

Nandyal Banking Coaching Center - Daily News Dated 31 Jan 2026

1. Which two wetlands were declared as Ramsar sites on January 31, 2026, bringing India's total count to 98? Ans: Patna Bird Sanctuary (Uttar Pradesh) and Chhari-Dhand (Gujarat)
2. Under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR Act), which resource has the government notified as a 'Critical and Strategic Mineral'? Ans: Coking Coal
3. According to the Economic Survey 2025-26, what is the projected real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth range for India in FY27? Ans: 6.8% to 7.2%
4. Who authored the Economic Survey 2025-26 under the guidance of Chief Economic Adviser V.A. Anantha Nageswaran? Ans: Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
5. Which fintech company introduced India's first savings account linked to 100% of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) repo rate? Ans: Slice
6. What is the maximum insurance cover provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) for Slice's digital Fixed Deposits? Ans: Rs 5 lakh
7. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the reconstituted Reinsurance Advisory Committee (RAC) by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)? Ans: A.V. Girija Kumar
8. Who holds the record for being the longest-serving Finance Minister to hold the office continuously as of February 2026? Ans: Nirmala Sitharaman
9. Under the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), how many branches are European Union (EU) banks allowed to open in India over 4 years? Ans: 15 branches
10. What was India's fiscal deficit as a percentage of annual estimates for the first nine months of FY26 (April-December 2025)? Ans: 54.5%
11. Which US-based company has the Indian Army tied up with to procure "V-BAT" autonomous unmanned aerial systems (UAS)? Ans: Shield AI
12. The "V-BAT" drone procured by the Indian Army belongs to which category of aircraft? Ans: Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL)
13. Who has been recommended by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) for the post of Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)? Ans: Kota Ravi
14. What is the name of the centralized national repository portal for infrastructure projects monitored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)? Ans: PAIMANA (Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring & Analytics for Nation-building)
15. Which central ministry accounts for the highest number of infrastructure projects in the Flash Report for December 2025? Ans: Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
16. What amount of annual financing is envisaged under the new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) between the World Bank Group and India? Ans: \$8-10 billion
17. Which organization signed an MoU with the Andhra Pradesh government to develop a women entrepreneurs' industrial park in Amaravati? Ans: Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry - Ladies Organisation (FICCI-FLO)
18. The National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park (NSHIP) in Tamil Nadu is a Joint Venture between SIPCOT and which port? Ans: VO Chidambaranar Port (VOC Port)
19. Which company signed an MoU with Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) to establish a green e-methanol plant at Kandla Port? Ans: Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd (APL)
20. What is the theme of the 7th World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day observed on January 30? Ans: Unite. Act. Eliminate
21. Which new plant species was discovered in Nagaland according to the January 2026 records? Ans: *Hoya nagaensis*
22. Which former President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) passed away recently? Ans: Inderjit Singh Bindra
23. Which Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra passed away in a plane crash near Baramati? Ans: Ajit Pawar

24. What reason did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cite for pausing the draft norms on climate-related risk disclosures? Ans: Misalignment between RBI and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) rules
25. Which Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) bank received RBI approval to open a branch in GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City)? Ans: Punjab & Sind Bank
26. Which Chennai-based fintech received the Payment Aggregator - Physical Point of Sale (PA-P) license from the RBI? Ans: PeSharp
27. What is the minimum capital required for a Payment Aggregator - Physical Point of Sale (PA-P) license? Ans: ₹25 Crore
28. Under the proposed India-EU Free Trade Agreement, what percentage of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is committed for the insurance sector? Ans: 100%
29. Which US President launched the "Trump Account" federal program for children born between 2025 and 2028? Ans: Donald Trump
30. What is the name of the app launched by the Chief Justice of India to automate vehicle entry permissions at court complexes? Ans: Park App
31. Which state cabinet approved a cashless medical treatment scheme for teachers and non-teaching staff worth ₹448 Crore? Ans: Uttar Pradesh
32. Who was the former Indian Hockey Coach from Australia who passed away at age 72? Ans: Michael Nobbs
33. Which Indian Air Force base recently inaugurated additional civil aviation infrastructure to boost tourism in Ladakh? Ans: Leh Airbase
34. Who developed India's first Sodium-Ion Battery, backed by the Ministry of Heavy Industries? Ans: Dr. Vilas Shelke
35. What is the name of the wildlife sanctuary in Jharkhand known for wild Indian Elephants? Ans: Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary
36. Which national park in Jharkhand is located in Latehar? Ans: Betla National Park
37. What is the GI Tagged mural art by local women in Jharkhand called? Ans: Sohrai Khovar painting
38. Which river is known as the "Sorrow of Bengal" and flows through Jharkhand? Ans: Damodar River
39. Which city in Jharkhand is known as the "Steel City"? Ans: Jamshedpur
40. According to the Economic Survey, what is the target year for achieving 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in school education? Ans: 2030
41. What was the extreme poverty rate in India in 2022-23 based on the World Bank's revised poverty line? Ans: 5.3%
42. Who presented the first-ever Union Budget of independent India in 1947? Ans: R K Shanmukham Chetty
43. Which sector remains the largest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) recipient in India, accounting for nearly 80% of inflows? Ans: Services sector
44. As per the PAIMANA report, which department reported the steepest cost overruns of 102% in infrastructure projects? Ans: Department of Water Resources
45. The "Flash Report" on infrastructure projects covers projects with a cost of what amount and above? Ans: Rs 150 crore
46. What is the name of the proprietary autonomy software provided by Shield AI for V-BAT drones? Ans: Hivemind
47. The Assam Petrochemicals Limited green e-methanol plant will have a capacity of how many tonnes per day? Ans: 150 tonnes
48. Who is the current Chief Minister of Jharkhand? Ans: Hemant Soren
49. Which Indian state has officially notified Coking Coal as a critical mineral to reduce import reliance from countries like Australia? Ans: Not a state; the Government of India notified it
50. What is the name of the "Scroll painting of the East" from Jharkhand that holds a GI Tag? Ans: Paitkar painting