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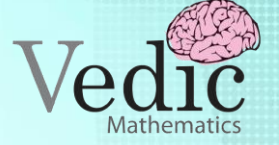
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NATIONAL NEWS

India's Broadband Subscribers Cross 100 Crore Mark



In a historic achievement for the nation's digital landscape, India officially crossed the **1 billion (100.37 crore) broadband subscriber** mark in November 2025. This milestone, confirmed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), underscores a decade of transformative growth, where the user base expanded more than **six-fold** from just 13.15 crore in 2015.

The Road to 1 Billion: 2015 vs. 2025

The following table highlights the rapid trajectory of India's digital adoption:

Metric	November 2015	November 2025	Growth
Broadband Subscribers	13.15 Crore (131.5M)	100.37 Crore (1.003B)	~660%
Primary Driver	3G / Emerging 4G	4G / High-speed 5G	Technology Shift





Metric	November 2015	November 2025	Growth
Average Data Usage	< 1 GB/month	~24 GB/month	Massive

- **Fixed Wireless Access (FWA):** The rollout of 5G-based home Wi-Fi (like JioAirFiber and Airtel Xstream AirFiber) helped bridge the gap where physical cables could not reach.
- **High Data Consumption:** With median mobile speeds exceeding **130 Mbps** in late 2025, India has become one of the world's largest consumers of mobile data.

Key Market Leaders (as of Nov 2025)

The market remains highly competitive, with private players driving the majority of the connectivity:

- **Reliance Jio:** Leads the market with over **51 crore** subscribers (holding roughly a 50% share).
- **Bharti Airtel:** Follows with approximately **31.4 crore** subscribers.
- **Vodafone Idea:** Maintains a base of about **12.7 crore** broadband users.
- **BSNL:** Significant presence in the wireline segment with nearly **3.4 crore** total broadband users.

Strategic Drivers of Success

Beyond the points you mentioned, specific 2025 initiatives were crucial in crossing the finish line:

- **National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0:** Launched in January 2025, this mission accelerated high-speed fiber to remote schools, health centers, and village institutions.
- **Saturation of 5G:** By late 2025, 5G reached "saturation" levels in urban areas and expanded significantly into rural blocks.

Why This Matters

Crossing the 1 billion threshold isn't just a number; it cements India's position as a global digital powerhouse. It provides the necessary "digital highway" for:

1. **Financial Inclusion:** Seamless UPI and digital banking transactions even in remote villages.
2. **E-Governance:** Delivery of public services directly to citizens' smartphones (Viksit Bharat vision).
3. **The Creator Economy:** Empowering millions of small-town entrepreneurs and content creators.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Warren Buffett Steps Down as Berkshire Hathaway CEO

This marks a truly historic moment in the financial world. After exactly 60 years at the helm, the 95-year-old **Warren Buffett** officially concluded his tenure as CEO of Berkshire Hathaway on **December 31, 2025**.





While he is stepping back from the day-to-day executive duties, the transition is designed for maximum stability, ensuring the "Buffett way" remains the company's North Star.

The Passing of the Torch

As of January 1, 2026, the leadership structure of the \$1.1 trillion conglomerate has shifted:

- **Greg Abel (CEO):** Formerly the Vice Chairman of non-insurance operations, Abel has now taken full executive control. Having been Buffett's designated successor since 2021, he is expected to maintain the company's famous decentralized culture.
- **Warren Buffett (Chairman):** Buffett has not fully retired. He remains the **Chairman of the Board**, a role that allows him to continue influencing major capital allocation decisions and providing counsel to Abel.
- **Ajit Jain:** Continues to lead the critical insurance operations, ensuring the "float" that powers Berkshire's investments remains in expert hands.

From Textiles to a Trillion-Dollar Empire

The scale of Buffett's achievement is best viewed through the lens of where he started:

Feature	1965 (The Start)	2026 (The Legacy)
Core Business	Failing New England Textile Mills	Global Conglomerate (Insurance, Energy, Rail)
Market Cap	Roughly \$20 Million	\$1.16 Trillion
Philosophy	Cigar-butt investing (buying cheap, dying firms)	Quality & Value (buying great firms at fair prices)
Key Assets	Loom machines and inventory	Apple, GEICO, BNSF Railway, Chevron, & \$300B Cash

A "Quiet" Exit?

In his final letter to shareholders in November 2025, Buffett noted that while he is "going quiet" as CEO, he still plans to attend the annual "Woodstock for Capitalists" in Omaha.

One of his final major moves in late 2025 was the continued trimming of high-profile stakes in Apple and Bank of America, leaving Greg Abel with a record **\$300 billion cash pile**—the ultimate "war chest" for the next generation of Berkshire investments.





"I can't think of a CEO... that I would select over Greg to handle your savings and mine." — Warren Buffett, November 2025

APPOINTMENT

Lav Aggarwal to DGFT, R K Agarwal Heads FCI



In a significant year-end administrative move, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved a major bureaucratic reshuffle on **December 31, 2025**. The reshuffle involves over **40 senior officers** and is designed to bolster leadership in key sectors like trade, food security, and energy as India enters 2026.

Key Appointments & Leadership Changes

The reshuffle places experienced IAS officers in high-impact roles to streamline policy execution:

Officer	New Designation	Previous/Current Role
Lav Aggarwal (IAS:1996)	Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)	Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development
Rabindra Kumar Agarwal (IAS:1997)	Chairman & MD, Food Corporation of India (FCI)	Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
Ashutosh Agnihotri (IAS:1999)	Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Chairman & MD, Food Corporation of India (FCI)
Srikant Nagulapalli (IAS:1998)	Director General of Hydrocarbons (DGH)	Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Power
Suchindra Misra (IDAS:1992)	Special Secretary, Department of Commerce	Promoted to Special Secretary rank

Strategic Shifts in Economic & Social Sectors

Beyond the top-tier appointments, the reshuffle targets specific administrative goals:

- Trade Focus:** By appointing **Lav Aggarwal** to lead the DGFT, the government is placing a high-profile veteran in charge of India's



export-import policies during a critical period of global supply chain shifts.

- **Energy Security:** Srikant Nagulapalli's move to the DGH (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas) signals a focus on accelerating domestic oil and gas exploration.
- **Food & Logistics:** Rabindra Kumar Agarwal takes over the FCI at a time when food security and the management of massive buffer stocks remain central to India's rural economy.
- **Presidential Secretariat:** In a notable lateral move, Aneeta C. Meshram (IAS:1996) has been shifted to the President's Secretariat as Additional Secretary.

Administrative Upgradations

The ACC also granted **in-situ upgradations** to several officers to the rank of Special Secretary and Additional Secretary. Notable among these is **Asit Gopal**, who will now serve as Special Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Textiles, and **Ramesh Krishnamurthi**, whose post as Central Provident Fund Commissioner (EPFO) has been upgraded to the rank of Secretary.

Why This Matters

This reshuffle is widely seen as a "fine-tuning" of the top bureaucracy to align with the government's **2026-2030 economic roadmap**. By rotating seasoned officers from social sectors (like Women & Child Development) to economic engines (like Commerce and Hydrocarbons), the administration aims to bring fresh perspectives to traditional policy bottlenecks.

SPORTS

Humpy, Erigaisi Win Bronze at FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships



India's chess stars closed out 2025 on a high note at the **FIDE World Rapid Chess Championships** in Doha, Qatar. The tournament, which concluded on **December 28, 2025**, saw India secure two podium finishes in a field of the world's elite players.

The Medalists: A Historic Double Podium

Both Arjun Erigaisi and Koneru Humpy displayed remarkable consistency to secure bronze medals for India:

Player	Category	Points	Notable Achievement
Arjun Erigaisi	Open	9.5 / 13	Second Indian male (after Viswanathan Anand) to stand on a World Rapid podium.
Koneru Humpy	Women's	8.5 / 11	Secured her 4th career World Rapid



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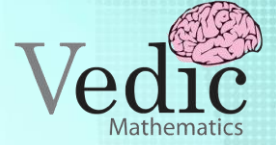
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Player	Category	Points	Notable Achievement
			medal (Gold in 2019, 2024; Bronze in 2012, 2025).

- Aravindh Chithambaram (16th), Nihal Sarin (19th), and World Championship challenger **D. Gukesh** (20th) all finished in the upper echelons of the Open category.

Fun Fact: Arjun Erigaisi also went on to win the **Bronze medal in the World Blitz Championship** just two days later, making him the only Indian after Anand to win medals in both Rapid and Blitz formats at the same event.

Highlights of the Championship

- **Arjun Erigaisi's Breakthrough:** The 22-year-old climbed into the top three after a decisive win in the final round against Aleksandr Shimanov. He finished tied for second with 9.5 points alongside Vladislav Artemiev and Hans Niemann but took **Bronze** based on tie-break scores.
- **Humpy's Near Miss:** Koneru Humpy was actually the **joint leader** at the end of 11 rounds. However, due to FIDE's tie-break regulations, only the top two players (Aleksandra Goryachkina and Zhu Jiner) advanced to the gold-medal playoff. Humpy was awarded the **Bronze** without a playoff.
- **The Winners:** * **Magnus Carlsen** won his **6th World Rapid title** (and 19th overall world title) in the Open section.
 - **Aleksandra Goryachkina** won her maiden World Rapid title in the Women's section after defeating Zhu Jiner in the blitz playoff.

India's Rising Dominance

The championship also featured strong performances from other Indian grandmasters:

- **B. Savitha Shri** and **R. Vaishali** finished in the Top 5 of the Women's section.

SPORTS

Deepti Sharma Sets New Wicket Record in Women's T20 Cricket



In a historic conclusion to 2025, India's star all-rounder **Deepti Sharma** officially became the **highest wicket-taker in the history of Women's T20 International (T20I) cricket**.

She achieved this milestone on **December 30, 2025**, during the fifth and final T20I against Sri Lanka at the Greenfield International Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram.





The Record-Breaking Moment

Deepti entered the final match of the series tied with Australia's Megan Schutt. She claimed the record outright in the 14th over of the match by dismissing Sri Lanka's Nilakshika Silva.

Metric	Deepti Sharma (India)	Megan Schutt (Australia)
Total T20I Wickets	152	151
Matches Played	133	123
Best Figures	4/10	5/15
T20I Debut	January 2016	January 2013

A Landmark Year: 2025

The T20I record was the "cherry on top" of what has been a career-defining year for the 28-year-old:

- World Cup Heroics:** Deepti was named **Player of the Tournament** at the 2025 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup (ODI), where India clinched their maiden title on home soil.
- The "Double" Milestone:** Earlier in the Sri Lanka series, she became the **first cricketer in history** (across both men's and women's T20Is) to achieve the double of **1,000 runs and 150 wickets**.

- ICC Rankings:** As of January 2026, she remains the **World No. 1** ranked T20I bowler.
- Series Sweep:** Her record-breaking wicket helped India secure a **5-0 clean sweep** over Sri Lanka.

Why She is the "Oracle of Off-Spin"

Deepti's success isn't just about the volume of wickets, but her tactical versatility:

- Powerplay Specialist:** She is one of the few spinners trusted to bowl with the new ball in the first six overs.
- The "Containment" Queen:** Her career economy rate remains impressively low (under 6.20), forcing batters to take risks that lead to wickets.
- Longevity:** Since her debut in 2016, she has rarely missed a game, becoming the anchor around which India's bowling attack is built.

"I always feel proud whenever I achieve such milestones for India, but the 5-0 team victory is what matters most. We are building great habits heading into the 2026 World Cup." — **Deepti Sharma, December 31, 2025**

BANKING/ECONOMY

ATM Numbers Decline in FY25 as Digital Payments Surge: According to the RBI

The latest **RBI Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India for FY25**, released on **December 29, 2025**, confirms a significant



structural shift in how India accesses financial services.



For the first time, a "Phygital Paradox" has emerged: **ATM networks are shrinking** as digital payments (like UPI) reduce the need for cash, yet **physical bank branches are expanding** as banks seek deeper human engagement in underserved areas.

The ATM Decline: A Shift to Digital

The decline in ATMs is not a sign of banking contraction, but rather a result of the "UPI-fication" of the Indian economy.

Metric	FY24 (March 31)	FY25 (March 31)	Change
Total ATMs	2,53,417	2,51,057	-2,360
Public Sector ATMs	1,34,694	1,33,544	-1,150

Metric	FY24 (March 31)	FY25 (March 31)	Change
Private Sector ATMs	79,884	77,117	-2,767
White-Label ATMs	34,602	36,216	+1,614

- Off-site ATM Consolidation:** The decline was almost entirely driven by banks shutting down "off-site" ATMs (those not at a branch), which have become less viable as customers use UPI for small-value transactions.
- The Exception: White-Label ATMs** (operated by non-banks) actually increased, as they continue to fill gaps in remote regions where bank presence is thin.

The Branch Expansion: Reaching the Grassroots

Counter-intuitively, while ATMs are disappearing, physical branches grew by **2.8%** in FY25, reaching a total of **1.64 lakh branches**.

- Rural Focus:** Public Sector Banks (PSBs) led this charge, with over **two-thirds** of their new branches opened in **rural and semi-urban centers**.
- The "Trust" Factor:** The RBI noted that while routine transactions have moved to mobile, customers still prefer physical branches for complex services like **loans, gold lockers, and financial counseling**.

10 Years of Excellence



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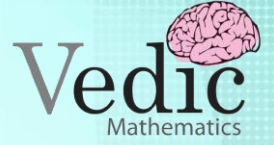
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- **Jan Dhan Success:** The number of basic savings accounts rose to **72.4 crore**, with much of the "last-mile" banking still powered by the **Business Correspondent (BC) model** operating out of these physical touchpoints.

Key Takeaway for 2026

India has officially moved into a "Cash-Lite" era. With digital payments accounting for **97.6% of total payment volumes** in FY25, the ATM is evolving from a primary transaction point into a secondary backup, while the bank branch is being reimagined as a center for financial inclusion and high-value services.

STATE NEWS

IIT Madras gears up for Shaastra 2026



Today, **January 2, 2026**, marks the beginning of the 27th edition of **Shaastra**, the flagship technical festival of IIT Madras. One of Asia's largest student-run festivals, this year's event is centered around the theme **"Artifacts of**

Arcade," reimagining technology through the lens of a retro-gaming ecosystem where participants "level up" through various challenges.

The festival was inaugurated today by **Dr. S. Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs, who also launched the **IIT Madras Global Foundation** to strengthen the institute's international academic and industrial partnerships.

Event Highlights (Jan 2–6, 2026)

With over 80,000 visitors expected, the festival features a blend of competitive grit and high-level academic discourse:

- **New Flagship Competitions:**

- **Robo GP:** A high-speed robotic racing challenge utilizing nitro-powered systems.
- **NeuroHack:** The institute's first brain-computer interface (BCI) hackathon using real-time EEG data.
- **BioBattle:** A healthcare innovation challenge focused on solutions derived from biomimicry.

- **The Institute Open House (Jan 2–4):** Under the 'Annaivarakum IITM' (IIT Madras for All) initiative, the campus is opening its doors to the public. Visitors can tour **100+ advanced laboratories**, including National Research Centers and the **Rockets & Missile Lab**.

- **Academic Summits:**

- **ICON26:** An international conference on Smart Manufacturing.





- **Digital Governance Summit:** Focusing on open-source digital infrastructure for public systems.

Speaker Spotlight

Shaastra 2026 continues its tradition of hosting global thought leaders for its "Spotlight Lectures":

- **Prof. Jeffrey Ullman:** Turing Award recipient and computer science pioneer.
- **Prof. Subra Suresh:** Former Director of the US National Science Foundation.
- **Dr. Vidita Vaidya:** Renowned neuroscientist and Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awardee.

Social & Cultural Impact

- **VidhyaVahak Program:** An Educators Conclave training 150 teachers from rural and tribal regions in modern pedagogy and AI-ML tools.
- **Hear4You Campaign:** A student-led social initiative aiming to raise awareness about treatable hearing loss and inclusive communication.
- **Tech-Entertainment Nights:** The festival will conclude each day with laser shows, drone displays, and stand-up comedy performances.





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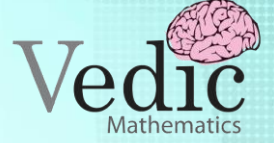
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Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

1. Ajay Singhal has recently been appointed the new Director General of Police (DGP) of which state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttar Pradesh

1. B

Senior IPS officer Ajay Singhal will be Haryana's new Superintendent of Police. The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) selection committee prepared a final panel of three officers and sent it to the Haryana government. This panel included 1990 batch IPS officer Shatrueet Kapoor, 1992 batch IPS officer Ajay Singhal, and 1993 batch IPS officer Alok Mittal. The state government selected Ajay Singhal, who was second on the panel, as the new DGP.

Q.2. India's first public-private partnership (PPP) model medical colleges are being established in which state, and which districts are included in the first phase?

- A. Rajasthan - Udaipur and Dungarpur
- B. Chhattisgarh - Bastar and Dantewada
- C. Madhya Pradesh - Dhar and Betul
- D. Odisha - Koraput and Rayagada

2. C

Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav laid the foundation stone of India's first

PPP medical colleges in the tribal districts of Dhar and Betul (Madhya Pradesh). These colleges are among the four PPP model colleges (Dhar, Betul, Katni, Panna) attached to district hospitals.

Q.3. The recently inaugurated 'Sharadchandra Pawar Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence' aims to refine India's AI ecosystem through industry-academic collaboration. Who inaugurated it and where is it located?

- A. Mukesh Ambani - Pune
- B. Gautam Adani - Baramati
- C. Ratan Tata - Nagpur
- D. Nandan Nilekani - Mumbai

3. B

To boost India's artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem and higher education infrastructure, industrialist Gautam Adani inaugurated the Sharadchandra Pawar Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence in Baramati, Maharashtra. The initiative reflects the growing collaboration between industry and academia to prepare India's youth for emerging technologies like AI, data science, and machine learning. The center has been established under the aegis of Vidya Pratishthan, a renowned educational institution run by the Pawar family, and is fully funded by the Adani Group chairman.

Q.4. Which Bollywood actress has New Balance recently appointed as its first Indian brand ambassador?

- A. Deepika Padukone
- B. Janhvi Kapoor
- C. Alia Bhatt





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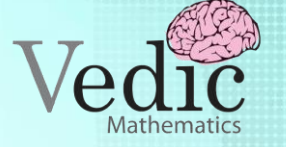
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D. Anushka Sharma

4. B

New Balance recently signed Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor as its first Indian brand ambassador, which is a big step towards growing the brand in India and increasing its reach among the youth.

Q.5. From which port in Karnataka did President Draupadi Murmu recently embark on an underwater voyage in the submarine INS Vagsheer?

A. Mangalore

B. Karwar

C. Udupi

D. Bhatkal

5. B

President Draupadi Murmu boarded the Indian Navy's indigenously built Kalvari-class submarine INS Vagsheer at the Karwar Naval Base in Karnataka. The ceremony was attended by Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff and Supreme Commander of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Q.6. Germany and which country recently signed a €70 million artillery deal?

A. France

B. United Kingdom

C. Poland

D. Ukraine

6. B

Germany and the United Kingdom (UK) recently signed a joint deal worth €70 million (approximately \$70 million) to purchase the RCH 155. The RCH 155 is a state-of-the-art mobile artillery system that can fire on the move. This will further strengthen defense cooperation, especially after the lessons learned from the Ukraine war.

Q.7. In which state was the Ramanujan Digital Museum officially inaugurated?

A. Karnataka

B. Tamil Nadu

C. Uttar Pradesh

D. Telangana

7. B

The Ramanujan Digital Museum was officially inaugurated in Tamil Nadu, specifically in the Royapuram area of Chennai. It is part of the Ramanujan Museum and Math Education Centre.

Q.8. Which player recently made a comeback by winning the women's singles title at the 87th Senior National Badminton Championships held in Vijayawada?

A. Surya Charishma Tamiri

B. Tanvi Patri

C. Ashwini Bhatt K

D. Radhika Sharma

8. A

Indian badminton player Surya Karishma Tamiri achieved success in the women's singles category at the 87th Senior National Badminton





Championships in Vijayawada. Tamiri displayed courage and composure, making a remarkable comeback from a game down to win the prestigious national title.

Q.9. Who recently won the gold medal in the Youth Girls (Under-17) category at the 29th National Sport Climbing Championship (NSCC) 2025?

- A. Sakshi Singh
- B. Ayushi Agarwal
- C. Kavita Sinha
- D. Ameera Khosla

9. D

Fourteen-year-old Ameera Khosla won the gold medal in the Youth Girls (Under-17) category at the 29th National Sport Climbing Championship (NSCC) 2025 in Bengaluru. She competed in the bouldering discipline, displaying excellent strength, technique, and composure.

Q.10. Which country did India recently surpass to become the world's fourth largest economy?

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. United Kingdom
- D. France

10. B

The year 2025 proved to be a landmark year for India's economy. This year, India surpassed Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy. GDP growth accelerated to 8.2% in the second quarter (Q2).

Q.11. Where was the first 3D Flex Axial Angiography with iStent performed in India recently?

- A. A. AIMS, Delhi
- B. Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi
- C. Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai
- D. None of the Above

11. B

The Army Hospital (Research and Referral) in Delhi has successfully performed the country's first 3D Flex Aqueous Angiography with iStent, combining advanced imaging with minimally invasive glaucoma surgery. Glaucoma, a leading cause of irreversible blindness, has long posed a challenge to doctors due to its silent progression.

Q.12. At what age did former Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda Zia recently pass away?

- A. 75
- B. 80
- C. 85
- D. 90

12. B

Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh's first woman prime minister and a major figure in the country's turbulent political climate, has died after a long illness at the age of 80. She served twice as prime minister, from 1991 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2006.

Q.13. In which city did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurate the Northeast Logistics Hub?





A. Jorhat

B. Guwahati

C. Imphal

D. Agartala

13. B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal at Guwahati Airport. This is a significant development in establishing the city as a major logistics and aviation hub for the Northeast. The terminal is a key step towards strengthening trade and connectivity in the region.

Q.14. Which state recently became the first state in India to establish a National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Research Institute?

A. Gujarat

B. Maharashtra

C. Karnataka

D. Kerala

14. A

India is poised to take a major step forward in artificial intelligence research and innovation. The Indian Artificial Intelligence Research Organization (IAIRO) will be established in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, by early 2026. This is a major effort to strengthen the country's artificial intelligence ecosystem through collaboration between government, industry, and academia.

Q.15. Which organization recently carried out the salvo launch of Pralay missiles?

A. ISRO

B. DRDO

C. Indian Navy

D. Bharat Electronics Limited

15. B

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a salvo launch of two Pralay missiles from a single launcher off the Odisha coast. The test was part of the Indian Air Force and Indian Army's User Evaluation Trials. Both missiles followed the designated trajectory and completed all flight objectives. Tracking was done at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, and by onboard telemetry systems. Pralay is an indigenously developed solid-propellant quasi-ballistic missile with high-precision guidance. It can carry multiple warheads for multiple targets. The missile was developed by Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad, in collaboration with other DRDO labs.



FACTS ABOUT BHARAT

December 31st is indeed a day of immense historical weight for Bharat, marking both the beginning of colonial intervention and the most resolute steps toward total sovereignty.

To add to your excellent list, here are some additional details and other events that make this date a "day of destinies" in Indian history:

Key Historical Additions

Year	Event	Significance
1929	Hoisting of the Tricolour	At the stroke of midnight, Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the tricolour flag on the banks of the Ravi River in Lahore, officially rejecting "Dominion Status" in favor of Purna Swaraj.
1925	Birth of Shrilal Shukla	The birth of the renowned Hindi writer and Padma Bhushan awardee, famous for his satirical masterpiece Raag Darbari, which critiqued the post-independence rural administration.
1956	Demise of Ravi Shankar Shukla	The passing of the first Chief Minister of the reorganized Madhya Pradesh.

Year	Event	Significance
		Pradesh state. He was a veteran freedom fighter and a close associate of Sardar Patel.
1984	Rajiv Gandhi Sworn In	Following the landslide victory in the 8th General Elections (held after Indira Gandhi's assassination), Rajiv Gandhi took the oath as Prime Minister at just 40 years old.
2017	Rajinikanth's Entry	In a major cultural-political moment, superstar Rajinikanth officially announced his intention to enter Tamil Nadu politics, though he later reconsidered his decision.

Deeper Insights on Your Mentions

- The Treaty of Bassein (1802):** While it brought Baji Rao II under British protection, it was also the spark that ignited the **Second Anglo-Maratha War**. It essentially signaled the end of the Maratha Confederacy's independence, as the Peshwa surrendered his foreign policy to the British.
- The Nuclear Non-Attack Treaty (1988):** This remains one of the most durable "Confidence Building Measures" (CBMs) between India and Pakistan. Every year on



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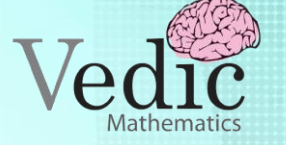
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January 1st, both nations still exchange lists of their nuclear installations to ensure the treaty's continued compliance.

- **IC-814 Kandahar Crisis (1999):** The release of the hostages on this day came at a heavy cost—the release of three high-profile terrorists: Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar, Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, and Masood Azhar. The latter went on to form Jaish-e-Mohammed.

A 2025 Milestone

As we look at today's date (January 2, 2026), it is worth noting that exactly two days ago, on **December 31, 2025**, India's top bureaucracy underwent one of its most significant reshuffles in years, placing new leaders in charge of Trade (DGFT) and Food (FCI) to steer the economy through 2026.

Dear Aspirants,

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