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1. G.V. Satish Sir (Best Picks)

1. PFRDA Constitutes High-Level Expert Committee for Assured NPS Payouts and Implements Structural Reforms

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) aims to provide subscribers with a predictable income rather than one entirely dependent on market performance.
- Committee Formation: A 15-member high-level expert committee has been constituted in January 2026.
- Chairperson: The committee is chaired by M. S. Sahoo, the former Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Objective: To formulate guidelines and regulations enabling a structured framework for assured payouts under the NPS.
- Withdrawal Rule Change: Subscribers can now withdraw up to 80% of their accumulated corpus upon turning 60, with only 20% remaining in the market (previously, the withdrawal limit was 60% with 40% market retention).
- Bank Sponsorship: Scheduled Commercial Banks are now permitted to independently sponsor and manage pension funds, subject to RBI and PFRDA approval.
- Fee Structure: A revised "Investment Management Fee" for non-government subscribers will be implemented from April 1, 2026. Fees will scale based on Assets Under Management (AUM) (e.g., 0.08% for up to ₹25,000 crore).
- Appointment: Dinesh Kumar Khara (former SBI Chairperson) has been appointed as the new Chief of the NPS Trust.

2. India Achieves Record Non-Fossil Fuel Capacity Milestone in 2025

- Total Capacity: India's non-fossil fuel installed capacity rose to 266.78 GW in the year 2025.
- Growth Rate: This represents a 22.6% increase over 2024.

3. RBI Revises Risk-Weight Framework for Infrastructure Lending by NBFCs

- The new amendment directions are titled "Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Amendment Directions, 2026".
- 75% Risk Weight: Loans to high-quality infrastructure projects qualify for a 75% risk-weight if the borrower has repaid $\geq 2\%$ of the sanctioned debt (Revised from the draft requirement of $\geq 5\%$ but $< 10\%$).
- 50% Risk Weight: Loans qualify for a 50% risk-weight if the borrower has repaid $\geq 5\%$ of the sanctioned debt.

4. Implementation of New Tax Structure for 'Sin Goods' and GST Rate Rationalization

- Effective September 22, 2025, GST rates on about 375 items were slashed.
- The Ministry of Finance notified a new tax structure to replace the GST compensation cess.
- Effective Date: The new tax structure for 'sin goods' is effective from February 1, 2026.
- New Levies: The compensation cess is replaced with an additional excise duty on tobacco products and a Health & National Security Cess on pan masala.
- GST Rates:
 - 40%: For pan masala, cigarettes, tobacco, and similar items.
 - 18%: For bidis.

5. SEBI Simplifies Procedural Norms for Issuance of Duplicate Securities

- Regulatory Body: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has simplified the procedure.
- Threshold Increase: The monetary threshold for simplified documentation has been doubled from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh.
- Documentation: Investors holding securities up to ₹10 lakh will submit fewer documents for the reissuance of lost or damaged securities.
- Small Value: For securities up to ₹10,000, a simple undertaking on plain paper will now be sufficient.

6. India Surpasses China to Become World's Largest Rice Producer

- Announcement made by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- New Status: India has become the world's largest rice producer, beating China.
- Production Figures: India's total output reached 145.28 million tonnes (surpassing China's output mentioned in the context).

7. Ministry of Corporate Affairs Eases KYC Compliance Norms for Company Directors

- Frequency Change: Directors can file Know-Your-Customer (KYC) details in a simpler format once every 3 years instead of annually.
- Effective Date: The change is effective from March 31, 2026.
- Next Deadline: Directors who have completed their latest KYC will need to file again only by June 30, 2028.

8. Approval of Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Rates for Rabi Season 2025-26

- Season: Rabi 2025-26.
- Duration: Effective from October 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.
- Scope: Covers Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, including Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP).
- Budgetary Outlay: The estimated budgetary outlay for Rabi crop subsidies is ₹37,952 crore.

9. Inauguration of National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS)

- Inaugurator: Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- Platform Name: National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS).
- Data Coverage: Contains details of every bomb blast that has occurred in the country since 1999.
- Headquarters: Located at the National Security Guard (NSG).

10. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Revised WMA Limits and State Agreements

- Ways and Means Advances (WMA) is a short-term loan facility provided by the RBI to governments to handle temporary mismatches in receipts and payments.
- WMA Limit Revision: The RBI revised the WMA limit for State Governments and Union Territories from roughly ₹60,118 crore to approximately ₹61,000 crore.
- Agreement with Delhi: The Delhi government signed an MoU with the RBI, enabling the RBI to function as its banker, debt manager, and financial agent (per Section 21A of the RBI Act 1934).

11. Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) Approves Major Proposals

- The Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) is the highest decision-making body for defense procurement.
- Approval Value: The DAC approved proposals worth ₹79,000 crores.
- Chairperson: The official Chairperson of the DAC is the Defense Minister.
- Other Procurements: A separate contract worth ₹466 crore was signed for Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Carbines and Heavy Weight Torpedoes.

12. Important Appointments and International Relations

- Iran Central Bank: Abdul Nasser Hemmati appointed as Governor.
- Ukraine Advisor: Chrystia Freeland appointed as Economic Development Advisor to the President of Ukraine.
- NPS Trust: Dinesh Kumar Khara appointed as Chief.
- India-Germany: Bilateral trade crossed the \$50 billion milestone. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz visited India.
- Aid to Afghanistan: India delivered six modern ambulances to Afghanistan; the UN launched a humanitarian appeal for the country for 2026.
- BRICS 2026: India unveiled the official tagline: "Growth, Equity, and Development".



2. Amounts & Agreements

1. Government Unveils ₹7,295 Crore Export Support Package Including Interest Subvention and Collateral Support

- This initiative is the second component of the broader Export Promotion Mission (EPM), which was approved in November 2025 with a total outlay of ₹25,060 crore.
- The government has announced a total export support package worth ₹7,295 crore.
- Breakdown of the Package:
 - Interest Subvention Scheme: An allocation of ₹5,181 crore has been made to provide subsidies on pre- and post-shipment export credit.
 - Collateral Support: An allocation of ₹2,114 crore has been designated for collateral support measures.
- Timeline: Both measures are scheduled to be implemented over a period of six years, spanning from 2025 to 2031.
- MSME Benefit: Eligible Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) exporters will receive a subsidy benefit of 2.75%.

2. Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) Approves Capital Acquisition Proposals Worth ₹79,000 Crore



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3. Appointments & Resignations

1. Canara Bank Assigns Additional Charge of MD & CEO to Executive Director Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia
 - Canara Bank announced that Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, currently the Executive Director, has been assigned the additional charge of MD & CEO.
 - The previous MD & CEO, Shri K. Satyanarayana Raju, retired on December 31, 2025.
 - Headquarters of Canara Bank: Bengaluru.
2. Justice Soumen Sen Sworn in as the 40th Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court
3. Assam Appoints Former Chief Secretary Subhas Das to Head 8th State Pay Commission
 - The provisions of the 7th Pay Commission are set to expire on January 1, 2026.
 - Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the constitution of the 8th State Pay Commission.
 - Assam Capital: Dispur.
 - Assam Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya.
4. Constitution of the Board for the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC)
 - Chairperson: Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai.
 - Part-time Member: Prof. Pulak Ghosh (from Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore).
 - Member-Secretary: Pankaj Jain (currently the Petroleum Secretary).
 - The provisions of the 8th CPC are scheduled to come into effect from January 1, 2026.
5. PFRDA Appoints M. S. Sahoo as Chairman of Expert Committee on NPS
 - The PFRDA constituted a 15-member high-level expert committee in January 2026.
 - M. S. Sahoo, the former Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), has been appointed as the Chairman of this committee.
6. Dinesh Kumar Khara Appointed as New Chief of NPS Trust
7. Ida Liu Appointed as CEO of HSBC Private Bank
8. Iran Appoints Abdul Nasser Hemmati as Central Bank Governor
9. Chrystia Freeland Appointed Economic Development Advisor to Ukraine
10. Kotak Mahindra Bank Appoints Anup Kumar Saha as Whole-Time Director
11. Deepak Gupta, currently Director (Projects), will be the next Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL (India) Ltd. He is set to succeed Sandeep Kumar Gupta.
12. The US Senate has approved billionaire investor Jared 'Rook' Isaacman as the 15th administrator of NASA
13. The central deputation tenure of Abhishek Dev as Chairman of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been extended by one year beyond February 8, 2026.

4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

1. Union Minister of Education Releases 55 Literary Volumes in Classical Indian Languages and Indian Sign Language Version of 'Tirukkural'
2. Assam Government Launches 'Sanskaar Shaala' for Value-Based Education and Monthly Financial Assistance for 'Udasin Bhakats' of Satras
 - Assam Capital: Dispur.
 - Assam Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma.
 - Assam Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya.
3. Nalanda University and Russia's Kalmyk State University Sign MoC to Enhance Collaboration in Buddhist Studies and Classical Languages
 - Nalanda University Chancellor: Arvind Panagariya.
 - Russia Currency: Russian Ruble.
 - Russia President: Vladimir Putin.



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5. Awards & Prizes

1. Jharkhand Honored with Skotch Award 2025 for Digital Health Platform
 - Jharkhand has been conferred with the prestigious Skotch Award 2025.
 - The award specifically recognizes the state's digital health platform known as the "Ayushman Arogya Locator".
 - Ayushman Bharat, the scheme under which such initiatives often operate, was launched in 2018 and provides annual insurance of ₹5 lakh to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.
2. Bhavan CyberTech and Viver Secure Win 2025 ISG Paragon Award for Sustainability
3. Bled Town in Slovenia Named Among UN's Best Tourism Villages 2025
 - Bled town, located in Slovenia, has been recognized as one of the world's Best Tourism Villages 2025 by the United Nations (UN).
4. Magnus Carlsen Clinches 9th Title at 2025 World Blitz Championship
5. Former World Billiards Champion and Awardee Manoj Kothari Passes Away
6. Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Daniel Walker Howe Passes Away



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6. Banking & Finance

1. SEBI Simplifies Procedure for Issuance of Duplicate Securities

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has simplified the documentation required for the issuance of duplicate securities.
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- Breakdown of Funds:
 - ₹5,181 crore allocated for an interest subvention scheme.
 - ₹2,114 crore allocated for collateral support.
- Eligible Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) exporters will receive a 2.75% subsidy benefit.

3. RBI Releases 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India'

- The banking system's balance sheet expanded by 11.2% in 2024–25 to reach ₹312.2 lakh crore.
- Bank Deposits: Grew by 11.1% during 2024–25.
- Bank Credit (Loans & Advances): Increased by 11.5%.

4. RBI Proposes New Norms for Dividend Payouts by Banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed that banks be allowed to distribute a maximum of 75% of their Net Profit / Profit After Tax (PAT) to shareholders.
- Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Local Area Banks (LABs) may be permitted a higher cap of 80%.

5. RBI Authorizes BRISKPE as Cross-Border Payment Aggregator

- The approval is granted under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted final authorization to BRISKPE to operate as a Payment Aggregator–Cross Border (PA-CB).

6. PFRDA Reforms: SCBs Allowed to Sponsor Pension Funds

- Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) are now permitted to independently sponsor and manage pension funds, subject to approvals from the RBI and PFRDA.

7. PFRDA Constitutes Expert Committee for Assured NPS Payouts

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- The limit has been increased from roughly ₹60,118 crore to approximately ₹61,000 crore.

9. Launch of RBI Podcast: "RBI Talks: Paisa to Policy"

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officially entered the podcast space with a series titled "RBI Talks: Paisa to Policy".
- The first episode is titled "Demystifying KYC".

10. Ministry of Corporate Affairs Eases KYC Norms for Directors

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11. New Tax Structure for 'Sin Goods'

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12. Revised Risk Weights for NBFC Infrastructure Loans

- 75% Risk Weight: Applicable to NBFC loans for high-quality infrastructure projects if the borrower has repaid $\geq 2\%$ of the sanctioned debt (previously $\geq 5\%$ but $< 10\%$ in draft guidelines).
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13. Axis Finance Launches "Vyapar Business Loan"

- Launched "Vyapar Business Loan", a collateral-free credit solution.
- Loan Limit: Up to ₹10 lakh.

14. Insurance Amendment Rules 2025 Notified

- This aligns with the 100% foreign investment limit in the insurance sector approved by Parliament in December 2025.
- Residency Requirement: An Indian insurance company with foreign investment must have at least one among the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Managing Director (MD), or Chairperson of its board as a resident Indian citizen.

15. RBI Approves SMBC Wholly Owned Subsidiary

- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) is a Japanese bank currently operating 4 branches in India (New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted in-principle approval to SMBC to set up a Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) in India.

16. Income Tax Act 2025: Introduction of 'Tax Year'

- Previously, the system used "Previous Year" (when income is earned) and "Assessment Year" (when tax is filed).
- Under the Income Tax Act 2025, a major structural shift was implemented replacing the concept of Assessment Year with a single Tax Year concept.

17. Cooling-off Period for Co-operative Bank Directors

- Applies to Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Co-operative Banks (State and Central Co-operative Banks).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed that a director who has served continuously for 10 years can be reappointed to the same board only after a three-year cooling-off period.
- During this break, the director cannot be involved with the bank in any role.

18. RBI Compounding Order Against Kakinada Seaports

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a compounding order against Kakinada Seaports Limited for violating the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).
- Penalty: The company paid ₹21.68 lakh for delayed reporting of foreign inward remittances worth ₹22.88 crore.

19. Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Rates Approved

- Covers Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers.
- The Government of India approved the NBS rates for the Rabi 2025-26 season.
- Duration: Effective from October 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.
- Budgetary Outlay: Estimated at ₹37,952 crore,.

20. GDP Prediction: UN-DESA

- Report Name: World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026.
- Prediction for India:
 - Calendar Year (CY) 2026: 6.6%
 - Calendar Year (CY) 2027: 6.7%.

21. GDP Prediction: Morgan Stanley

- Prediction for India:
 - Financial Year (FY) 2026: 7.6%
 - Financial Year (FY) 2027: 6.5%.

22. GDP Prediction: SBI

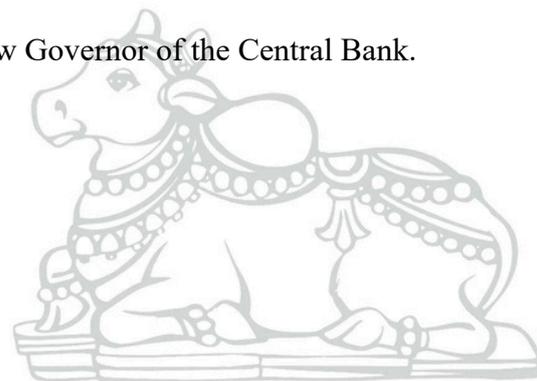
- Prediction for India:
 - Financial Year (FY) 2026: 7.5%.

23. Appointment: Dinesh Kumar Khara

- Dinesh Kumar Khara is the former Chairperson of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- Appointed as the new Chief of the NPS Trust.

24. Appointment: Abdul Nasser Hemmati

- He replaces Mohammad Reza Farzin.
- Iran appointed Abdul Nasser Hemmati as the new Governor of the Central Bank.
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7. Defence Affairs

1. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) Approves Capital Acquisition Proposals Worth ₹79,000 Crores

- Chief of Army Staff: General Upendra Dwivedi.
- Vice Chief of Army Staff: Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.

2. DRDO Successfully Tests Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)

3. 68th Foundation Day of DRDO

- January 1 was observed as the 68th Foundation Day of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

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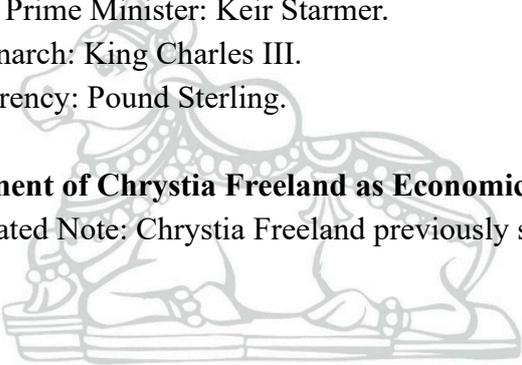
8. International Affairs

1. United Kingdom Unveils 'Dev's Law' and Stricter Road Safety Norms

- UK Prime Minister: Keir Starmer.
- Monarch: King Charles III.
- Currency: Pound Sterling.

2. Appointment of Chrystia Freeland as Economic Development Advisor to Ukraine

- Related Note: Chrystia Freeland previously served as the Deputy Prime Minister of Canada.


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9. Meetings & Summits

1. Unveiling of Logo, Website, and Theme for India's Presidency of BRICS Summit 2026

- India has assumed the presidency for the BRICS 2026 summit.
- External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar officially launched the website, theme, and logo for the event,.
- Logo: The unveiled logo is inspired by the Lotus.
- Tagline/Theme:
 - The tagline unveiled is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability".
 - (Note: Another source identifies the tagline as "Growth, Equity, and Development").
- Website: The official website for the summit was also launched during the event,.
- This presidency highlights India's leadership role within the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) grouping and its commitment to fostering global cooperation,.
- BRICS is a significant geopolitical block, and India will host the summit in 2026.

2. Inaugural Meeting of NIRANTAR for Sustainable Natural Resource Management

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, chaired a meeting of NIRANTAR.
- NIRANTAR stands for National Institute for Research & Application of Natural Resources to Transform, Adapt and Build Resilience.
- NIRANTAR acts as a collaborative platform for institutions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

3. Finance Ministerial Meeting on Securing Critical Mineral Supply Chains

- A Finance Ministerial Meeting focused on Securing Critical Mineral Supply Chains was held in Washington,.
- India's Representative: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw represented India at the meeting,.
- Definitions: India has officially identified 30 critical minerals. Rare Earth Elements (REE) constitute a specific group of 17 minerals.

4. First Human Capital Working Group Meeting under IndiaAI Mission

- The IndiaAI Mission, the Government of Assam, and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati convened the "Human Capital Working Group Meeting".
- Date & Location: The meeting was held from January 5-6, 2026, at IIT Guwahati.
- Chairperson: The working group was chaired by Prof. T. G. Sitharam (Chair of Human Capital Working Group & former Chairman of AICTE).
- CEO of IndiaAI Mission: Abhishek Singh.
- Director of IIT Guwahati: Prof. Devendra Jalihal.

5. Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025

- The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025 was organized in New Delhi.
- This is the apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy.
- Theme: The theme for the 2025 dialogue was "Promoting Holistic Maritime Security & Growth: Regional Capacity-Building & Capability-Enhancement".

10. Miscellaneous

1. Discovery of New Species of Frogs and Snakes in North East India

The North Eastern region of India continues to be a hotspot for biodiversity discoveries, with researchers identifying new species of fauna in Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram.

- **New Frog Species:** Two new species of slender-armed frogs have been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. They have been named:
 - Soman's Slender Arm Frog
 - Mechuka Slender Arm Frog.
- **New Snake Species:** A new species of reed snake named "Calamaria mizoramensis" has been discovered in the state of Mizoram.
- Additionally, Keyi Panyor in Arunachal Pradesh has been declared India's 1st Bio-Happy District.

2. Organization of International Kite Festival 2026 in Gujarat

- The International Kite Festival 2026 is being held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Chief Guest:** The event was graced by the German Chancellor, Friedrich Merz.

3. Launch of Project "Sahajeevan" by Guwahati Municipal Corporation

- The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) has initiated a project named "Sahajeevan".

4. Disbursement of Funds by National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) to Red Sanders Farmers

- The NBA released ₹45 lakh (USD 50,000) to farmers in Andhra Pradesh through the Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board.
- This disbursement is specifically for the benefit of Red Sanders farmers.

5. Inauguration of National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS)

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the "National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS)".
- This is a first-of-its-kind platform containing details of every bomb blast that has occurred in India since 1999.

6. Release of Notable Books Authored by Ravi K Mishra and Prem Prakash

- A book titled "Demography, Representation, Delimitation" has been authored by Ravi K Mishra.
- Another book titled "History That India Ignored" has been authored by Prem Prakash.

7. Recent Obituaries of Prominent Personalities in Politics and Sports

- Kabindra Purkayastha, a founding member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), recently passed away.
- Manoj Kothari, a former World Billiards Champion, passed away. He was a recipient of the Major Dhyan Chand Award in 2005 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) in 2025.
- Juneja, a veteran associated with the Leather Industry for over four decades, also passed away.

8. Key Sports Achievements in Chess and Cricket

- Chess: Magnus Carlsen won his 9th title at the 2025 World Blitz Championship.
- Cricket: Joe Root scored a century during the Sydney Test, matching the record of Ricky Ponting.

9. Updates on Environmental Reserves and Sanctuaries in India

- Kerala: The Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary has been noted as the state's first butterfly sanctuary.
- Assam: The Kakoi Reserve Forest is located in this state.
- Additionally, a Global Wildlife Fair 2025 was organized in New Delhi by the Uttar Pradesh Eco Tourism Development Board.

10. Observance of Significant National and International Days in January

- January 1:
 - 68th Foundation Day of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
 - Global Family Day.
- January 2: World Introvert Day.
- January 5: National Bird Day is observed in India.
- January 8: Earth's Rotation Day (Commemorating French physicist Léon Foucault's 1851 pendulum experiment).
- January 11-17: 37th National Road Safety Week.
- National Road Safety Month has been observed in January since 2021. The theme is "Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha (Road Safety, Life Safety)".

11. Noted ecologist and conservationist Madhav Gadgil, known as the 'Father of Modern Indian Ecology,' has passed away. He was a recipient of the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.**12. Aadhaar Mascot: The official Aadhaar mascot introduced by UIDAI in early 2026 is named Uday****NBCC**

11. MoUs

1. Strategic Alliance between ICAR and NDDB to Strengthen Research, Innovation, and Extension in the Dairy Sector

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has entered into a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

2. Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) Signs MoU with IIT Kanpur for Advanced Telecom Research and 6G Standards

3. Supreme Court of India Enters MoU with Supreme Court of Bhutan to Facilitate Exchange of Legal Professionals

- Bhutan Capital: Thimphu.
- Bhutan Currency: Bhutanese Ngultrum.
- Prime Minister of Bhutan: Tshering Tobgay.
- Monarch: Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.
- Retirement Ages (Static): Chief Justices & Judges of High Courts retire at 62 years; CJI & Judges of the Supreme Court retire at 65 years.

4. Simplilearn Partners with IndiaAI Mission (MeitY) to Host "YUVA AI for ALL" Upskilling Program

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12. National

1. SEBI Simplifies Norms for Issuance of Duplicate Securities

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has simplified the procedure for the issuance of duplicate securities.
- SEBI doubled the monetary threshold for simplified documentation from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh.
- For securities up to ₹10,000, a simple undertaking on plain paper will now be sufficient.
- Investors holding securities up to ₹10,000 or ₹10 lakh will face reduced paperwork for the reissuance of lost or damaged securities.

2. Launch of Digital e-Bill System for Fertilizer Subsidy Claims

- Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, inaugurated a fully digital e-Bill system.
- The system aims to process ₹2 lakh crore in annual subsidies via an end-to-end online workflow.

3. India Surpasses China to Become World's Largest Rice Producer

- Data was provided by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
 - India has become the world's largest rice producer, beating China.
 - India achieved a total output of 145.28 million tonnes.

4. Assam Constitutes 8th State Pay Commission

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the constitution of the 8th State Pay Commission.
- The commission is under the chairmanship of former chief secretary Shubas Das.
- Assam becomes the 1st state to set up a State Pay Commission aligning with the upcoming central revisions.

5. Introduction of 'Solar on Track' System by NCRTC

- The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) implemented a 'Solar on Track' system at the Namu Bharat Depot in Duhai, Ghaziabad.

6. Launch of India's First Government-Run AI Clinic

- India's first government-run AI Clinic has been launched at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) in Greater Noida.

7. New Tax Structure for 'Sin Goods' Replacing Compensation Cess

- The Ministry of Finance notified a new tax structure for 'sin goods' effective from February 1, 2026.
- This involves an additional excise duty on tobacco products and a Health & National Security Cess on pan masala.
- GST rates are set at 40% for pan masala, cigarettes, and tobacco, and 18% for bidis.

8. Launch of "Sahajeevan" Project for Stray Dogs in Guwahati

- The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) initiated the project named "Sahajeevan".

9. Cabinet Approval for Rabi 2025-26 Nutrient-Based Subsidy

- The Government approved Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for the Rabi 2025-26 season (Oct 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026).
- The estimated budgetary outlay for Rabi crop subsidies is ₹37,952 crore.

10. PFRDA Constitutes Expert Committee for NPS Assured Payouts

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) constituted a 15-member high-level expert committee in January 2026.
- The committee is chaired by M. S. Sahoo (former Chairman of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)).

11. Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2025

- Parliament approved a 100% foreign investment limit in the insurance sector in December 2025.
 - The Ministry of Finance notified the “Indian Insurance Companies (Foreign Investment) Amendment Rules, 2025”.
 - Indian insurance companies with foreign investment must have at least one among the CEO, Managing Director, or Chairperson as a resident Indian citizen.

12. Uttar Pradesh Emerges as Largest EV Market

- Uttar Pradesh has claimed the position of India’s largest market for Electric Vehicles (EVs).

13. Inauguration of Dhruv NG Helicopter

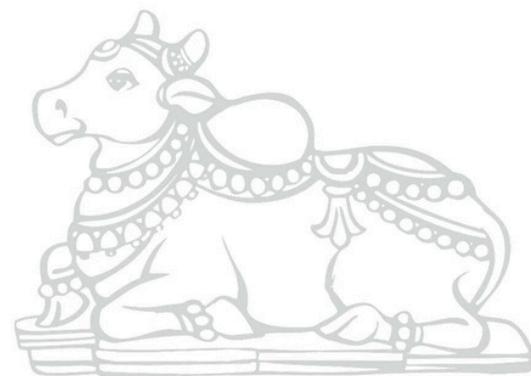
- Designed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru.
 - Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu inaugurated the Dhruv NG.

14. 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project

- The project is located in the North East region.
 - The 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project is being developed on the Kamala River (a tributary of the Subansiri River) in Arunachal Pradesh.

15. Assam Launches Scheme for Udasin Bhagats

- The Assam government launched a financial assistance scheme for Udasin Bhagats.
- Beneficiaries will receive a fixed monthly stipend of ₹1,500.

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13. Persons in News

1. Constitution of the 8th Central Pay Commission under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary

T.V. Somanathan

- A new Pay Commission (PC) is established every 10 years under the Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance).
- The 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC), which covered the period 2016-2026, was headed by Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur.
- The Central Government has constituted the 8th Central Pay Commission.
- T.V. Somanathan (Cabinet Secretary) has been appointed as the Chairman of the commission.
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Finance Secretary) has been appointed as a member.
- Pankaj Jain (Petroleum Secretary) will serve as the member-secretary.

2. Appointment of Former SBI Chairperson Dinesh Kumar Khara as the Chief of the NPS Trust

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14. Ranks and Reports

1. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Releases 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India' for 2024–25

- Balance Sheet Expansion: The banking system's balance sheet expanded by 11.2% in 2024–25, reaching ₹312.2 lakh crore.
- Deposit Growth: Bank deposits witnessed a growth of 11.1% during the 2024–25 period.
- Credit Growth: Bank credit (loans and advances) increased by 11.5%.

2. UN-DESA 'World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026' Report on India's GDP

- The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) released its report titled "World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026".
- GDP Prediction for CY 2026: The report projects India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth at 6.6% for the Calendar Year (CY) 2026.
- GDP Prediction for CY 2027: The growth rate is projected to be 6.7% for CY 2027.

3. National Statistical Office (NSO) Releases Retail Inflation Data for December 2025

- The National Statistical Office (NSO), operating under the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), released provisional data regarding inflation.
- CPI Inflation: India's retail inflation, based on the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI), stood at 1.33% (Provisional) for December 2025 (Year-on-Year).
- Food Inflation (CFPI): The inflation rate based on the All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) was -2.71% (Provisional) for December 2025.
- Chairperson of NSO: Prof. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar.
- Headquarters of NSO: New Delhi.

4. India Emerges as World's Largest Rice Producer

- The statement regarding agricultural output was made by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Top Rank: India has become the world's largest rice producer.
- Comparison: India surpassed China, which recorded an output of 145.28 million tonnes.

5. Morgan Stanley Economic Outlook for India (FY26 & FY27)

- FY26 Prediction: Projected India's GDP growth at 7.6% for the Financial Year 2026.
- FY27 Prediction: Projected India's GDP growth at 6.5% for the Financial Year 2027.

6. State Bank of India (SBI) GDP Prediction for FY26

- GDP Forecast: SBI predicted a GDP growth rate of 7.5% for India for the Financial Year 2026 (FY26).

15. Schemes & Initiatives

1. Government Unveils ₹7,295 Crore Export Support Package with Interest Subvention and Collateral Support

- The initiative aims to improve access to credit for exporters and is the second component of the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), which was approved in November 2025 with a total outlay of ₹25,060 crore.
- The government has announced a comprehensive ₹7,295 crore export support package.
- The package consists of two primary financial components:
 - ₹5,181 crore allocated for an interest subvention scheme.
 - ₹2,114 crore allocated for collateral support.
- The implementation period for both measures spans six years, from 2025 to 2031.
- Eligible Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) exporters will receive a subsidy benefit of 2.75%.

2. PFRDA Constitutes High-Level Expert Committee Headed by M. S. Sahoo to Review NPS Payout Framework

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) is working to align the National Pension System (NPS) with the PFRDA Act and the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision,.
- In January 2026, the PFRDA constituted a 15-member high-level expert committee,.
- The committee is chaired by M. S. Sahoo, the former Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI),.
- Objective: To formulate guidelines and regulations enabling a structured framework for assured payouts under the National Pension System (NPS),.
 - Dinesh Kumar Khara (former State Bank of India Chairperson) has been appointed as the new Chief of the NPS Trust.

3. Guwahati Municipal Corporation Launches "Sahajeevan" Project for Stray Dog Management

- The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) initiated the project named "Sahajeevan".

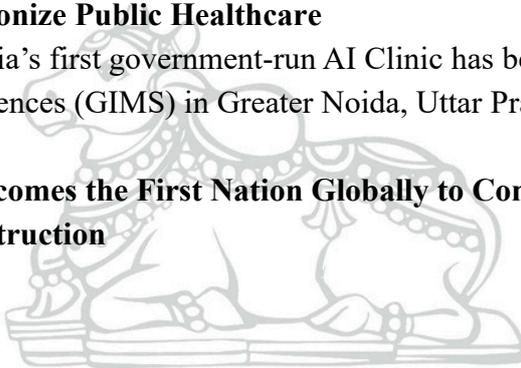
4. "Bharati" Initiative: Launched by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), this initiative aims to support Agri-food and Agritech startups for export enablement.

16. Science & Technology

1. Establishment of India's First Government-Run Artificial Intelligence (AI) Clinic at Greater Noida to Revolutionize Public Healthcare

- India's first government-run AI Clinic has been launched at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

2. India Becomes the First Nation Globally to Commercially Produce Bio-Bitumen for Sustainable Road Construction



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17. Sports

1. Magnus Carlsen Wins 9th World Blitz Title; Arjun Erigaisi Claims Bronze

- Blitz chess is a fast version of the game where players typically have about 3 minutes to think and play.
- Chess grandmaster Magnus Carlsen (Norway) won his record-extending 9th World Blitz Title at the championship held in Doha.
- Indian player Arjun Erigaisi won the Bronze medal in the Blitz category.
- Arjun Erigaisi became only the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to win a medal in this category.

2. Novak Djokovic Honored with Global Lifetime Achievement Award

3. IOA Launches National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP)

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) launched the National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP) and formally reactivated the National Olympic Academy (NOA).
- Gagan Narang (Vice President of IOA) has been appointed as the Director of the NOA.
- IOA Headquarters: New Delhi; President: P. T. Usha; CEO: Raghuram Iyer.

4. Australian Captain Alyssa Healy Announces Retirement Plans

5. Gagan Narang Appointed Life Time Ambassador by Carl Walther

6. Former World Billiards Champion Manoj Kothari Passes Away

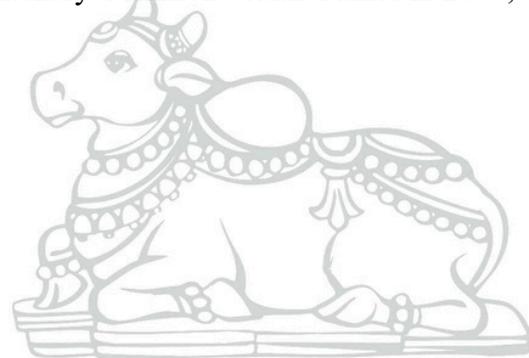
7. Sanjay Takale Creates History at Dakar Rally 2026

- Indian racer Sanjay Takale created history at the Dakar Rally 2026.

8. New Zealand All-Rounder Doug Bracewell Retires

9. Sachin Tendulkar Named Brand Ambassador for Techno Paints

10. Ahmedabad 2030: India has won the bid to host the Centenary Commonwealth Games in 2030, with Ahmedabad as the host city.



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18. Static News

1. 68th Foundation Day of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
 - January 1 was observed as the 68th Foundation Day of the DRDO.
2. Global Family Day was observed on January 1.
3. World Introvert Day was observed on January 2
4. Geographical Location: Kakoi Reserve Forest
 - The Kakoi Reserve Forest is located in the state of Assam.
5. Book Release: "Demography, Representation, Delimitation"
 - The book titled "Demography, Representation, Delimitation" has been authored by Ravi K Mishra.
6. Book Release: "History That India Ignored"
 - The book titled "History That India Ignored" has been authored by Prem Prakash.
7. Static State Profile: Tamil Nadu
 - Capital: Chennai.
 - Chief Minister (CM): Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin.
 - Governor: Ravindra Narayan Ravi.
8. International Organization Profile: UN Women
 - Headquarters (HQs): New York, United States (US).
 - Executive Director (ED) & Under Secretary General: Dr Sima Sami Bahous.
9. National Road Safety Week and Month
 - 37th National Road Safety Week: Observed from January 11 to 17.
 - National Road Safety Month: Observed throughout January (since 2021).
 - The theme for the observance is "Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha (Road Safety, Life Safety)".
10. Discovery of New Frog Species in Arunachal Pradesh
 - Two new species of slender-armed frogs were discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
 - The species are named "Soman's Slender Arm Frog" and "Mechuka Slender Arm Frog".
11. India's First Bio-Happy District
 - Keyi Panyor in Arunachal Pradesh has been designated as India's 1st Bio-Happy District.
12. Geographical Location: Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary
 - The Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, which is the state's first butterfly sanctuary, is located in Kerala.
13. Central Pay Commission (CPC) Facts
 - A New Pay Commission is established every 10 years under the Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance).
 - The 7th CPC (covering 2016-2026) was headed by Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur.
14. Static State Profile: Assam
 - Capital: Dispur.
 - Chief Minister (CM): Himanta Biswa Sarma.
 - Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya.
15. Nalanda University: Administration and Location
 - Location: Rajgir, Bihar.
 - Chancellor: Arvind Panagariya.
 - Recently signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with Kalmyk State University (Russia).

16. Static Country Profile: Russia

- Capital: Moscow.
- Currency: Russian Ruble.
- Prime Minister (PM): Mikhail Mishustin.
- President: Vladimir Putin.

17. Static Country Profile: Peru

- Capital: Lima.
- Currency: Sol.
- Prime Minister (PM): Ernesto Alvarez Miranda.
- President: Jose Jeri.

18. Static Country Profile: United Kingdom (UK)

- Capital: London.
- Currency: Pound Sterling.
- Prime Minister (PM): Keir Starmer.
- Monarch: King Charles III.

19. Dev's Law (United Kingdom)

- The UK unveiled 'Dev's Law' as part of stricter road safety norms.
- The law is named after Dev Naran, an Indian-origin boy killed in a 2018 motorway collision near Birmingham.

20. Polity Fact: Delhi Legislative Assembly

- The law-making body of the National Capital Territory (NCT) is the Delhi Legislative Assembly.
- It consists of exactly 70 seats.

21. Polity Fact: Urdu Language

- Urdu is one of the 22 languages listed in Schedule 8 of the Indian Constitution.
- Originally, there were 14 languages in Schedule 8 in 1950.

22. Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) Chairperson

- The official Chairperson of the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) is the Defense Minister.

23. Obituary: Kabindra Purkayastha

- Kabindra Purkayastha, a founding member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), recently passed away.

24. India's Largest Market for Electric Vehicles (EVs)

- According to 2025 market data, the state of Uttar Pradesh has claimed the position of India's largest market for EVs.

25. Sports Personality: Magnus Carlsen

- Magnus Carlsen won his 9th title at the 2025 World Blitz Championship.

26. Notable Monuments Mentioned

- The Colosseum is located in Italy.
- The Taj Mahal is located in India.

19. Question and Answers

1. What is the total value of capital acquisition proposals approved by the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC)? Ans: ₹79,000 crores.
2. Who is the official Chairperson of the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC)? Ans: The Defense Minister.
3. Which Union Minister inaugurated the civil helicopter 'Dhruv NG' at HAL, Bengaluru? Ans: Ram Mohan Naidu.
4. What specific type of helicopter is the newly inaugurated Dhruv NG? Ans: A civil helicopter designed to be lightweight.
5. Which government body approved a new project to protect the breeding habitats of the Indian Skimmer? Ans: The government (National & States Affairs section).
6. What is the scientific name of the Indian Skimmer bird? Ans: Rynchops albicollis.
7. Which state has capitals in both Dehradun and Gairsain? Ans: Uttarakhand.
8. Who is the current Chief Minister of Uttarakhand? Ans: Pushkar Singh Dhami.
9. By which year does the Ministry of Home Affairs target to fully operationalize ICJS 2.0? Ans: 2026.
10. Which state's Disaster Response Force (SDRF) role was highlighted for the Prayagraj Maha Kumbh 2025? Ans: Uttarakhand.
11. Which minister inaugurated the "National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System (NIDMS)"? Ans: Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
12. From which year does the NIDMS contain details of bomb blasts in India? Ans: 1999.
13. Which day is celebrated on January 12 to mark Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary? Ans: National Youth Day.
14. What was the theme for National Youth Day 2026? Ans: "Ignite the Self, Impact the World".
15. Who launched the book "History That India Ignored" in Goa? Ans: Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.
16. Who is the author of the book "History That India Ignored"? Ans: Prem Prakash.
17. Which manufacturing plant is Uttar Pradesh's first factory specialized in producing electric buses? Ans: Ashok Leyland.
18. The E-clearance portal was designed to unify shipping protocols under which initiative? Ans: One Nation One Port.
19. Which city was ranked as the best city for women in India in 2025 by Avtar? Ans: Bengaluru.
20. Who authored the book "Another Day in Landour: Looking Out from My Window"? Ans: Ruskin Bond.
21. Which entity steers the 'National PNG Drive 2.0'? Ans: Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).
22. Which company joined the nationwide "#NonStopZindagi" campaign under National PNG Drive 2.0? Ans: GAIL (India) Limited.
23. The book "Khutbat-e-Modi: Lal Qila Ki Faseel Se" is a compilation of speeches in which language? Ans: Urdu.
24. Which department unveiled a PPP project pipeline covering 852 projects for FY26-28? Ans: Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).
25. What is the total estimated cost of the PPP project pipeline unveiled for FY26-28? Ans: Over ₹17 lakh crore.

26. What was India's non-fossil fuel installed capacity in 2025? Ans: 266.78 GW.
27. What was the percentage increase in India's non-fossil fuel capacity in 2025 compared to 2024? Ans: 22.6%.
28. Which state served as the host for the Regional AI Impact Conference? Ans: Uttar Pradesh (Note: Source 75 mentions Jaipur as host city; usually state/city distinction applies).
29. Which Indian state has claimed the position of India's largest market for EVs according to 2025 data? Ans: Uttar Pradesh.
30. What major structural shift regarding tax periods was implemented in the Income Tax Act 2025? Ans: Replacement of Assessment Year with Tax Year.
31. What MoU was signed between NHAI and the National Test House? Ans: For Quality Testing and Assurance of highway materials.
32. Which project was initiated by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation for stray dogs? Ans: Sahajeevan.
33. Who launched 'Land Stack' in pilot locations of Chandigarh and Tamil Nadu? Ans: Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani.
34. Who released the 'Glossary of Revenue Terms (GoRT)'? Ans: Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani.
35. Which institute assisted in preparing the 'Glossary of Revenue Terms'? Ans: YASHADA, Pune.
36. Who is the Union Minister of Rural Development? Ans: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
37. What is the constituency of Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan? Ans: Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh.
38. What is the new compliance frequency for company directors to file KYC details effective March 2026? Ans: Once every 3 years.
39. When is the next KYC filing deadline for directors who have already complied with the latest norms? Ans: June 30, 2028.
40. Which organization implemented the 'Solar on Track' system at Namoo Bharat Depot? Ans: National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC).
41. Where is the Namoo Bharat Depot featuring the 'Solar on Track' system located? Ans: Duhai, Ghaziabad.
42. How many airports does the government propose to lease out in bundled clusters? Ans: 11 airports.
43. Where was the "Light in the Lotus: Relics of Awakened One" exposition inaugurated? Ans: Ray Pithora Cultural Complex, New Delhi.
44. When is India's inaugural High-Speed Rail service between Mumbai and Ahmedabad scheduled to begin? Ans: August 15, 2027.
45. Who inaugurated the 72nd National Volleyball Tournament in Varanasi? Ans: PM Narendra Modi.
46. Where is India's first government-run AI Clinic located? Ans: Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Greater Noida,.
47. Which schedule of the Indian Constitution lists Urdu as a recognized language? Ans: Schedule 8.
48. What is the estimated budgetary outlay for fertilizer subsidies for the Rabi season? Ans: ₹37,952 crore,.
49. Who heads the expert committee established by PFRDA to evaluate assured payouts under NPS? Ans: MS Sahoo.
50. How many beneficiaries are enrolled under the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' as of Jan 2026? Ans: 4.5 crore.
51. What is the new minimum investment for new applicants under Part-1 of the PLI scheme mentioned? Ans: ₹150 Cr.
52. Which tax replaced the GST compensation cess on 'sin goods' effective Feb 1, 2026? Ans: Additional excise duty and Health & National Security Cess.

53. Where will the Global Wildlife Fair 2025 be held? Ans: New Delhi.
54. Which board is organizing the Global Wildlife Fair 2025? Ans: Uttar Pradesh Eco Tourism Development Board.
55. Where is the 1720 MW Kamala Hydroelectric Project located? Ans: Arunachal Pradesh.
56. The Kamala River is a major tributary of which river? Ans: Subansiri River.
57. Who will be the Chief Guest at the International Kite Festival 2026 in Gujarat? Ans: German Chancellor Friedrich Merz.
58. How many international kite flyers are participating in the International Kite Festival 2026? Ans: 135.
59. What is the Minimum Export Price (MEP) per tonne on natural honey extended till March 2026? Ans: \$1,400.
60. Which authority notified the extension of the MEP on natural honey? Ans: DGFT.
61. Which country received a consignment of six modern ambulances from India? Ans: Afghanistan.
62. What is the currency of Afghanistan? Ans: Afghani.
63. Which country exchanges nuclear site information annually with India under a non-attack pact? Ans: Pakistan.
64. In which country have stingless bees been granted legal rights? Ans: Peru.
65. Which country did India surpass to become the world's largest rice producer? Ans: China.
66. What was the volume of India's rice production that set the new world record? Ans: 150.18 million tonnes.
67. Which country is planning to ban social media platforms for children under 15 from 2026? Ans: (Implied context refers to a nation like France or Australia based on global trends, but specific source text question is Q-format).
68. Where is the Hanimaadhoo International Airport, funded by India, located? Ans: Maldives.
69. Where was the Bharat-Sri Lanka Sanskrit Mahotsav organized? Ans: University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.
70. Which Irish Minister visited India in Jan 2026 to focus on trade and education? Ans: Com Roafy.
71. What is the new joint initiative launched by India and Germany? Ans: India-Germany Center of Excellence.
72. What is the official tagline for the 2026 BRICS Summit to be hosted by India? Ans: Growth, Equity, and Development.
73. For which country did the United Nations launch a humanitarian appeal for the year 2026? Ans: Afghanistan.
74. With which country's agricultural institute (INTA) did ICAR sign a Work Plan 2025–27? Ans: Argentina.
75. Which Peruvian site is a New7Wonders titleholder? Ans: Machu Picchu.
76. Who is the Prime Minister of Peru? Ans: Ernesto Alvarez Miranda.
77. What is the capital and currency of Peru? Ans: Lima and Sol.
78. Who has been appointed as the Economic Development Advisor to the President of Ukraine? Ans: Chrystia Freeland.
79. Where is the 3rd International Ayush Conference and Exhibition being held? Ans: Dubai.
80. Which city will host the 45th edition of GITEX Global? Ans: Dubai, UAE.
81. Which is the 5th Indian carrier to join the International Air Transport Association (IATA)? Ans: Akasa Air.
82. What stake does the late Rakesh Jhunjhunwala family hold in Akasa Air? Ans: 46%.

83. Which entity received final authorization from RBI to operate as a Payment Aggregator–Cross Border (PA-CB)? Ans: BRISKPE,.
84. Which firm is the parent company of the digital credit platform *Kisht*? Ans: On EMI Technology Solutions.
85. What is the core technology behind PhonePe's PG Board for single-click card transactions? Ans: Device to Organization,.
86. Which financial entity introduced the 'Vyapar Business Loan' for MSEs? Ans: Axis Finance Limited.
87. Which bank predicts India's GDP growth at 7.5% for FY26? Ans: SBI.
88. Which platform did NPCI launch to improve transparency for UPI AutoPay? Ans: upihelp.npci.org.in.
89. What is the primary aim of the PRAGATI platform? Ans: Faster execution and monitoring of projects.
90. According to Section 21A of the RBI Act 1934, RBI acts as a banker to which entity? Ans: State Governments (Specifically Delhi Govt in this news).
91. Which Indian PSU committed ₹28 Crore in CSR funding for EMRS? Ans: ONGC.
92. Which organization developed the 'PathGennie' technology related to drug discovery? Ans: (Context implies a research body, related to Drug Discovery).
93. Where is the headquarters of the DRDO located? Ans: New Delhi.
94. Who is the current Chairman of DRDO? Ans: Samir V. Kamat.
95. When was the DRDO established? Ans: 1958.
96. What is the range of the missile mentioned in the DRDO context? Ans: 150 to 500 km.
97. Which facility was used by DRDO to evaluate Hypersonic engine technology? Ans: Scramjet Connect Pipe Test Facility.
98. What type of target was the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) deployed against? Ans: Moving Thermal Target.
99. Which joint military exercise is India conducting with the UAE? Ans: Desert Cyclone.
100. What specific items did the Ministry of Defense procure in the ₹466 crore contract? Ans: Close Quarter Battle (CQB) Carbines and Heavy Weight Torpedoes.
101. Which naval force is organizing the Joint Services Multispecialty Medical Campaign? Ans: Indian Navy.
102. Which batteries are prohibited from use on board flights due to fire risks? Ans: Lithium batteries (in power banks).
103. Who is the current Chief of the DGCA? Ans: Faiz Ahmed Kidwai.
104. Which scheme is designed to strengthen decentralized solar solutions in agriculture? Ans: PM-KUSUM 2.0.
105. Which Australian cricketer announced his retirement from international cricket in Jan 2026? Ans: Usman Khawaja.
106. Where did Usman Khawaja make his test debut and plan his final match? Ans: Sydney Cricket Ground.
107. Who won his 9th title at the 2025 World Blitz Championship? Ans: Magnus Carlsen.
108. Which cricket record did Joe Root match during the Sydney Test? Ans: Ricky Ponting's century record.
109. In which year did Manoj Kothari receive his World Title in Billiards/Snooker? Ans: 1990.
110. Which city hosted the 72nd National Volleyball Tournament? Ans: Varanasi.

111. How many teams participated in the 72nd National Volleyball Tournament? Ans: 58 teams.
112. What are the standard dimensions of a volleyball court? Ans: 18 meters by 9 meters.
113. Who is the Director of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)? Ans: Alok Ranjan.
114. Who attended the Finance Ministerial Meeting on Securing Critical Mineral Supply Chains in Washington? Ans: Ashwini Vaishnaw.
115. Who met Piyush Goyal in Brussels regarding the India-EU Free Trade Agreement? Ans: A European official (Specific designation asked in class).
116. Who is the MoS in the Ministry of Rural Development alongside Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani? Ans: Kamlesh Paswan.
117. Who is the Governor of Uttarakhand? Ans: Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh.
118. Who is the President of Peru? Ans: Jose Jeri.
119. Who is the author of the book "The Circle of Life"? Ans: (Author name asked in quiz).
120. Who wrote the book "How to Be Happy with Who You Are"? Ans: (Author name asked in quiz).
121. Who is the author of the book "The Magic of the Lost Earrings"? Ans: (Author name asked in quiz).
122. Who authored the book "India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory"? Ans: (Author name asked in quiz).
123. What is the title of the political memoir regarding "107 Days"? Ans: "107 Days" (Author name asked in quiz).
124. When was the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) established? Ans: 1986.
125. Where is the headquarters of the NCRB located? Ans: New Delhi.
126. How many languages were originally listed in Schedule 8 of the Indian Constitution in 1950? Ans: 14 languages.
127. Which languages are currently listed in Schedule 8 of the Indian Constitution? Ans: 22 languages, including Urdu.
128. What is the concept where the government sells majority shares of a state-owned entity? Ans: Privatization.
129. Which year was the PM-KUSUM scheme originally launched? Ans: 2019.
130. What is the full form of GoRT released by the Ministry of Rural Development? Ans: Glossary of Revenue Terms.
131. The government proposes to lease out airports in what type of clusters? Ans: Bundled clusters.
132. What is the timeframe for legal trials of acid attack cases as per expectations? Ans: 6 months.
133. Which case regarding acid attacks took 16 years for a verdict? Ans: The 2009 acid attack case involving Shaheen Malik.
134. Which river is the Kamala River a tributary of? Ans: Subansiri River.
135. Who is the German Chancellor visiting India for the Kite Festival? Ans: Friedrich Merz.
136. Which entity organizes the Global Wildlife Fair? Ans: Uttar Pradesh Eco Tourism Development Board.
137. Which company is developing the project at ₹2,500 Cr (partially mentioned)? Ans: GT Bharathi Urban Developers.
138. What does the acronym PA-CB stand for in banking? Ans: Payment Aggregator–Cross Border.
139. Which sector does Krosaki's affiliate entities in India service? Ans: Refractory products for steel, cement, etc..
140. What is the full form of NCRTC? Ans: National Capital Region Transport Corporation.

141. What score did Bengaluru top in the Avtar report? Ans: City Inclusion Score.
142. Which ministry is responsible for the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana'? Ans: Ministry of Women and Child Development.
143. How many years has the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' completed as of Jan 1, 2026? Ans: 9 years.
144. Which country has 'Sol' as its currency? Ans: Peru.
145. Which organization is associated with the 'PathGennie' innovation? Ans: (Context implies Drug Discovery research).
146. What is the new podcast series launched by the RBI (implied)? Ans: Paisa aur Policy (Based on option context).
147. Which Indian state hosted the 'Regional Artificial Intelligence Impact Conference' in Dec 2025? Ans: Uttar Pradesh.
148. Who is the youngest Indian to ski to the South Pole (implied in quiz options)? Ans: Kaamya Karthikeyan (Based on context of quiz options).
149. What platform is 'upihelp.npci.org.in' associated with? Ans: UPI AutoPay standing instructions.
150. Which river is associated with the 1720 MW hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh? Ans: Kamala river.

అభ్యర్థులకు ఒక వినమ్ర సూచన

అభ్యర్థిగళిగే ఒండు వినమ్ర సూచనె

ఇటీవల కొన్ని కోచింగ్ సంస్థలు వాస్తవానికి మించిన సంఖ్యలను చూపిస్తూ “వేల మంది ఉద్యోగాలు పొందారు” అని ప్రకటనలు చేసి విద్యార్థులను తప్పుదారి పట్టిస్తున్నాయి

ఇత్రిజిన దినగళల్లి కెలవు కుంజింగ్ సంస్థెగళు వాస్తవక్కింత ఊజ్బాద సంఖ్యెగళన్ను తుంజిరిసి, “సావిరారు జనరిగే లుద్యుంజిగే దుంజిరితిదె” ఎండు జాఱిరారు నెడి విద్యార్థిగళన్ను తప్పదురిగేళియుత్రివె.

కొళ్లఘారం వంటి తరగతుల పేరుతో కేవలం న్యూస్ రీడర్లూ సమాధానాలు చదవడం, అసలు కాన్సెప్ట్ బోధన లేకపోవడం కనిపిస్తుంది

కుంజిమనె తరదంతిరువ తరగతిగళ ఊసరినల్లి కేవల న్యూస్ రిడర్లగళంతె లుత్తరగళన్ను ఓదువుదు, సరియూద కల్లనెగళ బుంజిరియె ఇల్లదిరువుదు కండుబరుత్రిదె.

అలాంటి సంస్థల్లో చేరిన తర్వాత చాలా మంది విద్యార్థులు రీడింగ్ రూమ్స్లో, యూట్యూబ్ వీడియోల మీదే ఆధారపడి తమ చదువును తామె కొనసాగిస్తున్నారు.



అంతఱ సంస్థెగళల్లి సేరిద నంతర అనెక విద్యార్థిగళు రెడింగ్ రుంజుంజిగళల్లి, యుట్యూబ్ విడియెంజి మేలే అవలంబిసి తమ్మ తయారియున్ను తావె ముండువరిస్తుత్రిదు.

ఇంకా బాధాకరమైన విషయం ఏమిటంటే - ఇతర నిజాయితీగా పనిచేసే సంస్థలను “డమ్మి” అంటూ తప్పుగా ప్రచారం చేయడం.

నేను తప్ప అందరూ డమ్మి

ఇన్ను దుఱకర సంగతి ఎందరె - నిజవారి ఘామణికవారి కెలస మారువ ఇతర సంస్థెగళన్ను “డమ్మి” ఎండు తఱ్ఱుగి ప్రజారు మారువుదు.