

National & International News

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim unveiled initiatives for cooperation in which key sector on February 8, 2026?

- A) Blue Economy and Space Research
- B) Defense, Semiconductors, and Digital Trade
- C) Hydropower and Organic Farming
- D) Civil Aviation and Tourism

Answer: B) Defense, Semiconductors, and Digital Trade

Detail: During PM Modi's visit to Malaysia, both nations signed MoUs to establish a semiconductor supply chain and enhance defense manufacturing cooperation.

2. Which country recently launched a €20 million project under the International Climate Initiative (IKI) to enhance ecosystem resilience in India?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Norway
- D) Japan

Answer: B) Germany

Detail: The funding aims to support high-risk ecosystems in India against climate-induced disasters, fostering local biodiversity and community resilience.

3. The Chagos Islands, recently in the news regarding a sovereignty deal between the UK and Mauritius, are located in which ocean?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean
- C) Indian Ocean

D) Southern Ocean

Answer: C) Indian Ocean

Detail: The islands host the strategic US-UK military base Diego Garcia. The 2026 discussions focus on the handover of sovereignty to Mauritius while maintaining the base operations.

4. Which state government recently signed an agreement with "Submer" (an AI infra company) to develop advanced liquid-cooled data centers?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Telangana
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: C) Karnataka

Detail: Realty firm Anant Raj partnered with Submer to build these centers in Bengaluru to support the state's growing AI ecosystem.

5. Goa recently became the second state in India to publish a "State-level Bird Atlas." Which was the first?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Odisha
- D) Uttarakhand

Answer: B) Kerala

Detail: Goa's atlas is a citizen-science initiative covering 370 sq. km, identifying nearly 1,400 km of bird transacts.

Economics & Banking

6. As of February 8, 2026, India has achieved the milestone of signing Digital Public

Infrastructure (DPI) MoUs with how many countries?

- A) 15
- B) 18
- C) 23
- D) 30

Answer: C) 23

Detail: These MoUs allow other nations to adopt components of the "India Stack," such as UPI and DigiLocker, for their digital governance.

7. Under the India-US trade framework discussed on Feb 8, India plans to purchase goods worth how much from the US over the next 5 years?

- A) \$100 Billion
- C) \$500 Billion
- D) \$750 Billion

Answer: C) \$500 Billion

Detail: This includes energy products, coking coal, and advanced technology products like GPUs to balance trade relations.

8. Which port became the first in India to install an advanced 360-degree "Anti-Drone System" for critical infrastructure protection?

- A) Mundra Port, Gujarat
- B) Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, Tamil Nadu
- C) Paradip Port, Odisha
- D) JNPT, Maharashtra

Answer: B) Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, Tamil Nadu

Detail: The system provides an effective detection and neutralization range of up to 5 km.

9. The Ministry of Statistics (MoSPI) launched the beta version of its "Model Context Protocol (MCP)" server in Feb 2026. What is its primary purpose?

- A) Tracking rural inflation in real-time
- B) Enabling AI tools to connect directly with official datasets
- C) Monitoring corporate tax evasion
- D) Automating the Census 2026 process

Answer: B) Enabling AI tools to connect directly with official datasets

Detail: It allows researchers and AI developers to access verified government data through secure, standardized protocols.

10. Which organization recently revised the GDP base year for India's national accounts to 2022-23?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) RBI
- C) MoSPI (National Statistics Office)
- D) Finance Commission

Answer: C) MoSPI (National Statistics Office)

Detail: The change from the 2011-12 base year to 2022-23 reflects the structural shifts in the Indian economy post-pandemic.

Sports & Awards

11. Who was recently appointed as the UN Global Road Safety Champion for 2026?

- A) Rahul Dravid
- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) P.V. Sindhu

Answer: B) Sachin Tendulkar

Detail: The cricket legend will work with the UN to promote awareness and action on road safety globally.

12. In the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, which team did Sri Lanka defeat in the opening match of Group B on Feb 8?

- A) Scotland
- B) Ireland
- C) Netherlands
- D) USA

Answer: B) Ireland

Detail: Kamindu Mendis played a rescue inning to help the co-hosts secure their first win of the tournament.

13. Which Indian duo won the mixed team air rifle gold at the Asian Championships in February 2026?

- A) Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh
- B) Elavenil Valarivan & Arjun Babuta
- C) Mehuli Ghosh & Divyansh Panwar
- D) Rhythm Sangwan & Varun Tomar

Answer: B) Elavenil Valarivan & Arjun Babuta

Detail: This win helped India cross the 50-medal mark in the ongoing continental championship.

14. The "Earthshot Prize 2026" ceremony has been announced to be hosted by which city?

- A) London
- B) Singapore
- C) Cape Town
- D) New Delhi

Answer: C) Cape Town

Detail: The prestigious environmental award founded by Prince William will take its 2026 edition to South Africa.

15. Who was awarded the "Padma Shri" in 2026 as the first-ever foreign coach to receive the honor for Indian wrestling?

- A) Gary Kirsten
- B) Vladimir Mestvirishvili
- C) Graham Reid
- D) Roelant Oltmans

Answer: B) Vladimir Mestvirishvili

Detail: He has been a pivotal figure in training India's Olympic medal-winning wrestlers.

Defense & Appointments

16. Which Indian defense PSU is partnering with Airbus to set up an assembly line for H125 helicopters in India?

- A) HAL
- B) Tata Advanced Systems (Private partner highlighted in 2026)
- C) Bharat Electronics
- D) Mazagon Dock

Answer: B) Tata Advanced Systems

Detail: While HAL is a major PSU, the H125 assembly line is a landmark private-sector partnership between Tata and Airbus (announced/furthered in Feb 2026).

17. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO-Designate of the State Bank of India (SBI)?

- A) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- B) Vinay Muralidhar Tonse

- C) Dinesh Khara
D) Ashwini Kumar Tewari

Answer: B) Vinay Muralidhar Tonse

Detail: He is slated to take full charge following the retirement of the incumbent chairman/MD.

18. The Druzhba oil pipeline, which was in the news on Feb 8 due to a flow halt, primarily transports oil from which country?

- A) Ukraine
B) Russia
C) Kazakhstan
D) Azerbaijan

Answer: B) Russia

Detail: It is one of the world's longest pipelines, supplying crude oil to Central and Eastern Europe.

19. Which state police launched "Operation Crackdown" on Feb 8, 2026, to target mule bank accounts used in cyber fraud?

- A) Karnataka
B) Telangana
C) Maharashtra
D) Delhi

Answer: B) Telangana

Detail: The operation aims to freeze accounts that facilitate the laundering of money stolen via "Digital Arrest" and trading scams.

20. The "Khanjar" joint military exercise (Feb 2026) is a bilateral event between India and which nation?

- A) Kazakhstan
B) Kyrgyzstan
C) Uzbekistan

- D) Tajikistan

Answer: B) Kyrgyzstan

Detail: The 13th edition focuses on counter-terrorism and mountain warfare.

Schemes, Books & Important Days

21. What is the theme for "World Pulses Day" to be observed on February 10, 2026?

- A) Pulses for a Sustainable Future
B) Nutritious Seeds for a Sustainable Future
C) Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence
D) Healthy Soils and Pulses

Answer: C) Pulses of the World: From Modesty to Excellence

Detail: The 2026 theme emphasizes the culinary and agricultural excellence of pulses.

22. "Mission PoWaR," which was highlighted in the Feb 2026 budget, is a rural development scheme of which state?

- A) Rajasthan
B) Odisha
C) Bihar
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B) Odisha

Detail: It aims for 100% rural infrastructure coverage and livelihood support by 2027.

23. Which organization signed an MoU with the "PW Foundation" on Feb 8 to provide free online coaching for competitive exams to disadvantaged students?

- A) NITI Aayog

B) Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE)

C) Ministry of Education

D) National Testing Agency

Answer: B) Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE)

Detail: The partnership focuses on providing high-quality digital education for SC/OBC students.

24. The book "Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness," which won a Grammy in 2026, features the teachings of:

A) Sadhguru

B) The Dalai Lama

C) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

D) Thich Nhat Hanh

Answer: B) The Dalai Lama

Detail: The album won in the "Best Audio Book, Narration, and Storytelling" category.

25. Which Indian entity launched the "Sujvika Portal" on Feb 8 to mark the 40th foundation day of the Department of Biotechnology?

A) CSIR

B) ICMR

C) Ministry of Science & Technology

D) ISRO

Answer: C) Ministry of Science & Technology

Detail: The portal is designed as a one-stop resource for biotechnology research and startup funding.

Static & General Awareness (Related to Feb 8 News)

26. Periyar Tiger Reserve, where Phase III of the Tiger Estimation 2025-26 began on Feb 8, is located in:

A) Karnataka

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Kerala

D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: C) Kerala

27. The revolutionary leader Chandrashekhar Azad, whose martyrdom is honored in early Feb, was associated with which organization?

A) Anushilan Samiti

B) Hindustan Republican Association (HRA/HSRA)

C) Abhinav Bharat Society

D) Ghadar Party

Answer: B) Hindustan Republican Association (HRA/HSRA)

28. Which marine neurotoxin was identified as the cause of severe illness in Kerala (Vizhinjam) on Feb 8?

A) Botulinum

B) Tetrodotoxin

C) Saxitoxin

D) Ciguatoxin

Answer: B) Tetrodotoxin

29. The "Iron Alliance" is a strategic proposal recently made by which country to India?

A) USA

B) Israel

C) France

D) Russia

Answer: B) Israel

30. Which planet's volcanic activity (Piton de la Fournaise) was a major geographical news highlight on Feb 8?

A) Mars (Olympus Mons)

B) Earth (Réunion Island)

C) Venus

D) Jupiter (Io)

Answer: B) Earth (Réunion Island)

Detail: The volcano on the French territory of Réunion Island saw a significant eruption.

Quick Recap Table

Category	Key Highlight
International	India-Malaysia Defense and Semi-conductor MoUs
Banking	SBI MD-Designate: Vinay Muralidhar Tonse
Science	Sujvika Portal launched for Biotechnology
Environment	Germany-India Climate Grant (€20m)
Defense	VOC Port becomes first with Anti-Drone system

