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

1. The Central Government approved wage and pension revisions for Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PS-GICs), NABARD, and RBI.
 - NPS Contribution increased from 10% to 14%.
 - Family Pension uniform rate increased to 30%.
 - The revision is effective from August 202
2. RBI Resumes Licensing for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had placed a freeze on issuing new licenses to Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) in 2004. This freeze is being lifted after 20 years.
 - New Licensing Criteria:
 - **Minimum Capital:** A minimum capital threshold of ₹300 Crore is required for Credit Cooperative Societies to convert into UCBs.
 - **Track Record:** Entities must show a clean record for the last 5 years and must have been operational for 10 years.
 - **Financial Health:** A Capital Risk Weighted Asset Ratio (CRAR) of at least 12% is mandatory.
3. Launch of “Matabari Tourism Circuit” in Tripura
 - Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia, laid the foundation stone for the “Matabari Tourism Circuit”.
 - Location: The launch took place at Narkel Kunja, Dumbur Lake, Tripura.
 - Project Cost: ₹450 Crore.
4. India’s First “Tailings Policy” for Critical Minerals
 - Ministry of Mines announced India's first “Tailings Policy”.
 - Objective: To establish a framework for recovering critical minerals and rare earth elements from mining tailings.
 - Target Minerals: Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel, Germanium, Indium, Selenium, Tellurium, Molybdenum, and others.
5. PFRDA Guidelines for “NPS Vatsalya” Scheme 2025
 - The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) regulates pension schemes in India.
 - PFRDA issued the “NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025”.
 - Scheme Nature: NPS Vatsalya is a contributory pension scheme for minors.
 - Withdrawal Norms:
 - Allows withdrawal for medical expenses (illness of subscriber/parents/legally adopted children).
 - Such withdrawals are treated as partial withdrawals but are tax-exempt.
 - In the unfortunate event of the subscriber's death, the entire accumulated corpus is returned to the guardian as a 100% lump sum, regardless of the amount.
6. RBI Amendments to Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Targets
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued amendments to the “Priority Sector Lending (PSL) - Targets and Classification Directions, 2025”.
 - Key Change: Clarified the computation of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) regarding exemptions linked to long-term bonds for infrastructure and affordable housing. These are now aligned with Resource Raising Norms

7. Integrated Ombudsman Scheme Update

- The updated RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme will officially come into effect on July 1, 2026.

8. Padma Awards 2026 and Gallantry Awards

- Padma Awards: The President of India approved 131 Padma Awards for the year 2026.
- Ashok Chakra: Awarded to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla for his performance in the Axiom-4 mission. (Note: He is the second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma).
- Kirti Chakra: Awarded to Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair.

9. Revision of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Base Year

- India is transitioning to a new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series.
- New Base Year: Designated as 2024.

10. Canara Bank Partnership with NBSL

- Canara Bank partnered with NPCI BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL).
- Objective: To integrate the latest UPI payments launches within the banking app using NBSL's bank plugins.

11. Indian Diplomat to Chair UN Advisory Board

- DB Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the UN Secretary-General.
- Role: Chair of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.
- Term: 2026-27.
- Note: This marks the first time an Indian will hold this position since the board's establishment in 1978.

12. Assam Government's Educational Initiatives

- Divyang Research Scholars: To receive support of ₹40,000 per month.
- 'Jibonsathi Prerna Scheme': Launched for 2025 graduates.
- 'Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Babu Aasoni': Launched for male undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- Assam State Leadership: CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma, Governor – Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

13. SBI Life Launches 'Smart Platina Advantage'

- SBI Life Insurance launched 'Smart Platina Advantage'.
- Type: Individual, non-linked, non-participating life insurance savings plan.
- Benefits: Offers long-term guaranteed benefits and life cover, assisting in corpus building for milestones.

14. Discovery of New Species: "Gegeneophis Valmiki"

- Name: "Gegeneophis Valmiki".
- Type: A rare, subterranean, worm-like amphibian (Caecilian).
- Location: Discovered in the northern Western Ghats.

15. Important Days and Themes (January 2026)

- January 14: 10th Armed Forces Veterans' Day. Marks the retirement of Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa, the first Indian C-in-C.
- January 25: 16th National Voters' Day. Theme: "My India, My Vote".
- January 25: 56th Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh.

16. GDP Growth Projections for India

- World Bank: Predicted 7.2% for FY26.
- CareEdge Ratings: Projected 7.0% for 2026-27.
- RBI: Stated India to remain the fastest-growing major economy.

17. Important Appointments & Resignations

- Yemen: Prime Minister resigned; resignation accepted by Presidential Leadership Council.
- Vigilance Commissioner: Praveen Vashishth appointed.
- ICAR DG: Mangi Lal Jat.
- NDDDB Chairman: Meenesh Shah.

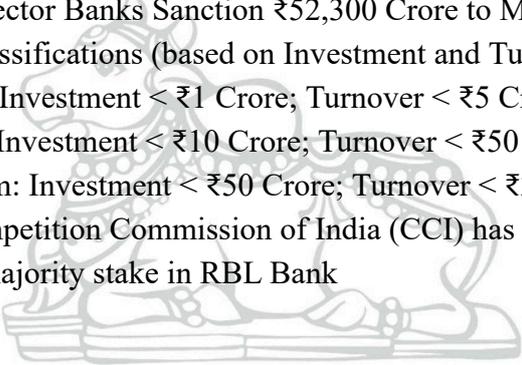
18. Miscellaneous News

- India's First Drone & Space City: Established in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- Climate Risk: India ranks 6th on the Germanwatch Global Climate Risk Index 2025.
- Kotak Mahindra: Celebrated 30th anniversary of listing on NSE.
- Nagami Mithun: Recognized as a breed by ICAR; belongs to Nagaland.
- Banking Pact: Bank of Baroda signed a pact with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL).
- RBI Training: Bayes Business School (London) hosting cohort for RBI and other central banks.
- Autobiography: "GUTS" by Prof C Palanivelu.
- Book: "Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor..." co-authored by Major General Bipin Bakshi.

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2. Amounts & Agreements

1. BCCI Signs Sponsorship Deal Worth ₹270 Crore with Google's Gemini for IPL 2026
2. Public Sector Banks Sanction ₹52,300 Crore to MSMEs Under Digital Credit Model
MSME Classifications (based on Investment and Turnover) mentioned in the context:
 - Micro: Investment < ₹1 Crore; Turnover < ₹5 Crore.
 - Small: Investment < ₹10 Crore; Turnover < ₹50 Crore.
 - Medium: Investment < ₹50 Crore; Turnover < ₹250 Crore
3. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposal by Emirates NBD Bank to acquire a majority stake in RBL Bank



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3. Appointments & Resignations

1. Senior Indian diplomat DB Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the UN Secretary General (United Nations Secretary-General) to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (He will serve for the 2026-27 term)
2. Praveen Vashishth has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner
3. Kaizad Bharucha has been appointed as the Whole-Time Director of HDFC Bank
The bank's tagline is "We Understand Your World"
Current CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan
4. Saina Nehwal has formally announced her retirement from competitive badminton
5. Ajay Kumar Bhalla is currently serving as the Governor of Nagaland
Chief Minister of Nagaland: Neiphiu Rio

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4. Arts & Cultural Affairs

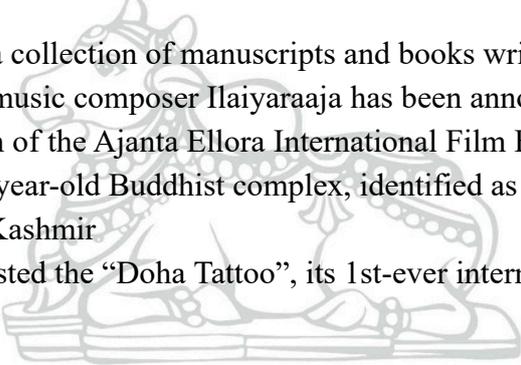
1. President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated 'Granth Kutir' (House of Books) at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi

It features a collection of manuscripts and books written in 11 classical languages

2. Veteran music composer Ilaiyaraaja has been announced as the recipient of the Padmapani Award at the 11th edition of the Ajanta Ellora International Film Festival

3. A 2,000-year-old Buddhist complex, identified as the Zehanpora stupa site, was discovered in Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir

4. Qatar hosted the "Doha Tattoo", its 1st-ever international military music and marching festival


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5. Awards & Prizes

1. President Approves 131 Padma Awards for 2026

- The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours of India, announced annually on the eve of Republic Day.
- The awards are conferred in three categories: Padma Vibhushan (for exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of high order), and Padma Shri (distinguished service in any field).
 - Padma Vibhushan: 5 awards.
 - Padma Bhushan: 13 awards.
 - Padma Shri: 113 awards

Demographics of Awardees:

- Women: 19 awardees.
- Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI: 6 awardees.
- Posthumous: 16 awardees

2. President Approves Gallantry Awards to 70 Armed Forces Personnel for 2026

- These were approved by President Droupadi Murmu on the eve of the 77th Republic Day
- Key Recipient:

- Ashok Chakra: Conferred on Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
- Kirti Chakra: Awarded to Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair

3. C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics) Conferred with "SKOCH Award-2025"

4. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) Received 2 'Bhavishya Nidhi Awards 2025' in the following categories:

1. Best Achievement in Capacity Building.
2. Special Initiative - Reimagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RGDE).

- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS) serves as the apex training and capacity-building institution of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

• EPFO Details:

- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- CEO: Ramesh Krishnamurthi.
- Established: 1952

5. Karnataka Bank Wins "Best Fintech and DPI Adoption" Award

Karnataka Bank Details:

- Headquarters: Mangalore, Karnataka.
- MD & CEO: Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat.
- Founded: 1924

6. Ilaiyaraaja to Receive Padmapani Award

6. Banking & Finance

1. The RBI has directed banks to implement an auto-escalation mechanism for unresolved complaints. If a bank's internal grievance redressal mechanism fails to resolve a complaint within a specified period, it must be automatically escalated to the Internal Ombudsman
2. The RBI announced a purchase of ₹1.5 lakh crore of bonds in January 2026 and another ₹1 lakh crore in February-March 2026
3. The Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme has a tenure of 8 years with an exit option after 5 years. The government discontinued fresh SGB issues after October 2023 due to high servicing costs.
4. Canara Bank has partnered with NPCI BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL) to integrate the latest UPI payment launches within its banking app
5. The World Bank has predicted a GDP growth rate of 7.2% for India for the fiscal year FY26
6. The RBI notified the "Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026".
 - These regulations will come into effect from October 1, 2026.
7. Department of Financial Services (DFS), under the Ministry of Finance, launched the Composite Salary Account Package for Central Government employees (Groups A, B, C)
8. The RBI's College of Supervisors (CoS) launched "Spring 2.0" for Supervisors in London
9. The RBI issued guidelines for the Revised Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, which will officially come into effect on July 1, 2026.
 - The scheme integrates complaints for Banks, NBFCs, and Digital Payments
10. To prevent money laundering, the RBI has prohibited advance remittance for the import of Gold and Silver
11. India is transitioning to a new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series with the new base year designated as 2024
12. SBI Life Insurance launched 'Smart Platina Advantage'
 - It is an individual, non-linked, non-participating life insurance savings plan offering long-term guaranteed benefits with life cover
13. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) launched a Credit Assessment Model (CAM) based on digital footprints for MSMEs in 2025
14. The RBI has proposed linking the Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) of BRICS nations
15. CareEdge Ratings projected India's real GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year at 7.0%
16. Bank of Baroda signed a pact with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to facilitate financing for infrastructure projects
17. The Union Cabinet approved a ₹5,000 Crore equity infusion into SIDBI
18. The Central Government approved wage and pension revisions for Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PS-GICs), NABARD, and RBI.
 - NPS Contribution increased from 10% to 14%.
 - Family Pension uniform rate increased to 30%.
 - The revision is effective from August 2026

19. PFRDA constituted the Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance (SAARG) committee.

- The committee is chaired by Narayan Ramachandran (former Morgan Stanley India CEO)

The committee will review and modernize NPS investment guidelines to benchmark them against global pension systems.

20. Pine Labs Partners with Wio Bank (UAE)

21. The World Bank approved a \$100 Million (approx ₹600 Crore) loan for Punjab to treat sewage water for irrigation

22. The RBI has proposed to resume issuing new licenses for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) after a 20-year freeze.

- New Criteria:

- Minimum Capital: ₹300 Crore.
- Track Record: Clean record for the last 5 years and operational for 10 years.
- Financial Health: CRAR of at least 12%

23. Economic Survey 2025-26 Projects 6.8-7.2% GDP Growth

24. Chief Economic Adviser V.A. Anantha Nageswaran.

25. Punjab & Sind Bank received RBI approval to open a unit in GIFT City

26. US President Donald Trump launched the "Trump Account", giving every child born in the US (Jan 2025-Dec 2028) \$1,000 invested in the stock market

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7. Defence Affairs

1. 17th Edition of Trilateral Coast Guard Exercise “DOSTI” Commences in Maldives between India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives

- The 17th edition of the trilateral coast guard exercise “DOSTI” commenced on January 17, 2026.
- The exercise is being held in Male, Maldives.
- Participating Indian ships include the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Atulya and ICGS Vajra.

2. NATO Conducts Annual Nuclear Deterrence Exercise “Steadfast Noon 2025”

- NATO conducted its annual nuclear deterrence exercise named “Steadfast Noon 2025”.
- The exercise took place in the Netherlands.

3. Announcement of Gallantry Awards: Ashok Chakra and Kirti Chakra Recipients

- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been awarded the Ashok Chakra for his performance in the Axiom-4 mission.
- Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair has been awarded the Kirti Chakra.

4. Qatar Hosts First-Ever International Military Music Festival “Doha Tatoo”

5. MSME Defense Conclave Organized in Jharkhand

6. Release of Book “Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India’s New Normal”

- A new book titled “Red Lines Redrawn: Operation Sindoor and India’s New Normal” has been released.
- The book is Authored by Major General (Dr) Bipin Bakshi, Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar, Ambassador Anil Trigunayat, and Brigadier Akhelesh Bhargava



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8. International Affairs

1. Launch of Federal "Trump Account" Investment Program for Children in the United States

- US President Donald Trump launched the "Trump Account" program.
- Under this scheme, every child born in the US between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2028, will receive \$1,000.
- This monetary amount will be invested in the stock market.

2. Commencement of 17th Trilateral Coast Guard Exercise "DOSTI" between India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives

- The 17th edition of the trilateral coast guard exercise named "DOSTI" commenced on January 17, 2026.
- The exercise is being held in Male, Maldives.
- Participating assets from the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) include the ships ICGS Atulya and ICGS Vajra.

3. Nomination of D.B. Venkatesh Varma as Chair of UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

- D.B. Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the UN Secretary-General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.
- He will hold this position for the 2026-27 term.

This appointment marks the first time an Indian will hold this prestigious position.



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9. Meetings & Summits

1. 56th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Held in Davos, Switzerland
 - The meeting was held in Davos, Switzerland.
 - The official theme for the summit was “A Spirit of Dialogue”.
2. Wings India 2026: Asia's Largest Civil Aviation Event Organized in Hyderabad
 - The event is organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
 - The selected venue for the event is Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. 9th Edition of International Spice Conference Scheduled for Kochi
 - The 9th edition of the conference is scheduled to be held in February 2026.
 - The host city for this edition is Kochi, Kerala.
 - The theme for the conference is “Spice 360 - Getting Future Ready”.
4. The Phenome National Conclave on Longitudinal Cohort Studies, titled Cohort Connect 2025, was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

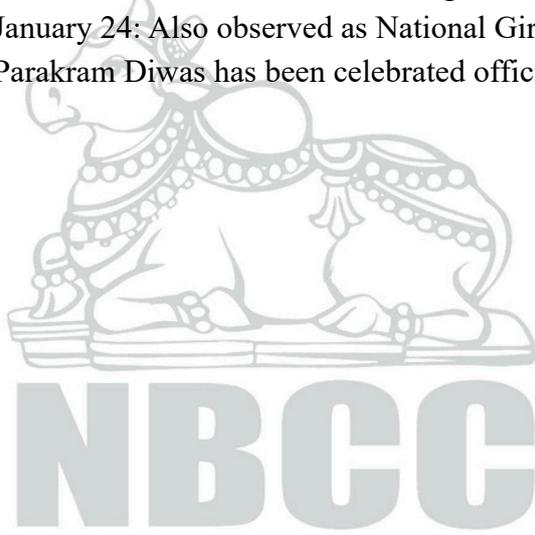
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10. Miscellaneous

1. Official Registration of 'Nagami Mithun' as a Distinct Breed by ICAR
 - The Nagami Mithun is a bovine species primarily found in Nagaland and other parts of North East India. These animals are traditionally significant for their well-built stature and role in cultural ceremonies.
 - The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has officially registered the Nagami Mithun as a recognized breed.
 - The Nagami Mithun belongs specifically to the state of Nagaland.
 - Neiphiu Rio is the current Chief Minister of Nagaland.
 - Ajay Kumar Bhalla is the Governor of Nagaland.
2. Inauguration of 'Granth Kutir' at Rashtrapati Bhavan to Preserve Literary Heritage
 - The initiative aligns with the Gyan Bharatam Mission under the Ministry of Culture, which aims to digitize ancient Indian manuscripts.
 - It also upholds Article 51 F of the Indian Constitution, which outlines the fundamental duty to preserve the nation's cultural heritage.
 - President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated "Granth Kutir" (House of Books) at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
3. The 10th Armed Forces Veterans' Day was observed on January 14
 - The day is observed to mark the retirement of Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa, who was the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Army.
4. Launch of New Secured Aadhaar App by UIDAI
 - UIDAI has launched a new, more secure Aadhaar App.
 - The app introduces a "Show and Share" feature and incorporates face authentication technology.
5. Announcement of 131 Padma Awards and Gallantry Awards for 2026
 - The President of India has approved 131 Padma Awards for the year 2026.
 - Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla was awarded the Ashok Chakra for his performance in the Axiom-4 mission.
 - Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair was awarded the Kirti Chakra.
6. Mark Tully, a veteran journalist, passed away
 - He served as the Chief of Bureau for the BBC, New Delhi for 22 years, playing a significant role in Indian journalism.
7. Identification of 2,000-Year-Old Zehanpora Stupa Site
 - Located in Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir, this site is of immense archaeological and historical importance.
8. Saina Nehwal formally announced her retirement from competitive badminton

9. Observance of Parakram Diwas and Other Key Days

- January 23: Observed as Parakram Diwas (The Day of Valour) to mark the 129th birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose.
- January 24: Observed as International Day of Education (or World Education Day) with the theme "The Power of Youth in Co-creating Education".
- January 24: Also observed as National Girl Child Day.
- Parakram Diwas has been celebrated officially since 2021 to honor the freedom fighter's legacy.



11. MoUs

1. India and the European Union (EU) have been engaged in long-standing negotiations to deepen economic ties. The recent breakthrough marks a significant milestone in their strategic partnership, often referred to by EU officials as the "Mother of All Deals" due to the massive market size of India and the 27 EU nations
the 16th 'India-EU Summit' held in New Delhi
 - Key Highlights: India will reduce tariffs on 96.6% of EU goods, including cars (from 110% to 10% for those over ₹16.5 Lakhs) and wines, while the EU will grant preferential access to over 99% of Indian exports.
2. India and UAE Strategic Partnership to Double Trade India and the UAE have agreed to a roadmap to double their bilateral trade to \$200 billion by 2032.
3. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) Sign MoU on Central Counterparties



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12. National

1. Designation of New Ramsar Sites in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat
 - On January 31, 2026, the government officially designated Patna Bird Sanctuary in Etah, Uttar Pradesh, and Chhari-Dhand in Kutch, Gujarat, as Ramsar sites.
 - These additions bring India's total number of 'Wetlands of International Importance' to 98.
 - World Wetlands Day is observed annually on February 2.
2. Launch of Matabari Tourism Circuit in Tripura
 - Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia, laid the foundation stone for the Matabari Tourism Circuit.
 - The project cost is exactly Rs 450 crore.
 - The circuit is located at Narkel Kunja, Dumbur Lake, Tripura.
3. Record Growth in India's Fish Production
 - India's fish production reached 197.75 lakh tonnes (19.775 million tonnes) in FY25 (2024-25).
4. Release of India's First "Tailings Policy" for Critical Minerals
 - The Ministry of Mines announced the nation's first "Tailings Policy".
 - The policy establishes a framework to recover critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, rare earth elements, germanium, indium, selenium, tellurium, and molybdenum from mining waste.
5. Launch of "ECINET" by Election Commission of India
 - The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched "ECINET".
 - It serves as a one-stop digital platform for all election-related information and management.
6. Recognition of Nagami Mithun as a Registered Breed
 - The Mithun is a bovine species of significant cultural and economic value in North East India.
 - The Nagami Mithun, found in Nagaland and North East India, has been officially registered as a breed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
 - Nagaland Chief Minister is Neiphiu Rio.
7. Inauguration of "Granth Kutir" at Rashtrapati Bhavan
 - President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated "Granth Kutir" (House of Books) at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
8. Development Projects Inaugurated in Tripura
 - Central ministries are mandated to allocate 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) to North Eastern states.
 - Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Tripura CM Manik Saha inaugurated development projects worth ₹365 Crore.
9. Assam Government Launches Schemes for Students and Scholars
 - Divyang research scholars in the state will receive financial support of Rs 40,000 per month.
 - The state launched the 'Jibonsathi Prerna Scheme' for 2025 graduates.
 - The 'Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Babu Aasoni' was announced for male undergraduate and postgraduate students.
 - Assam Governor is Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

10. India's First Drone City and Space City

- Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, is set to become India's first Drone City and a Space City.

11. Inaugural Route of Vande Bharat Sleeper Train

- The inaugural route for the Vande Bharat Sleeper train has been announced as Howrah to Kamakhya.
- The train is manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF).

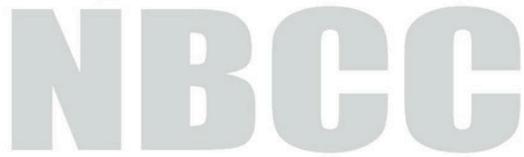
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- NPS Contribution: Increased from 10% to 14%.
- Family Pension: Uniform rate increased to 30%.

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13. Persons in News

1. DB Venkatesh Varma has been nominated by the UN Secretary-General to chair the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
2. Appointment of Praveen Vashishth as Vigilance Commissioner
3. Demise of Veteran Journalist and Former BBC Bureau Chief Mark Tully
4. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla Conferred with Ashok Chakra for Axiom-4 Mission
 - In a related defence award, Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair was awarded the Kirti Chakra.

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14. Ranks and Reports

1. Union Finance Minister Tables Economic Survey 2025-26 in Parliament
 - The document is authored by the Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs under the guidance of Chief Economic Adviser V.A. Anantha Nageswaran.
 - GDP Projection: The survey projects India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to be in the range of 6.8% to 7.2%.
2. Germanwatch Releases Global Climate Risk Index 2025: India Ranks 6th
 - India has been ranked 6th among the most climate-vulnerable countries globally in the Global Climate Risk Index 2025.
3. RBI Releases Report on "State Finances: A Study of Budget of 2025-26"
 - The central theme of the 2025-26 report is "Demographic Transition in India: Implications for State Finances".
4. Major Financial Institutions Update GDP Growth Forecasts for India
 - World Bank: Predicted a growth rate of 7.2% for India for FY26. (Global GDP growth forecast stands at 2.4%).
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF): Projected India's GDP growth at 7.3% for FY26.
 - Moody's: Predicted a growth rate of 7.3% for FY26.
 - CareEdge Ratings: Projected India's real GDP growth for the 2026-27 fiscal year at 7.0%.

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15. Schemes & Initiatives

1. Launch of "Composite Salary Account Package" for Central Government Employees
 - The Department of Financial Services (DFS), under the Ministry of Finance, launched the Composite Salary Account Package on January 14, 2026.
 - The package is designed specifically for Central Government employees belonging to Groups A, B, and C.
 - It has been launched in partnership with Public Sector Banks (PSBs).
 - Personal Accident Insurance: The package offers coverage up to ₹1.5 Crore.
 - Air Accident Cover: It includes insurance coverage up to ₹2 Crore.

2. Announcement of "Atal Vichal Agramami Assam Scheme" for Research Scholars
 - Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Chief Minister of Assam, announced the "Atal Vichal Agramami Assam Scheme".
 - The formal launch of the scheme is scheduled for February 11, 2026.
 - Financial Assistance Details:
 - Research Scholars: The state government will provide monthly financial assistance of ₹25,000.
 - Divyang (Differently-abled) Research Scholars: They will receive enhanced support of ₹40,000 per month.
 - Assam State Leadership:
 - Capital: Dispur
 - Governor: Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

4. Implementation of "Revised Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2026" and Internal Ombudsman Escalation
 - New Guidelines: The RBI issued updated guidelines for the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, which will officially come into effect on July 1, 2026.
 - Scope: The revised scheme integrates complaint resolution for Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), and Digital Payments under a single framework.
 - Internal Ombudsman Mandate: The RBI has directed banks to implement an auto-escalation system. If a bank's internal grievance redressal mechanism fails to resolve a complaint, it must be automatically escalated to the Internal Ombudsman.

5. Update on "Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme"
 - The Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme was a government initiative allowing investors to invest in gold without holding physical metal.
 - The scheme offered a tenure of 8 years with an exit option available after 5 years.
 - Discontinuation: The government has discontinued fresh issues of SGBs after October 2023.
 - Reason: The decision was taken due to high servicing costs associated with the scheme.

16. Science & Technology

1. Government Targets Indigenous Manufacturing of 3-Nanometre High-Tech Chips by 2032
2. Google Partners with Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU) and Pledges ₹85 Crore to Wadhvani AI



17. Sports

1. Former Indian Cricket Captain MS Dhoni has been officially appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Bajaj Pune Grand 2026
2. Cricketer Aman Mukhade Equals World Record for Fastest 1,000 List A Runs
 - Cricketer Aman Mukhade has achieved a historic milestone by equaling the world record previously held solely by Graeme Pollock.
 - He has become the fastest player to score 1,000 List A runs.
3. Saina Nehwal has formally announced her retirement from competitive badminton
4. Former Indian Football Player Ilyas Pasha has passed away
5. Demise of Former Indian Hockey Coach Michael Nobbs
 - Michael Nobbs hailed from Australia.
6. Demise of Former Indian Shooting Team Coach Dhiren Bhatia
 - Dhiren Bhatia, the former Coach of the Indian Shooting Team, has passed away.



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18. Static News

1. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) :
 - The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is the apex body for coordinating, guiding, and managing research and education in agriculture.
 - Headquarters: New Delhi.
 - Director General (DG): Mangi Lal Jat.
 - Establishment Year: 1929.
2. National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) :
 - The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is a statutory body under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
 - Headquarters: Anand, Gujarat.
 - Chairman: Meenesh Shah.
 - Establishment Year: 1965.
3. 10th Armed Forces Veterans' Day is observed on January 14
 - The day marks the retirement of Field Marshal K. M. Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Army.
4. Zehanpora Stupa Site (Jammu & Kashmir)
 - Site: Zehanpora stupa site.
 - Description: A 2,000-year-old Buddhist complex.
 - Location: Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir.
5. Matsya Mela (Lakshadweep)
 - Event: Matsya Mela.
 - Location: Kavaratti, Lakshadweep.
6. International Spice Conference
 - Edition: 9th edition.
 - Date: Scheduled for Feb'26.
 - Location: Kochi, Kerala.
 - Theme: "Spice 360 - Getting Future Ready".
7. Nagami Mithun: Recognition as a Breed
 - The Mithun is a bovine species found in North East India, often referred to as the "cattle of the mountain".
 - Breed Name: Nagami Mithun.
 - Status: Officially registered as a breed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
 - Location: Found in Nagaland and North East India.
8. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) :
 - Headquarters: New Delhi.
 - Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Ramesh Krishnamurthi.
 - Establishment Year: 1952.
 - Apex Training Institution: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS).

9. National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) :

- Constitution: Under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Formation Date: June 2016.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Chairperson: Justice Ashok Bhushan.

10. Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) :

- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- President: Praveen Singh Pardeshi.
- Director: Kishore Rithe.
- Works on nature conservation, including projects like the Indian Skimmer conservation.

11. World Bank :

- Headquarters: Washington D.C., US.
- President: Ajay Banga.
- MD/CFO: Anshula Kant.
- Member Countries: 189.

12. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) :

- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Governor: Sanjay Malhotra (26th).
- Establishment Date: 1st April, 1935.

13. Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) :

- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Chairperson: Sivasubramanian Ramann.
- Founded In: 2003.

14. 16th National Voters' Day is observed on January 25

- Edition: 16th National Voters' Day.
- Theme: "My India, My Vote".

15. Obituary: Mark Tully (veteran journalist)

- Designation: Former Chief of Bureau for the BBC, New Delhi.

16. Autobiography: "GUTS"

- Title: "GUTS".
- Author: Prof C Palanivelu.

17. New Species Discovery: "Gegeneophis Valmiki"

- Species Name: "Gegeneophis Valmiki".
- Type: A new species of rare, subterranean, worm-like amphibian.
- Location: Discovered in the northern Western Ghats.

18. Kala Dhwani Festival

- Event: Kala Dhwani.
- Type: A folk & tribal art festival.
- Location: Bengaluru, Karnataka.

19. Granth Kutir at Rashtrapati Bhavan

- Inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu.
 - Name: "Granth Kutir" (House of Books).
 - Location: Rashtrapati Bhavan.
 - Content: Features manuscripts and books in 11 classical languages.

20. Constitutional Duty: Article 51 F
 - Outlines the fundamental duty of citizens to preserve the cultural heritage of India.
21. India's First Drone City & Space City
 - Location: Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
22. Goa Banking :
 - Fact: Goa is the only state with no Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).
23. Budgetary Allocation Rule for North Eastern States
 - Rule: It is mandatory for central ministries to allocate 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) to North Eastern states.
24. Andhra Pradesh Static GK: National Parks
 - Key national parks in Andhra Pradesh.
 - Mnemonic: "Sri Raj Papa Lives in Andhra Pradesh".
 - Refers to: Sri Venkateswara National Park, Rajiv Gandhi National Park, and Papikonda National Park.
25. Arunachal Pradesh Static GK: Statehood & Borders
 - Geographical and political facts about Arunachal Pradesh.
 - Statehood Day: February 20.
 - International Borders: Bhutan, China, Myanmar.
 - Key Passes: Diphu Pass (India-China-Myanmar tri-junction), Pangsau Pass (Myanmar).
26. Arunachal Pradesh Static GK: Dams & Reserves
 - Dams: Subansiri Lower Dam.
 - Tiger Reserves: Namdapha, Pakke, Kamlang.
27. Chhattisgarh Static GK: Formation & Capital
 - Formation: 1st November 2000 (Separated from Madhya Pradesh).
 - Capital: Raipur.
28. Chhattisgarh Static GK: National Parks (Mnemonic)
 - Mnemonic: "I Know (sounds like Can) Good".
 - Parks:
 - I = Indravati National Park.
 - Know (Can) = Kanger Valley National Park.
 - Good = Guru Ghasidas National Park.
 - (iii) Significance / Impact: Essential for static GK sections in exams.
 - (iv) Any Important Information:
29. Chhattisgarh Static GK: Temples & GI Tags
 - GI Tags: Bastar Iron Craft, Bastar Dhokra, Champa Silk, Nagri Dubraj Rice.
 - Temples: Boramdeo Temple (known as the Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh), Maa Bamleshwari, Danteshwari Temple (a Shakti Peeth).
30. Chhattisgarh Static GK: State Symbols
 - Animal: Wild Water Buffalo.
 - Bird: Hill Myna.
 - Tree: Sal.
31. Haryana Static GK: Formation & Ramsar Sites
 - Formation: Separated from Punjab on a linguistic basis.
 - Ramsar Sites: Sultanpur National Park, Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary.

32. Haryana Static GK: National Parks & Power Plants
- National Parks: Sultanpur, Kalesar (known for Red Jungle Fowl).
 - Nuclear Power: Gorakhpur Nuclear Power Plant (Fatehabad district).
33. Jharkhand Static GK: Formation & Leadership
- Formation: Separated from Bihar.
 - Capital: Ranchi.
 - Chief Minister: Hemant Soren.
 - Governor: Santosh Kumar Gangwar.
34. Jharkhand Static GK: Languages
- Official Language: Hindi.
 - Tribal Languages: Santhali, Mundari, Ho.
35. Jharkhand Static GK: Betla National Park
- Park: Betla National Park.
 - Location: Latehar.
 - Mnemonic: "Bet" means bamboo/cane found in Jharkhand.
36. Jharkhand Static GK: Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary
- Sanctuary: Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - Famous For: Wild Indian Elephants.

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19. Question and Answers

1. What is the target value for bilateral trade that India and the UAE have agreed to reach by 2032? Ans: \$200 Billion.
2. What is the value of the foreign loans Vietnam intends to acquire in 2026 for infrastructure projects? Ans: \$5.5 Billion.
3. 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.
4. Who has been appointed as the new Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)? Ans: Praveen Vashista.
5. Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen following the acceptance of the previous government's resignation? Ans: Shaya Mohsen Zindani.
6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO-Designate of Tata Communications? Ans: Ganesh Lakshminarayanan.
7. Who has been appointed as the first "Head of Athlete Welfare and Sustainability" by the International Skating Union (ISU)? Ans: Ruth Trevelyan.
8. What is the name of the dedicated library and archive inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan? Ans: Granth Kutir.
9. Which Manipuri feature film has been nominated for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) awards? Ans: Boong.
10. Who will be honored with the Padmapani Award at the 11th Ajanta Ellora International Film Festival? Ans: Ilaiyaraaja.
11. Who has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026 in the Individual category? Ans: Lt. Col. Sita Ashok Shelke.
12. How many Padma Awards were approved by the President of India for the year 2026? Ans: 131.
13. Which Indian astronaut was awarded the Ashok Chakra for his performance in the Axiom-4 mission? Ans: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla.
14. Which bank received the "Best Fintech and DPI Adoption" award from the Indian Banks' Association? Ans: Karnataka Bank.
15. Who was honored with the Gandhi Mandela Award 2025 for her work in human rights? Ans: Graça Machel.
16. What is India's projected real GDP growth rate for FY26 according to the SBI Capital Markets "Ecocapsule" report? Ans: 7.4%.
17. What is the Global GDP growth forecast projected by the World Bank? Ans: 2.4%.
18. Which organization has been recognized by the RBI as a Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO)? Ans: FEDAI (Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India).
19. What is the new base year designated for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) series in India? Ans: 2024.
20. Which department launched the Composite Salary Account Package for Central Government employees? Ans: Department of Financial Services (DFS).
21. What is the premature redemption price fixed by the RBI for the Sovereign Gold Bond 2019-20 Series II? Ans: ₹1492 per unit.
22. What rating has Moody's reaffirmed for Adani Ports and SEZ while upgrading the outlook to stable? Ans: Baa3.

23. What is the effective date for the RBI's new guidelines for the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme? Ans: July 1, 2026.
24. What specific import has the RBI prohibited advance remittance for to prevent money laundering? Ans: Gold and Silver.
25. What is the projected GDP growth for India in FY26 according to the IMF? Ans: 7.3%.
26. Which insurance company launched the 'Smart Platina Advantage' savings plan? Ans: SBI Life Insurance.
27. What is the minimum capital requirement proposed by the RBI for Credit Cooperative Societies to convert into Urban Cooperative Banks? Ans: ₹300 Crore.
28. Which organization released the "Economic Survey 2025-26" in Parliament? Ans: Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs.
29. What is the real GDP growth projection range for India in the Economic Survey 2025-26? Ans: 6.8% to 7.2%.
30. What was the value of India's Foreign Exchange Reserves as of January 16, 2026? Ans: \$701 billion.
31. What is the government's fiscal deficit target as a percentage of GDP for FY26? Ans: 4.4%.
32. Which bank has partnered with the UAE-based Wio Bank to build an acquiring infrastructure? Ans: Pine Labs.
33. How many branches are European Union banks allowed to open in India under the new Free Trade Agreement? Ans: 15 branches over 4 years.
34. Which bank signed a pact with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to facilitate infrastructure financing? Ans: Bank of Baroda.
35. What is the maximum processing time for a bank to reply before a customer can complain to the Banking Ombudsman? Ans: 30 days.
36. Which company secured a ₹270 crore sponsorship deal with the BCCI for the IPL? Ans: Google's Gemini.
37. For which entities did the Center approve a wage and pension revision aimed at addressing salary stagnation? Ans: Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PS-GICs), NABARD, and RBI.
38. Which sector's decarbonization roadmap was NOT one of the three reports released by NITI Aayog? Ans: Textiles (The reports covered Cement, Aluminium, and Steel).
39. Which bank was approved by the RBI to open a branch in GIFT City in January 2026? Ans: Punjab & Sind Bank.
40. What did the RBI put on hold regarding bank disclosures in January 2026? Ans: Draft norms on Climate Risk.
41. Which entity's "Red" status was upheld by the NCLAT in insolvency proceedings? Ans: IL&FS.
42. What was the total value of investment MoUs signed by Maharashtra at the World Economic Forum? Ans: ₹3.53 Lakh Crore (or \$173 Billion approx.).
43. Which portal serves as the primary gateway for sourcing MSME loans under the new credit assessment model? Ans: JanSamarth Portal.
44. According to the "State of Finance for Nature 2026" report, what is the ratio of finance for nature-negative activities to nature-positive ones? Ans: 30:1.
45. What is the extreme poverty rate in India for 2022-23 as per the Economic Survey? Ans: 5.3%.
46. Who released the "Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework" for the Armed Forces? Ans: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan.

47. Which US-based company has the Indian Army tied up with to procure "V-BAT" autonomous drones?
Ans: Shield AI.
48. Which countries participated in the 17th edition of the trilateral coast guard exercise "DOSTI"? Ans:
India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives.
49. Which Indian Navy vessel was flagged off for the 5th edition of the Sagar Maitri mission? Ans: INS
Sagardhwani.
50. Which company received a contract from the Indian Navy to construct Bottom Opening Non-Propelled
Barges? Ans: Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd.
51. Which country has been appointed as the partner country for "Gulfood 2026" for the first time? Ans:
India.
52. Which country formally withdrew from the World Health Organization (WHO) due to dissatisfaction
with pandemic handling? Ans: USA.
53. Which country became the first to enact a comprehensive "AI Basic Act" to regulate AI safety? Ans:
South Korea.
54. A bill named "Greenland Annexation and Statehood Act" was introduced in the legislature of which
country? Ans: United States.
55. Where will India host the first "Global AI Impact Summit" in February 2026? Ans: Bharat Mandapam,
New Delhi.
56. Which city is the venue for the "Wings India 2026" civil aviation event? Ans: Hyderabad (Begumpet
Airport),.
57. Where was the "Phenome National Conclave on Longitudinal Cohort Studies" held? Ans:
Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
58. Which edition of the India-EU Summit saw the announcement of the conclusion of FTA negotiations?
Ans: 16th.
59. Which AI company was selected by Apple to provide the underlying model for its updated series? Ans:
Google (Gemini).
60. Which platform partnered with the Principal Scientific Adviser for the "Inspiring Innovators" program?
Ans: Netflix.
61. When is the first phase of Census 2026 scheduled to take place? Ans: April to September 2026.
62. What is the primary theme for India's 77th Republic Day in 2026? Ans: Vande Mataram.
63. Who were the Chief Guests for India's Republic Day 2026? Ans: The President of the European
Council and the President of the European Commission,.
64. What is the name of the program launched by Donald Trump that provides investment accounts for
children? Ans: Trump Account.
65. On which date is International Data Privacy Day observed? Ans: January 28.
66. Which day is observed as Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Divas) in India? Ans: January 30.
67. When is Parakram Diwas observed to mark Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary? Ans: January
68. Which day is celebrated as the International Day of Education? Ans: January 24.
69. With which entity did the Telangana government sign an agreement to bolster its AI and semiconductor
sector? Ans: Blaze.
70. India officially announced the conclusion of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with which
bloc? Ans: European Union (EU).
71. Where is India constructing its second Biosafety Level-4 (BSL-4) containment lab? Ans: Gandhinagar.

72. Which bovine breed from Nagaland was officially registered by the ICAR? Ans: Nagami Mithun.
73. With which initiative did the Madhya Pradesh government sign an agreement to translate digital governance services? Ans: Digital India Bhashini Division.
74. Who is the current Governor of Nagaland? Ans: Ajay Kumar Bhalla.
75. Which state launched the "Atal Vichal Agragami Assam Scheme" for research scholars? Ans: Assam.
76. Which city in Uttar Pradesh became the first to achieve 100% scientific processing of its waste? Ans: Lucknow.
77. The Ministry of Textiles increased the Central Silk Board's financial approval limit to what amount? Ans: ₹1 Crore.
78. Which two sites were designated as Ramsar sites by India on January 31, 2026? Ans: Patna Bird Sanctuary (UP) and Chhari-Dhand (Gujarat).
79. What is the total number of Ramsar sites in India as of January 2026? Ans: 98.
80. Which state launched the "Raj-UNNATI" digital governance platform? Ans: Rajasthan.
81. The "Mukhya Mantrir Eti Koli Duti Paat Scheme" was launched by the Chief Minister of which state? Ans: Assam.
82. What is the duration of NITI Aayog's "Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0" campaign? Ans: 3 months (January 26 to April 14).
83. What new feature did UIDAI introduce in the new Aadhaar App for easier verification? Ans: Show and Share.
84. India's first "Tailings Policy" regarding critical minerals was announced by which ministry? Ans: Ministry of Mines.
85. What was the amount of the record penalty imposed by DGCA on IndiGo Airlines? Ans: ₹22.20 crore.
86. What is the target for rural road construction under PMGSY-IV for the period 2024-2029? Ans: 62,500 km.
87. Which state approved a social security scheme for women working in religious institutions? Ans: Kerala.
88. The upgrade of the Leh Airbase was inaugurated to facilitate which type of movement? Ans: Civil aviation (civilian aircraft movement).
89. Which state government signed an MoU with FICCI-FLO to establish a women entrepreneurs' industrial park? Ans: Andhra Pradesh.
90. What type of robot named 'ASC Arjun' did Indian Railways deploy at Visakhapatnam station? Ans: Humanoid robot.
91. Who was designated as the first lifetime ambassador by German firearm manufacturer Carl Walther? Ans: Gagan Narang.
92. Which former Indian cricket captain was appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for the Bajaj Pune Grand Tour 2026? Ans: MS Dhoni.
93. Which veteran BBC journalist passed away in January 2026? Ans: Mark Tully.
94. Which Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra passed away in a plane crash? Ans: Ajit Pawar.
95. NITI Aayog released decarbonization roadmaps for which three industrial sectors? Ans: Cement, Aluminium, and Steel.
96. According to the "State of Finance for Nature 2026" report, what is the ratio of finance for nature-negative to nature-positive activities? Ans: 30:1.
97. Which division authored the "Economic Survey 2025-26"? Ans: Economic Division of the Department of Economic Affairs.

98. What is India's rank in the Global Climate Risk Index mentioned in the context of paused RBI norms?
Ans: 6th.
99. How many pillars is the NITI Aayog Export Preparedness Index based on? Ans: 4 pillars.
100. According to the WEF Global Risk Perception Survey, what has replaced armed conflict as a top risk?
Ans: Economic confrontation between nations.
101. How many accounts have been opened under the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana as of December 2025?
Ans: Over 4.53 crore.
102. Which reports regarding the circular economy were unveiled by NITI Aayog? Ans: Reports on End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Waste Tyres, and E-waste/Lithium-Ion Batteries.
103. The Delhi government launched the "Viksit Delhi Credit Loan Scheme" in collaboration with which trust? Ans: Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).
104. Which authority issued the "NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025"? Ans: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
105. The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Atal Pension Yojana until which financial year?
Ans: 2030-31.
106. What is the coverage cap per victim under the "Cashless Treatment for Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025"? Ans: ₹1.5 lakh.
107. How many companies were selected under the fourth round of the PLI Scheme for White Goods? Ans: Five.
108. By which year does the Indian government aim to achieve the capability to manufacture 3-nanometre chips? Ans: 2032.
109. What is the primary function of the 'ASC Arjun' robot deployed by Indian Railways? Ans: Passenger safety and answering queries (AI-based crowd monitoring).
110. What is the name of India's first international multi-stage professional road cycling race? Ans: Bajaj Pune Grand Tour 2026.
111. Which cricketer equaled Graeme Pollock's world record for the fastest 1,000 List A runs? Ans: Aman Mukhade.
112. Which Indian pair won the Mixed Doubles title at the WTT Contender Muscat 2026? Ans: Manush Shah and Diya Chitale.
113. Who became the first batter to score a century in the Women's Premier League (WPL)? Ans: Nat Sciver-Brunt.
114. Which state won the team championship title at the Ladakh phase of "Khelo India Winter Games 2026"? Ans: Haryana.
115. Who has been appointed as the new all-format captain for the Australian Women's Cricket Team? Ans: Sophie Molineux.
116. Which city will host the 2026 Asian Games? Ans: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
117. Which former Indian hockey player, a 1980 Olympic gold medalist, passed away recently? Ans: Davinder Singh Garcha.
118. Which former Indian Hockey Coach passed away at the age of 72? Ans: Michael Nobbs.
119. Which former Indian football player who captained East Bengal passed away? Ans: Ilyas Pasha.
120. In which year was the Census Act enacted? Ans: 1948.
121. In which year was the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) established? Ans: 1992.
122. In which year was the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) established? Ans: 1952.

123. In which year was the United Nations (UN) established? Ans: 1945.
124. Who is the current Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog? Ans: BVR Subrahmanyam.
125. Where is the headquarters of NITI Aayog located? Ans: New Delhi.
126. Where is the headquarters of Karnataka Bank located? Ans: Mangalore, Karnataka.
127. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) located? Ans: New Delhi.
128. Where is the headquarters of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) located? Ans: Anand, Gujarat.
129. Where is the headquarters of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) located? Ans: New Delhi.
130. Where is the headquarters of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) located? Ans: Lucknow.
131. Where is the headquarters of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) located? Ans: New Delhi.
132. Where is the headquarters of the World Bank located? Ans: Washington D.C., US.
133. Where is the headquarters of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) located? Ans: Kuwait City, Kuwait.
134. Who is the current Chief Minister of Sikkim? Ans: Prem Singh Tamang.
135. Who is the current Chief Minister of Assam? Ans: Himanta Biswa Sarma.
136. Which is the only state in India that has no Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)? Ans: Goa.
137. Which animal is the State Animal of Gujarat? Ans: Asiatic Lion.
138. Where is the Statue of Unity located? Ans: Kevadia, Gujarat.
139. Haryana was carved out of which state on a linguistic basis? Ans: Punjab.
140. Which city is known as the "City of Weavers"? Ans: Panipat.
141. What does Article 51 F of the Indian Constitution relate to? Ans: Fundamental duty to preserve cultural heritage.
142. In which year was the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) established? Ans: 1964.
143. Who is the current Governor of Nagaland? Ans: Ajay Kumar Bhalla.
144. Approximately how many Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are there in India? Ans: 276 to 280.
145. Whose birth anniversary is celebrated as Parakram Diwas? Ans: Subhash Chandra Bose.
146. On which date is National Voters' Day celebrated? Ans: January 25.
147. On which date is Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Divas) observed? Ans: January 30.
148. Which currency is used in Brazil? Ans: Brazilian Real.
149. Which organization compiles data on power generation capacity in India? Ans: Central Electricity Authority.



అభ్యర్థులకు ఒక వినమ్ర సూచన

అభ్యర్థిಗಳಿಗೆ ఒಂದು వినమ్ర సూచನೆ

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ఇತ್ತొచ్చిన దినಗಳಲ್ಲಿ కిలవు కోటింగ్ సంస్థలు వాస్తవక్రిత హెబ్బాద సంఖ్యలన్నూ తోరిసి, “సావిరారు జనరిగే లుద్యోగ దోరితిదే” ఎందు జాహిరారు నీడి విద్యార్థిగలన్ను తప్పుదారిగేళియుత్తివే.

కోళ్లఫారం వంటి తరగతుల పేరుతో కేవలం న్యూస్ రీడర్లూ సమాధానాలు చదవడం, అసలు కాన్సెప్ట్ బోధన లేకపోవడం కనిపిస్తోంది

కొలిమనే తరదంతిరువ తరగతిగల హెసరినల్లి కేవల న్యూస్ రిడర్లగలంతే లుత్తరగలన్ను ఓదువుదు, సరియాద కల్లనెగల బోధనయిం ఇల్లదిరువుదు కండుబురుత్తిదే.

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

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



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అంతక సంస్థలల్లి శేరిద నంతర అనేక విద్యార్థిగలు రిడింగ్ రూమ్లగల్లి, యూట్యూబ్ విడియోలగల మేలే అవలంబిసి తమ్మ తయారియున్ను తావే ముందువరిస్తుత్తిదూరే.

ఇన్నూ దుఃఖకర సంగతి ఎందరే - నిజవారి ప్రామాణికవారి కిలస మాడువ ఇతర సంస్థలగల్లి “డమ్మీ” ఎందు తక్కుగి ప్రజార మాడువుదు.