

International News

Q1. Which country officially withdrew from the Paris Agreement on 27th January 2026, leading to significant global climate policy discussions in early February? [A] China

[B] United States

[C] Brazil

[D] Russia

Answer: [B] United States

Detailed Explanation: Under the Trump administration, the U.S. officially exited the Paris Agreement on January 27, 2026. This move has raised concerns regarding international efforts to curb global warming, as the U.S. is one of the world's largest emitters of greenhouse gases.

National News

Q2. Who was sworn in as the first woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 31st January 2026? [A] Supriya Sule

[B] Sunetra Pawar

[C] Pankaja Munde

[D] Neelam Gorhe

Answer: [B] Sunetra Pawar

Detailed Explanation: Sunetra Pawar, a Rajya Sabha member, took the oath as the first female Deputy CM of Maharashtra. She succeeded her husband, Ajit Pawar, following his untimely demise in a plane crash.

Economics & Banking

Q3. According to the Economic Survey 2025-26, which body has emerged as the key commercial

arm of ISRO to drive revenue through satellite launches? [A] Antrix Corporation

[B] NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)

[C] IN-SPACE

[D] DRDO

Answer: [B] NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)

Detailed Explanation: The Economic Survey highlighted NSIL's role in shifting India's space strategy toward commerce-led growth, monetizing launch services and satellite missions for international clients.

Sports

Q4. Who won the Women's Singles title at the Australian Open 2026 held in Melbourne Park?

[A] Aryna Sabalenka

[B] Elena Rybakina

[C] Iga Swiatek

[D] Coco Gauff

Answer: [B] Elena Rybakina

Detailed Explanation: Kazakh fifth seed Elena Rybakina defeated world number one Aryna Sabalenka (6-4, 4-6, 6-4) on January 31, 2026, to secure her second Grand Slam title.

Appointments

Q5. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Intel in early 2026? [A] Pat Gelsinger

[B] Lip-Bu Tan

[C] Satya Nadella

[D] Arvind Krishna

Answer: [B] Lip-Bu Tan

Detailed Explanation: Lip-Bu Tan took over the leadership at Intel, a move closely watched by the global semiconductor industry during the technology shifts of 2026.

Awards & Honors

Q6. Which Indian leader became the first to be conferred with the top parliamentary honor of Israel in February 2026? [A] S. Jaishankar

[B] Narendra Modi

[C] Droupadi Murmu

[D] Amit Shah

Answer: [B] Narendra Modi

Detailed Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honored by the Knesset (Israeli Parliament), marking a historic milestone in India-Israel diplomatic relations.

Defense News

Q7. 'Exercise MILAN 2026', a major multilateral naval exercise, was scheduled to be hosted by which country? [A] Australia

[B] USA

[C] India

[D] Japan

Answer: [C] India

Detailed Explanation: Exercise MILAN is a biennial multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy, aiming to strengthen maritime cooperation among friendly foreign navies.

Government Schemes

Q8. The Union Budget 2026-27 announced 'Biopharma SHAKTI' with an outlay of ₹10,000

crore. What is its primary focus? [A] Generic drug production

[B] Biologics and biosimilars ecosystem

[C] Traditional Ayurveda medicines

[D] Rural health clinics

Answer: [B] Biologics and biosimilars ecosystem

Detailed Explanation: Launched by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), this initiative aims to transition India from a generic manufacturing hub to an innovation-driven biopharmaceutical leader.

Banking Awareness

Q9. Which bank became India's largest Urban Co-operative Bank (UCB) after crossing the ₹1 lakh crore business mark in FY 2025-26? [A] Cosmos Co-operative Bank

[B] Saraswat Co-operative Bank

[C] Abhyudaya Co-operative Bank

[D] SVC Bank

Answer: [B] Saraswat Co-operative Bank

Detailed Explanation: Saraswat Co-operative Bank maintained its lead as the largest UCB in India, demonstrating the growth of the cooperative banking sector.

National Important Days

Q10. On 1st February 2026, which organization celebrated its 50th Raising Day? [A] Border Security Force (BSF)

[B] Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

[C] Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

[D] National Security Guard (NSG)

Answer: [B] Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

Detailed Explanation: The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1st February 1977. In 2026, it celebrated its Golden Jubilee (50 years) of protecting India's maritime interests.

Science & Tech

Q11. Which organization launched the SUJVIKA portal for AI-driven biotechnology research in February 2026? [A] ISRO

[B] Ministry of Science & Technology

[C] NITI Aayog

[D] CSIR

Answer: [B] Ministry of Science & Technology

Detailed Explanation: SUJVIKA is a centralized portal designed to integrate AI tools with biotechnology research to accelerate drug discovery and agricultural innovation.

International Relations (MOUs)

Q12. India recently signed an MOU with which country to develop the 'Indo-Taiwan Industrial Park' in Gujarat? [A] South Korea

[B] Taiwan

[C] Vietnam

[D] Singapore

Answer: [B] Taiwan

Detailed Explanation: The project, located in the Sanand-Dholera region, focuses on electronics manufacturing and semiconductor supply chains.

Reports & Rankings

Q13. In the 'Global Corruption Perceptions Index 2025' (released early 2026), what trend was noted for India? [A] Significant decline

[B] Marginal improvement/Stability

[C] Top 10 rank

[D] Lowest in South Asia

Answer: [B] Marginal improvement/Stability

Detailed Explanation: The report highlighted India's efforts in digital governance as a factor in maintaining its transparency score compared to previous years.

Books & Authors

Q14. Who is the author of the recently released book 'Four Stars of Destiny'? [A] General Manoj Pande

[B] General M.M. Naravane

[C] Admiral R. Hari Kumar

[D] Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari

Answer: [B] General M.M. Naravane

Detailed Explanation: This autobiography provides insights into the former Army Chief's tenure, including the Galwan Valley standoff and Agniveer scheme implementation.

Health News

Q15. In late January 2026, WHO was notified of two confirmed cases of which virus in West Bengal, India? [A] Zika Virus

[B] Nipah Virus

[C] Ebola Virus

[D] H5N1

Answer: [B] Nipah Virus

Detailed Explanation: Two healthcare workers in Barasat, West Bengal, tested positive for the Nipah virus, prompting immediate containment measures by the National Institute of Virology, Pune.

Defense Exercises

Q16. Where was the India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise 'DUSTLIK 2026' held? [A] Pithoragarh, India

[B] Namangan, Uzbekistan

[C] Termez, Uzbekistan

[D] Ranikhet, India

Answer: [B] Namangan, Uzbekistan

Detailed Explanation: The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations in mountainous and semi-urban terrain, enhancing interoperability between the two armies.

Environment

Q17. Which state became the first in India to launch a 'Marine Spatial Plan' (MSP) for integrated coastal management? [A] Gujarat

[B] Odisha

[C] Kerala

[D] Tamil Nadu

Answer: [B] Odisha

Detailed Explanation: The MSP aims to balance economic growth (Blue Economy) with the conservation of marine ecosystems along the Odisha coastline.

Sports (Cricket)

Q18. Which team has won the most Ranji Trophy titles as of 2026? [A] Karnataka

[B] Mumbai

[C] Saurashtra

[D] Delhi

Answer: [B] Mumbai

Detailed Explanation: Mumbai holds the record for the most successful team in Ranji Trophy history, having won the title 42 times.

International Summits

Q19. India hosted the 'Global AI Summit' in February 2026 at which venue? [A] Yashobhoomi, Delhi

[B] Bharat Mandapam, Delhi

[C] HITECH, Hyderabad

[D] Jio World Centre, Mumbai

Answer: [B] Bharat Mandapam, Delhi

Detailed Explanation: The summit focused on "AI for All," positioning the Global South as a major player in ethical AI governance.

State News

Q20. Which state government approved a proposal to officially change its name to 'Keralam' in early 2026? [A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala

[C] Karnataka

[D] Andhra Pradesh

Answer: [B] Kerala

Detailed Explanation: The state assembly passed a resolution urging the Central Government to change the name to 'Keralam' in the Constitution to reflect the state's name in the Malayalam language.