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NATIONAL NEWS

Kabak Yano from Arunachal Pradesh Conquers This Western Hemisphere's Highest Peak



That is an incredible feat for Kabak Yano! Summitting Aconcagua is often considered the ultimate "litmus test" for mountaineers aiming for Everest because of its brutal environmental conditions.

While it is technically a "trekking peak" (meaning you don't necessarily need ropes and ice axes for the standard route), the sheer physical toll of the "White Wind" (*Viento Blanco*) and the thin air makes it a massive achievement.

The Significance of Aconcagua

To put Kabak Yano's climb into perspective, here is how Aconcagua fits into the global mountaineering landscape:

| Feature | Detail |
|---------|----------------------------|
| Height | 6,961 meters (22,831 feet) |





| Feature | Detail |
|--------------------------|---|
| Ranking | Highest in South America, Western Hemisphere, and Southern Hemisphere. |
| The "Outside Asia" Title | It is the highest point on Earth that is not in the Himalayas or Karakoram ranges. |
| The "7 Summits" | It is the second-highest of the Seven Summits (the highest peaks of each continent). |

elite group of Indian climbers who seek to hoist the tricolor on the highest point of every continent.

Fun Fact: Because Aconcagua is located in the Southern Hemisphere, its climbing season runs from November to March—the exact opposite of the Himalayan climbing season.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. Kabak Yano recently summited Mount Aconcagua. In which mountain range is this peak located?

- A) The Himalayas
- B) The Rockies
- C) The Andes
- D) The Alps

2. Mount Aconcagua holds the title for being the highest peak in which of the following regions?

- A) The Eastern Hemisphere
- B) Outside of Asia
- C) The African Continent
- D) The European Union

3. What is the approximate elevation of Mount Aconcagua?

- A) 18,510 feet
- B) 20,310 feet
- C) 22,831 feet
- D) 29,032 feet

Why This Climb is So Difficult

Don't let the "non-technical" label fool you. Yano would have faced several grueling factors:

- **Extreme Altitude:** At nearly 23,000 feet, the atmospheric pressure is low, and oxygen is scarce. This requires weeks of acclimatization.
- **The Viento Blanco:** These are fierce, cold winds that can reach over 100 mph, making progress nearly impossible and temperatures feel much colder than they are.
- **Logistics:** The approach through the Horcones Valley is long and requires immense mental endurance before the "real" climbing even begins.

Who is Kabak Yano?

Hailing from Arunachal Pradesh, Kabak Yano is quickly becoming a prominent name in Indian mountaineering. By tackling Aconcagua as part of her **7-Summit Expedition**, she is joining an





4. Although Aconcagua is considered a "non-technical" climb, what is one of the primary physical challenges climbers face?

- A) Dense tropical rainforests
- B) Active volcanic eruptions
- C) Extreme altitude sickness and freezing temperatures
- D) Lack of a defined trail system

5. Kabak Yano's ascent of Aconcagua is part of which larger mountaineering goal?

- A) The 14 Eight-Thousanders
- B) The 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition
- C) The Triple Crown of Hiking
- D) The Explorers Grand Slam

Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|--|
| 1 | C) The Andes |
| 2 | B) Outside of Asia |
| 3 | C) 22,831 feet |
| 4 | C) Extreme altitude sickness and freezing temperatures |
| 5 | B) The 7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition |

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NATIONAL NEWS

India Joins BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies



This official move signals India's deepening integration with global industrial standards. By joining the **BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC)**, India is positioning its small and medium businesses to transition into "Factories of the Future."

Key Strategic Details

The partnership was formalized through a **Trust Fund Agreement** between India's **DPIIT** and the **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)**.

| Feature | Details |
|----------------------|--|
| National Focal Point | The National Productivity Council (NPC) will lead India's engagement. |
| Primary Goal | Supporting MSMEs in adopting Industry 4.0 (Smart Manufacturing). |
| Key Partners | UNIDO, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of External Affairs, and FICCI. |



| Feature | Details |
|---------|--|
| Scope | Includes all BRICS Plus members (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, and Indonesia). |

Core Functions of the BCIC

The centre isn't just a policy group; it serves as a practical resource hub for manufacturing firms:

- **Industry 4.0 Adoption:** Helping companies integrate AI, IoT, and big data into their factory floors.
- **Knowledge Transfer:** Sharing "best practices" between BRICS nations to improve productivity and reduce waste.
- **Market Access:** Acting as a "technology marketplace" where SMEs can find international business partners.
- **Capacity Building:** Providing specialized training and reskilling for the modern industrial workforce.

Why This Matters for India

India's MSME sector contributes nearly **30% of the country's GDP** and employs over **110 million people**. However, many of these units still use legacy technology.

The Big Picture: By leveraging UNIDO's technical expertise and the collective resources of BRICS, Indian manufacturers can "leapfrog" traditional development stages, making them more competitive against global giants.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. Which Indian department organized the event announcing India's formal entry into the BCIC?

- A) Department of Economic Affairs
- B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- C) Ministry of External Affairs
- D) Department of Science and Technology

2. What is the primary objective of the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (BCIC)?

- A) To regulate international trade tariffs between members
- B) To provide integrated support services to manufacturing companies and MSMEs
- C) To act as a military alliance for BRICS nations
- D) To fund space exploration projects across South America

3. In which city was the formal announcement of India joining the BCIC made?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Johannesburg
- C) New Delhi
- D) Beijing

4. The BCIC functions as a hub for which of the following activities?



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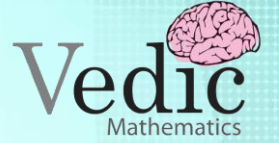
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- A) Capacity building and technological advancement
B) Agricultural seed distribution
C) Maritime security coordination
D) Cultural exchange and tourism promotion

5. Which group of nations comprises the primary founding members of the platform India just joined?

- A) G20 nations
B) ASEAN members
C) Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
D) The European Union

Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|--|
| 1 | B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) |
| 2 | B) To provide integrated support services to MSMEs |
| 3 | C) New Delhi |
| 4 | A) Capacity building and technological advancement |
| 5 | C) Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa |

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Elon Musk Becomes the First Person With \$800 Billion Wealth



This is a monumental shift in the global financial landscape. In February 2026, Elon Musk officially crossed the \$800 billion threshold, making him the wealthiest individual in recorded history by a staggering margin.

The primary driver of this \$84 billion single-day wealth surge was the merger of SpaceX and xAI (which includes the social media platform X). This restructuring didn't just move numbers around; it created a vertical powerhouse that Musk calls the "innovation engine for Earth and beyond."

The "SpaceX-xAI" Powerhouse

The merger, completed in early February 2026, valued the combined private entity at \$1.25 trillion. This move effectively consolidated Musk's AI research with his space infrastructure.



| Component | Pre-Merger Value | Post-Merger Stake (43%) |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| SpaceX | ~\$1 Trillion | Musk's stake: \$232 Billion |
| xAI (inc. X) | ~\$250 Billion | Integrated into SpaceX holdings |
| Total Net Worth | — | \$852 Billion |

GDP, a level of individual economic influence not seen since the era of John D. Rockefeller.

Note on Structure: The merger was designed as a "triangular merger," keeping xAI as a subsidiary. This shields the parent company (SpaceX) from the various legal liabilities and debts associated with the social media platform X.

Why the Wealth "Exploded" in 2026

Investors and analysts point to three major factors that pushed Musk past the \$800 billion mark:

- **The "Space-Based AI" Narrative:** Musk's strategy centers on placing massive AI data centers in orbit. By using **Starlink** for data transfer and near-constant **solar energy** in space, he aims to bypass Earth's power and cooling constraints.
- **Tesla's "Mars-Shot" Package:** A newly approved 2025 Tesla compensation package added speculative billions to his net worth, tied to milestones like the deployment of 1 million **Optimus** humanoid robots.
- **The IPO Factor:** SpaceX is widely rumored to be heading for a **mid-2026 IPO**. Market anticipation for this has inflated the valuation of his private shares to record highs.

Historical Perspective

To understand the scale of **\$852 billion**, consider this: Musk is now worth more than the **entire GDP of several G20 nations**. His wealth accounts for approximately **2.7% of the U.S.**

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. As of February 2026, what historic milestone did Elon Musk achieve regarding his net worth?

- A) He became the first person to reach a net worth of USD 500 billion.
- B) He became the first person to exceed a net worth of USD 800 billion.
- C) He successfully took all of his companies private simultaneously.
- D) He donated half of his total wealth to global space research.

2. Which major corporate event was the primary catalyst for the surge in Musk's wealth in early 2026?

- A) The acquisition of a major global social media platform.
- B) The merger of SpaceX and xAI.
- C) The public listing of Neuralink on the New York Stock Exchange.
- D) The sale of Tesla's manufacturing plants in Asia.



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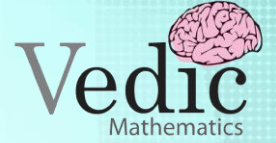
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3. What is the approximate valuation of the newly merged SpaceX-xAI company mentioned in the report?

- A) USD 232 billion
- B) USD 852 billion
- C) Over USD 540 billion
- D) USD 1 trillion

4. According to the data, what percentage stake does Elon Musk hold in SpaceX?

- A) 15%
- B) 25%
- C) 43%
- D) 51%

5. At the time of this milestone, what was Elon Musk's total recorded net worth?

- A) USD 540 billion
- B) USD 680 billion
- C) USD 852 billion
- D) USD 920 billion

Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|--|
| 1 | B) He became the first person to exceed USD 800 billion. |
| 2 | B) The merger of SpaceX and xAI. |
| 3 | C) Over USD 540 billion. |

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|---------------------|
| 4 | C) 43% |
| 5 | C) USD 852 billion. |

APPOINTMENTS

New Director Appointment in Defence Department Approved BY ACC



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The appointment of **M Anitha** (IRS-IT, 2007) as Director in the **Department of Defence (DoD)** marks a notable lateral shift within the government's senior administrative layer.

By moving from the **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)** to the Ministry of Defence, her transition underscores the versatility expected of officers under the **Central Staffing Scheme (CSS)**.

Profile and Appointment Details

M Anitha's move is not a new deputation but a **lateral shift** within her existing five-year central deputation tenure.





| Detail | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| Officer | M Anitha |
| Service & Batch | Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax), 2007 Batch |
| New Role | Director, Department of Defence |
| Previous Role | Director, DIPAM (Ministry of Finance) |
| Tenure | Up to September 26, 2026 (balance of her 5-year deputation) |
| Approving Body | Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) |

The Role of the Department of Defence (DoD)

As a Director in the DoD, Anitha will be part of the "Secretariat" of the Ministry of Defence. Unlike the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), which is headed by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and deals with the armed forces directly, the DoD focuses on broader policy and administrative frameworks.

Key responsibilities typically include:

- Policy Planning:** Drafting and implementing policies related to national defense and security.
- Budgetary Coordination:** Managing the revenue and capital expenditure of the defense services.
- Inter-Ministerial Liaison:** Coordinating between the Ministry of Defence and other central departments (like Finance or Home Affairs).

- Parliamentary Affairs:** Handling questions and legislative matters related to the ministry.

What is the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS)?

The CSS is the backbone of India's central administration. It allows the Government of India to borrow officers from various "Organized Group A Services" (like IRS, IA&AS, IRTS) and the IAS to fill mid-to-senior level posts at the Centre.

Strategic Value: This system ensures that the central government has a "fresh infusion of talent" from the ground level (states and specialized departments) while providing officers with a macro-view of national policymaking.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. M Anitha, who was recently appointed as Director in the Department of Defense, belongs to which civil service?

- A) Indian Administrative Service (IAS)
- B) Indian Police Service (IPS)
- C) Indian Revenue Service (IRS - Income Tax)
- D) Indian Foreign Service (IFS)

2. Which high-level committee approved the appointment of M Anitha to this strategic role?

- A) The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)



B) The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)

C) The Defense Acquisition Council (DAC)

D) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)

3. Under which government scheme was M Anitha's appointment to the Department of Defense made?

A) Mission Karmayogi

B) Central Staffing Scheme

C) Lateral Entry Scheme

D) National Defense Internship Program

4. M Anitha belongs to which batch of the Indian Revenue Service?

A) 2000 batch

B) 2007 batch

C) 2012 batch

D) 2015 batch

5. What is the designated rank for M Anitha in her new posting within the Department of Defense?

A) Secretary

B) Joint Secretary

C) Director

D) Under Secretary

Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|--|
| 1 | C) Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) |
| 2 | B) The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) |
| 3 | B) Central Staffing Scheme |
| 4 | B) 2007 batch |
| 5 | C) Director |

SPORTS

In Nail-Biting Final Haryana Thunders Team Seal Pro Wrestling League 2026 Title



The Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026 finale was a classic comeback story for the league itself, which returned this year after a seven-year hiatus. The **Haryana Thunders** secured the title at the Noida Indoor Stadium by defeating the **Delhi Dangal Warriors** with a final score of 5-4.

As you mentioned, the tension was peak as the scores were deadlocked at 4-4 after eight grueling bouts. The entire championship rested on the shoulders of the final pair in the women's 62kg category.

The Decisive Moment

The final bout featured Paris Olympic silver medalist **Iryna Koliadenko** (Haryana Thunders) against **Anjli** (Delhi Dangal Warriors).

- **The Result:** Koliadenko delivered a masterclass in technical superiority, winning 16-0.
- **The Impact:** This victory broke the tie and officially crowned the Thunders as the 2026 champions.

Key Match Highlights

The final was a see-saw battle where momentum shifted almost every 15 minutes:

| Bout | Category | Winner | Matchup Result | Tie Score |
|------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Men's 74kg | Turan Bayramov (Delhi) | Defeated Parvinder (8-1) | 0-1 |
| 4 | Women's 53kg | Yui Susaki (Haryana) | Technical Superiority (15-0) | 2-2 |
| 7 | Men's 125kg | Ronak (Delhi) | Defeated Anirudh Gulia (12-2) | 3-4 |
| 8 | Women's 57kg | Neha Sangwan (Haryana) | Won by Fall (8-2) | 4-4 |

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|------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 9 | Women's 62kg | Iryna Koliadenko (Haryana) | Tech Superiority (16-0) | 5-4 |

Individual Honors

Despite the team loss, Delhi's **Turan Bayramov** was the standout individual of the season, being named **Player of the Tournament** after winning all seven of his bouts and accumulating 59 points.

Winning Purse: Along with the trophy, the Haryana Thunders took home a prize of **₹1.5 crore**, while the runners-up, Delhi Dangal Warriors, received **₹75 lakh**.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. Which team emerged as the champions of the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) 2026?

- A) Punjab Royals
- B) Haryana Thunders
- C) Delhi Sultans
- D) Mumbai Maharathi

2. How was the final match of the PWL 2026 decided?

- A) One team dominated from the very first bout.
- B) It was decided by a coin toss due to technical issues.
- C) It went down to the very last bout after scores were tied.



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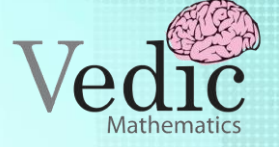
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D) The match was forfeited by the opposing team.

3. According to the report, what was the status of the score before the final deciding clash?

- A) Haryana Thunders led by three points.
- B) The opposing team led by two points.
- C) The scores were tied after eight bouts.
- D) The scores were tied after five bouts.

4. The PWL 2026 final was noted for being held in front of:

- A) An empty stadium due to security concerns.
- B) A packed crowd, highlighting the sport's growing popularity.
- C) Only the family members of the athletes.
- D) A small group of international scouts.

5. What qualities of the athletes were particularly highlighted by the final clash of the tournament?

- A) Only their physical height and weight.
- B) Their speed and lack of strategy.
- C) Nerves, skill, and resilience.
- D) Their ability to argue with the referees.

Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|--|
| 1 | B) Haryana Thunders |
| 2 | C) It went down to the last bout. |
| 3 | C) Scores were tied after eight bouts. |
| 4 | B) A packed crowd. |
| 5 | C) Nerves, skill, and resilience. |

BANKING/ECONOMY

RBI Clears Appointment of Former SBI MD as MD & CEO of Yes Bank



The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval of **Vinay Muralidhar Tonse** as the MD and CEO of **Yes Bank** on February 3, 2026, marks the end of a high-stakes leadership transition. Tonse, a veteran with over 35 years of experience at the State Bank of India (SBI), is set to succeed **Prashant Kumar** in early April 2026.

This move is widely seen as a "steady-hand" strategy supported by Japan's **Sumitomo Mitsui**





Banking Corporation (SMBC), which now holds a nearly 25% stake in the lender.

Leadership Profile: Vinay Muralidhar Tonse

Tonse is recognized for his deep expertise in both retail operations and high-level corporate finance. His career trajectory at SBI provides a blueprint for the skills he brings to Yes Bank:

- **Recent Role:** Served as Managing Director (Retail Business & Operations) at SBI until November 2025.
- **Asset Management:** Previously led **SBI Mutual Fund** as its MD & CEO, overseeing significant growth in AUM.
- **International Exposure:** Served as CEO of SBI's Osaka branch in Japan and worked in Singapore, providing him with a global perspective that aligns with SMBC's presence.
- **Digital Transformation:** Instrumental in scaling SBI's **YONO app**, a critical experience as Yes Bank attempts to regain its "tech-first" identity.

The Road Ahead: Yes Bank's Transition Phase

Yes Bank has spent the last five years in a "Reconstruction Phase" under Prashant Kumar, moving from a crisis point in 2020 to a period of stability. Tonse's mandate for the next three years is to pivot the bank toward **aggressive, yet sustainable growth**.

| Objective | Current Status (Q3 FY26) | Tonse's Target |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Loan Growth | 5.2% (Year-on-Year) | Target 8%+ for the fiscal year. |
| CASA Ratio | Focus on granular deposits. | Reduce dependence on high-cost wholesale funding. |
| Net Profit | ₹952 crore (55% jump) | Scale through improved margins and lower provisions. |
| Asset Quality | Gross NPA at 1.5% | Maintain sub-2% levels while expanding the book. |

Strategic Significance of the Appointment

Analysts describe this as a "cautious, methodical" transition. By bringing in a former SBI leader, the bank ensures continuity with its primary rescue partner (SBI) while satisfying the governance standards of its new anchor investor (SMBC).

Expert View: "This is a classic Japanese-style move—slow and steady. Tonse's background in retail ensures that Yes Bank will focus on building a granular, stable deposit base rather than chasing risky, high-ticket corporate loans that led to the 2020 crisis."

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. Who has been approved by the RBI as the new MD and CEO of Yes Bank as of February 2026?

- A) Prashant Kumar
- B) Vinay Muralidhar Tonse
- C) Rajan Pental





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D) Dinesh Kumar Khara

2. Vinay Muralidhar Tonse served in which of the following roles before his appointment at Yes Bank?

- A) Chairman of HDFC Bank
- B) Managing Director at State Bank of India (SBI)
- C) Governor of the Reserve Bank of India
- D) CEO of ICICI Bank

3. What is the approved tenure for Vinay Muralidhar Tonse as the MD and CEO of Yes Bank?

- A) Two years
- B) Three years
- C) Five years
- D) One year

4. According to the announcement, the appointment is subject to the final approval of which group?

- A) The Finance Ministry
- B) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C) The Bank's Shareholders
- D) The NITI Aayog

5. Vinay Muralidhar Tonse will be succeeding which individual as the head of Yes Bank?

- A) Rana Kapoor
- B) Prashant Kumar
- C) Ravneet Gill
- D) Aditya Puri

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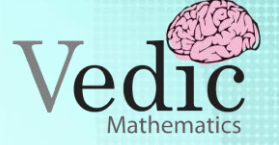
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STATE NEWS

President's Rule in Tamil Nadu (1976)



This month marks the **50th anniversary** of one of the most significant and controversial chapters in Indian federalism. On **January 31, 1976** (effective through February), the DMK government led by **M. Karunanidhi** was dismissed by the Central Government, marking the first time President's Rule was imposed in Tamil Nadu.

This move was a defining moment of the **Emergency era (1975-1977)** and permanently



altered the relationship between the Centre and the State.

The Context of the Dismissal

While the official reason cited was "maladministration and corruption," the dismissal was widely viewed as a political move by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government. The DMK had been one of the few state governments openly resisting the Emergency.

| Feature | Details |
|----------------------|---|
| Chief Minister | M. Karunanidhi (DMK) |
| Governor at the time | K.K. Shah |
| Constitutional Tool | Article 356 (President's Rule) |
| Key Reason Cited | The Sarkaria Commission (appointed later to investigate charges). |
| Duration of Rule | January 31, 1976 - June 30, 1977 |

Why It Happened: 3 Primary Drivers

The dismissal was the culmination of months of friction between Madras (now Chennai) and New Delhi:

- Defiance of the Emergency:** Karunanidhi famously organized a massive protest at Marina Beach against the Emergency, passing a resolution in the Assembly to "save democracy."
- Protection of Dissidents:** Tamil Nadu had become a safe haven for national leaders fleeing arrest under MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act).

- The Sarkaria Commission:** Following the dismissal, the Centre appointed Justice R.S. Sarkaria to investigate allegations of corruption against Karunanidhi and his cabinet, which became a long-running political saga.

Consequences and Impact

The imposition of President's Rule led to the arrest of over **25,000 DMK cadres** and leaders, including future Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin**, who was detained under MISA.

Political Shift: This period saw the rise of the **AIADMK** under M.G. Ramachandran (MGR). When elections finally took place in 1977 after the Emergency was lifted, MGR led his party to a historic victory, beginning an era where the AIADMK and DMK would alternate power for decades.

The Constitutional Legacy

The 1976 dismissal remains a textbook example in Indian law schools of the potential for **Article 356** to be used for political ends—a practice that was eventually curtailed by the landmark **S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994)** judgment by the Supreme Court.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

- In February 1976, the Tamil Nadu government was dismissed for the first time in its history. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution was President's Rule imposed?

- A) Article 352
 B) Article 356



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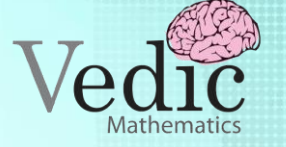
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C) Article 360

D) Article 370

2. Who was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the time of the government's dismissal in 1976?

A) C. N. Annadurai

B) M. G. Ramachandran

C) M. Karunanidhi

D) K. Kamaraj

3. Which political party was in power in Tamil Nadu when the Legislative Assembly was dissolved in 1976?

A) Indian National Congress

B) AIADMK

C) DMK

D) Swatantra Party

4. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was dissolved in February 1976. When was its original five-year term scheduled to end?

A) January 1, 1976

B) March 21, 1976

C) August 15, 1976

D) December 31, 1976

5. The dismissal of the state government and imposition of President's Rule meant that the

executive authority of the state was transferred to:

A) The Chief Justice of the High Court

B) The Prime Minister of India

C) The President of India (represented by the Governor)

D) The Speaker of the Assembly

Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 1 | B) Article 356 |
| 2 | C) M. Karunanidhi |
| 3 | C) DMK |
| 4 | B) March 21, 1976 |
| 5 | C) The President of India |

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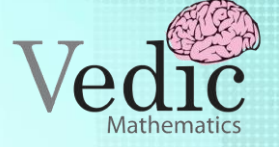
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Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

Q.1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed the Adampur Airport in Jalandhar after whom?

- A. Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Airport
- B. Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji Airport
- C. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Airport
- D. Sant Kabir Das Airport

1. B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has renamed the Adampur Airport in Jalandhar, Punjab, as 'Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji Airport, Adampur.' The announcement was made on the occasion of the 649th birth anniversary of Saint Guru Ravidas Ji, paying tribute to his message of social reforms and equality.

Q.2. Where was the third edition of the Future Warfare Course held in February 2026?

- A. Pune
- B. New Delhi
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chandigarh

2. B

India has begun formally preparing its military leadership for future wars. The third edition of the Future Warfare Course began in New Delhi, with Army, Navy, and Air Force officers, as well as defense industry experts, attending. The three-week program aims to explain how technology, geopolitics, and new areas of

warfare are transforming military operations. The course aims to ensure that India's armed forces remain adaptable, integrated, and future-ready.

Q.3. Which state contributed the most to India's renewable energy capacity by December 2025?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka

3. C

Gujarat leads the country with an installed renewable energy capacity of 42,583 GW by December 2025, representing 16.50% of the country's total capacity. The state ranks first in wind and total renewable energy and second in solar energy. Gujarat has a rooftop solar power capacity of 6,412.80 MW, and major solar parks are located in Charanka, Radhaneshda, and Dholera. The world's largest renewable energy park is being built in Khavda.

Q.4. The 68th Grammy Awards 2026 honor excellence in which field?

- A. Sports
- B. Cinema
- C. Music
- D. Literature

4. C





The 2026 Grammy Awards once again brought global attention to the art, creativity, and cultural impact of music. Held amid high expectations, this year's ceremony honored chart-toppers, genre-defining albums, and emerging artists. From pop and rap to country and Latin music, winners showcased both commercial success and artistic innovation. Big names like Billie Eilish, Lady Gaga, and Kendrick Lamar shared the stage with rising stars, making the 2026 Grammy Awards a night of both dominance and discovery.

Q.5. Where did Father Thomas V. Kuntunkal, a renowned Jesuit priest associated with India's education system, pass away?

- A. Kochi
 - B. Mumbai
 - C. New Delhi
 - D. Bengaluru
5. C

Father Thomas V. Kunnunkal, a renowned Jesuit priest and former chairman of the CBSE who made significant contributions to India's education system, passed away in New Delhi. Father Kunnunkal was a prominent figure in India's education scene, particularly known for his leadership of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). At the invitation of then-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, he served as chairman of the CBSE from 1980 to 1987. During this time, the CBSE became the standard for school education in the country. Prior to this, he had served twice as principal of St. Xavier's

School, Delhi, from 1962 to 1974 and again from 1977 to 1979.

Q.6. On what basis does the Global Soft Power Index 2026 rank countries?

- A. Military strength
 - B. Economic power
 - C. Cultural influence and values
 - D. Nuclear capability
6. C

The Global Soft Power Index 2026 (from Brand Finance) ranks countries on a score of 0-100 based on their global image, attractiveness, and influence. It uses 55 unique metrics across pillars such as culture, governance, business, politics, education, and media, based on surveys of over 150,000 people in over 100 countries.

Q.7. Which Indian player won the first BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026?

- A. P.V. Sindhu
 - B. Saina Nehwal
 - C. Devika Sihag
 - D. Aakarshi Kashyap
7. C

Indian badminton has a new rising star. Devika Sihag, a 20-year-old badminton player from Haryana, has made national recognition by winning her first BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026. This victory is the biggest achievement of her young career and a





sign of India's growing talent in women's singles badminton. With consistently improving performances at the international level and growing confidence, Devika's impressive win adds another chapter to India's badminton success story.

Q.8. Who won the Australian Open 2026 men's singles final?

- A. Rafael Nadal
 - B. Novak Djokovic
 - C. Carlos Alcaraz
 - D. Daniil Medvedev
8. C

Spanish young tennis star Carlos Alcaraz defeated Novak Djokovic to win the men's singles final of the 2026 Australian Open. He defeated Djokovic 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 in the final to win his first Australian Open title. With this victory, he became the youngest male player to complete a career Grand Slam.

Q.9. Which consecutive budget did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman present?

- A. 7th consecutive Budget
 - B. 8th consecutive Budget
 - C. 9th consecutive Budget
 - D. 10th consecutive Budget
9. C

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman made history by presenting her ninth

consecutive budget. Sitharaman holds the record for presenting the most consecutive budgets under Prime Minister Narendra Modi – nine times. In 2019, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi won a landslide victory for a second term, she was appointed India's first full-time female Finance Minister. After Modi's third term in power in 2024, Sitharaman retained her finance portfolio.

Q.10. Where did SBI launch the Global Trade Finance Centre (GTFC)?

- A. Mumbai
 - B. New Delhi
 - C. Chennai
 - D. Kolkata
10. D

The country's largest public sector bank, State Bank of India (SBI), has strengthened its trade finance and international banking operations by establishing a Global Trade Finance Centre (GTFC) in Kolkata. The centre aims to centralize the processing of trade finance and international banking transactions.

Q.11. Which initiative was announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 to promote women's self-employment?

- A. Ujjwala Kendras
- B. SHE Marts
- C. Mahila Haats
- D. Startup Shakti





11. B

The Union Budget 2026-27 announced 'She-Marts', or Self-Help Entrepreneur Marts, with the primary objective of promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship among women. The initiative builds on the Lakhpati Didi scheme, which will open community retail outlets run by self-help groups (SHGs) to help women sell their products and become entrepreneurs.

Q.12. Where was the joint exercise "Agri Pariksha" conducted by the Indian Army and ITBP?

- A. Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sagar, East Siang, Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Leh, Ladakh
- D. Imphal, Manipur

12. B

The 13th edition of the Joint Military Exercise Khanjar between India and Kyrgyzstan is scheduled to be held in Misamari, Assam. The aim of this military exercise is to enhance coordination between the Special Forces of the two countries, with a focus on joint operations in urban warfare and counter-terrorism scenarios under the United Nations mandate. Joint Exercise Khanjar-XIII will further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation and deepen the long-standing military partnership between India and Kyrgyzstan.

Q.13. Where was the CSIR-NIO's shore-based laboratory centre inaugurated?

A. Kochi

B. Chennai

C. Visakhapatnam

D. Goa

13. C

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)'s new onshore lab center has been inaugurated in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The center, inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, will be a major scientific base to promote marine research and the blue economy in the Bay of Bengal.

Q.14. Where did IOCL and Akasa Air sign an agreement on Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)?

- A. Aero India 2026
- B. Wings India 2026, Hyderabad
- C. DefExpo 2026
- D. Vibrant Gujarat Summit

14. B

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Akasa Air signed an agreement for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) during the Wings India 2026 airshow in Hyderabad. The purpose of this Letter of Intent (LOI) is to explore the possibility of using SAF on Akasa Air flights and producing it to reduce carbon emissions.





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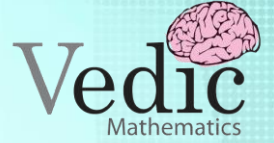
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Q.15. Where was a 1400-year-old tomb belonging to the Zapotec civilization discovered?

- A. Peru
- B. Guatemala
- C. San Pablo Huitzo, Oaxaca, Mexico
- D. Brazil

15. C

Archaeologists in southern Mexico have discovered a remarkably well-preserved 1,400-year-old tomb belonging to the Zapotec civilization, revealing a wealth of information about local funeral traditions and social organization. The discovery was made in San Pablo Huitzo, Oaxaca, in 2025, when authorities investigated an anonymous report of looting at the site

FACTS ABOUT BHARAT

This historical turning point is a profound example of Mahatma Gandhi's unwavering commitment to **Ahimsa** (non-violence). This week marks the **104th anniversary** of the incident, a moment that fundamentally shifted the trajectory of the Indian Independence Movement.

The Chauri Chaura Timeline (February 1922)

The incident wasn't just a sudden spark; it was the result of rising tensions during the **Non-Cooperation Movement**.

- **February 2:** Protesters demonstrated against high food prices and liquor sales at the local market. Police detained their leaders and used force.
- **February 4:** A crowd of approximately **2,000 to 2,500** gathered to march toward the market. When police fired warning shots into the air and then into the crowd, killing three, the situation turned into a riot.
- **The Retaliation:** The mob chased the police back to the *thana* (station) and set it ablaze. **22 policemen** perished.
- **February 12:** Despite intense pressure from leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel—who felt the movement was at its peak—Gandhi unilaterally called off the agitation during the Congress Working Committee meeting at Bardoli.

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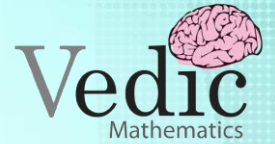
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Why Gandhi Called It Off

Gandhi described the event as a "**Himalayan Miscalculation.**" His reasoning was two-fold:

1. **Moral Grounds:** He believed the Indian people were not yet fully trained in the discipline of non-violence.
2. **Strategic Shielding:** He feared that the British would use the incident as an excuse to launch a brutal, armed crackdown on unarmed protesters across India. By ending the movement himself, he took away the British "justification" for mass violence.

Impact on the Freedom Struggle

The decision to halt the movement had massive long-term consequences:

| Consequence | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| Internal Rift | Led to the formation of the Swaraj Party by Motilal Nehru and C.R. Das, who wanted to enter legislative councils instead of boycotting them. |
| Rise of Revolutionaries | Disillusioned young activists like Bhagat Singh and Chandrashekhar Azad began looking toward armed revolution as an alternative path. |
| Gandhi's Arrest | Taking moral responsibility, Gandhi was arrested on March 10, 1922, and |

| Consequence | Description |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| | sentenced to six years in prison. |

Did you know? The Chauri Chaura Memorial in Gorakhpur features the names of both the executed protesters and the policemen, serving as a solemn reminder of the complexities of the struggle for Independence.

That is a powerful piece of Indian history. The Chauri Chaura incident remains one of the most significant turning points in the independence struggle, specifically because it tested Gandhi's commitment to *Ahimsa* (non-violence) against the momentum of a massive national movement.

Here are four multiple-choice questions based on the text you provided:

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. On which date did the Chauri Chaura incident occur?

- A) 12 February 1922
- B) 4 February 1922
- C) 15 August 1947
- D) 26 January 1921

2. The Chauri Chaura incident was a violent clash involving protesters from which major movement?

- A) Quit India Movement
- B) Civil Disobedience Movement





C) Non-Cooperation Movement

D) Swadeshi Movement

3. In which modern-day Indian state is the district of Gorakhpur located?

A) Bihar

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) West Bengal

D) Uttar Pradesh

4. What was the direct consequence of the violence at Chauri Chaura?

A) The British government granted immediate independence.

B) Mahatma Gandhi halted the Non-Cooperation Movement nationwide.

C) The Indian National Congress was banned.

D) Mahatma Gandhi called for a nationwide strike.

Answer Key

| Question | Answer |
|----------|---|
| 1 | B) 4 February 1922 |
| 2 | C) Non-Cooperation Movement |
| 3 | D) Uttar Pradesh |
| 4 | B) Mahatma Gandhi halted the Non-Cooperation Movement |

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