LNG shipments, making it critical for global energy security and Indo-Pacific stability.

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Defence Acquisition Council:

- ➔ In a major boost to India's air power, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has granted initial approval for the procurement of 114 Rafale fighter aircraft.
- ➔ The proposed deal, estimated at ₹3.25 lakh crore, comes ahead of French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to India from February 17. The acquisition is expected to further strengthen India-France defence ties.

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India's first-ever melody road:

- ➔ Mumbai has introduced India's first-ever melody road, a special stretch that plays the famous song "Jai Ho" as vehicles pass over it at a fixed speed.
- ➔ The project was inaugurated by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on the city's Coastal Road. The musical stretch is located on the northbound carriageway between Nariman Point and Worli, just after vehicles exit the Coastal Road tunnel.

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Artificial Intelligence:

- ➔ India is emerging as a global leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI), leveraging technology to drive economic growth, create jobs, and strengthen innovation.
- ➔ According to Stanford University's 2025 Global AI Vibrancy Ranking, India ranks 3rd globally, behind the United States and China. AI is rapidly transforming industries — from manufacturing and healthcare to finance and education — positioning India as a key player in the global digital economy.



BIOFACH 2026:

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- ➔ India has been designated ‘Country of the Year’ at BIOFACH 2026, the world’s leading trade fair for organic products, held in Nuremberg, Germany.
- ➔ India’s participation at the event is being coordinated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to promote the country’s organic agri-exports. Five GI-tagged rice varieties—Indrayani, Navara, Gobindbhog, Red Rice, and Chak Hao (Black Rice)—will be highlighted, along with live food tastings.
- ➔ APEDA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, to promote the export and development of agricultural and processed food products in India. Formed- 13 February 1986. Headquarters- New Delhi.



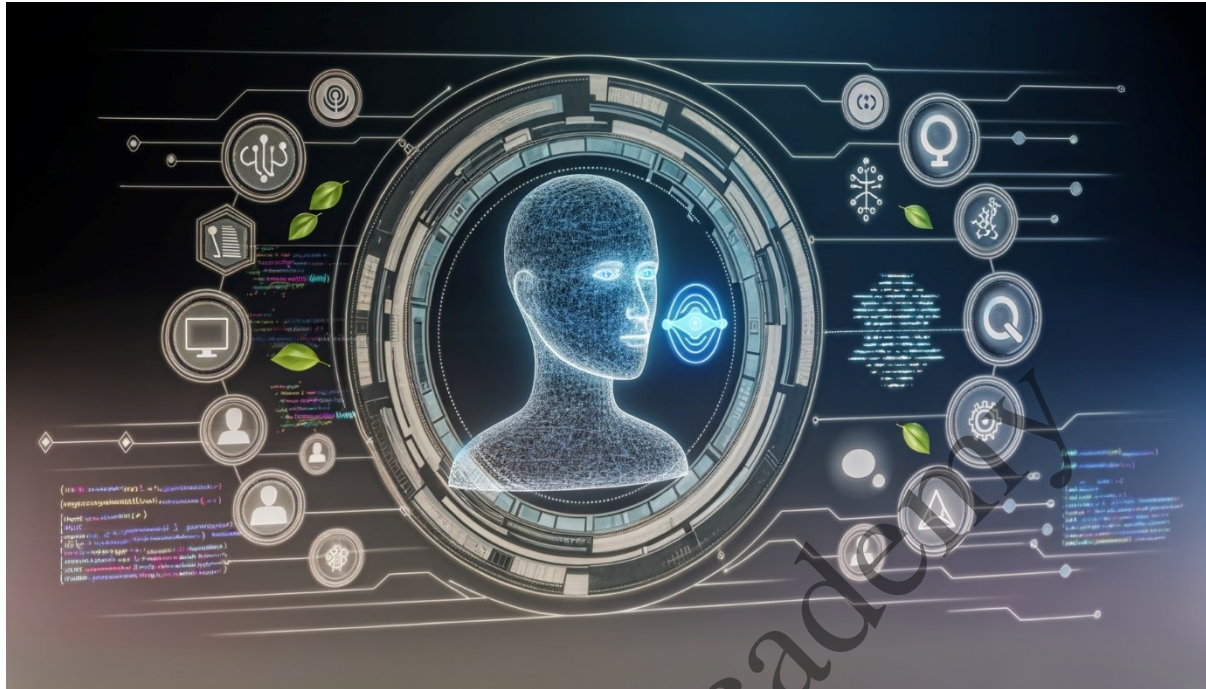
Telangana Government:

- ➔ The Telangana Government has launched Aikam, an autonomous organisation to promote the AI ecosystem in the state, focusing on workforce upskilling, supporting AI startups, offering compute infrastructure, and establishing a dedicated AI Fund-of-Funds.
- ➔ Aikam aims to position Telangana as a top-20 global innovation hub, inviting international partners to set up pilot and testing facilities in the state. Aikam’s autonomous structure ensures speed, public trust, and responsible AI adoption, providing a clear path from ideas to globally scalable AI solutions.

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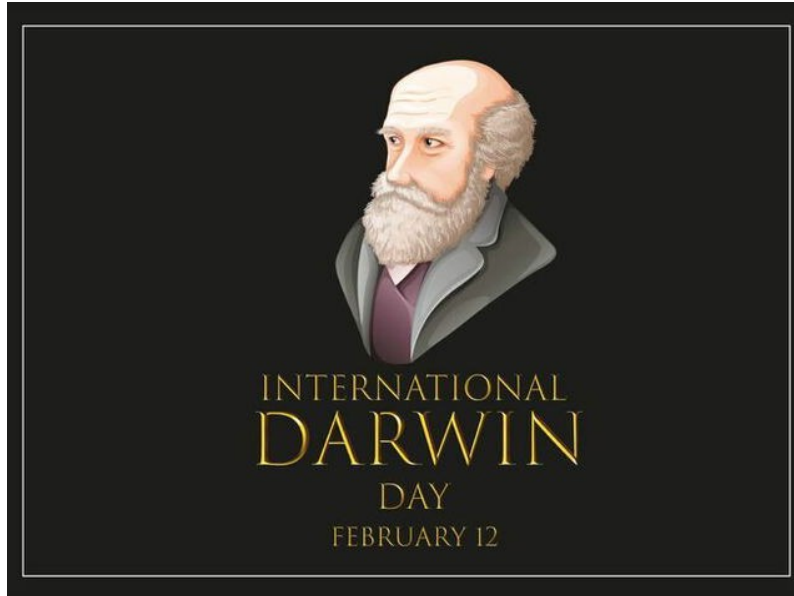
Darwin Day:

- ➔ Darwin Day is observed annually on 12 February to commemorate the birth anniversary of Charles Darwin, the British naturalist who proposed the theory of evolution by natural selection.
- ➔ The day highlights the importance of scientific thinking, rational inquiry, and evidence-based understanding in explaining natural phenomena.
- ➔ Various institutions worldwide mark the day through lectures, discussions, and educational events to promote awareness of evolutionary biology and science education.

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Pulse revolution:

- ➔ India launched the nationwide pulses revolution from Amlaha, Sehore district, Madhya Pradesh. The programme is called Mission for Aatmanirbharta (Self-Reliance) in Pulses. It aims to make India self-sufficient in pulses production and reduce imports. The mission was announced in the Union Budget 2025–26.
- ➔ The mission period is 2025–26 to 2030–31 with an outlay of ₹11,440 crore. The government plans to support seed development, cluster farming, processing mills, and markets.



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National Statistics Office:

- The National Statistics Office (NSO) launched the beta version of the Model Context Protocol (MCP) server for the eSankhyiki portal. eSankhyiki is India's national portal for official statistics.
- MCP allows AI-based, real-time access to datasets without downloading files. The beta release includes datasets such as the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS),
- Consumer Price Index (CPI), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), National Account Statistics, Wholesale Price Index (WPI), Annual Survey of Industries, and Environmental Statistics. The initiative supports data-driven governance and wider access to official statistics.



Kailash Mansarovar Yatra:

- India is in talks with China to explore opening an additional route for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, including Shipki La Pass in Himachal Pradesh. Existing routes for the yatra include Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim.
- The 2025 yatra was successfully conducted from June to August, coordinated with state governments and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. Shipki La Pass is located near the India–China border, but China has cited logistical difficulties for opening new corridors.

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Chandrayaan-4:

- ➔ ISRO's Space Applications Centre identified a safe landing site near Mons Mouton on the Moon for Chandrayaan-4. Mons Mouton is a large, flat-topped mountain about 160 km from the Moon's south pole. It lies near the rim of the South Pole–Aitken (SPA) Basin, one of the largest and oldest impact basins.
- ➔ The mountain is 100 km wide and rises 6,000 m above the surrounding terrain with rugged craters and boulders. Some areas receive near-continuous sunlight while others remain in permanent shadow.

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Global Innovation Index:

- ➔ The Global Innovation Index (GII) is published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and ranks countries by innovation inputs and outputs. China became the world's largest spender on research and development (R&D) in 2024. Global R&D spending reached \$2.87 trillion in 2024, growing nearly 3% annually.
- ➔ China spent \$785.9 billion, overtaking the United States (\$781.8 billion). India ranked 7th, with \$75.7 billion spent on R&D in 2024. Asia now accounts for about 45% of global R&D spending, showing a shift from Western dominance.

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World Pulses Day:

- World Pulses Day 2026 will be observed on 10 February 2026, drawing global attention to the importance of pulses in nutrition, sustainable farming, and environmental protection.
- Recognized by the United Nations, the day highlights how simple foods like lentils, beans, and chickpeas play a powerful role in fighting hunger, improving soil health, and supporting climate-resilient agriculture. From farmers to policymakers, World Pulses Day connects food choices with global sustainability goals.
- The day has been officially observed since 2019, after being designated by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018. It builds on the success of the International Year of Pulses 2016, which showcased pulses as essential crops for food security and sustainable development.

10 February
World Pulses Day



International Day of Women and Girls in Science:

- International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed every year on 11 February. The United Nations marks this day to promote equal participation of women and girls in

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science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Despite progress in education, gender gaps still exist in STEM careers and research fields.

- ➔ International Day of Women and Girls in Science was declared by the United Nations to address the persistent gender gap in STEM.
- ➔ Over the years, women have increased their presence in higher education, but their participation in scientific research and leadership roles remains low. In 2013, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution emphasizing equal access to science and technology for women and girls.



Lakhpatti Bitiya Yojana’:

- ➔ The Delhi government has launched a new welfare initiative called ‘Lakhpatti Bitiya Yojana’ to secure the future of girl children in the national capital. Announced by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the scheme aims to provide financial assistance to daughters from birth until the completion of graduation.
- ➔ With a structured instalment system and full digital transparency, the scheme combines social security and education-linked incentives to promote gender equity and long-term empowerment.
- ➔ Under this scheme, eligible beneficiaries will receive a total financial assistance of ₹56,000 in instalments, starting from birth and continuing through different stages of education. After successfully completing graduation, the scheme will mature and the beneficiary will receive more than ₹1 lakh, making it a long-term financial support programme for education.

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All India Institute of Ayurveda:

- > All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed a major MoU with the General Insurance Council in New Delhi. This agreement allows patients to receive cashless Ayurveda treatment under 32 general insurance companies.
- > The Ministry of Ayush called it a historic step toward integrating Ayurveda into the mainstream health insurance system. With this empanelment, eligible patients can now access insured Ayurveda healthcare services more easily. A dedicated Ayush Health Insurance Helpline has also been launched to support beneficiaries with insurance-related queries.

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India and Greece:

- India and Greece have taken a major step to deepen their strategic and military partnership by signing a Joint Declaration of Intent to boost defense industrial cooperation.
- The agreement, finalized on February 10, 2026, sets out a five-year roadmap for collaboration between the two countries' defense industries.
- Along with this, both sides exchanged their Bilateral Military Cooperation Plan for 2026, signalling stronger military engagement and closer coordination in regional and maritime security.

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Government of Gujarat:

- ➔ Government of Gujarat signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Starlink, a subsidiary of SpaceX, on 9 February 2026 in Gandhinagar. The agreement aims to bring high-speed satellite internet to remote, tribal, and underserved regions of the state.
- ➔ Aligned with Digital India and Viksit Bharat 2047, the initiative seeks to strengthen e-governance, healthcare, education, and disaster response through reliable digital connectivity.

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Asian Development Bank:

- ➔ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved an additional \$182 million loan to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion management in Assam.
- ➔ This new funding comes on top of an existing \$200 million Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project, approved in October 2023.
- ➔ The move aims to boost Assam's resilience against recurring floods along the Brahmaputra river, which have long affected rural livelihoods, infrastructure, and economic stability. Assam faces annual floods due to heavy monsoon rainfall and the dynamic nature of the Brahmaputra river.
- ➔ The funding strengthens a comprehensive and risk-informed approach already underway under the Climate Resilient Brahmaputra project. This integrated strategy focuses not only on infrastructure but also on long-term climate adaptation and disaster resilience.

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Network Readiness Index:

- ➔ India has made a notable jump in global digital performance by improving its position in the Network Readiness Index 2025.
- ➔ According to the report released on February 4, 2026, India climbed four places to rank 45th among 127 economies worldwide.
- ➔ Along with the ranking improvement, India's overall score also increased from 53.63 in 2024 to 54.43 in 2025. The report highlights India's growing strength in technology adoption, digital infrastructure, and innovation-led growth.

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LEED:

- ➔ India has emerged as a global leader in sustainable construction. In 2025, the country ranked second worldwide outside the United States in LEED-certified green building space, according to the US Green Building Council.
- ➔ With over 7,500 projects certified globally and 16 million gross square meters (GSM) of certified space in India alone, the rankings underline how sustainability is now central to India's real estate growth strategy rather than a niche concept.



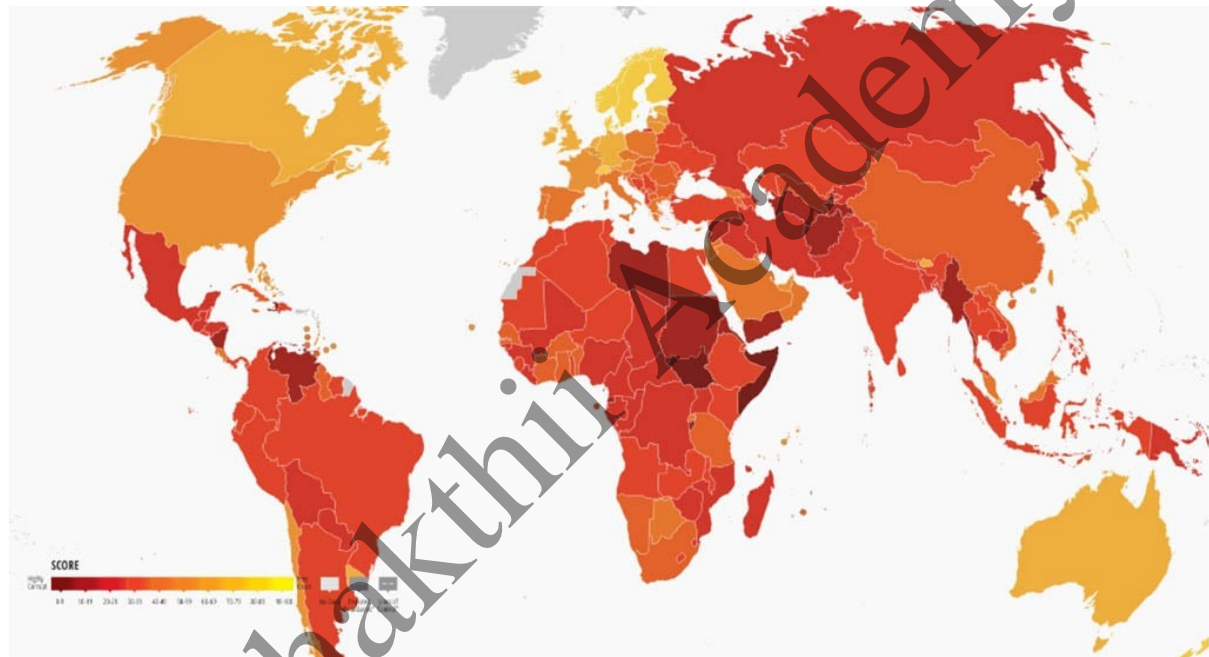
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Corruption Perceptions Index:

- ➔ The Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 released by Transparency International presents a worrying picture. The global average score has declined, and fewer countries now fall into the “very clean” category. In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025, Denmark once again leads, while conflict-affected nations dominate the bottom ranks.
- ➔ In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025, India ranked 91st globally, securing a CPI score of 39 out of 100.
- ➔ This marks a slight improvement compared to the previous year. While India remains below the global average of 42, the ranking suggests incremental progress in governance and transparency reforms.



Women, Peace and Security Index:

- ➔ The Women, Peace and Security Index 2025/26 has once again highlighted the global condition of women’s rights and safety. According to the latest report, nearly 676 million women were exposed to conflict in the past year a 74% rise since 2010. The index ranks 181 countries based on women’s inclusion, justice, and security.
- ➔ While Denmark retains the top position, Afghanistan ranks at the bottom in the Index List. The Women, Peace and Security Index 2025/26 is published by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and the Peace Research Institute Oslo.
- ➔ In the Women, Peace and Security Index 2025/26, Denmark ranks first for the third consecutive time with a score of 0.939. In the Women, Peace and Security Index 2025/26,

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India ranks 131st with a score of 0.607. This shows steady but uneven progress in women's inclusion and safety.

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Indian Space Research Organization:

- ➔ The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has officially identified a landing site near the Moon's South Pole for its upcoming Chandrayaan-4 mission. The mission, approved by the Union government, is India's first lunar sample-return mission and is targeted for launch around 2028.
- ➔ The selected site lies in the Mons Mouton region, one of the most scientifically valuable yet technically challenging areas on the Moon. The Moon's South Polar region is of immense scientific interest because it contains permanently shadowed craters that may hold water ice, a critical resource for future human exploration.

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Kerala:

- Kerala has once again surprised scientists with a remarkable biodiversity discovery. Researchers have formally described a new dragonfly species, named *Lyriothemis keralensis*, from the Western Ghats region of the State.
- The discovery not only highlights Kerala's rich but underexplored biodiversity, but also draws attention to conservation concerns in human-modified landscapes like plantations. The species is now officially recorded in scientific literature, adding another unique member to India's growing list of endemic insects.

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Aditya Pandya:

- ➔ Seventeen year old Aditya Pandya has created history by becoming India's youngest male analog astronaut. He successfully completed a lunar-habitat-inspired mission conducted by AAKA Space Studio from February 1 to 8, 2026 in Dholavira, Kutch (Gujarat).
- ➔ The mission simulated Moon-like isolation and autonomous operations, marking a key milestone in India's emerging analog space research ecosystem and youth participation in advanced space technology experiments.
- ➔ The mission was conducted by AAKA Space Studio, a registered Indian Space Research Organization Space Tutor.
- ➔ The initiative aligns with India's growing focus on human spaceflight, astronaut training, and planetary habitation research. Such analog missions complement India's long-term goals under programmes like Gaganyaan and future lunar exploration efforts by strengthening ground-level research and simulation capabilities.

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FNTA:

- ➔ The Central Government, Nagaland Government and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) signed an agreement to establish the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) for 6 eastern districts of Nagaland, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.
- ➔ The FNTA will have powers over 46 subjects, a mini-Secretariat headed by a senior officer, and proportionate sharing of development outlay based on population and area, while not affecting Article 371(A) of the Constitution.
- ➔ The agreement aims at inclusive governance, financial autonomy and accelerated development of Eastern Nagaland, marking another step toward a dispute-free North-East, with the Modi government having signed 12 major peace agreements since 2019.

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New York City:

- ➔ New York City (USA) has joined the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), which is coordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ➔ Established in 2000, GOARN is a WHO-coordinated network comprising 360+ institutions worldwide, including public health agencies, laboratories, universities and technical organisations. GOARN aims to detect, monitor and rapidly respond to disease outbreaks and public health emergencies at the global level.

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NeophyteID:

- ➔ Kerala is set to launch “NeophyteID”, an AI-powered mobile application for detecting and managing invasive plant species, with its formal launch scheduled at the Kerala Science Congress.
- ➔ Developed by researchers at the Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences, the app uses artificial intelligence to identify non-native plants (neophytes) from smartphone-captured images, aiding early detection and rapid response.

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FPOs:

- ➔ The Government of India has completed the formation of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) under a central sector scheme.
- ➔ The scheme was launched on 29 February 2020 to support small and marginal farmers in collective production, marketing, and processing.
- ➔ A total of 21.96 lakh women farmers are included in these FPOs. FPOs receive financial support, credit guarantees, market linkages, and structured training for better incomes. Evidence shows FPOs help farmers earn ~22% higher prices and reduce marketing costs by ~31%.

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Rajasthan:

- Rajasthan is the largest wool-producing state in India, contributing 16,013.50 thousand kg (47.53% of total production). Rajasthan's wool comes from Marwari and Chokla breeds, mainly used in carpets, rugs, and blankets. Jammu & Kashmir is second with 7,770 thousand kg, known for fine wool like Changthangi and Merino, used for shawls and apparel. Karnataka and Telangana are the third and fourth largest producers, mainly producing medium to coarse wool.
- India has a sheep population of 77.4 million, making it the second-largest globally. Types of wool in India include Carpet Grade (85%), Apparel Grade (5%), and Coarser Grade (10%). Punjab recorded the highest annual growth rate in wool production at 22.04%.

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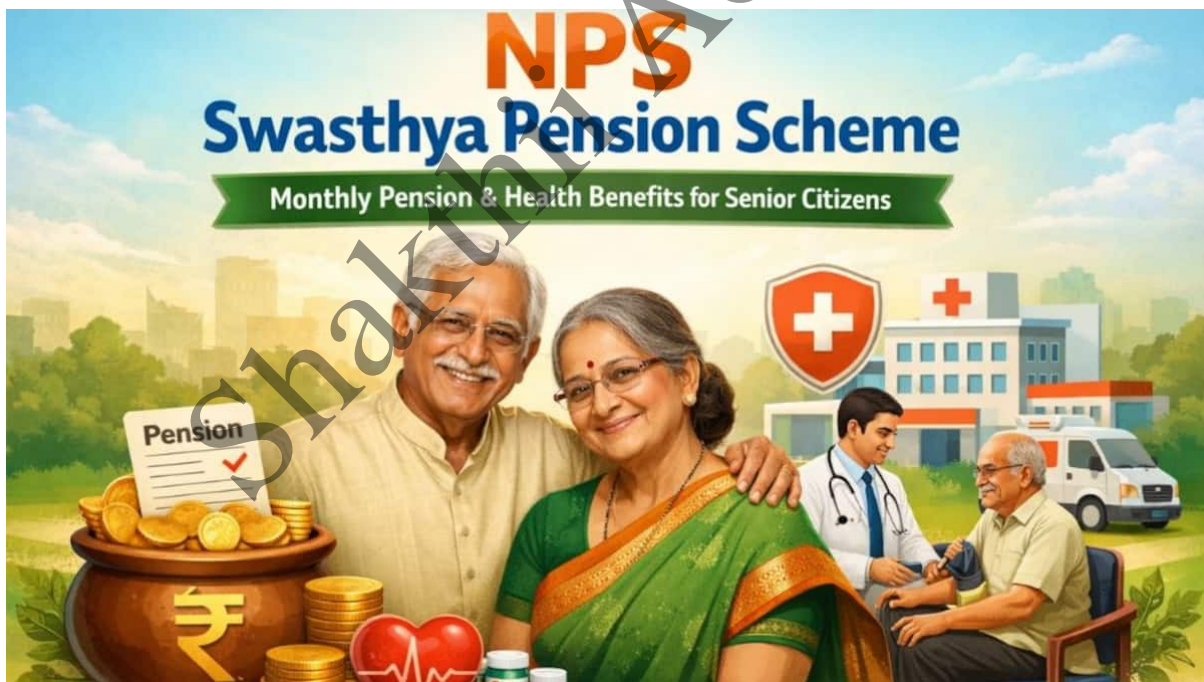
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Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority:

- ➔ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched the National Pension System Swasthya Pension Scheme as a pilot project. It aims to integrate health-related financial benefits with the National Pension System (NPS).
- ➔ The scheme provides financial support for outpatient and inpatient medical expenses. It is a voluntary contributory scheme implemented under the Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF) of NPS.



Project Vault:

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- ➔ US President Donald Trump announced Project Vault, a \$12-billion initiative to build a strategic stockpile of critical minerals. Project Vault is a public–private partnership to purchase and store critical minerals and rare earth elements.
- ➔ The programme includes \$1.67 billion in private funding and up to \$10 billion in support from the US Export-Import Bank. Minerals targeted include cobalt, lithium, gallium, and rare earth elements, used in batteries, semiconductors, defence electronics, and jet engines. The initiative aims to reduce US dependence on China for mineral supply chains.



World Bank:

- ➔ The World Bank highlighted Karnataka's 2014 fiscal reform as a model for other Indian states. Karnataka included borrowings of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in state liabilities.
- ➔ The move improved fiscal transparency, reduced off-budget borrowing, and strengthened budgetary discipline.
- ➔ Off-budget borrowing is a concern as it hides true debt and weakens fiscal control in many states. It recommended a standardised reporting framework for off-budget borrowing, to be enforced by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.

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Odisha:

- ➔ Odisha announced the development of the National UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) Test and Innovation Corridor at Rangeilunda during Wings India 2026. The corridor will be developed at Rangeilunda Airport in Odisha.
- ➔ It will be India's first operational commercial airport converted into a live drone testing facility. The project is aligned with the B-MAAN (Building Mobility and Advanced Air Mobility Network) scheme.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration:

- ➔ The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) released ExoMiner++, an open-source artificial intelligence model to detect exoplanets. ExoMiner++ is a deep-learning model developed by NASA to identify planets outside the solar system.
- ➔ It works by analysing changes in a star's brightness when a planet passes in front of it. The model helps distinguish real planets from false signals such as binary stars or background objects.



James Webb Space Telescope:

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- The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) discovered the most distant galaxy named MoM-z14. MoM-z14 existed about 280 million years after the Big Bang.
- The galaxy's light travelled more than 13.5 billion years to reach Earth. Scientists found high nitrogen levels, indicating early star formation in the galaxy.



Helix Nebula:

- The James Webb Space Telescope captured detailed images of the Helix Nebula in space. The telescope observes gas and dust around a dying star. The Helix Nebula formed when a star reached the final stage of its life and released material into space.
- A white dwarf, which is the remaining core of the dead star, lies at the centre of the nebula. The released gas, dust, and molecules may later help in the formation of new stars and planets.



Lonar Meteor Crater Lake:

- Rising freshwater inflow is disturbing the ecological balance of Lonar Meteor Crater Lake in Maharashtra. Lonar Lake, in Buldhana district of Maharashtra, is India's only basaltic meteor impact crater lake. The lake was formed about 50,000 years ago when a meteorite struck the Deccan basalt region.
- It is a Ramsar Wetland known for its saline and alkaline water ecosystem. Rainfall and deep borewells nearby are increasing freshwater inflow, changing the lake's chemical composition.

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Crafoord Prize:

- ➔ Indian-origin scientist Veerabhadran Ramanathan received the Crafoord Prize, widely known as the “Nobel of Geosciences.” His decades-long research fundamentally changed how the world understands climate change.
- ➔ The Crafoord Prize is a prestigious international science award established in 1980 by Swedish industrialist Holger Crafoord and his wife, Anna-Greta, to promote fundamental research in fields not covered by the Nobel Prizes.



Paradip Port Authority:

- ➔ For a India’s cleanliness and sustainability drive, Paradip Port Authority has emerged as the cleanest-performing major port, winning the First Prize at the Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025.
- ➔ The award, instituted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, recognizes outstanding efforts in sanitation, green initiatives and community participation. The achievement highlights how ports are no longer just trade gateways, but active partners in the Swachh Bharat Mission and inclusive development.
- ➔ The legal address of the Paradip Port Authority is the Administrative Building, Paradip Port, Jagatsinghapur, Odisha, 754142, India. It is located on the East coast of India in the town of Paradip, situated on the Bay of Bengal in the Jagatsinghapur district.

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World Cancer Day:

- World Cancer Day is observed annually on February 4th as an international day to raise awareness of cancer and encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. Led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), this global initiative supports the goals of the World Cancer Declaration and mobilizes the international community to combat one of the world's most pressing health challenges.
- The day is recognized by the United Nations and brings together hundreds of events and initiatives across the globe to show support for those affected by cancer and to drive meaningful action.



International Day of Human Fraternity:

- The International Day of Human Fraternity, also observed on February 4th, calls us to recognize our shared humanity and to build peaceful, inclusive communities grounded in

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mutual respect and dialogue. This observance reminds us that we belong to one human family: diverse in culture and belief, equal in dignity, and stronger when we choose respect over suspicion.

- Human fraternity is rooted in a simple but profound recognition: people of all religions and beliefs make a valuable and lasting contribution to humanity.
- This principle extends beyond abstract ideals to practical commitments in everyday life—in how we treat neighbours, classmates, colleagues, and strangers; in how we share information; and in how we respond when someone is targeted because of their identity or belief.



Miniratna Category-I:

- On February 2, 2026, the Defense Minister approved Miniratna Category-I status for Yantra India Limited, a defense PSU formed after the corporatization of the Ordnance Factory Board. In just four years, the company has moved from a government setup to a profit-making entity with strong sales and exports.
- Yantra India Limited is one of the seven Defense Public Sector Undertakings formed after the corporatization of the Ordnance Factory Board in October 2021. Operating under the Department of Defense Production, YIL focuses on high-end defense manufacturing. Miniratna Category-I status gives Yantra India Limited greater financial and operational autonomy.
- With this status, the company's Board can approve capital expenditure up to ₹500 crore for new projects, modernization and equipment purchase without seeking government approval. This flexibility allows faster decision-making, quicker technology upgrades and improved competitiveness. For defense manufacturing, such autonomy is critical as it helps PSUs respond swiftly to military requirements and global export opportunities.

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KHANJAR:

- ➔ From February 4 to 17, 2026, the 13th edition of the joint military exercise KHANJAR will be conducted at Misamari. The exercise brings together elite Special Forces of both countries to train for modern combat challenges such as counter-terrorism and urban warfare.
- ➔ This annual drill reflects the growing strategic partnership between India and Kyrgyzstan and highlights their shared commitment to regional and global security.

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Defence Research and Development Organization:

- ➔ Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully demonstrated Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology on February 3, 2026, from Odisha's Chaandipur coast. The achievement places India in an elite global league of nations possessing this cutting-edge propulsion technology.
- ➔ SFDR will enable the development of long-range air-to-air missiles, significantly enhancing the Indian Air Force's combat effectiveness and tactical superiority in future aerial warfare.

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Piloo AI:

- ➔ Andhra Pradesh has introduced an innovative digital tool for small businesses. On 2 February 2026, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched Piloo AI, a voice-based billing and accounting application.
- ➔ The app allows users to manage invoices, transactions and reports simply by speaking in their native language, eliminating the need for accounting expertise.
- ➔ The initiative aligns with the state's vision of using technology to simplify business operations and enhance transparency. Piloo AI is an AI-powered voice-based accounting agent designed to simplify financial management for businesses.
- ➔ Users can create invoices, record sales and payments, generate balance sheets, and track receivables and payables by speaking, without navigating complex software. The app is especially useful for micro and small enterprises, shopkeepers and first-time entrepreneurs who often lack formal accounting knowledge.

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Assam government:

- ➔ On February 2, 2026, the Assam government declared a ₹50 crore grant to preserve and restore the heritage of the Darrang kings belonging to the Koch dynasty. The announcement was made during the Mahabir Chilarai Divas celebrations in Darrang district.
- ➔ The move reflects the state's effort to protect Assam's rich past, honour indigenous rulers, and transform historical legacy into a centre of tourism and cultural pride.



Yumnam Khemchand Singh:

- ➔ After months of political uncertainty, Manipur is set for a new government. The BJP has elected Yumnam Khemchand Singh as the leader of its legislature party, paving the way for him to become the next Chief Minister.

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- ➔ The decision comes just days before President's Rule in the state ends on February 13. Singh's elevation marks a crucial moment for Manipur, which has been under central rule following prolonged ethnic violence and the resignation of former CM N. Biren Singh.



Andhra Pradesh:

- ➔ Andhra Pradesh has taken a strong and positive step to support women entrepreneurs by planning an exclusive industrial park only for women. This new industrial park will cover 30 acres and will mainly focus on women-led industries, startups, and small businesses.
- ➔ The aim is to give women a safe, supportive, and well-equipped space to start and grow their businesses. This initiative shows the state government's commitment to promoting women entrepreneurship and creating more employment opportunities.

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Responsible Nations Index:

- ➔ The Responsible Nations Index 2026 has been released by the World Intellectual Foundation (WIF), marking a significant shift in how we evaluate global leadership. Singapore leads the Responsible Nations Index 2026, followed by Switzerland and Denmark, demonstrating that smaller nations with strong governance frameworks can outperform economic superpowers in global responsibility.
- ➔ This ranking comes at a critical time of rising geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, and increasing climate urgency. India ranks 16th globally with a responsibility score of 0.5515, demonstrating significant progress in several key areas.



Haven-1:

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- After more than two decades of government dominance in low Earth orbit, space is preparing for a historic transition. The world's first private space station, Haven-1, developed by Vast Space, is now scheduled to launch in 2027 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- As the International Space Station approaches retirement, Haven-1 signals the dawn of a commercial space station era, led not by governments but by private enterprise.



FM Nirmala Sitharaman:

- FM Nirmala Sitharaman proposed support for Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu to establish dedicated rare earth corridors, aiming to strengthen domestic processing and manufacturing capacity. The Rare Earth Permanent Magnets scheme, with a ₹7,280 crore outlay, targets production of 6,000 metric tonnes per annum, covering the full value chain from rare earth oxides to finished magnets.
- An allocation of ₹40,000 crore is proposed for electronics components manufacturing, and the government plans to launch Semiconductor Mission 2.0 to expand equipment, materials, IP development, and supply chain capabilities.

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Indian Railways:

- ➔ Indian Railways has operationalised the country's first LNG–Diesel dual-fuel DEMU train at Sabarmati in Ahmedabad, marking a major step towards sustainable and eco-friendly rail operations. The 1,400 HP DEMU train's driving power cars have been converted to a dual-fuel system, using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to replace about 40% of conventional diesel, and have successfully completed over 2,000 km of field trials.
- ➔ The dual-fuel system significantly reduces carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions, improves air quality along railway routes, and delivers cost and efficiency benefits, with the train now operating regularly in passenger service without operational issues.

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CHAKRA:

- ➔ State Bank of India (SBI) launched CHAKRA, a Centre of Excellence (CoE), to finance key sunrise sectors that are critical for India's long-term economic transformation.
- ➔ CHAKRA will support sectors such as renewable energy, advanced cell chemistry and battery storage, semiconductors, decarbonisation, smart infrastructure, and data centre infrastructure, with total potential investments estimated at around ₹100 trillion over the next five years.

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International Development Week:

- ➔ International Development Week is observed annually from 1st to 7th February to highlight global efforts in sustainable development and international cooperation.
- ➔ The week aims to raise awareness about global development challenges, promote sustainable solutions, and encourage participation in initiatives that support economic, social, and environmental progress worldwide.

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National Golden Retriever Day:

- ➔ National Golden Retriever Day is celebrated annually on 3rd February to honour the Golden Retriever breed and their contributions as family pets and service dogs.
- ➔ The day highlights the breed's loyalty, intelligence, friendly nature, and role in therapy, assistance, and companionship.



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Garbh Sanskar:

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has announced that “Garbh Sanskar” (education in the womb) will be taught in all universities across the State, and dedicated Garbh Sanskar rooms will be set up in government hospitals.
- Garbh Sanskar means education and nurturing of the child while it is still in the mother’s womb.



Sixteenth Finance Commission:

- The Sixteenth Finance Commission (16th FC) recommended that the Central Government retain the 41% share of tax devolution to the States, and the Centre has accepted this recommendation.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget 2026 speech, announced that ₹1.4 lakh crore will be provided to States for FY 2026-27 as Finance Commission Grants. The grants include allocations for Rural and Urban Local Bodies as well as Disaster Management, ensuring support for state-level governance and development.

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Agni Pariksha:

- ➔ The Indian Army and ITBP conducted a six-day joint training exercise “Agni Pariksha” in Arunachal Pradesh at Sigar, East Siang district, aimed at strengthening inter-force operational integration.
- ➔ The exercise focused on enhancing combat synergy and jointmanship, ensuring better coordination between Army and ITBP personnel during operations.



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AI:

- ➔ In a first of its kind, the Madras High Court is set to use an artificial intelligence(AI)-assisted algorithm system called 'Super law Courts'. It is for filtering the required information from the case documents aimed at expeditious hearing, speedy disposal of cases and saving time and energy in the justice delivery system.
- ➔ The algorithm was designed to help legal professionals locate, organise, and understand information contained strictly within the documents placed before it for a particular matter.
- ➔ The algorithm was intended to reduce the time and effort involved in manual searching and cross-referencing of voluminous documents. It was, however, not intended to replace legal reasoning, judicial determination, or a counsel's professional judgement in a given matter. Superlaw Courts operate under controls analogous to those expected in court proceedings.



Omandur Ramasamy Reddiyar:

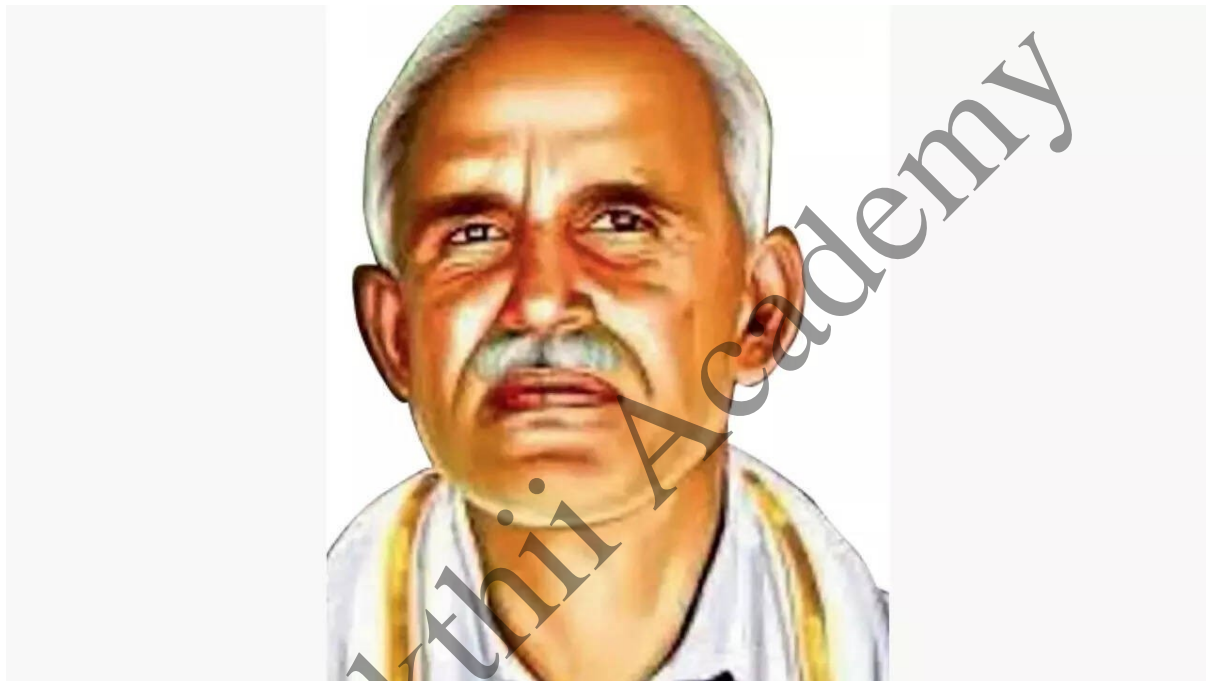
- ➔ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that a statue of former Premier(CM) of Madras presidency, Omandur Ramasamy Reddiyar would be installed on the campus of the Government Medical College, Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai.
- ➔ He served as the Premier of Madras Presidency from 23 March 1947 to 6 April 1949. Ramaswamy Reddiyar was a devotee of Vallalar. During his tenure, the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Act of 1947 was passed. This act was intended to give Dalits and other prohibited Hindus full and complete rights to enter Hindu temples.

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- The Devadasi Dedication Abolition Act of 1947 put an end to the devadasi system. It was during his tenure that India achieved independence from the United Kingdom. In 1948, he ordered the purchase of a de Havilland Dove, the first aeroplane to be owned by the Government of Madras.
- He introduced for the first time in the country; a 14.29% quota was provided to Backward Classes in public services. A 29% reservation was also provided for Scheduled Castes and Tribes during his tenure. He also oversaw the Zamindari Abolition Act, 1947, aimed at empowering farmers.



Archaeological investigations:

- Archaeological investigations have couched Tamil Nadu's rich and diverse heritage within a broader perspective. This is in alignment with the argument of David Shulman, Indologist and author of "Tamil: A Biography". Discoveries at Keeladi suggest that an urban and industrial civilisation once flourished there.
- Carbon dating of artefacts recovered from the site places them between the 6th century BCE and the 1st century CE. Excavations here revealed Sangam-age characteristics and continuity of brick structures.
- Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (AMS) dates from stratigraphical contexts show that Keeladi's inhabitants were literate as early as the 6th century BCE and lived in an urban civilisation along the Vaigai river. The Tamil Nadu government has also established an open-air site museum at Keeladi, located at Kondagai in Sivagangai District.

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President's Rule:

- ➔ 50 years ago, on February 1, 1976, the Tamil Nadu government was dismissed for the first time in history. President's Rule was imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution of India. The government was led by Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party.
- ➔ The dismissal followed a report from Governor K. K. Shah stating that the state government could no longer function according to the Constitution. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was dissolved before completing its five year term, which was due to end on March 21, 1976. The Governor has reported acts of maladministration, corruption, and misuse of power by the DMK government.
- ➔ The government was accused of encouraging secessionist activities under the guise of demanding more autonomy. Prohibitory orders were imposed in Madras to ban meetings, demonstrations, and processions for 14 days. M. G. Ramachandran, leader of the ADMK (All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam), supported the dismissal and called for a commission of inquiry into corruption charges.
- ➔ The Centre appointed Justice R. S. Sarkaria of the Supreme Court as a one-man Commission of Inquiry to investigate allegations against Karunanidhi and some DMK ministers. Two central government advisers, P. K. Dave and R. V. Subramanian, were appointed to help the Governor administer the state. The imposition of President's Rule was expected to restore law and order and ensure proper administration in Tamil Nadu.

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Article 21:

- ➔ The Supreme Court has ruled that the right to menstrual hygiene is an integral part of the right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution. It was given in a landmark verdict Dr. Jaya Thakur vs Government of India. Inaccessibility of sanitary products affects the fundamental right to education under Article 21A and the Right to Education (RTE) Act.
- ➔ Inaccessibility of MH measures strips away the right to participate on equal terms in schools. It violates the Right to Equality under Article 14. The Court also directed the pan-India implementation of the Union's national policy, 'Menstrual Hygiene (MH) Policy for School-going Girls' in schools for adolescent girl children from Classes 6-12.
- ➔ All schools must provide Sensitisation of male teachers and students, gender-segregated toilets, free sanitary napkins (preferably through vending machines), and dedicated MHM corners.

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University Grants Commission:

- ➔ The Supreme Court ordered that the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026, be kept in abeyance. The court directed that the previous 2012 guidelines (UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012) remain in force.
- ➔ Since the 2012 Regulations had been repealed, the Court was exercising its powers under Article 142. The bench examined the regulation through Article 15(4). That enables the State to make special provisions for the advancement of socially and educationally backward classes, including SCs and STs.
- ➔ The 2026 Regulations were formulated in response to the ongoing case *Abeda Salim Tadvi v. Union of India* (2019). The present petitions specifically challenged Section 3(1) (c). The section exclusively defines discrimination against SC, ST, and OBC members, thereby excluding the general category. Moreover, the 2026 Regulations contain no mechanism to penalize false complaints. The Supreme Court invoked the "principle of no-regression" from environmental and social justice law, questioning why the 2026 rules were less inclusive than the 2012 version.

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Debt:

- ➔ Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry consistently reduced their debt by up to 4 percentage points since 2021. These States reduced their outstanding liabilities as a share of GSDP while keeping development expenditure intact, signalling fiscal prudence without compromising on welfare.
- ➔ West Bengal has the highest share of debt in Gross State Domestic Product(GSDP) at 39% as per the Fiscal 2025-26 Budget Estimates. Kerala cut its outstanding liabilities by 4.8 % points to an estimated 35.5% of its GSDP.
- ➔ Tamil Nadu's debt stood at 29.2% of the GSDP. Assam had a 28% of GSDP in debt, and Puducherry, a Union Territory, at 26% of GSDP in 2025-26. While the States reduced the share of debt in comparison with the size of their economies, the ratio continued to stay above the FRBM Act prescribed limit of 20%.

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Kerala:

- ➔ The Kerala State becomes India's First to Provide Free Graduation Education and School Student Insurance. Kerala Budget 2026-27 announces Life, Accident Insurance Scheme for School Children.
- ➔ It will be India's first such kind of initiative. The students from Classes I to XII in government, aided, and government approved schools following the State syllabus will be covered by the scheme. No premium will have to be paid by the students or parents to maintain insurance coverage.

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Ahmedabad City:

- ➔ Ahmedabad City Crime Branch has become the first police force in India to integrate Aadhaar verification with PATHIK software. PATHIK is a guest monitoring software used by hotels, paying guest accommodations, and homestays to record visitor details for security purposes. With Aadhaar integration, visitors can be verified instantly using QR codes through the Aadhaar App.
- ➔ The system is consent-based and does not store Aadhaar numbers, using only digitally signed demographic details and photographs. The system has helped trace more than 50 missing persons and identify illegal immigrants.

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15 archaeological sites:

- ➔ The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the development of 15 archaeological sites across the country into vibrant and experiential cultural destinations. It will include Lothal, Dholavira, Rakhigarhi, Adichanallur, Sarnath, Hastinapur, and Leh Palace. Among the selected sites are Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) sites such as Rakhigarhi in Haryana, and Dholavira and Lothal in Gujarat.
- ➔ It also includes Buddhist sites in Uttar Pradesh, such as Sarnath and Hastinapur. Adichanallur, one of India's oldest archaeological sites, is located in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district along the banks of the Thamirabharani River. It offers insights into early Iron Age life and ancient Tamil Civilisation.
- ➔ It was the first site in India where the ASI installed walk-through ramps along the excavated area. Adichanallur is best known for its urn burials, large clay pots used to bury the dead, often accompanied by iron tools, ornaments, and pottery. These urns were first discovered in the late 19th century by British archaeologist Alexander Rea.

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Pennaiyar river:

- ➔ The Supreme Court directs the Centre to constitute a tribunal to settle the Pennaiyar river dispute between T.N. and Karnataka. It directed the Central government to issue a notification to constitute the interState water disputes tribunal within a month. Tamil Nadu argued that the flow of water of an inter-State River is a national asset and no single state can claim exclusive ownership of its water.
- ➔ The state also said that an 1892 agreement over the river water was “valid and binding” on the party States. The State further said that a river even included the stream, tributaries and other streams contributing water directly or indirectly into it. The major tributary, Markandeyanadhi, which has its catchment area both in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, cannot be considered to be out of the purview of the Agreement.
- ➔ The South Pennar River is known as Thenpennai, Ponnaiyar or Pennaiyar in Tamil. It is the second longest river in Tamil Nadu, with a length of 497 km, after the Kaveri. The river originates in the Nandi Hills in the Chikkaballapura district of Karnataka and flows through Tamil Nadu before emptying into the Bay of Bengal. The largest dam on this river is Sathanur Dam near Tiruvannamalai. It splits into a delta on which Cuddalore town is located.

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Union Budget:

- ➔ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget on February 1, 2026. This was the first time in India's history that the Budget was given on a Sunday. The Budget aims to boost self-reliance, create employment, and enhance India's global competitiveness.
- ➔ The total amount of money in the Budget is ₹53.5 lakh crore. The plan focuses on three 'Kartavyas' (Duties): economic growth, helping people's dreams, and giving everyone equal chances. The Budget focuses on scaling up manufacturing in seven strategic and frontier sectors, including Biopharma SHAKTI, semiconductors, textiles, chemicals, rare earths, and sports goods.
- ➔ The government expects the Fiscal Deficit to be 4.3% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The government will spend ₹12.2 lakh crore on building big things like roads and bridges, which is called Capital Expenditure (Capex).

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Representation:

- ➔ According to a written reply in parliament by the Union Law Ministry under the BJP-led Centre, Tamil Nadu has the highest representation of SC, ST, and OBC judges in district and subordinate courts anywhere in India.
- ➔ The district and subordinate courts in the country have 14.15% Dalits, 5.12% tribals and 26.64% OBCs as judges. With statistics showing that diversity among them is higher in South India, with Tamil Nadu and Karnataka leading the spot compared to the rest of the country. It showed that the lower judiciary is more representative compared to the High Courts.
- ➔ The appointments since 2018 showed only 3.89% of 847 judges were Dalits, 2% tribals and 12.27% OBCs. States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have impressive representation in lower courts. While the statistics placed in Parliament showed “zero” SC, ST and OBC judges in lower courts in West Bengal and Andaman Nicobar Islands.

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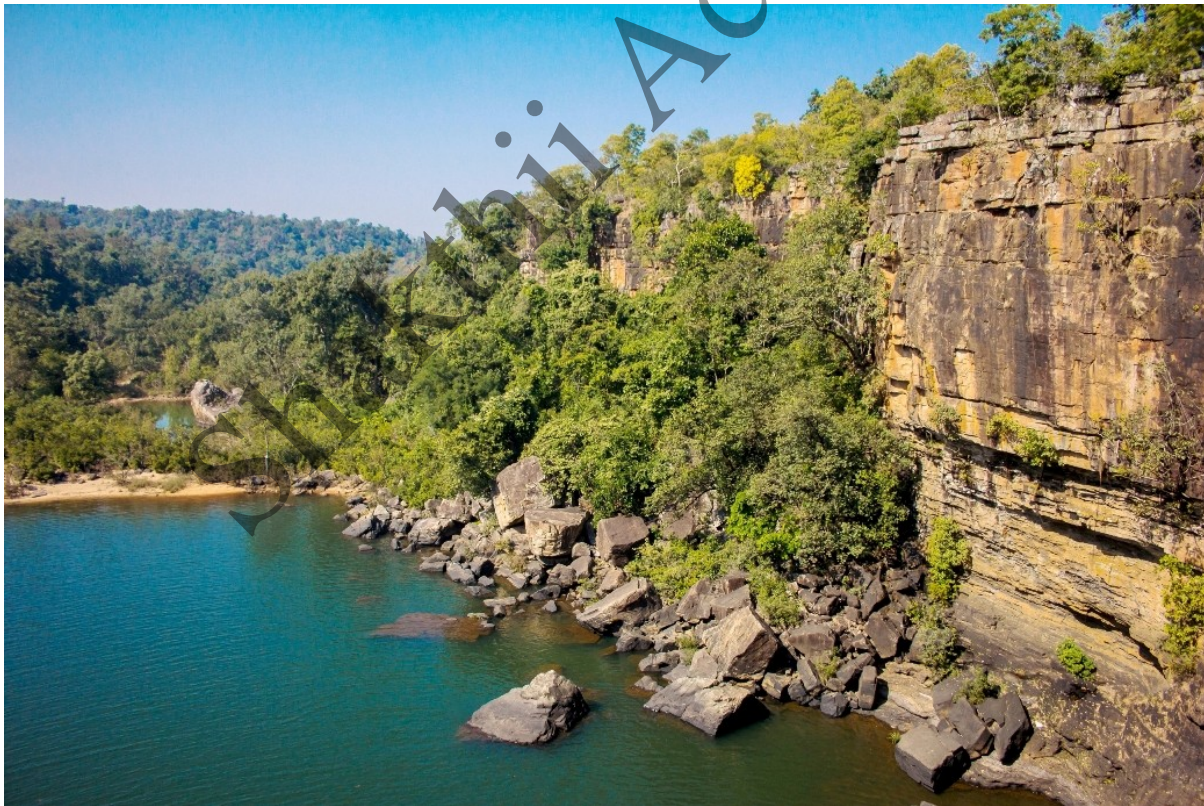
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Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary:

- ➔ Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Odisha's Nuapada district. It was recently declared Maoist-free status. It is also witnessing a significant rise in leopard presence. Officials claim that over 70 leopards may inhabit the sanctuary.
- ➔ It is also a proposed tiger reserve. A 2016 state tiger census recorded four tigers. But the latest national report released in July last year found none. The sanctuary forms the catchment area of the Jonk River, a tributary of the Mahanadi.



Dhamtari in Chhattisgarh:

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- Dhamtari in Chhattisgarh became the first district in India to collect property tax through the SAMARTH Panchayat portal. The launch happened at Sankara Gram Panchayat in Nagri block using a UPI enabled online payment system. Citizens can now pay property taxes from home, reducing manual work and delays.
- The system is rolled out across nearly 400-gram panchayats in Dhamtari and may expand to the whole state. SAMARTH portal improves transparency, revenue collection, and financial independence for panchayats.



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2026, February 2

Grammy Awards:

- ➔ The Grammy Awards 2026 once again turned the global spotlight on musical excellence, creativity, and cultural impact. Held amid huge anticipation, this year's ceremony celebrated chart-toppers, genre-defining albums, and breakout artists. From pop and rap to country and Latin music, the winners reflected both commercial success and artistic innovation.
- ➔ The 2026 Grammys celebrated both legendary and emerging artists across genres. For nearly seven decades, the awards have honoured musical excellence, previously recognising icons like Beyoncé, Eminem and Stevie Wonder.



World Wetlands Day:

- ➔ World Wetlands Day 2026 is being observed on 2 February with a renewed focus on culture and community wisdom. This year's global theme draws attention to how traditional and indigenous knowledge has protected wetlands for centuries.
- ➔ While wetlands are vanishing rapidly due to modern development and climate stress, local communities continue to manage them sustainably using age-old practices. World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on 2 February to mark the signing of the Ramsar Convention in 1971 at Ramsar in Iran.

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- The day aims to raise awareness about wetlands such as lakes, marshes, mangroves, floodplains, and lagoons. These ecosystems provide clean water, reduce floods, store carbon, and support rich biodiversity.
- Despite their importance, wetlands are often ignored in development planning. World Wetlands Day serves as a reminder that protecting wetlands is directly linked to human survival and sustainable development.



Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day is observed every year on 2 February. Rheumatoid Arthritis is often misunderstood as just joint pain, but in reality, it is a chronic autoimmune disease that can affect the entire body and deeply impact quality of life.
- Observed globally on 2nd February Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026 highlights the need for early diagnosis, timely treatment, and emotional support for those living with this lifelong condition.

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Adampur airport:

- ➔ Punjab's aviation map witnessed a symbolic and developmental shift on 2 February 2026. Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed Adampur airport in Jalandhar after the revered saint Guru Ravidas, while also inaugurating a new civil terminal at Halwara airport in Ludhiana.
- ➔ The twin announcements combine cultural recognition with infrastructure development, strengthening regional air connectivity under the UDAN scheme and fulfilling long-standing public and political demands in the state.

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Orchid species:

- ➔ India's biodiversity has gained fresh attention after scientists discovered a new orchid species in Kerala's Kanthalloor region. Announced in January 2026, the finding highlights how India's forests still hold many unexplored plant species.
- ➔ Orchids are among the most sensitive indicators of ecosystem health, and this discovery reinforces the ecological importance of the Western Ghats.

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FM Nirmala Sitharaman:

- ➔ FM Nirmala Sitharaman proposed a ₹10,000 crore Bio Pharma Shakti programme over five years to strengthen India's biopharmaceutical sector, including domestic manufacturing and innovation in biosimilars.
- ➔ Budget 2026 includes scaling up manufacturing in strategic and frontier sectors and developing city economic regions to support long-term growth. The Economic Survey projects India's real GDP growth for 2026–27 at 6.8–7.2%, with average headline inflation at 1.7% (April–December 2025), reflecting stable medium-term growth.

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Hoya nagaensis:

- ➔ Researchers from Nagaland University discovered a new plant species, *Hoya nagaensis*, in the high-altitude community forests of Nagaland, highlighting the region as a biodiversity hotspot.
- ➔ The species was identified through botanical surveys in remote, largely unexplored forests, emphasizing the role of community-managed forests in conservation.
- ➔ The study, led by Gyati Yam with colleagues Vieneite-o Koza and Joynath Pegu, was supported by the university's Start-Up Project for Young Faculty and published in *Kew Bulletin*, an international plant taxonomy journal.

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Ramsar wetlands:

- ➔ Patna Bird Sanctuary in Etah (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhari-Dhand in Kutch (Gujarat) have been officially designated as Ramsar wetlands of international importance. These additions expand India's network of Ramsar sites to 98, reflecting the country's strong commitment to protecting wetlands and biodiversity.
- ➔ Chhari-Dhand becomes Gujarat's fifth and Kutch's first Ramsar site, while Patna Bird Sanctuary boosts Uttar Pradesh's wetlands recognition, highlighting their ecological significance and importance for environmental conservation.

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Government of India:

- ➔ The Government of India has notified Coking Coal as a Critical and Strategic Mineral under the MMDR Act, 1957 (Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act). The notification places coking coal in Part D of the First Schedule, giving it high priority for mining and development.
- ➔ This move aims to reduce India's 95% import dependence on coking coal used in steel production. Coking coal, also called Metallurgical Coal, is essential for making steel and cannot be replaced by thermal coal.
- ➔ The decision supports the National Steel Policy target of 300 million tonnes of steel production by 2030. India has large coking coal reserves mainly in Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh, but it depends on imports due to quality issues.

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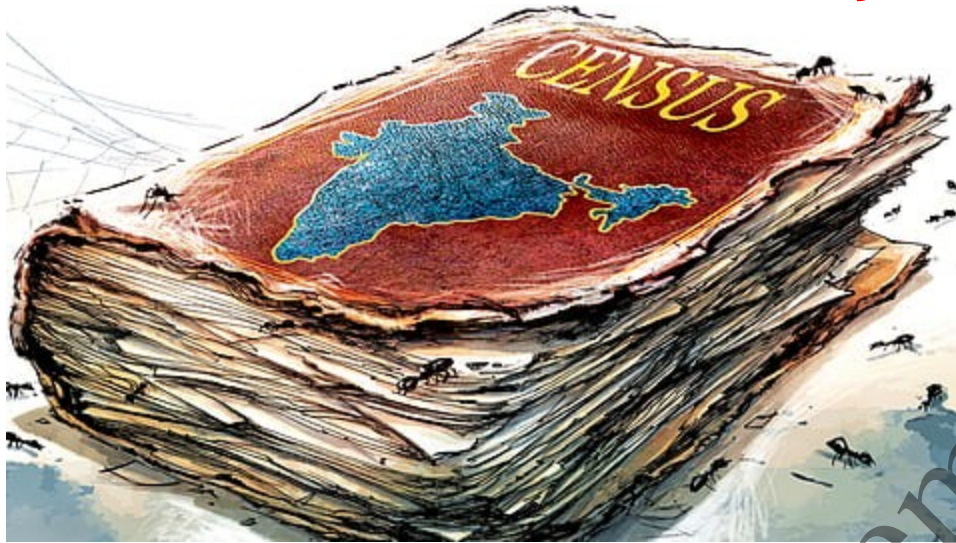
Census:

- ➔ The Census will be done in two phases, with the House listing and Housing Census (HLO) to be held from April to September 2026 and the PE in February 2027. The methodology to be followed for caste enumeration in the forthcoming Census is yet to be finalised.
- ➔ The Caste count will be held during the Population Enumeration (PE) phase, the second phase of the Census, in February 2027. Only in September 2027, the Population Enumeration phase kicks off in Ladakh and snow-bound areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- ➔ This will be the 16th Census and the first in independent India to count all castes, other than the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). The 2011 Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) was done outside the purview of the Census. The caste will be enumerated this time in the second and final phase, giving it statutory backing.
- ➔ The SECC enumerated more than 46 lakh castes, while the total number of castes during the pre-Independence 1931 Census was 4,147. This will also be the first time that Census data is captured digitally, on smartphones and mobile apps.

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India-EU Free Trade Agreement:

- ➔ The India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is widely referred to as the 'mother of all agreements'.
- ➔ Under this India-EU Free Trade Agreement, India has allowed EU banks to open 15 branches in India over a four-year period.
- ➔ This agreement provides limited market access to EU banks while ensuring domestic financial stability. India allows 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector and 74% in banking services.
- ➔ The agreement includes safeguards for national security and measures to protect domestic industries from sudden surges in imports
- ➔ India's Intellectual Property (IP) rights will remain unchanged under this agreement. The agreement will be jointly reviewed every five years to monitor progress and make adjustments if needed.

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Kerala Government:

- ➔ The Kerala Government has announced free education up to the graduate level for Arts and Science students in the State Budget 2026–27. Free education will now be provided for undergraduate (Bachelor's degree) courses in government and aided colleges.
- ➔ Earlier, free education in Kerala was available only up to Class 12. This is the first time that Kerala has extended free education beyond the higher secondary level. The policy aims to improve access to higher education and reduce the financial burden on students.

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Buddhist Diamond Triangle:

- ➔ Odisha's Buddhist Diamond Triangle has been added to India's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. The Buddhist Diamond Triangle consists of Lalitgiri, Udayagiri, and Ratnagiri, located in Odisha.
- ➔ These sites show 1,500 years of continuous Buddhist history, covering Theravada(Hinayana), Mahayana, and Vajrayana Buddhism. Lalitgiri is the oldest site, dating back to the 2nd-3rd century BCE, and has a stupa with sacred relic caskets. Udayagiri flourished between the 1st and 13th century CE and contains large monasteries and Buddhist sculptures. Ratnagiri was a major centre of Vajrayana (Tantric) Buddhism and is often compared to Nalanda.

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2026, February 1

Indian Coast Guard Day:

- ➔ Indian Coast Guard Day 2026 is observed on a 1 February, marking a historic milestone of 50 years since the raising of the Indian Coast Guard in 1977. This day is not just ceremonial. It reminds the nation of the silent force that guards India's seas day and night.
- ➔ From rescuing lives during cyclones to stopping smuggling and protecting marine wealth, the Indian Coast Guard plays a critical role in securing India's 7,516 km coastline and vast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) under extremely challenging conditions.



Carlos Alcaraz:

- ➔ On February 1, 2026. In a gripping men's singles final at the Australian Open 2026, Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated Serbian legend Novak Djokovic to achieved feat and completed the Grand Slam series.
- ➔ At just 22 years of age, Alcaraz completed his career Grand Slam, becoming the youngest man in tennis history to do so. The match was more than a final it symbolized the passing of an era and the rise of a new one in global tennis.

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Union Budget 2026:

- ➔ The Union Budget 2026 has delivered one of the strongest signals yet of India's changing security priorities. Just a year after a major military confrontation with Pakistan, the government has raised defense spending by 15.3% to ₹7.84 lakh crore.
- ➔ Presented in Parliament, the Budget reflects lessons from recent conflict, growing geopolitical uncertainty, and the push for self-reliant defense manufacturing. With higher capital outlay, customs duty relief and procurement reforms, defense has emerged as a central pillar of India's strategic and economic planning.
- ➔ Budget 2026 builds on reforms like the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 and Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025.
- ➔ These frameworks aim to simplify procurement, reduce delays and prioritise Indian-designed, developed and manufactured (IDDM) systems. Faster acquisition cycles improve combat readiness while giving industry predictable demand. This policy angle is important for questions linking defence reforms with economic policy.

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TN-SHORE:

- ➔ The Economic Survey 2025–26 has highlighted Tamil Nadu's 'Thozhi' working women's hostels and Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission (TN-SHORE) coastal restoration mission.
- ➔ Thozhi hostels are run by the Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation through public-private partnership (PPP) (Public-Private Partnership) model.
- ➔ At present, 19 Thozhi hostels in 15 districts benefit 1,824 working women, and 14 more hostels costing ₹176.93 crore are under construction. Tamil Nadu has a 1,069-kilometre coastline across 14 districts, which is vulnerable to erosion, storm surges, and sea-level rise.
- ➔ The TN-SHORE is a ₹1,675-crore World Bank-funded project to improve coastal biodiversity, protection, and livelihoods. The survey also noted Climate Resilient Villages, with Killai village in Cuddalore district identified as Tamil Nadu's first such village.

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India Global Education Summit 2026:

- ➔ At the India Global Education Summit 2026 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu announced the Knowledge City project and multiple international education tie-ups. The 872-acre Knowledge City is planned in the Tiruvallur district as an integrated academic–industrial ecosystem.
- ➔ It will combine higher education, research, advanced manufacturing, clean technology, and entrepreneurship. The first phase of the project will be ready for allocation by the end of 2026. The project is expected to support over 25,000 students and researchers in the long term.

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Ministry of Jal Shakti:

- ➔ The Ministry of Jal Shakti honoured WaSH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Warriors for grassroots water leadership. The recognition was given at a Samvad Samaroh held in New Delhi. A total of 58 WaSH Warriors from States and Union Territories were honoured under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- ➔ They were selected from Swachh Sujal Gaon villages with Har Ghar Jal certification and ODF (Open Defecation Free) Plus Model status under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

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Economic Survey:

- ➔ The Economic Survey 2025–26 was tabled in Parliament on 29 January 2026, ahead of the Union Budget 2026–27. India's potential growth rate has been revised upward to 7%, up from 6.5% in previous estimates.
- ➔ The economy is projected to grow at 6.8–7.2% in FY2026–27. India remains the fastest-growing major economy for the fourth consecutive year. The Survey warns of global economic uncertainty, estimating a 10–20% chance of a crisis worse than the 2008 global financial crisis in 2026.
- ➔ Even the best-case global scenario for 2026 is “business as in 2025”, though conditions are increasingly fragile. India is described as an “oasis of economic performance” in a weak global environment. Inflation is tamed and anchored, with average Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation at 1.7% during April–December 2025, the lowest since the series began.
- ➔ Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) grew by 7% in FY26, forming 61.5% of GDP, the highest share since FY23. The agriculture and services sectors remain the largest contributors to India's GDP. Food grain production in the Agriculture Year 2024–25 reached 3,577.3 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), an increase of 254.3 LMT over the previous year, driven by rice, wheat, maize, and coarse cereals.
- ➔ The Government of India's capital expenditure rose nearly 4.2 times, from ₹2.63 lakh crore in FY18 to ₹11.21 lakh crore in FY26 (Budget Estimates), while effective capital expenditure in FY26 is ₹15.48 lakh crore.

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