

National News & Polity

1. Which platform was launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to provide a comprehensive digital health record for women?

- A) PRAGATI
- B) JANANI
- C) U-WIN 2.0
- D) MATRITVA

Answer: B) JANANI

Explanation: The JANANI platform is an upgraded version of the U-WIN portal. It is designed to maintain digital health records for women during their reproductive age, capturing key maternal and child health (MCH) events through QR-enabled digital cards.

2. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan recently launched the "School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines 2026." What is the primary change in the role of SMCs?

- A) Transforming into fund allocation agencies
- B) Transitioning from monitoring bodies to community governing institutions
- C) Acting as teacher recruitment boards
- D) Managing district-level mid-day meal logistics

Answer: B) Transitioning from monitoring bodies to community governing institutions

Explanation: The 2026 guidelines aim to empower parents and local community members by giving them a direct say in the governance and academic progress of schools, rather than just overseeing physical infrastructure.

3. In May 2026, the 100th "N-Gen Post Office" was inaugurated in which city?

- A) Gangtok
- B) Shillong
- C) Imphal
- D) Kohima

Answer: B) Shillong

Explanation: Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the 100th N-Gen (Next-Generation) Post Office at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong. This post office is unique for being all-women-led and built using indigenous materials like bamboo.

4. The Union Cabinet approved amendments to the "Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971." Which of the following is newly protected?

- A) Singing of Vande Mataram
- B) National Emblem usage on private vehicles
- C) Statue of Unity
- D) Local State Flags

Answer: A) Singing of Vande Mataram

Explanation: The 1971 Act previously provided statutory protection to the National Anthem, National Flag, and the Constitution. The 2026 amendment makes intentional insult or obstruction to the singing of Vande Mataram a punishable offense.

International News

5. Which organization operates the "Methane Alert and Response System (MARS)," which recently issued warnings about leaks in coal mines?

- A) IPCC
- B) UNEP
- C) World Bank
- D) International Energy Agency

Answer: B) UNEP

Explanation: The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) manages MARS to track major methane emissions via satellite. In May 2026, its scope was officially expanded to include high-emission coal mining zones.

6. Which country is the host for the first-ever "International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit" in 2026?

- A) Brazil
- B) South Africa
- C) India
- D) Kenya

Answer: C) India

Explanation: India leads the IBCA, which covers 7 big cats (Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Cheetah, Snow Leopard, Jaguar, and Puma). The 2026 summit focuses on trans-boundary conservation and intelligence sharing.

7. The World Health Organization (WHO) recently updated its technical protocols following outbreaks of which rodent-borne virus in the Atlantic?

- A) Nipah Virus
- B) Hantavirus
- C) Zika Virus
- D) Marburg Virus

Answer: B) Hantavirus

Explanation: Following reports of Hantavirus cases on cruise ships and in coastal regions, the WHO updated its surveillance and emergency response protocols for rodent-borne diseases.

Economics & Banking

8. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the "Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)" for sugarcane for the 2026-27 season. What is the new price per quintal?

- A) ₹340
- B) ₹355
- C) ₹365
- D) ₹380

Answer: C) ₹365

Explanation: The FRP has been increased by approximately 2.81% to ₹365 per quintal for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%, effective from October 1, 2026.

9. The Department of Financial Services (DFS) approved "Viability Plan 2.0" for which category of banks?

- A) Payments Banks
- B) Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
- C) Small Finance Banks
- D) Cooperative Banks

Answer: B) Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)

Explanation: Viability Plan 2.0 (FY26 to FY28) focuses on strengthening the governance, digital transformation, and performance monitoring of RRBs to make them more self-sustaining.

10. India's GDP growth for FY26 has been estimated at what percentage by recent economic reports?

- A) 6.8%
- B) 7.2%
- C) 7.6%
- D) 8.1%

Answer: C) 7.6%

Explanation: Buoyed by strong domestic demand and infrastructure spending, India's FY26 GDP

growth is projected at 7.6%, keeping India as the world's fastest-growing major economy.

11. "Cyber Suraksha AI" was recently formed by SEBI. What is its primary task?

- A) Automating stock trading
- B) Mitigating cybersecurity risks arising from AI-based models in markets
- C) Replacing human financial advisors
- D) Tracking international money laundering

Answer: B) Mitigating cybersecurity risks arising from AI-based models in markets

Explanation: It is a task force comprising representatives from market institutions to assess and mitigate risks that AI itself might pose to the financial ecosystem.

Defense News

12. The 10th India-Australia Defence Policy Talks were held on May 8, 2026, in which city?

- A) Sydney
- B) Canberra
- C) New Delhi
- D) Perth

Answer: C) New Delhi

Explanation: The talks focused on maritime security, defense industry collaboration, and the renewal of the Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation.

13. India's first "Germanium-free" thermal imaging payload for drones was unveiled in May 2026. Which material is used instead of Germanium?

- A) Graphene
- B) Chalcogenide glass
- C) Silicon Carbide
- D) Synthetic Diamond

Answer: B) Chalcogenide glass

Explanation: Germanium is a rare and expensive material. Using Chalcogenide glass makes thermal imaging payloads more affordable and reduces import dependency for the defense sector.

14. "Operation Sindoor," which completed its first year in May 2026, is a counter-terrorism operation conducted in which region?

- A) Manipur

-) Jammu & Kashmir
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Nagaland

Answer: B) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation: The operation focuses on neutralizing infiltration attempts and dismantling terror networks in the border districts of J&K.

Sports News

15. Who was crowned as India's 95th Chess Grandmaster in May 2026?

- A) R. Praggnanandhaa
- B) Aronyak Ghosh
- C) Gukesh D
- D) Vidit Gujrathi

Answer: B) Aronyak Ghosh

Explanation: Aronyak Ghosh crossed the 2500 ELO rating mark to officially become India's 95th Grandmaster, highlighting India's rising depth in chess.

16. Which city will host the 2026 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship?

- A) London
- B) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Melbourne

Answer: C) New Delhi

Explanation: The Delhi government and the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) confirmed that the championship will be held at the Thyagraj Stadium in late 2026.

17. The "Olympic Q-Series" recently added which of the following cities as a host for the LA28 qualifiers?

- A) Paris
- B) Orlando
- C) New Delhi
- D) Beijing

Answer: B) Orlando

Explanation: Orlando joined the global circuit of cities hosting the qualifying events for urban sports like 3x3 Basketball and Breaking for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Appointments & Awards

18. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Prasar Bharati in May 2026?

- A) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- B) Prasoon Joshi
- C) Amitabh Kant
- D) Suman Bery

Answer: B) Prasoon Joshi

Explanation: The noted lyricist and former CBFC chief, Prasoon Joshi, has taken over as the Chairman of India's public broadcaster, Prasar Bharati.

19. Which Indian conservationist was awarded the "Whitley Gold Award" (Green Oscar) in May 2026?

- A) Purnima Devi Barman
- B) Dr. Anish Andheria
- C) Kartick Satyanarayan
- D) Jadav Payeng

Answer: A) Purnima Devi Barman

Explanation: She received the prestigious award for her work in conserving the Greater Adjutant Stork (Hargila) through community-led efforts in Assam.

20. Who was appointed as the CEO of the newly formed "National Deep Tech Authority"?

- A) Nandan Nilekani
- B) Rajesh Gopinathan
- C) Dr. V.K. Saraswat
- D) Ajay Kumar Sood

Answer: C) Dr. V.K. Saraswat

Explanation: NITI Aayog member Dr. V.K. Saraswat was appointed to lead the authority aimed at funding and scaling Indian deep-tech startups in defense and space.

MoUs & Science

21. India and the European Union (EU) launched a EUR 15.2 million initiative for which specific sector?

- A) Hydrogen Fuel cells
- B) Recycling of EV Batteries
- C) 6G Technology
- D) Coastal Erosion monitoring

Answer: B) Recycling of EV Batteries

Explanation: Under the Trade & Technology Council (TTC), this joint initiative focuses on recovering lithium, cobalt, and graphite to create a circular economy for electric vehicles.

22. India signed a space cooperation MoU with which country for "Lunar Surface Resource Utilization" in May 2026?

- A) USA
- B) Japan
- C) Russia
- D) France

Answer: B) Japan

Explanation: Building on the LUPEX mission, ISRO and JAXA signed a new agreement to explore technologies for extracting water and oxygen from the Moon's surface.

23. The "Chennai Urban Atmospheric Observatory," which became fully operational on May 8, is built to monitor nearly 50 parameters for:

- A) Satellite tracking
- B) Severe weather nowcasting and urban flood prediction
- C) Earthquakes
- D) Air quality in schools only

Answer: B) Severe weather nowcasting and urban flood prediction

Explanation: This ₹60 crore facility uses advanced sensors to provide hyper-local weather data to prevent disasters like the Chennai floods.

Books, Authors & Important Days

24. "World Password Day" was celebrated on May 7, 2026. What is the usual timing for this observance?

- A) First Monday of May
- B) First Thursday of May
- C) May 1st annually
- D) Second Friday of May

Answer: B) First Thursday of May

Explanation: World Password Day (May 7 in 2026) is a global initiative to encourage people to update their passwords and use multi-factor authentication (MFA).

25. May 8 is celebrated as "World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day." Whose birth anniversary does this commemorate?

- A) Florence Nightingale
- B) Henry Dunant
- C) Louis Pasteur
- D) Mother Teresa

Answer: B) Henry Dunant

Explanation: Henry Dunant was the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.

26. Who is the author of the recently released book "The Tech-State: How AI is Redefining Sovereignty"?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) Rajiv Chandrasekhar
- C) Nandan Nilekani
- D) Sanjeev Sanyal

Answer: B) Rajiv Chandrasekhar

Explanation: The former minister's book discusses the geopolitical implications of AI and how nations must adapt their laws to maintain digital sovereignty.

Government Schemes & Misc.

27. The "Swasth Bharat Portal," launched in May 2026, primarily serves as:

- A) A medical college application portal
- B) An API-driven unified digital public health architecture
- C) A pharmacy discount site
- D) A rural telemedicine platform only

Answer: B) An API-driven unified digital public health architecture

Explanation: Launched by the Health Ministry, it integrates data from various hospitals and insurance providers to reduce administrative loads and speed up decision-making.

28. The "Gen Bipin Rawat Memorial Young Officers Exchange Programme" is a bilateral exchange between India and:

- A) USA
- B) Australia
- C) France
- D) Israel

Answer: B) Australia

Explanation: This programme fosters military cooperation and people-to-people ties between the young officers of the Indian and Australian defense forces.

29. Which state government announced the "Namma Shaale, Namma Koduge" (Our School, Our Contribution) portal to crowd-source infrastructure funds?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Telangana
- D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A) Karnataka

Explanation: The portal allows alumni and NGOs to contribute directly to the development of government schools in Karnataka.

30. Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti was celebrated on May 7, 2026. What was the anniversary year?

- A) 160th
- B) 165th
- C) 170th
- D) 155th

Answer: B) 165th

Explanation: Born in 1861, the 165th birth anniversary of the Nobel laureate was celebrated across the country on May 7th (25th Baishakh as per the Bengali calendar).

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