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1. What record did Sonam Yeshi set in men's T20 international cricket?

A - Fastest 50 runs

B - 8 wickets in an innings

C - Hat-trick with 5 wickets

D - Most maiden overs

Sonam Yeshi made history in men's T20 international cricket, becoming the first bowler to take eight wickets in a single innings. This achievement was recorded on December 29, 2025, in the third T20 match between Bhutan and Myanmar played in Gelephu.



2. What increase was recorded in India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in November 2025?

A - 4.50%

B - 5.90%

C - 6.70%

D - 7.20%

India's industrial activity saw a significant improvement in November 2025, with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) registering a 6.7 percent increase, the highest in the last 25 months. This indicates that after several months of moderate performance, Indian industry is now entering a phase of sustained recovery.



3. Approximately how much liquidity did the RBI inject under OMO?

A - ₹25,000 crore

B - ₹40,000 crore

C - ₹50,000 crore

D - ₹75,000 crore

By the end of 2025, India's banking system was grappling with a severe liquidity deficit, prompting the Reserve Bank of India to inject ₹50,000 crore into the system through open market operations.



4. What is India's rank in the global reserves of rare earth elements?

A - First

B - Second

C - Third

D - Fifth

According to recent reports, India lags significantly in the production of rare earth elements despite holding the third-largest global reserves. Despite possessing approximately 6–7 percent of global reserves, India's production is less than 1 percent, posing a major challenge for industrial development, clean energy transition, and national security.



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5. In which country was Khaleda Zia the first female Prime Minister?

A - Pakistan

B - Bangladesh

C - Sri Lanka

D - Nepal

Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first female Prime Minister, passed away at the age of 80, marking the end of a significant era in the country's politics. She was a prominent leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and played a crucial role in the restoration of democracy, serving as Prime Minister twice.



6. For the treatment of which disease is ITVISMA gene therapy administered?

A - Parkinson's disease

B - Alzheimer's disease

C - Spinal Muscular Atrophy

D - Multiple sclerosis

Abu Dhabi achieved a historic milestone in global healthcare by providing ITVISMA gene therapy to a patient suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy for the first time. This treatment is considered a major step towards precision medicine and genomics-based therapies.



7. Who chaired the bench that delivered the judgment in the Aravalli case?

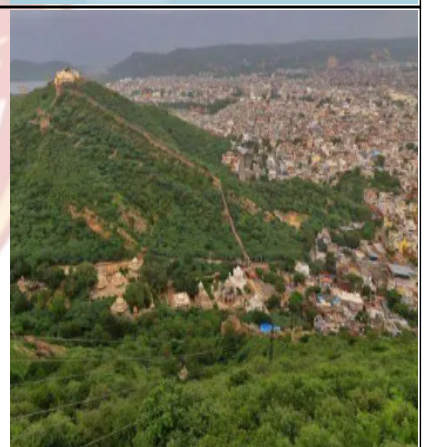
A - Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

B - Justice Sanjeev Khanna

C - Justice Surya Kant

D - Justice U.U. Lalit

The Supreme Court of India adopted a cautious approach towards environmental protection by staying its previous order related to the Aravalli hills.



8. In which year did Israel announce that it would award Donald Trump a peace prize?

A - 2024

B - 2025

C - 2026

D - 2027

In a significant diplomatic move, Israel has announced that it will award former US President Donald Trump the Israel Peace Prize in 2026. The announcement came after a high-level meeting in Florida between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Trump.



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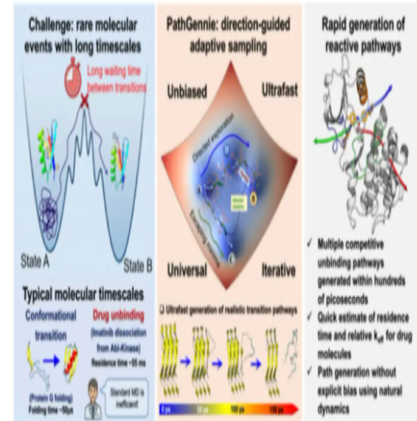
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9. What field does the PathGennie software belong to?

- A - Agricultural Automation B - Computational Biology
C - Cybersecurity Networking D - Space navigation technology

PathGennie is an open-source computational biology tool developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. It analyzes drug-protein interactions and provides realistic simulations of the natural process of drug unbinding from proteins.



10. Which sector has seen the most trademark registrations in India recently?

- A - Automobiles B - Medicines and Health Products
C - Electronics D - Agricultural equipment

In the financial year 2024-25, over 5.5 lakh trademarks were registered in India, indicating progress in IP protection. The highest number of registrations were in the pharmaceuticals, health products, and veterinary categories.



11. In which format did Deepti Sharma set a new record for wickets?

- A - One Day Cricket B - Test Cricket
C - Women's T20 International D - Domestic Ranji Trophy

Deepti Sharma set a new record for the most wickets in Women's T20Is, surpassing Megan Schutt with 152 wickets. This achievement was recorded against Sri Lanka in Thiruvananthapuram. She is considered India's leading spinner and a crucial strategic player.



12. From when is the 8th Pay Commission considered effective?

- A - January 1, 2024 B - January 1, 2025
C - January 1, 2026 D - April 1, 2026

The 8th Pay Commission is expected to be effective from January 1, 2026, but an immediate salary increase is not guaranteed. The increase will be implemented only after a report, review, and cabinet approval.



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13. Which institution did Rakesh Agarwal receive additional charge of?

A - RAW

B - IB

C - NIA

D - BSF

The Union Home Ministry has given IPS officer Rakesh Agarwal of the 1994 batch the additional charge of Director General of the NIA. This decision was made to maintain leadership continuity after the premature repatriation of the former DG.



14. Which system is Delhi developing with the help of IIT Kanpur?

A - e-Ration Card 2.0

B - IGMS Grievance Redressal Platform

C - Hybrid Teaching Portal

D - Smart Road AI Mapper

The Delhi government is collaborating with IIT Kanpur to develop an AI-based grievance redressal system called IGMS. The aim is to enhance service quality, transparency, and administrative efficiency.



15. What is the main objective of the PM VIKAS scheme?

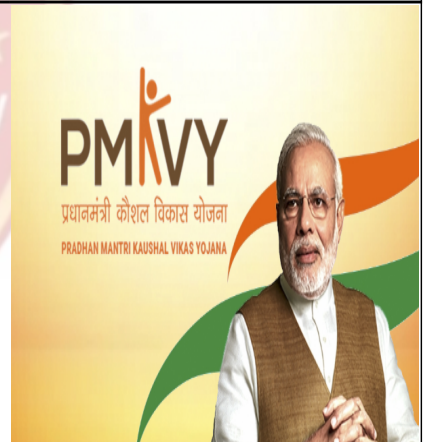
A - Construction of rural roads

B - Skills and Employment for Minority Communities

C - Increasing agricultural MSP

D - Expansion of defense research

The PM VIKAS scheme aims to enhance skill development, training, and employment opportunities among minority communities. NIFTEM Kundli has been appointed as the project implementing agency.



16. When is World Introvert Day celebrated?

A - July 25

B - November 14

C - January 2

D - March 31

World Introvert Day is celebrated on January 2nd. It was started in 2011 by German psychologist Felicitas Heyne, and the first official event was held in 2012. It acknowledges the psychological needs, understanding, and social sensitivity of introverted personalities.



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17. Who won the World Blitz Chess Championship for the ninth time in 2025?

A - Arjun Erigaisi

B - Nodirbek Abdusattorov

C - Magnus Carlsen

D - Viswanathan Anand

At the World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2025 held in Doha, Magnus Carlsen made history by winning his ninth World Blitz title. Despite a challenging round-robin stage, his experience and mental fortitude in the knockout rounds proved decisive.



18. What is the total amount of the Market Access Support (MAS) scheme?

A - ₹3,000 crore

B - ₹4,531 crore

C - ₹5,260 crore

D - ₹25,060 crore

The Indian government has launched a Market Access Support (MAS) scheme worth ₹4,531 crore to make domestic exporters globally competitive, effective from FY 2026 to 2031.



19. What was the central government's fiscal deficit during April–November 2025?

A - ₹7.50 trillion

B - ₹8.90 trillion

C - ₹9.77 trillion

D - ₹10.50 trillion

During the first eight months of FY 2026, from April to November 2025, the central government's fiscal deficit reached ₹9.77 trillion, approximately 62.3 percent of the annual budget estimate.



20. Where will the headquarters of the proposed new district in Goa be located?

A - Ponda

B - Mormugao

C - Cupertino

D - Salsette

The Goa government has announced the formation of a third district in the state, aimed at streamlining administration and accelerating regional development. This new district will be carved out of South Goa and will have its headquarters in Quepem.



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21. Who is known as the "Oracle of Omaha"?

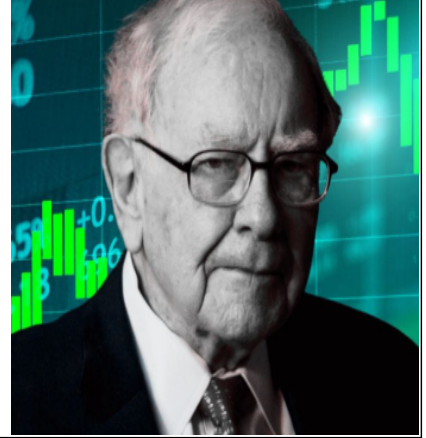
A - Elon Musk

B - Jeff Bezos

C - Warren Buffett

D - Bill Gates

Warren Buffett, known as the "Oracle of Omaha," has stepped down as CEO of Berkshire Hathaway after nearly six decades of historic leadership. At the age of 95, he has handed over executive responsibilities to Greg Abel, while remaining the company's chairman.



22. What was the approximate bank credit growth by December 2025?

A - 8%

B - 9%

C - 12%

D - 15%

Loan demand in the Indian banking system remains robust, but slower deposit growth is putting pressure on liquidity. As of December 2025, loan growth stood at approximately 12 percent, while deposit growth slowed to around 9.35 percent.



23. Which university was described as a model for the globalization of higher education in a NITI Aayog report?

A - IIT Gandhinagar

B - Gujarat University

C - Gujarat Biotechnology University

D - Jamia Millia Islamia

A recent NITI Aayog report has highlighted the Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU) as a model for the internationalization of higher education. Established in 2020, this university aligns with the National Education Policy 2020 and furthers the goal of making India a global education hub.



24. What is Savitribai Phule known for?

A - India's first female doctor

B - India's first female teacher

C - India's first female governor

D - India's first female writer

Savitribai Phule's birth anniversary is celebrated on January 3rd, a day that symbolizes the struggle for women's education and social reform in India.



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25. To which service does Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor belong?

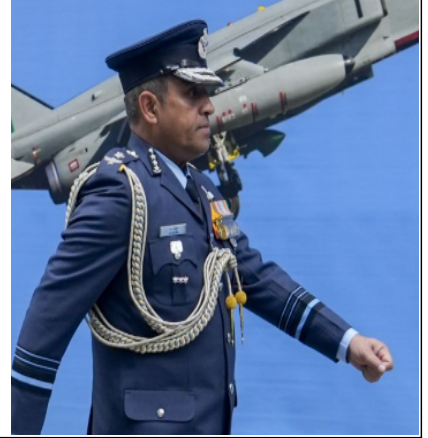
A - Indian Army

B - Indian Navy

C - Indian Air Force

D - Border Security Force

On January 1, 2026, the Indian Air Force underwent a leadership change at the highest level, with Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor taking over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff.



26. What type of mission is the Gaganyaan-G1 mission?

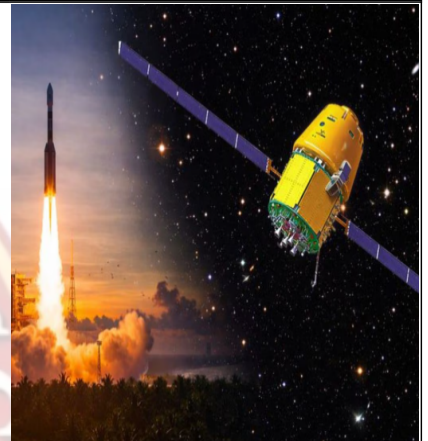
A - Manned lunar mission

B - Unmanned orbital test mission

C - Interplanetary Mission

D - Satellite Launch Mission

The year 2026 will be crucial for global space exploration, as India and the United States advance to new milestones with their respective human spaceflight missions.



27. In which country did Mamady Doumbouya win the presidential election?

A - Mali

B - Niger

C - Guinea

D - Burkina Faso

Mamady Doumbouya, the military leader who came to power in Guinea after a 2021 military coup, won the presidential election held in December 2025 with a landslide victory.



28. Which is the first state in India to constitute the 8th State Pay Commission?

A - Bihar

B - Assam

C - Odisha

D - West Bengal

Assam has become the first state in the country to constitute the 8th State Pay Commission. This decision, taken before the term of the 7th Pay Commission ends, reflects the state government's proactive and timely administrative approach.



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29. What will be the first operational route of the Vande Bharat sleeper train?

A - Delhi-Mumbai

B - Chennai-Bengaluru

C - Guwahati-Kolkata (Howrah)

D - Patna-New Delhi

Indian Railways has fully prepared the Vande Bharat Sleeper train for long-distance and overnight travel, with all trials and safety certifications successful. According to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, its first operation will be on the Guwahati-Kolkata (Howrah) route.



30. Which tax will be levied on tobacco products under the new system?

A - Health cess

B - Environmental cess

C - Additional Excise Duty

D - Customs

The Government of India has issued a notification implementing the new tax regime from February 1, making major changes to the taxation structure for tobacco and pan masala products.



31. How many members are on the core committee formed by the Gujarat government for cybersecurity in the energy sector?

A - 7-member

B - 9-member

C - 11-member

D - 15-member

A recent NITI Aayog report has described Gujarat Biotechnology University as a role model for the globalization of higher education. Established in 2020, the university advances the goal of making India a global education hub in line with the National Education Policy 2020.



32. What is the national bird of India?

A - Garuda

B - Parrot

C - Peacock

D - Baaz

National Bird Day is an important environmental awareness day, celebrated every year on January 5th, aimed at raising public awareness about the conservation of birds and protecting their natural habitats.



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33. What is the main theme of the new logo?

A - Digital India

B - Growth with Equity

C - Data for Development

D - Inclusive Governance

This initiative has been launched with the aim of increasing public trust in government data, modernizing the ministry's image, and strengthening the role of data in policymaking. The new logo, based on the "Data for Development" theme, reflects the belief that accurate and transparent data is essential for economic growth, social progress, and good governance.



34. Who has been given the responsibility of regulating crypto exchanges under the new law?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - Central Bank

C - Parliament

D - Private regulatory body

Since January 2026, Turkmenistan has legalized cryptocurrency mining and exchanges, a significant policy shift in its tightly controlled economy. The new law grants legal recognition to digital assets and entrusts the central bank with the responsibility of regulating crypto exchanges.



35. In which stream was Air Marshal Tejinder Singh commissioned in the Indian Air Force?

A - Transport

B - Helicopter

C - Fighter

D - Training

On January 1, 2026, Air Marshal Tejinder Singh assumed charge as the AOC-in-C of the South Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force. This command is crucial for the air defense and strategic operations of the western border regions.



36. How many tiger deaths were recorded in India in the year 2025?

A - 126

B - 146

C - 166

D - 186

In 2025, India recorded 166 tiger deaths, a significant increase compared to the previous year, highlighting new challenges associated with tiger conservation.



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37. Which article contains the provisions related to the appointment of High Court judges?

A - Article 124

B - Article 217

C - Article 222

D - Article 226

In December 2025, based on the recommendations of the Supreme Court Collegium, the central government notified the appointments and transfers of Chief Justices for the Kerala, Patna, and Meghalaya High Courts.



38. What new feature has Google launched for Gmail users?

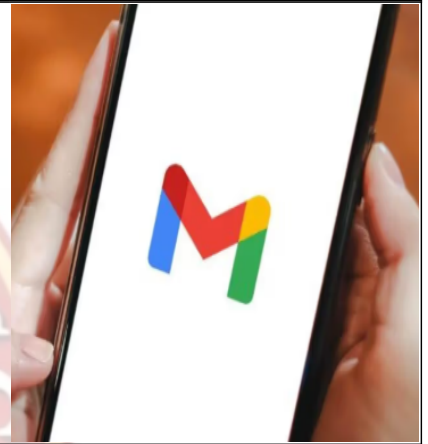
A - Gmail account deletion feature

B - Option to change primary Gmail address

C - Unlimited Storage

D - Offline email sending facility

Google has launched a new feature for Gmail users that allows them to change their primary Gmail email address without creating a new account or losing any data. The old email address will be retained as an alias, ensuring that all old emails continue to be received.



39. What was the real GDP growth rate in the second quarter (Q2) of the financial year 2025–26?

A - 6.50%

B - 7.20%

C - 7.80%

D - 8.20%

According to the Reserve Bank of India's December 2025 Financial Stability Report, India's financial system remains robust and resilient despite global uncertainties. Improved GDP growth in the first half of FY 2025-26, along with improved asset quality and strong capital positions of banks, has supported financial stability.



40. Where was Guru Gobind Singh Ji born?

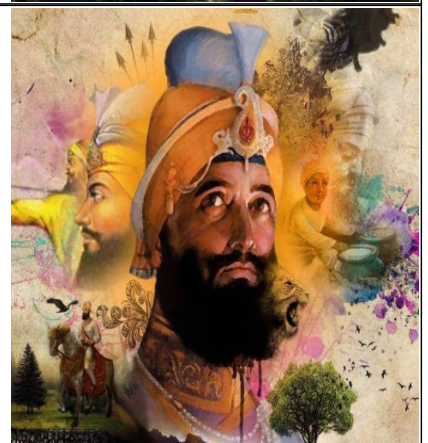
A - Amritsar

B - Anandpur Sahib

C - Patna Sahib

D - Lahore

Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti was celebrated with reverence and enthusiasm across India and worldwide, highlighting the values of courage, equality, and religious tolerance. Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth and final human Guru of Sikhism, founded the Khalsa Panth and propagated the message of fighting against injustice and promoting social equality.



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41. Who inaugurated the 72nd National Volleyball Championship?

A - Amit Shah

B - Narendra Modi

C - Anurag Thakur

D - Yogi Adityanath

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 72nd National Volleyball Championship held in Varanasi via video conferencing. Describing volleyball as a symbol of teamwork, coordination, and collective responsibility, he said that India's development journey progresses through shared efforts.



42. What was the Gross Non-Performing Asset (GNPA) ratio as of September 2025?

A - 3.50%

B - 2.80%

C - 2.10%

D - 1.90%

According to Reserve Bank of India data, the asset quality of India's banking system has significantly improved. By September 2025, the gross non-performing asset ratio declined to 2.1 percent, the lowest level in the last ten years.



43. How much financial assistance is provided for the first child under PMMVY?

A - ₹3,000

B - ₹4,000

C - ₹5,000

D - ₹6,000

The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana completed its nine-year term on January 1, 2026, and has become a significant government scheme in the areas of maternal health, nutrition, and women's welfare.



44. In which state was the "Sandalwood Leopard" recorded for the first time?

A - Rajasthan

B - Madhya Pradesh

C - Karnataka

D - Maharashtra

An extremely rare leopard coloration, dubbed the "Sandalwood Leopard," has been confirmed for the first time in Karnataka. This is the second recorded instance of this leopard in India, following a previous sighting in Rajasthan in November 2021.



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45. Under which mission were the 3D-printed automatic weather stations developed?

A - Mission Shakti

B - Mission Weather

C - Mission Gaganyaan

D - Mission Sagar

Indian scientists have developed indigenous automatic weather stations using 3D-printing technology, a major breakthrough in the field of weather monitoring. This work was led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology under Mission Mausam.



46. The warship 'Loudi' has been inducted into the navy of which country?

A - Japan

B - China

C - Russia

D - Pakistan

China has demonstrated its growing maritime power by inducting an advanced warship named "Loudi" into its navy. This Type 052D guided missile destroyer is part of the People's Liberation Army Navy and is designed for multi-purpose operations.



47. In which state is the Kalai-II hydroelectric project proposed?

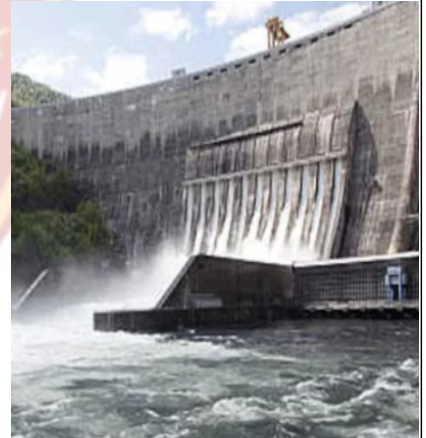
A - Sikkim

B - Assam

C - Arunachal Pradesh

D - Manipur

Controversy has erupted after the proposed Kalai-II hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh was recommended for environmental clearance. This 1,200 MW project is proposed on the Lohit River, but its EIA report did not mention the critically endangered white-bellied heron.



48. Who inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

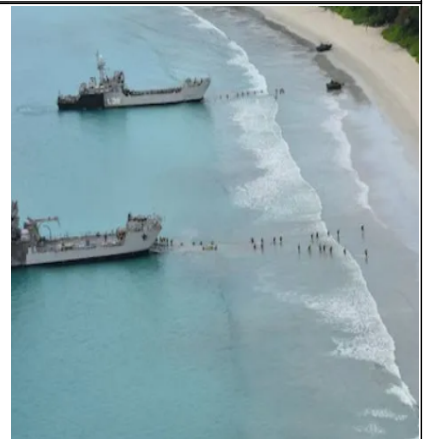
A - Narendra Modi

B - Amit Shah

C - Rajnath Singh

D - Nitin Gadkari

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Center in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which will strengthen security, surveillance, and emergency response capabilities in the islands.



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49. What is the main objective of Payments Vision 2028?

A - Promoting only cash transactions

B - Limiting digital payments

C - Developing a long-term strategic roadmap for digital payments

D - Controlling foreign banks

Given the rapid expansion of digital payments in India, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held the first meeting of the Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) in Mumbai.



50. With which organization has the Delhi government signed an MoU?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - NITI Aayog

C - Reserve Bank of India

D - SEBI

The Delhi government has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Reserve Bank of India, bringing Delhi under the RBI's full banking, cash, and debt management system for the first time.



51. The e-B-4 visa has been launched for citizens of which country?

A - Japan

B - South Korea

C - China

D - Vietnam

The Government of India has launched a new electronic business visa category, e-B-4, for Chinese citizens, aimed at streamlining trade, investment, and production-related travel between India and China.



52. In which state has the country's largest integrated inland rainbow trout farm been established?

A - Himachal Pradesh

B - Uttarakhand

C - Telangana

D - Andhra Pradesh

The inauguration of the country's largest integrated inland rainbow trout farm in Telangana is a major technological achievement in India's fisheries sector. For the first time, trout, a fish previously considered limited to cold Himalayan regions, has been successfully farmed in a warm inland climate.



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53. Which Union Minister recently released 41 literary books?

A - Ashwini Vaishnaw

B - Dharmendra Pradhan

C - Anurag Thakur

D - G. Kishan Reddy

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has released 41 new literary books aimed at preserving and promoting Indian classical languages. This initiative popularizes the rich traditions of classical Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, and Odia languages while also promoting inclusive education.



54. The SWaDeS system has been developed by which organization?

A - ISRO

B - DRDO

C - BARC

D - HAL

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a portable seawater desalination system called SWaDeS, which can convert saline water into safe drinking water.



55. When will German Chancellor Friedrich Merz visit India?

A - January 10–11, 2026

B - January 12–13, 2026

C - January 15–16, 2026

D - January 20–21, 2026

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz is undertaking an official visit to India on January 12-13, 2026, which is considered highly significant for India-Germany relations. This visit comes at a time when the global economy, climate change, and geopolitical shifts remain major challenges.



56. Earth Rotation Day is related to which scientific experiment?

A - Newton's Law

B - Galileo's experiment

C - Foucault pendulum experiment

D - Kepler's Law

Earth Rotation Day is celebrated every year on January 8th, dedicated to explaining the scientific concept of the Earth's rotation on its axis and its effects. This day highlights that the Earth's rotation is the basis for day and night, timekeeping, and many natural processes.



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57. Which organization has created a dedicated CEO position for the health insurance ecosystem?

A - IRDAI

B - General Insurance Council

C - NITI Aayog

D - Ministry of Health

The rapid expansion of India's health insurance sector has led to challenges such as claim settlement disputes, lack of transparency in hospital billing, and fraud. To address these issues, the General Insurance Council has created a dedicated CEO position for the health insurance ecosystem.



General Insurance Council

Industry Association of General Insurance Companies

58. What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in fiscal year 2027?

A - 6.10%

B - 6.50%

C - 6.90%

D - 7.40%

Even amid global trade tensions and economic uncertainties, India's economy remains relatively strong due to domestic demand, structural reforms, and government capital expenditure.



59. Who has become the longest-serving Chief Minister of Karnataka?

A - Ramakrishna Hegde

B - Devaraj Urs

C - Siddaramaiah

D - S.M. Krishna

Despite Karnataka's volatile political history, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has created history by becoming the longest-serving Chief Minister. He achieved this feat through consistent public support, administrative experience, and social justice-oriented politics, breaking the record held by Devaraj Urs.



60. How many projects are proposed under the three-year PPP pipeline?

A - 520

B - 650

C - 780

D - 852

To sustain India's high economic growth, the government is strengthening the public-private partnership model in the infrastructure sector. To this end, a three-year PPP project pipeline has been developed, which includes 852 projects to be launched over the next three years.



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61. What type of facility does the Safety Center provide?

- A - Offline security control B - Call-based service only
C - Centralized Digital Security Dashboard D - Manual verification system

To address the growing challenge of fraud with the rapid expansion of digital payments in India, banks have introduced self-regulated security features like the Safety Center. This digital dashboard allows customers to exercise real-time control over their account security settings.



62. Which ministry sponsors the Council for Leather Exports (CLE)?

- A - Ministry of Finance B - Ministry of Textiles
C - Ministry of Commerce and Industry D - Ministry of Labour

India's leather industry plays a vital role in exports, employment, and MSME growth, but changing global market trends and environmental standards require strong leadership. In this context, Ramesh Kumar Juneja's leadership as Chairman of the Council for Leather Exports is considered crucial.



Council for Leather Exports, India

63. Which entity has been formally recognized in recent bilateral trade agreements?

- A - Allopathy only B - AYUSH systems
C - Modern surgery D - Pharmaceuticals only

Amid growing global demand for natural and holistic treatments, India has taken a significant step by formally recognizing AYUSH systems in its bilateral trade agreements.



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64. On what date is Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrated?

- A - August 15 B - January 26
C - January 9 D - October 2

Prasabari Bharatiya Divas, organised by the Government of India, aims to strengthen dialogue and cooperation with the Indian diaspora across the world.



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65. With which country's player did Manoj Kothari win the World Doubles Billiards Championship in 1997?

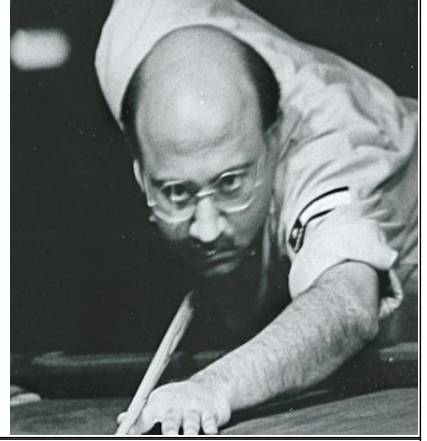
A - Australia

B - India

C - England

D - Scotland

Indian cue sports legend and former world billiards champion Manoj Kothari passed away in January 2026 at Kaveri Hospital in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, after suffering a heart attack. His death at the age of 67 is being seen as the end of a golden era for Indian billiards.



66. How many 50+ run partnerships did Australia make in one innings of the Ashes Test?

A - 5

B - 6

C - 7

D - 8

In the fifth Ashes Test between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Australia produced a rare batting performance in Test cricket history.



67. Who was appointed as the new CEO of HSBC Private Bank in January 2026?

A - Gabriel Castello

B - James Forbes

C - Ida Liu

D - Susan Miller

In January 2026, HSBC Private Bank appointed Ida Liu as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 5, 2026. This appointment reflects HSBC's long-term strategy in global private banking and wealth management.



68. Which institution is organizing IICDEM 2026?

A - Government of India

B - NITI Aayog

C - Election Commission of India

D - United Nations

The Election Commission of India will organize the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM 2026) from January 21 to 23, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.



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69. Who inaugurated the 'Sanskar Shala' program?

A - Chief Minister of Assam

B - Education Minister of Assam

C - Governor of Assam, Lakshman Prasad Acharya

D - President of India

The Governor of Assam, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, inaugurated the value-based education program 'Sanskar Shala' for children in Guwahati. The program aims to instill ethics, Indian cultural values, and social responsibility in children alongside formal education.



70. What is the scientific name of the new species of reed snake discovered in Mizoram?

A - Calamaria mizoramensis

B - Calamaria indica

C - Calamaria orientalis

D - Calamaria himalayensis

Scientists from Mizoram, in collaboration with international researchers, have identified a new species of reed snake, named Calamaria mizoramensis. This discovery represents a significant addition to India's reptile biodiversity.



71. In which year did the United Nations declare the 'International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists'?

A - 2024

B - 2026

C - 2025

D - 2027

The United Nations has declared 2026 as the 'International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists,' aiming to give prominence to grasslands, savannas, and rangeland ecosystems, which have long been neglected in global climate policy.



72. When and where was the first World Hindi Conference held?

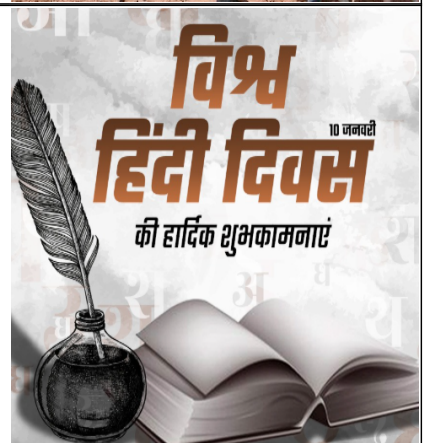
A - 1967, Delhi

B - 1970, Bhopal

C - 1975, Nagpur

D - 1980, Varanasi

World Hindi Day is celebrated annually on January 10th, with the objective of promoting and enhancing the prestige of the Hindi language globally. This day is a crucial means of strengthening India's cultural diplomacy and linguistic soft power.



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73. The 70th Distinguished Railway Service Award – 2025 is presented by which organization?

A - NITI Aayog

B - Indian Railways

C - Rail Vikas Nigam

D - Ministry of Home Affairs

The 70th Distinguished Railway Service Award – 2025 is the highest service honor of Indian Railways, under which 100 officers and employees will be felicitated for their innovation, courage, and outstanding administrative contributions.



74. Whose national record did Jinson Johnson break in the 800-meter race?

A - Milkha Singh

B - P. T. Usha

C - Sriram Singh

D - Anil Kumar

India's renowned middle-distance runner, Jinson Johnson, has announced his retirement from competitive athletics at the age of 34. The athlete from Kerala represented India internationally in the 800-meter and 1500-meter races, achieving several historic milestones.



75. A.K. Balasubramanian has been appointed as the chairman of which institution?

A - Atomic Energy Commission

B - Atomic Energy Regulatory Board

C - Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited

D - Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

In January 2026, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, appointed senior nuclear scientist A.K. Balasubramanian as the chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.



76. Where was the National Conference of Textile Ministers 2026 held?

A - New Delhi

B - Jaipur

C - Guwahati

D - Kolkata

The National Conference of Textile Ministers 2026 commenced on January 8, 2026, in Guwahati, Assam, jointly organized by the Union Ministry of Textiles and the Government of Assam.



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77. How many NBFCs had their registration certificates canceled by the RBI in January 2026?

A - 25

B - 35

C - 45

D - 51

In January 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) canceled the registration certificates of 35 non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) due to violations of regulatory standards, while 16 other NBFCs voluntarily surrendered their registrations.



78. In which ministry did Kabindra Purkayastha serve as Minister of State?

A - Ministry of Home Affairs

B - Ministry of Railways

C - Ministry of Communications

D - Ministry of Education

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Union Minister Kabindra Purkayastha passed away on January 7, 2026, at the age of 94.



79. Which police force secured the first position in the ICJS 2.0 ranking?

A - Haryana Police

B - Assam Police

C - Uttar Pradesh Police

D - Uttarakhand Police

The Uttarakhand Police secured the first position in the ICJS 2.0 ranking with 93.46 points, as released by the National Crime Records Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Haryana and Assam secured the second and third positions respectively.



80. National Youth Day is associated with the birth anniversary of which great personality?

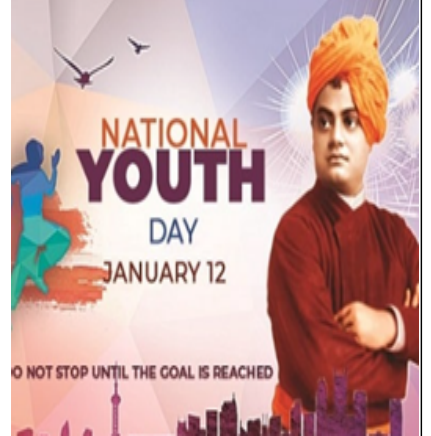
A - Mahatma Gandhi

B - Subhas Chandra Bose

C - Swami Vivekananda

D - Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar

National Youth Day is celebrated annually on January 12th, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The Government of India declared this day as National Youth Day in 1984, and the first celebration took place in 1985.



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81. How many feature films are eligible for the Best Picture category at the 2026 Oscars?

A - 150

B - 180

C - 201

D - 317

The eligibility of five Indian films for the Best Picture category at the 2026 Oscars reflects the growing global recognition of Indian cinema. This achievement establishes India's linguistic diversity, creative potential, and technical quality on an international stage.



82. From which regulatory body did Skydo receive its PA-CB license?

A - Ministry of Finance

B - SEBI

C - Reserve Bank of India

D - Ministry of Commerce

Bengaluru-based fintech platform Skydo has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India as a Payment Aggregator–Cross Border (PA-CB), making international payments more secure, faster, and compliant for Indian exporters, MSMEs, startups, and freelancers.



83. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court?

A - Justice Guhanathan Narendra

B - Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta

C - Justice Sanjeev Khanna

D - Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.



84. By whom was the book based on the life of Draupadi Murmu released?

A - University Vice-Chancellor

B - Author Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad

C - Sanitation worker Lakshamma

D - Governor

A book based on the life of President Draupadi Murmu was released by Lakshamma, a sanitation worker at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, sending a powerful message of equality, dignity of labor, and social inclusion.



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85. According to the TCWI Report 2025, which is the most women-friendly city in India?

A - Chennai

B - Pune

C - Bengaluru

D - Mumbai

According to the Avtar Group's Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) Report 2025, Bengaluru and Chennai have emerged as the most women-friendly and safest cities in India.



86. The mobile cancer screening unit called 'Asha Van' has been launched by which state government?

A - Maharashtra

B - Rajasthan

C - Gujarat

D - Madhya Pradesh

The Gujarat government has launched a mobile cancer screening unit called 'Asha Van' to ensure timely detection of cancer in rural and remote areas.



87. Which institution has developed a new technique for measuring cold atoms without disturbing them?

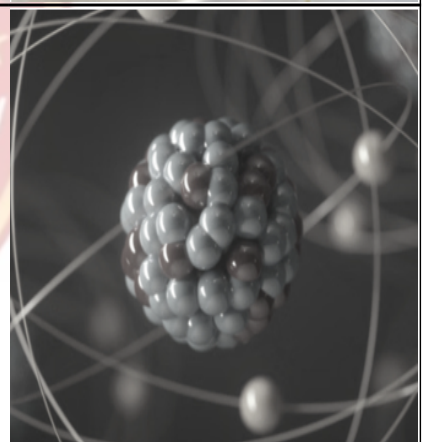
A - IISc Bengaluru

B - ISRO

C - Raman Research Institute

D - BARC

Scientists at the Bengaluru-based Raman Research Institute have developed a new technique, Raman Driven Spin Noise Spectroscopy, for measuring cold atoms without affecting them.



88. On which date is the Lohri festival mainly celebrated?

A - January 12

B - January 13

C - January 14

D - January 15

Lohri is a major folk and agricultural festival of North India, celebrated on January 13, especially in Punjab, Haryana, and surrounding regions. This festival symbolizes the end of winter, the northward movement of the sun, and the good growth of Rabi crops.



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89. Which player did Virat Kohli surpass to claim the second spot?

- A - Ricky Ponting
B - Mahela Jayawardene
C - Kumar Sangakkara
D - Brian Lara

In an ODI match against New Zealand, Virat Kohli played a brilliant innings of 93 runs, setting a new record for becoming the second-highest run-scorer in international cricket.



90. In which state is the NH-544G economic corridor being constructed?

- A - Karnataka
B - Tamil Nadu
C - Andhra Pradesh
D - Telangana

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has achieved a historic milestone in India's road infrastructure sector by setting four Guinness World Records during the construction of the NH-544G economic corridor in Andhra Pradesh.



91. What new facility was announced for Indian citizens?

- A - Permanent Residency
B - Work Visa
C - Visa-free Transit
D - Scholarship Scheme

During the high-level bilateral talks between India and Germany held in Gandhinagar on January 12, 2026, an agreement was reached to strengthen cooperation in migration, skill development, security, clean energy, and cultural exchange.



92. Where is the Uttar Pradesh Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 being held?

- A - New Delhi
B - Lucknow
C - Kanpur
D - Varanasi

The Uttar Pradesh Regional AI Impact Conference 2026, held in Lucknow on January 12-13, 2026, is a key initiative to promote responsible and citizen-centric artificial intelligence in India.



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93. Which country has bestowed a civilian honor upon Srinivas Dempo?

A - France

B - Germany

C - Italy

D - Spain

Goa-based industrialist Srinivas Dempo has been awarded Italy's prestigious civilian honor, the Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia (Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy), for his contributions to strengthening India-Italy relations at the trade, cultural, and community levels.



94. Justice Revati Mohite Dere has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of which High Court?

A - Assam High Court

B - Bombay High Court

C - Meghalaya High Court

D - Tripura High Court

Justice Revati Mohite Dere has made history in the judicial system of Northeast India by being sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.



95. Which satellite was launched via PSLV-C62?

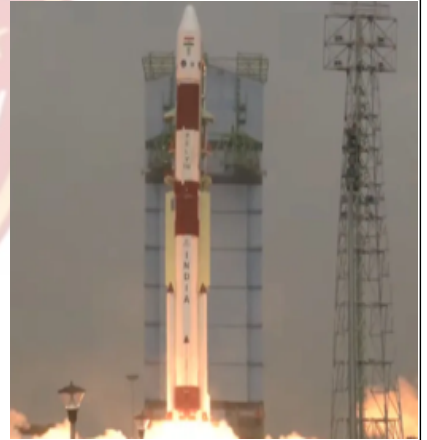
A - EOS-04

B - EOS-N1

C - RISAT-2B

D - Cartosat-3

On January 12, 2026, ISRO launched the EOS-N1 Earth observation satellite from Sriharikota using the PSLV-C62 rocket. This mission was technically significant, although it has not yet been declared fully successful due to an anomaly that occurred in the final moments of the third stage.



96. Makar Sankranti is related to which astronomical event?

A - Sun's entry into Cancer

B - Sun's entry into Capricorn

C - Lunar eclipse

D - Equinox

Makar Sankranti is a major festival in India, marking the Sun's entry into Capricorn and the beginning of Uttarayana (the northward movement of the Sun). This festival is associated with agriculture, culture, and astronomical events, and conveys messages of bathing, charity, worship, and social harmony.



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97. What is 'TGB on Wheels' related to?

- A - Solar-powered mobile hospital **B - Solar-powered mobile ATM van**
C - Digital payment app D - Rural insurance scheme

In January 2026, Tripura Gramin Bank launched India's first fully solar-powered mobile ATM van, 'TGB on Wheels', aimed at providing uninterrupted banking services to rural and remote areas with limited electricity availability.



98. What has been Alyssa Healy's greatest achievement as captain?

- A - Two ODI World Cup wins **B - A 16–0 Ashes whitewash**
C - Three consecutive T20 World Cup wins D - Commonwealth Games gold medal

Australian women's cricket legend, wicketkeeper-batter and captain Alyssa Healy has announced her retirement from all formats of international cricket, effective after the home multi-format series against the Indian women's team in February–March 2026.



99. Which national goal is the ICAR–NDDB partnership considered to be linked to?

- A - Digital India B - Make in India
C - Developed India D - Startup India

On January 12, 2026, a significant Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), aiming to strengthen dairy research, innovation, and extension services.



100. In which year will India host the 28th Conference of CSPOC?

- A - 2025 **B - 2026**
C - 2027 D - 2024

India will host the 28th Conference of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers (CSPO) in New Delhi in January 2026. The conference will be held on January 15-16, 2026, and will be attended by Speakers and Presiding Officers from over 60 Commonwealth countries.



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101. What was the WPI-based inflation rate recorded in December 2025?

A - 2.57%

B - 1.33%

C - 0.83%

D - -0.32%

India's wholesale price index-based inflation reached 0.83 percent in December 2025, turning positive again after two months of deflation. This indicates that the period of price decline at the wholesale level is ending and industrial activity is gradually improving.



102. What rank did India achieve in the Henley Passport Index 2026?

A - 70th

B - 75th

C - 80th

D - 85th

The Henley Passport Index 2026 shows a slight improvement in India's global travel access. India is ranked 80th in this ranking, and Indian passport holders have visa-free, visa-on-arrival, or e-visa access to 55 countries and territories.



103. What type of new AI platform is Jio going to launch?

A - Industry-First AI Platform

B - Data-First AI Platform

C - People-First AI Platform

D - Government-First AI Platform

Mukesh Ambani has announced that Jio will soon launch a "People-First Artificial Intelligence Platform," aiming to make AI accessible to every Indian in their own language, on their own devices, and at an affordable cost. This initiative will begin in Gujarat and later be expanded globally.



104. In which year was the Startup India initiative launched?

A - 2014

B - 2015

C - 2016

D - 2017

National Startup Day is celebrated every year on January 16th in India, with the aim of promoting the startup culture and accelerating innovation-driven growth.



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105. For whom has the Paripoorna Medclaim Ayush Insurance Scheme been launched?

A - For all citizens

B - Only for private sector employees

C - For CGHS beneficiaries

D - Only for BPL families

The Union Finance Ministry launched a new optional health insurance scheme called Paripoorna Medclaim Ayush Insurance for CGHS beneficiaries on January 14, 2026.



106. Who has TVS Supply Chain Solutions appointed as its new Global CEO?

A - Ravi Viswanathan

B - Vikas Chadha

C - Ratan Tata

D - Ajay Singh

In January 2026, TVS Supply Chain Solutions announced the appointment of Vikas Chadha as its new Global CEO. He will assume office on January 22, 2026. This appointment is in light of the pre-announced retirement of the company's current Managing Director, Ravi Viswanathan. This move is part of a well-planned succession plan, ensuring continuity, transparency, and long-term strategic stability in leadership.



107. Why has the RBI proposed changes to the rules related to foreign exchange positions?

A - To increase bank lending

B - To strengthen risk management

C - To reduce interest rates

D - To increase currency printing

The Reserve Bank of India has proposed changes to the rules related to foreign exchange positions in light of increasing volatility in global currency markets and the growing cross-border activities of banks.



108. Which state secured the first position in the Leader category of the EPI 2024 among large states?

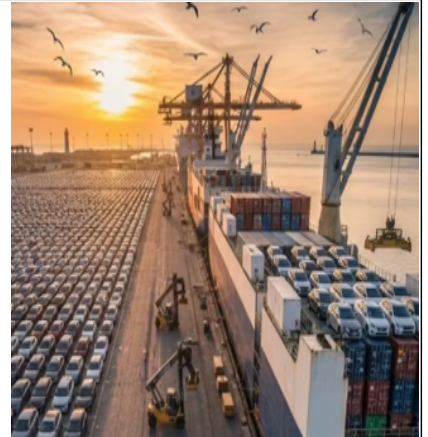
A - Gujarat

B - Tamil Nadu

C - Maharashtra

D - Uttar Pradesh

NITI Aayog has released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024, which assesses the export potential and performance of states and Union Territories.



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109. What type of breed is the Karan Fries cow breed?

- A - Pure indigenous breed B - Exotic breed
C - Synthetic (hybrid) dairy breed D - Wild breed

Karan Fries is an improved and climate-adapted hybrid dairy cow breed developed by the National Dairy Research Institute. This breed is a cross between Holstein Friesian and Tharparkar, balancing high milk production with tolerance to the Indian climate.



110. To which force has Shatrueet Singh Kapoor been appointed as Director General?

- A - CRPF B - BSF
C - ITBP D - CISF

In January 2026, the central government made significant leadership changes in the Central Armed Police Forces, appointing Shatrueet Singh Kapoor as the new Director General of ITBP and Praveen Kumar as the Director General of BSF.



111. Which institution presented the Banking Technology Award to Karnataka Bank?

- A - RBI B - NITI Aayog
C - Indian Banks Association D - Ministry of Finance

Amidst the rapid digital banking transformation in India, Karnataka Bank has achieved a significant milestone by effectively adopting fintech and digital public infrastructure.



112. The recent Delhi High Court judgment is related to which law?

- A - Indian Penal Code B - Right to Information Act, 2005
C - Income Tax Act D - Companies Act

The Delhi High Court, in a recent judgment, clarified that while the Right to Information Act, 2005 promotes transparency, it also has statutory limitations to protect privacy.



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113. Who was chosen as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for December 2025?

A - Pat Cummins

B - Mitchell Starc

C - Joe Root

D - James Anderson

The Union Finance Ministry launched a new optional health insurance scheme for CGHS beneficiaries on January 14, 2026, called Paripoorna Mediclaim Ayush Insurance.



114. Pune Grand Tour 2026 is related to which sport?

A - Athletics

B - Marathon

C - Road Cycling

D - Motor Sports

The Pune Grand Tour 2026 is a landmark initiative for India in the field of international cycling, marking the country's first inclusion in the global professional road cycling calendar.



115. Where will the India Power Summit 2026 be held?

A - Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

B - Yashobhoomi, New Delhi

C - Gandhinagar, Gujarat

D - Mumbai

The India Power Summit 2026 is a significant initiative aimed at strengthening India's global leadership in the energy sector. It will be held from March 19 to 22, 2026, at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi.



116. Which organization published the Global Risks Report 2026?

A - IMF

B - World Bank

C - World Economic Forum

D - United Nations

The World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report 2026 indicates that the world is rapidly entering an "era of competition," where conflicts related to geopolitics, economics, technology, and information are escalating.



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117. In which Indian city is the world's largest green ammonia project being established?

A - Visakhapatnam

B - Kakinada

C - Tuticorin

D - Paradip

The world's largest green ammonia project, being established by AM Green in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, has given a major boost to India's clean energy transition.



118. Which organization delivered the first online order through ONDC?

A - Flipkart

B - Amazon India

C - India Post

D - CSC e-Governance

India Post has achieved a significant milestone in the digital age by successfully delivering its first online order booked through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).



119. For how many countries' citizens has the US suspended the immigrant visa process?

A - 50

B - 60

C - 75

D - 100

The United States, in a major change to its immigration policy, has suspended the immigrant visa process for citizens of 75 countries indefinitely. This decision came into effect on January 21, 2026, and is being linked to the "America First" policy of the Donald Trump administration.



120. The Kokborok language is primarily associated with which state?

A - Mizoram

B - Assam

C - Tripura

D - Manipur

Kokborok Day is celebrated annually on January 19th and commemorates the historical struggle for the preservation and official recognition of Kokborok, the major tribal language of Tripura. On January 19, 1979, a crucial decision was made towards granting recognition to Kokborok in Tripura.



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121. In which country did Aryan Varshney achieve the Grandmaster title?

A - Russia

B - Georgia

C - Armenia

D - Uzbekistan

Young Delhi-based chess player Aryan Varshney achieved the Grandmaster title with a brilliant performance at the Andranik Margaryan Memorial Tournament held in Armenia, becoming India's 92nd Grandmaster.



122. To which position has Praveen Vashisht been appointed?

A - Central Vigilance Commissioner

B - Vigilance Commissioner

C - CBI Director

D - Home Secretary

Senior IPS officer Praveen Vashisht has been appointed as a Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission by the Central Government and assumed office on January 16, 2026, after taking the oath of office and secrecy.



123. Which regulatory body has approved the performance-based fee structure in mutual funds?

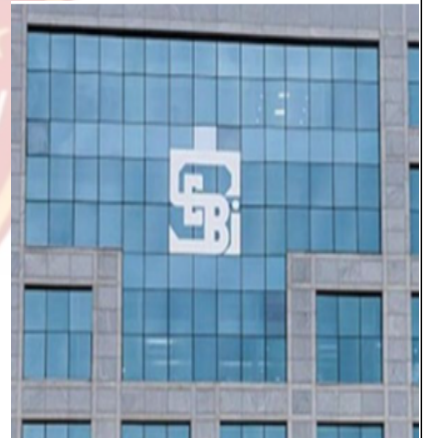
A - RBI

B - SEBI

C - IRDAI

D - PFRDA

A major regulatory reform has been initiated in India's mutual fund industry, with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approving a performance-based fee structure for the first time.



124. Which document was signed between India and Germany for digital and telecommunications cooperation?

A - MoU

B - LoI

C - JDI

D - PTA

India and Germany signed a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) in January 2026 to strengthen cooperation in the digital and telecommunications sectors.



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125. The Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Act, 2025 is related to which sector?

A - Urban Development

B - Land Administration

C - Forest Conservation

D - Panchayat Raj

The Karnataka government has implemented the Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Act, 2025 to make land administration in the Kodagu region transparent and modern, aiming to resolve long-standing archival and ownership disputes related to Jamma Bane lands.



126. A giant black coral has been discovered off the coast of which country?

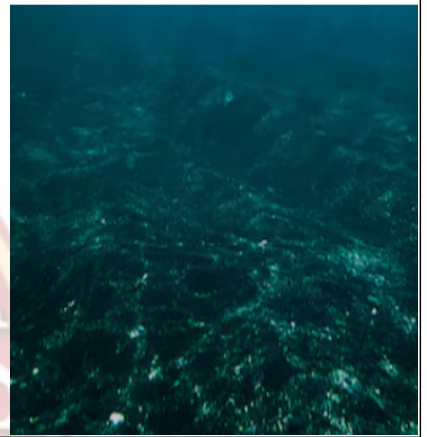
A - Australia

B - Chile

C - New Zealand

D - Japan

Scientists have discovered a giant black coral, estimated to be 300–400 years old, in the deep sea of New Zealand's Fiordland region, demonstrating the longevity and resilience of deep-sea ecosystems.



127. Which public sector company completed the Mumbai-Nagpur natural gas pipeline project?

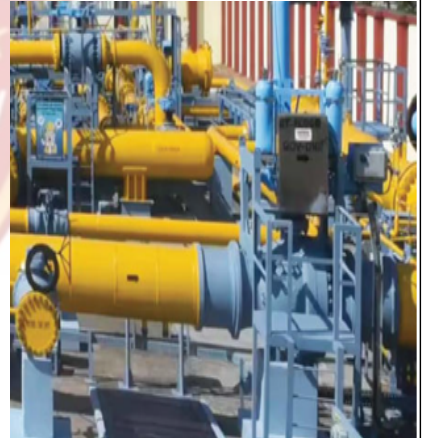
A - ONGC

B - IOCL

C - GAIL (India) Limited

D - BPCL

GAIL (India) Limited has set a new benchmark in India's infrastructure development by completing the 694-kilometer-long Mumbai-Nagpur natural gas pipeline project in Maharashtra.



128. In which country is the Finke River located?

A - South Africa

B - Australia

C - Chile

D - Peru

The Finke River, flowing through the arid interior of Australia, is considered by scientists to be one of the oldest river systems still existing on Earth.



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129. For what work was Chandana Sinha awarded the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Award?

A - Railway property security

B - Passenger facility improvement

C - Prevention of child trafficking and rescue of children

D - Rail accident management

The Indian Railways, under the Ministry of Railways, has honored RPF Inspector Chandana Sinha with the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Award. This award was given to her for her outstanding contribution to preventing child trafficking at railway stations and on trains.



130. Where will the new MSME Technology Centers be established in Himachal Pradesh?

A - Shimla and Kullu

B - Mandi and Kangra

C - Pandoga and Parwanoo

D - Una and Chamba

The Ministry of MSME, Government of India, has approved the establishment of two new MSME Technology Centers in Pandoga in Una district and Parwanoo in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh. Each center will cost approximately ₹10 crore.



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131. From which location has the second range-wide dolphin survey been launched?

A - Prayagraj

B - Varanasi

C - Bijnor

D - Patna

India has launched the second range-wide dolphin survey under Project Dolphin from Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh. This national survey aims to assess the population of dolphins, their habitats, and the threats to their conservation in rivers and coastal areas.



132. Who has been declared president for the seventh time in Uganda's recent presidential election?

A - Bobi Wine

B - Yoweri Museveni

C - Yuri Musafiri

D - John Magufuli

In the recently held presidential elections in Uganda, Yoweri Museveni has been declared president for the seventh consecutive time.



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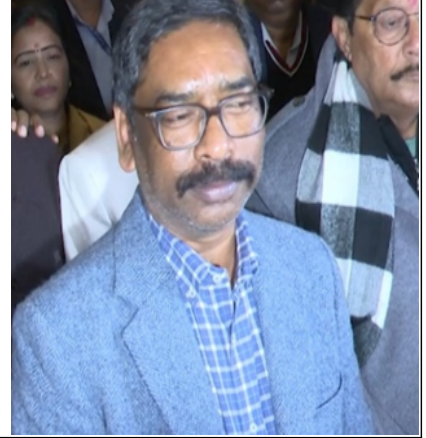
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133. The PESA Act primarily relates to which area?

- A - Urban local bodies B - Border areas
C - Fifth Schedule tribal areas D - Hilly states

After nearly 25 years, Jharkhand has implemented the rules under the PESA Act, 1996, which is considered a significant step towards self-governance in the Fifth Schedule tribal areas.



134. What was India's pharmaceutical export value in the first eight months of the fiscal year 2025-26?

- A - \$18.40 billion B - \$19.75 billion
C - \$20.48 billion D - \$22.10 billion

India's pharmaceutical exports registered a 6.5 percent growth in the first eight months of the fiscal year 2025-26, reaching US\$20.48 billion.



135. By what other name is the High Seas Treaty known?

- A - Ocean Charter B - Marine Biodiversity Treaty
C - Paris Agreement for the Oceans D - Blue Economy Agreement

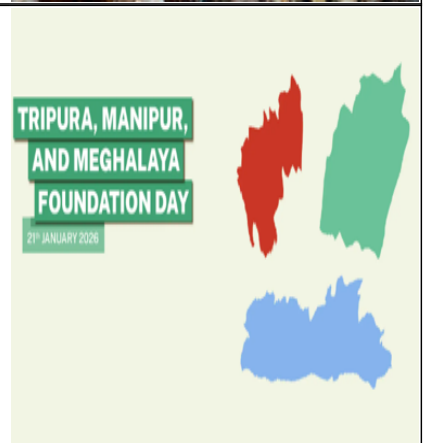
The High Seas Treaty (BBNJ Treaty) came into force on January 17, 2026, becoming the world's first legally binding global agreement to protect marine biodiversity in international waters.



136. In which year did Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya attain full statehood?

- A - 1969 B - 1970
C - 1971 D - 1972

The Foundation Day of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya is celebrated every year on January 21st, as these three states attained full statehood on this day in 1972.



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137. For which technology has C-DOT been awarded the SKOCH Award 2025?

A - 5G Core Network

B - Quantum Communication System

C - Cell Broadcast Solution

D - BharatNet Project

India's telecommunications research organization, C-DOT, has been awarded the SKOCH Award 2025 for its indigenous Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS) technology.



138. According to the SBI report, which income category is India poised to enter?

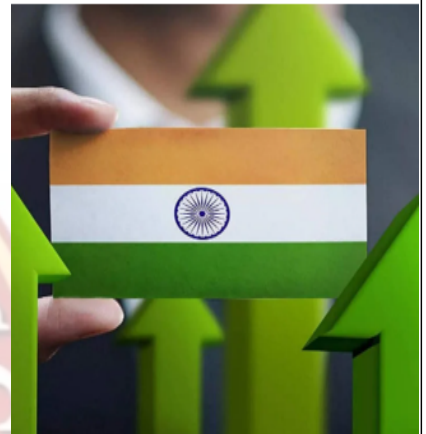
A - Low income

B - Lower-middle income

C - Upper-middle income

D - High income

According to a recent report by the State Bank of India, India is on track to become an upper-middle-income country by the end of this decade, driven by continuous structural reforms and a rapid growth rate.



139. What rank did India achieve in the Responsible Nations Index?

A - 10th

B - 12th

C - 16th

D - 20th

India secured the 16th position among 154 countries in the Responsible Nations Index, demonstrating that a nation's global standing is determined not only by its economic or military power but also by its responsible and ethical conduct.



140. What is "Valentino Red" considered a symbol of?

A - Simplicity and minimalism

B - Confidence and luxury

C - Environmental protection

D - Traditional clothing

The renowned Italian fashion designer Valentino Garavani passed away at the age of 93, marking the end of a golden era in the global fashion world and haute couture. He redefined the fashion landscape by combining French haute couture with Italian tailoring.



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141. In which district will the Bembla River Irrigation Project be implemented?

A - Nagpur

B - Amravati

C - Yavatmal

D - Chandrapur

The Maharashtra cabinet has taken two important decisions to promote rural development and youth employment. The ₹4,775 crore irrigation project on the Bembla River in Yavatmal district will provide assured water supply to a large area, increasing agricultural productivity and farmers' income.



142. Who launched the Responsible Nations Index (RNI)?

A - Narendra Modi

B - Ram Nath Kovind

C - Antonio Guterres

D - Pranab Mukherjee

Former President Ram Nath Kovind launched the Responsible Nations Index (RNI) in New Delhi, which goes beyond limiting the evaluation of countries to only economic or military power, and instead links it to humanity, ethics, and responsible conduct.



143. What is the approximate total population of China in 2025?

A - 1.25 billion

B - 1.30 billion

C - 1.404 billion

D - 1.50 billion

China is currently facing a serious demographic crisis, with its population declining for the fourth consecutive year in 2025. The total population has fallen to approximately 1.404 billion, and the birth rate has reached a historically low level.



144. Parakram Diwas is associated with the birth anniversary of which great freedom fighter?

A - Bhagat Singh

B - Chandrashekhar Azad

C - Subhas Chandra Bose

D - Lala Lajpat Rai

Parakram Diwas is celebrated every year in India on January 23rd to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose. This day symbolizes his courage, resolute leadership, and extraordinary contributions to the nation.



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145. Ravi Shankar Chhabi is an IPS officer of which cadre and batch?

A - Bihar Cadre, 2005 Batch

B - Uttar Pradesh Cadre, 2007 Batch

C - Rajasthan Cadre, 2008 Batch

D - Madhya Pradesh Cadre, 2006 Batch

The Union Home Ministry has approved the appointment of Ravi Shankar Chhabi, a 2007 batch IPS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, as Deputy Inspector General in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on central deputation.



146. Which domestic cricket tournament title did Vidarbha win for the first time?

A - Ranji Trophy

B - Duleep Trophy

C - Vijay Hazare Trophy

D - Irani Trophy

In Indian domestic cricket, Vidarbha has made history by winning the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time. In the final match played in Bengaluru, Vidarbha defeated two-time champions Saurashtra by 38 runs.



147. Where will the India AI Impact Summit 2026 be held?

A - Hyderabad

B - Mumbai

C - Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

D - Bengaluru

India will host the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from February 16 to 20, 2026. This will be the first large-scale international AI summit held in the Global South, aiming to connect artificial intelligence with social welfare.



148. What rank did India achieve in the Asia Manufacturing Index 2026?

A - Fourth

B - Fifth

C - Sixth

D - Seventh

India secured the sixth position among 11 Asian countries in the Asia Manufacturing Index 2026. This ranking reflects improvements in India's manufacturing capabilities but also highlights challenges related to policy implementation, logistics efficiency, and innovation.



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149. What distance around the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary has been declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone?

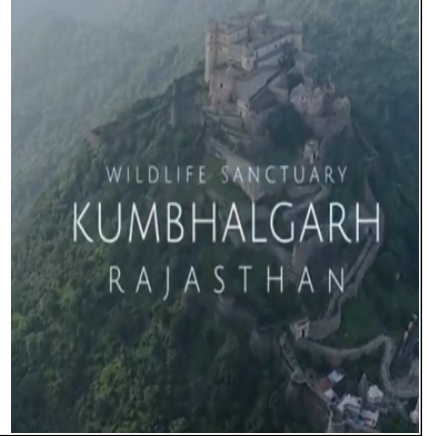
A - 0 to 500 meters

B - 0 to 1 kilometer

C - 1 to 5 kilometers

D - 5 to 10 kilometers

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has declared an area of zero to one kilometer around the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan as an Eco-Sensitive Zone.



150. How many spacewalks has Sunita Williams performed so far?

A - 5

B - 7

C - 9

D - 11

NASA's renowned astronaut Sunita Williams has retired from the American space program after 27 years of service. She participated in three space missions, spent more than 600 days in space, and also served as the commander of the International Space Station.



151. Under the agreement, how much LNG will the UAE supply to India annually?

A - 0.25 million metric tons

B - 0.5 million metric tons

C - 1 million metric ton

D - 2 million metric tons

A long-term LNG supply agreement was signed between India and the UAE during the visit of UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to India in January 2026.



152. On which Panchang (Hindu calendar) date is Vasant Panchami celebrated?

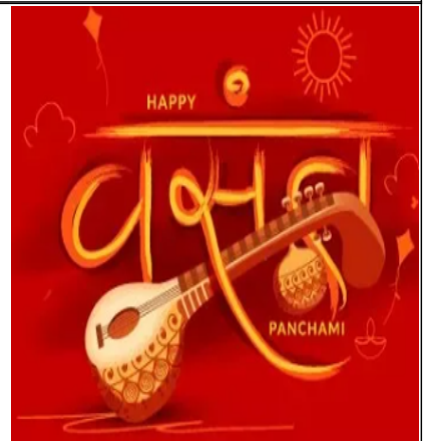
A - Magha Krishna Chaturthi

B - Magha Shukla Panchami

C - Phalguna Shukla Pratipada

D - Magha Shukla Saptami

Vasant Panchami is an important cultural and religious festival of India, marking the arrival of spring and the end of winter. This festival is celebrated on the fifth day of the bright half of the month of Magha and is deeply associated with education, art, and knowledge.



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153. In which year's Olympic Games did Saina Nehwal win India's first medal (bronze) in badminton?

A - Beijing 2008

B - London 2012

C - Rio 2016

D - Tokyo 2020

Indian badminton pioneer Saina Nehwal has announced her retirement from competitive badminton due to serious knee problems (cartilage degeneration and arthritis).



154. Kaizad Bharucha has been re-appointed as the Deputy Managing Director (Whole-Time Director) of which bank?

A - ICICI Bank

B - State Bank of India

C - HDFC Bank

D - Axis Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Kaizad Bharucha as the Deputy Managing Director of HDFC Bank for a three-year term, effective from April 2026.



155. What position has Karunakaran Azisur been appointed to by Guardian India?

A - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) only

B - Country Head and Chief Information Officer (CIO)

C - Chief Financial Officer (CFO) only

D - Principal Scientific Advisor

Guardian India has appointed Karunakaran Azisur as its new Country Head and Chief Information Officer, underscoring the growing importance of India's Global Capability Center (GCC) ecosystem.



156. According to the Numbeo Safety Index 2026, which is the safest city in the world?

A - Abu Dhabi (UAE)

B - Qingdao (China)

C - Doha (Qatar)

D - Taipei (Taiwan)

According to the latest Numbeo Safety Index 2026 report, Qingdao in China has emerged as the safest city in the world, while cities in the Gulf countries continue to dominate the global rankings.



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157. What will the proposed new spaceport in Andhra Pradesh be primarily dedicated to?

A - Exclusively for launching heavy satellites

B - For commercial missions of private companies and startups

C - Exclusively for foreign defense satellites

D - For meteorological research

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced a new spaceport on Hope Island, which will be primarily dedicated to commercial launches by private companies and startups. This center will complement Sriharikota and help meet the growing global demand for small satellites.



158. What is the primary use of the recently developed 'ECOFIX' technology?

A - Laying new railway tracks

B - Tunneling through mountains

C - Rapid repair of potholes in waterlogged conditions

D - Painting bridges

The Union Minister of Science and Technology has recommended steel slag-based road construction technology for the Himalayan states, providing a sustainable solution for industrial waste under the 'Waste to Wealth' mission.



159. How much equity investment in SIDBI has the Union Cabinet approved?

A - ₹2,000 crore

B - ₹3,000 crore

C - ₹5,000 crore

D - ₹10,000 crore

The central government has approved a phased equity investment of ₹5,000 crore in SIDBI, aimed at increasing credit flow to the MSME sector and strengthening the bank's capital adequacy.



160. On which date is International Day of Education celebrated annually?

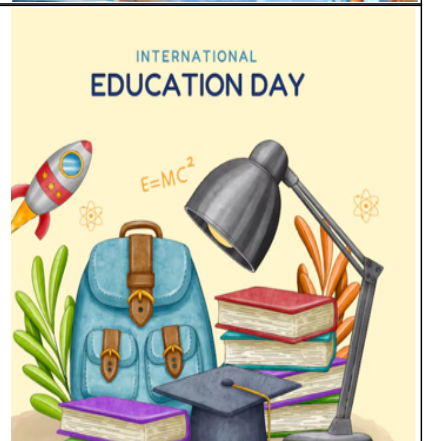
A - November 11

B - January 24

C - September 5

D - December 10

International Day of Education, celebrated annually on January 24, is dedicated to the importance of education for peace and sustainable development. The theme for 2026 is "The Power of Youth in Co-creating Education," emphasizing the active participation of young people in policy-making.



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161. The India Skills Accelerator has been launched under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between which two organizations?

A - NITI Aayog and UNESCO

B - MSDE and World Economic Forum

C - AICTE and UGC

D - ILO and World Bank

The India Skills Accelerator, launched under an MoU between MSDE and WEF, is a significant initiative to align India's skill development policy with global standards and the evolving needs of the industry.



162. In 1993, Kirtida Mekani became the first Executive Director of which organization?

A - WWF Singapore

B - National Parks Board

C - Singapore Environment Council

D - UN Environment Programme

Following Kirtida Mekani's passing, her contributions to environmental conservation and community green initiatives are being remembered internationally.



163. By which constitutional office holder was the book on the Ram Janmabhoomi issue released?

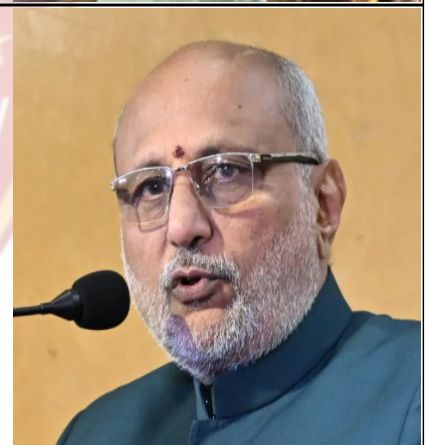
A - President

B - Prime Minister

C - Vice President

D - Speaker of the Lok Sabha

The book on the Ram Janmabhoomi issue was released by the Vice President, presenting a balanced and factual account of the historical, legal, and social journey of the Ayodhya Ram Temple movement.



164. What type of targets have been notified under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme?

A - Absolute emission limit targets

B - Production targets

C - Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity (GEI) targets

D - Energy subsidy targets

The government has notified Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity targets for new carbon-intensive sectors under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme.



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165. Why has the Odisha government imposed a strict ban on tobacco and nicotine-containing products?

A - To increase revenue

B - To protect public health

C - To encourage exports

D - To increase agricultural production

The Odisha government has imposed a strict ban on tobacco and nicotine-containing products to protect public health. Under the new notification, all activities, from the manufacturing to the sale of gutkha, paan masala, and other chewable tobacco products.



166. What achievement has made Lucknow the first city in Uttar Pradesh to achieve this distinction?

A - The most populous city

B - 100% scientific processing of fresh municipal waste

C - The city with the most parks

D - A fully digital municipal corporation

With the inauguration of the third fresh waste processing plant in the Shivri area of Lucknow, the city has become the first in Uttar Pradesh to achieve 100 percent scientific processing of fresh municipal waste.



167. Where was the joint HNS response exercise between the Indian and Japanese Coast Guards conducted?

A - Chennai

B - Visakhapatnam

C - Mumbai

D - Kochi

The Indian and Japanese Coast Guards conducted a joint HNS response exercise in Mumbai, aimed at strengthening preparedness to handle disasters such as hazardous chemical spills at sea and furthering bilateral maritime cooperation.



168. What did the Indian National Congress declare on January 26, 1930?

A - Swadeshi Movement

B - Civil Disobedience Movement

C - Complete Independence (Purna Swaraj)

D - Non-Cooperation Movement

On January 26, 1950, India became a sovereign republic with the adoption of its Constitution. This date holds historical significance due to its connection to the 1930 declaration of Purna Swaraj (complete independence)



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169. Elias Pasha was associated with which sport?

A - Hockey

B - Cricket

C - Football

D - Badminton

Former Indian and East Bengal football legend Elias Pasha passed away on January 22, 2026, after a prolonged illness. He was known for his calm, disciplined, and precise defending and was considered one of the finest footballers from Karnataka. Born in Bengaluru, Pasha started his career with Vinayaka Football Club and later gained national recognition through the ITI Club.



170. In which district of Rajasthan will the new biological park be developed?

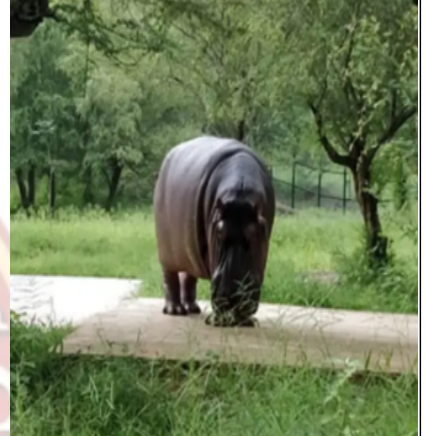
A - Jaipur

B - Bharatpur

C - Alwar

D - Sikar

The Rajasthan government is set to develop a new biological park in the Kati Ghati area of Alwar district, in a region connected to the Aravalli mountain range.



171. What type of loans has the RBI issued interest subvention guidelines for under the NIRYAT PROTSAHAN scheme?

A - Only agricultural loans

B - Only domestic trade loans

C - Pre-shipment and post-shipment export credit

D - Only consumer loans

The Reserve Bank of India has issued operational guidelines for providing interest subvention on pre-shipment and post-shipment export credit to MSME exporters under the NIRYAT PROTSAHAN scheme.



172. Where is India's first integrated private satellite manufacturing unit being established?

A - Bengaluru

B - Hyderabad

C - Sriharikota

D - Khoraj, Sanand (Gujarat)

India has achieved a new milestone in the field of space technology with the laying of the foundation stone for the country's first integrated private satellite manufacturing unit in Khoraj, Sanand, Gujarat. Established by Azista Space, the Palmnaro plant will manufacture satellites and advanced electro-optical payloads in a single facility.



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173. Who was awarded the Ashok Chakra in 2026?

A - Major Arshdeep Singh

B - Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla

C - Naib Subedar Doleshwar Subba Singh

D - Group Captain Prashant Nair

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has approved gallantry awards for 70 personnel of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, including the highest peacetime honor, the Ashok Chakra.



174. With which company has Suryoday Small Finance Bank implemented an AI-powered Video KYC solution?

A - Infosys

B - TCS

C - HyperVerge

D - Paytm

Suryoday Small Finance Bank has partnered with HyperVerge to implement an AI-powered Video KYC solution to strengthen its digital banking services. This initiative has made the customer onboarding process faster, simpler, and more compliant with regulations.



175. Who was awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development Prize 2025?

A - Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

B - Graça Machel

C - Malala Yousafzai

D - Michelle Bachelet

Graça Machel, the renowned human rights activist from Mozambique, has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development Prize 2025. This honor recognizes her lifelong global contributions in the fields of education, human rights, women's empowerment, and social justice.



176. By what nickname is Lala Lajpat Rai known?

A - Bharat Kesari

B - Punjab Kesari

C - Singh Kesari

D - Rashtra Kesari

The birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai, a great freedom fighter of India, is being celebrated. Known as "Punjab Kesari," Lala Lajpat Rai was one of the prominent extremist nationalist leaders of the Indian national movement.



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177. Which player scored the first century in WPL history?

A - Sophie Devine

B - Georgia Wareham

C - Nat Sciver-Brunt

D - Hayley Matthews

The first century in the history of the Women's Premier League (WPL) was recorded in WPL 2026 when Nat Sciver-Brunt scored an unbeaten 100 runs off 57 balls for Mumbai Indians against Royal Challengers Bangalore.



178. Which international media organization was Mark Tully associated with?

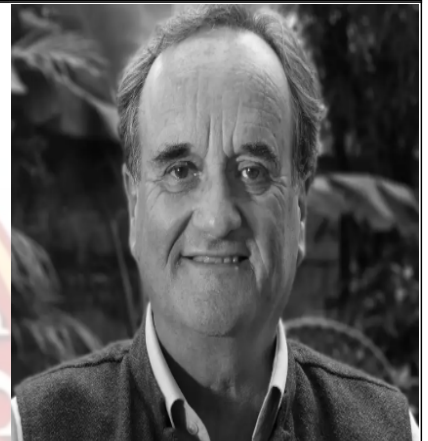
A - CNN

B - BBC

C - Al Jazeera

D - Reuters

Mark Tully, the former head of the BBC's New Delhi bureau, was considered one of the most influential foreign journalists reporting from India. Born in Kolkata in 1935, he spent most of his life in India. His deep understanding of Indian society, culture, and the Hindi language earned him the moniker "Tully Sahib."



179. Which state of India, after independence, has become the latest to receive the President's Police Colour Award?

A - 13th

B - 14th

C - 15th

D - 16th

With the conferment of the President's Police Colour Award, Sikkim has become the 15th state in India and the third state in Northeast India to receive this prestigious honor since independence. This award is a national-level recognition of the Sikkim Police's long-standing service, discipline, and dedication to public service.



180. The agreement between the Adani Group and Embraer is related to which sector?

A - Defense production

B - Shipbuilding

C - Aircraft manufacturing

D - Railway manufacturing

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Adani Group and Embraer marks a new beginning in India's aerospace and aviation sector. This is the Adani Group's first formal step into commercial aircraft manufacturing.



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181. At approximately what altitude is the Chatergala Pass located?

A - 8,500 feet

B - 9,500 feet

C - 10,500 feet

D - 11,500 feet

On January 23, 2026, the Chatergala Pass in the Jammu region was blocked due to heavy snowfall, disrupting the movement of civilians and security forces.



182. Which organization is leading India's participation in Gulfood 2026?

A - FIEO

B - Invest India

C - APEDA

D - NITI Aayog

India is participating in Gulfood 2026 for the first time as a partner country, signifying its growing strategic role in the global food supply chain and strengthening economic ties with the Gulf region.



183. By what percentage is India considering reducing the import duty on cars imported from the European Union to 40 percent?

A - 90%

B - 100%

C - 110%

D - 120%

India is working on a plan to reduce the import duty on cars imported from the European Union from 110 percent to 40 percent, which is being considered a major breakthrough in the India-EU free trade agreement negotiations.



184. Which was India's first newspaper?

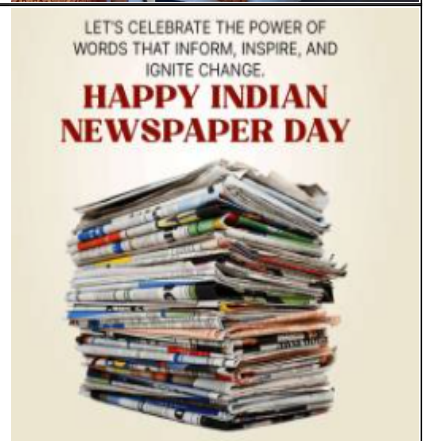
A - The Hindu

B - Bengal Gazette

C - Hicky's Bengal Gazette

D - Amrita Bazar Patrika

Indian Newspaper Day is celebrated every year on January 29, marking the beginning of modern journalism in India. On this day in 1780, India's first newspaper, Hicky's Bengal Gazette, was published.



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185. When did Ajit Pawar's plane crash?

A - Evening of January 27, 2026

B - Morning of January 28, 2026

C - Morning of January 29, 2026

D - Evening of January 30, 2026

On January 28, 2026, at approximately 8:45 AM, a Learjet 45 chartered aircraft carrying Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar crashed during landing at Baramati airstrip.



186. Which is the first state in India to declare Bacillus subtilis as its state microorganism?

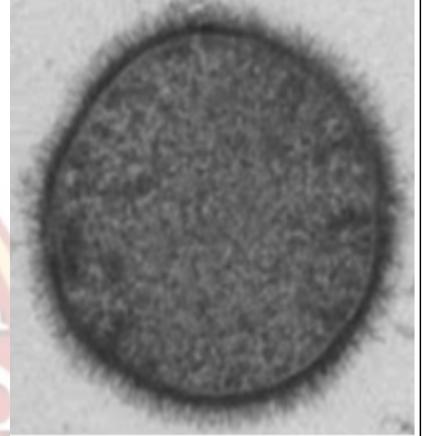
A - Tamil Nadu

B - Karnataka

C - Kerala

D - Andhra Pradesh

Kerala has officially declared Bacillus subtilis as its state microorganism, setting a new scientific precedent in India. This decision symbolizes the state's commitment to knowledge.



187. In which state was Hemileccinum indicum discovered?

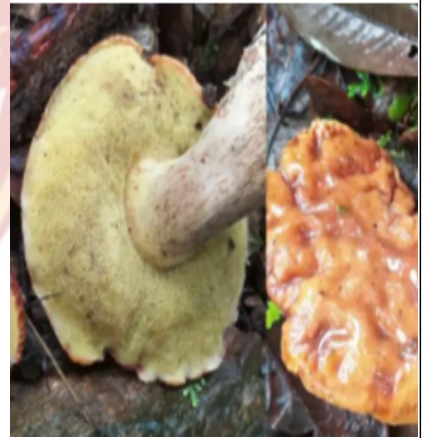
A - Himachal Pradesh

B - Uttarakhand

C - Sikkim

D - Arunachal Pradesh

Scientists have discovered a new species of mushroom, Hemileccinum indicum, in the Himalayan oak forests of Uttarakhand, marking the first official record of the Hemileccinum genus in India.



188. Under which article was the Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 issued?

A - Article 200

B - Article 212

C - Article 213

D - Article 217

The Uttarakhand government has implemented the Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, aiming to make the already existing UCC in the state more clear, practical, and citizen-friendly.



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189. Which important economic agreement was finalized along with the India-EU agreement?

- A - CEPA B - ASEAN FTA
C - Free Trade Agreement (FTA) D - RCEP

On January 27, 2026, India and the European Union concluded their first comprehensive security and defense partnership agreement and finalized the long-pending free trade agreement.



190. Where has Indian Railways deployed its first humanoid robot, ASC Arjun?

- A - New Delhi Railway Station B - Mumbai Central
C - Visakhapatnam Railway Station D - Chennai Central

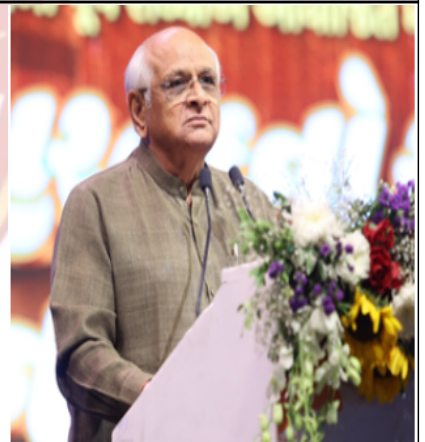
On January 27, 2026, Indian Railways deployed its first humanoid robot, ASC Arjun, at Visakhapatnam Railway Station. This initiative is a significant step towards smart stations, passenger safety, and AI-based management.



191. The Namo Lakshmi Yojana has been launched by which state government?

- A - Rajasthan B - Madhya Pradesh
C - Gujarat D - Maharashtra

For the academic year 2025-26, the Gujarat government has announced assistance of ₹1,250 crore under the Namo Lakshmi Yojana, which will benefit more than 12 lakh girl students studying in classes 9 to 12.



192. Martyr's Day is observed on January 30th to commemorate the death anniversary of whom?

- A - Bhagat Singh B - Jawaharlal Nehru
C - Subhas Chandra Bose D - Mahatma Gandhi

In India, Martyr's Day is observed every year on January 30th, which is known as the death anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. He was assassinated in New Delhi on January 30, 1948, after which this day became a symbol of national mourning and introspection.



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193. Which state won the award for the best tableau in the state category at the Republic Day Parade 2026?

A - Kerala

B - Maharashtra

C - Gujarat

D - Uttar Pradesh

The Republic Day Parade 2026 awards showcased India's cultural diversity, military discipline, and democratic participation. In the state category, Maharashtra's "Ganeshotsav: A Symbol of Self-Reliance" tableau secured the first position, while Jammu and Kashmir and Kerala came in second and third, respectively.



194. What was India's industrial growth rate recorded in December 2025?

A - 5.20%

B - 6.30%

C - 7.80%

D - 8.50%

India's industrial growth in December 2025 stood at 7.8%, the highest in nearly two years, indicating robust demand and accelerated production activities.



195. AlphaGenome is related to which field?

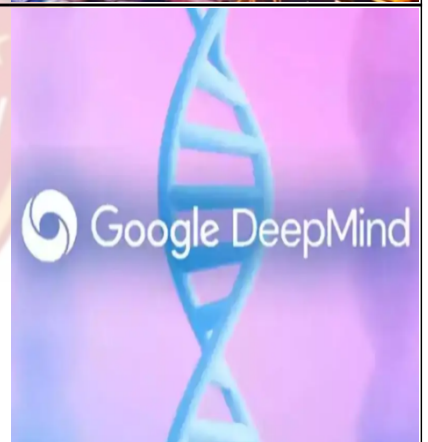
A - Space technology

B - Artificial intelligence and genomics

C - Nuclear energy

D - Robotics

AlphaGenome, developed by Google DeepMind, is an advanced artificial intelligence model that can revolutionize disease research, gene therapy, and personalized medicine by deeply analyzing DNA sequences.



196. The Sampurna Abhiyan 2.0 has been launched by which institution?

A - Finance Commission

B - NITI Aayog

C - Election Commission

D - RBI

NITI Aayog has launched Sampurna Abhiyan 2.0 to ensure access to basic services in backward districts and blocks, which will run from January 28, 2026, to April 14, 2026. Its objective is to deliver services such as health, nutrition, education, sanitation, and animal vaccination to every eligible beneficiary through "complete saturation."



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197. The new Aadhaar app was launched by which organization?

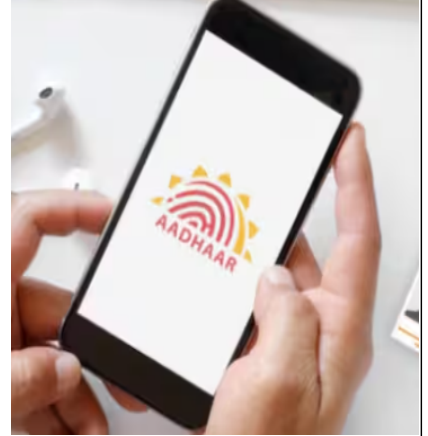
A - RBI

B - UIDAI

C - NITI Aayog

D - ISRO

India launched a new Aadhaar app to make digital governance simpler and more secure, which was unveiled in New Delhi on the occasion of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Day.



198. Who imposed an interim stay on the implementation of the UGC Equity Regulations 2026?

A - Parliament

B - Supreme Court

C - Ministry of Education

D - NITI Aayog

In a significant decision for India's higher education sector, the Supreme Court of India imposed an interim stay on the implementation of the UGC Equity Regulations 2026 and directed that the University Grants Commission (UGC)'s 2012 anti-discrimination rules remain in effect for now.



199. The high-level committee for FPOs has been constituted to support farmers in which state?

A - Maharashtra

B - Tamil Nadu

C - Punjab

D - Gujarat

The central government has constituted a high-level committee for Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to empower farmers in Tamil Nadu. This decision was taken based on feedback received from farmers, aiming to improve the functioning of FPOs, enhance market access, and increase the income of small farmers.



200. Which organization has classified the Grevy's Zebra as "Endangered"?

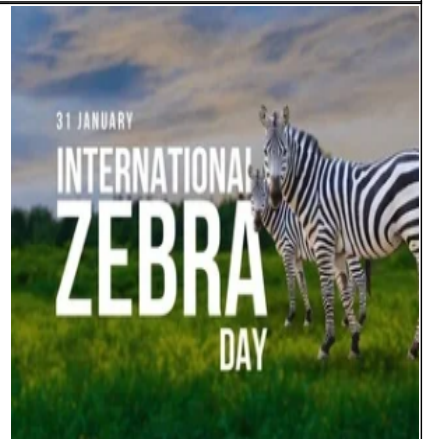
A - WWF

B - UNEP

C - IUCN

D - UNESCO

Every year, International Zebra Day is celebrated on January 31st, aiming to raise awareness about the conservation of zebra species, the protection of their habitats, and the importance of biodiversity.



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