

Nandyal Banking Coaching Center - Daily News Dated 16 Jan 2026

1. Which AI company has been selected by Apple to provide the Gemini model for the updated version of its series? Ans: Google
2. According to the SBI Capital Markets "Ecocapsule" report, what is India's projected real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for FY26? Ans: 7.4%
3. Which Indian shooter has been designated as the first lifetime ambassador by the German firearm manufacturer Carl Walther? Ans: Gagan Narang
4. What is the name of the bill introduced in the US Congress that aims to make Greenland a US state? Ans: Greenland Annexation and Statehood Act
5. The "Inspiring Innovators" program is a collaborative effort between the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), Netflix, and which Ministry? Ans: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B)
6. Where is India constructing its second Biosafety Level-4 (BSL-4) containment lab to handle highly contagious diseases? Ans: Gandhinagar
7. Which organization has partnered with the National Mission for Clean Ganga to establish the Aqua Life Conservation Monitoring Center? Ans: Wildlife Institute of India (WII)
8. Who are the two European Union leaders invited as Chief Guests for India's 77th Republic Day in 2026? Ans: Ursula von der Leyen and Antonio Costa
9. What is the primary theme for the Republic Day 2026 celebrations marking 150 years of the national song? Ans: Vande Mataram
10. Which animal contingent will participate in the Republic Day parade for the first time, featuring breeds like Mudhol and Rajapalayam? Ans: Army Animal Contingent
11. According to the report, Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) investors from the 2019 series are seeing returns of approximately what percentage? Ans: 315%
12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks to escalate unresolved complaints to the Internal Ombudsman (IO) if not resolved within how many days? Ans: Specific timeframe (automatically escalated) / 10 days for IO review
13. Which organization has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recognized as a Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) for foreign exchange dealers? Ans: Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India (FEDAI)
14. What is the minimum capital requirement for an entity seeking Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) status in the financial market? Ans: ₹10 crore
15. Which specific risk has replaced "Economic Confrontation" as the top global risk in the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Risks Report? Ans: Armed Conflict
16. According to the World Bank Global Growth Forecast, what is the projected global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for 2026? Ans: 2.6%
17. Which vessel used the ancient "stitched ship" method to voyage from Porbandar to Port Sultan Qaboos, Muscat? Ans: Indian Navy Sailing Vessel (INSV) Kandanya
18. Who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Bajaj Pune Grand Tour 2026 cycling race? Ans: MS Dhoni
19. What was India's total fish production in the financial year 2024-25? Ans: 197.75 lakh tonnes
20. Which scheme announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 is designed to catalyse growth in 100 Agri Aspirational districts? Ans: Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)
21. What is the name of the online portal launched by the Karnataka Department of Women and Child Development to market women entrepreneurs' products? Ans: Gruha Lakshmi Digital Marketing
22. Canara Bank partnered with which entity to integrate UPI plugins within its 'Canara ai1Pe' banking app? Ans: NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL)
23. What is the name of the new health insurance plan introduced for Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries? Ans: Paripoorna Mediclaim Ayush Bima
24. Under the Paripoorna Mediclaim Ayush Bima, what is the maximum sum insured option available to beneficiaries? Ans: ₹20 lakh

25. Karnataka Bank enabled the payment of which state government receipts through its internet banking platform? Ans: Khajane-2 e-receipts
26. Who has been nominated by the UN Secretary General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for the 2026-27 term? Ans: DB Venkatesh Varma
27. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) issued guidelines for which scheme designed exclusively for minors? Ans: National Pension System (NPS) Vatsalya
28. After how many years from account opening is partial withdrawal allowed under the NPS Vatsalya scheme? Ans: 3 years
29. The "Womaniya" initiative, which recently marked 7 years, is associated with which portal? Ans: Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
30. NITI Aayog proposed the convergence of how many government schemes for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)? Ans: 18
31. Which report proposed the convergence of the SFURTI scheme with the Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP)? Ans: Achieving Efficiencies in MSME Sector through Convergence of Schemes
32. The "Inspiring Innovators" initiative was developed in collaboration with which fund? Ans: Netflix Fund for Creative Equity
33. Where was the 2nd Global Summit on "Blue Food Security: Sea the Future 2026" held? Ans: Eilat, Israel
34. Which state ranked as the leading large state in the NITI Aayog Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024? Ans: Maharashtra
35. Which university inaugurated the 'IIT Mandi Catalyst Satellite Centre' on its campus? Ans: Galgotias University
36. Which state government signed an agreement with Sarvam AI to establish India's first Sovereign AI Park? Ans: Tamil Nadu
37. What is the initial investment amount for the Sovereign AI Park project in Tamil Nadu? Ans: ₹10,000 crore
38. Which two organizations signed an MoU to synergise research expertise with field-level experience in the dairy sector? Ans: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
39. Which day is observed on January 14 to mark the retirement of Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa? Ans: 10th Armed Forces Veterans' Day
40. Where is the 2,000-year-old Buddhist complex "Zehanpora stupa site" located? Ans: Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir
41. Where was the "Matsya Mela" recently held? Ans: Kavaratti, Lakshadweep
42. What is the theme for the 9th edition of the International Spice Conference to be held in Kochi? Ans: Spice 360 - Getting Future Ready
43. Which organization projects India's real GDP growth at 7.2% for FY26? Ans: World Bank
44. What is the maximum percentage of own contributions that can be withdrawn under NPS Vatsalya for education or medical treatment? Ans: 25%
45. The "Inspiring Innovators" films were created by students mentored by experts from which institute? Ans: National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad
46. Which country has India signed a Joint Ministerial Declaration with for cooperation in advanced aquaculture technologies like Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS)? Ans: Israel
47. What is the subtitle of the program "Inspiring Innovators" launched by the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA)? Ans: Naye Bharat Ki Nayi Pehchan
48. For the first time, India extended a joint Republic Day invitation to the top leadership of which union? Ans: European Union
49. What is the specific tenure of the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme? Ans: 8 years

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