

## Nandyal Banking Coaching Center - Daily News Dated 3 Jan 2026

1. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India', by what percentage did the banking system's balance sheet expand in 2024–25? **Ans: 11.2%**
2. What was the year-on-year growth in deposits of payments banks in India as of March 2025? **Ans: 57%**
3. To what number did the total Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) decline in FY25 due to mergers and licence cancellations? **Ans: 1,457**
4. What was the total number of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in India as of March 31, 2025? **Ans: 2,51,057**
5. Which Russian bank has been authorised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to import gold for Financial Year 2025–26? **Ans: Sber Bank**
6. What is the interest rate of the Government Security 2035 announced for re-issue by the Government of India for ₹32,000 crore? **Ans: 6.48%**
7. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) plans to expand the number of Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) to 473 by which month? **Ans: September 2026**
8. Which ministry notified the operational guidelines for the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS)? **Ans: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW)**
9. What is the total corpus of the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS)? **Ans: ₹24,736 crore**
10. Which state has been officially reinstated as a tiger-bearing state by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) after 33 years? **Ans: Gujarat**
11. President Droupadi Murmu undertook a submarine sortie onboard which Kalvari-class submarine? **Ans: INS Vaghsheer**
12. Under the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA), which country will provide 100% duty-free access to Indian exports from January 1, 2026? **Ans: Australia**
13. According to the Amicus Growth report, what is India's global rank in Rare Earth reserves? **Ans: 3rd**
14. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed a Work Plan 2025–27 with which country's National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA)? **Ans: Argentina**
15. Who won the Women's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships? **Ans: Surya Charishma Tamiri**
16. Who won the Men's Singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada? **Ans: Rithvik Sanjeevi S**
17. Who became the first bowler in history to take 8 wickets in a men's T20 International match? **Ans: Sonam Yeshey (Bhutan)**
18. The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) launched which programme marking a milestone in its 60-year legacy? **Ans: Ph.D. Programme**

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19. What is the name of the sub-scheme under the Export Promotion Mission aimed at strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) exports? **Ans: NIRYAT PROTSAHAN**
20. What is the base interest subvention provided under the NIRYAT PROTSAHAN sub-scheme for export credit? **Ans: 2.75 per cent**
21. Under NIRYAT PROTSAHAN, what is the maximum guarantee coverage provided for Micro and Small exporters? **Ans: 85 per cent**
22. What is the total outlay of the Export Promotion Mission for the period FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31? **Ans: ₹25,060 crore**
23. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved 22 proposals under which scheme with an investment of INR 41,863 crore? **Ans: Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)**
24. The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) disbursed Rs 45 lakh to farmers of which state for Red Sanders conservation? **Ans: Andhra Pradesh**
25. Which country officially legalised the mining and exchanging of cryptocurrency? **Ans: Turkmenistan**
26. According to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), how many tigers did India lose in the year 2025? **Ans: 166**
27. Which state recorded the highest number of tiger deaths (55) in 2025? **Ans: Madhya Pradesh**
28. According to new rules, who must be a resident Indian citizen in an insurance company with foreign investment? **Ans: At least one amongst the Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director, or Chairperson**
29. Which state became the first in India to constitute an 8th State Pay Commission? **Ans: Assam**
30. Who has been appointed as the head of the 8th State Pay Commission of Assam? **Ans: Subhas Das**
31. Which ministry launched a new logo featuring the Ashoka Chakra and the Rupee symbol? **Ans: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**
32. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank? **Ans: Karthikeyan Manickam**
33. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Maharashtra? **Ans: Sadanand Date**
34. What percentage of ₹2000 banknotes in circulation have been returned as of December 31, 2025? **Ans: 98.41%**
35. What is the name of the project initiated by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) to remove stray dogs? **Ans: Sahajeevan**

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36. Union Minister JP Nadda inaugurated which fully digital system for fertilizer subsidy claims? **Ans: e-Bill system**
37. Which platform was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in pilot locations of Chandigarh and Tamil Nadu? **Ans: Land Stack**
38. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site in Peru risks losing its credibility due to overtourism? **Ans: Machu Picchu**
39. The Ministry of Finance notified a new tax structure for 'sin goods' replacing GST compensation cess with what? **Ans: Additional excise duty and Health & National Security Cess**
40. What was India's fiscal deficit for the first 8 months (April-November) of the fiscal year 2025-26? **Ans: Rs 9.76 lakh crore**
41. What is the interest rate for the Sukanya Samriddhi Account (SSA) for the January-March 2026 quarter? **Ans: 8.2%**
42. Who became the highest wicket-taker in women's T20 Internationals, surpassing Megan Schutt? **Ans: Deepthi Sharma**
43. Who has been named the International Event Ambassador for the 21st Tata Mumbai Marathon? **Ans: Andre De Grasse**
44. Who has been nominated as the first-ever woman Secretary-General of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism)? **Ans: Shaikha Nasser Al Nowais (UAE)**
45. What amount has been allocated for 'Market Access Support' over 6 years under the Export Promotion Mission? **Ans: Rs 4,531 crore**
46. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended the deadline for the SPREE 2025 scheme to which date? **Ans: January 31, 2026**
47. Karnataka aims to capture what percentage of India's projected space market by 2033? **Ans: 50%**
48. According to RBI amendment directions, NBFC loans to high-quality infrastructure projects with 2% repayment will attract what risk weight? **Ans: 75%**