

### Important Days & National News

1. Every year, World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Diwas) is celebrated on January 10. What is the theme for the year 2026?

- (A) Hindi: Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence
- (B) Hindi as an Emotional Connector
- (C) Hindi: The Soul of Indian Culture
- (D) Making Hindi a Global Language

**Correct Answer: (A) Hindi: Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence**

**Explanation:** World Hindi Day commemorates the first World Hindi Conference held in Nagpur in 1975. The 2026 theme emphasizes the integration of the language with modern technological advancements like AI while preserving its roots. Note: This is distinct from "Hindi Diwas" celebrated on September 14.

2. Which district court in India was inaugurated as the country's first "Fully Paperless District Court" on January 10, 2026?

- (A) Wayanad (Kalpetta), Kerala
- (B) Mysuru, Karnataka
- (C) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Ernakulam, Kerala

**Correct Answer: (A) Wayanad (Kalpetta), Kerala**

**Explanation:** Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant inaugurated the paperless court in Kalpetta, Wayanad. This digital transformation means all files, decisions, and proceedings are handled through an integrated digital management system.

3. Which district in Arunachal Pradesh has been declared India's first "Bio-Happy District"?

- (A) Keyi Panyor
- (B) Tawang
- (C) Lower Subansiri
- (D) Itanagar

**Correct Answer: (A) Keyi Panyor**

**Explanation:** Keyi Panyor achieved this status by balancing environmental conservation with sustainable development, focusing on organic farming and biodiversity-led economic growth.

### International Relations & News

4. Which country recently officially supported India regarding its purchase of Russian crude oil despite international pressure and tariff threats?

- (A) Germany
- (B) Poland
- (C) France
- (D) Italy

**Correct Answer: (B) Poland**

**Explanation:** During a diplomatic visit, Polish Foreign Minister Radosław Sikorski expressed support for India's energy security needs, highlighting the importance of the India-Poland bilateral relationship within the "Weimar Triangle" context.

5. Which international trade bloc reached a long-awaited free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union in January 2026?

- (A) ASEAN
- (B) Mercosur
- (C) BRICS
- (D) GCC

**Correct Answer: (B) Mercosur**

**Explanation:** After years of negotiation, EU member states approved the FTA with Mercosur (South American trade bloc), despite protests from European farmers regarding agricultural competition.

### Economics & Banking

**6. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has projected India's Real GDP growth for FY26 at what rate?**

- (A) 6.8%
- (B) 7.0%
- (C) 7.4%
- (D) 7.8%

**Correct Answer: (C) 7.4%**

**Explanation:** Based on the First Advance Estimates, the growth is projected to be driven primarily by the services sector (expected to grow at 9.9%) and the manufacturing sector.

**7. Which private sector bank was authorized by the RBI in January 2026 to operate under the "Capital Gains Account Scheme" (CGAS)?**

- (A) HDFC Bank
- (B) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (C) Axis Bank
- (D) ICICI Bank

**Correct Answer: (B) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Explanation:** This authorization allows the bank to accept deposits from taxpayers who wish to claim exemptions on long-term capital gains under sections like 54 of the Income Tax Act.

### Defense & Science

**8. Which organization successfully completed the long-duration ground test of the "Scramjet Engine" in January 2026?**

- (A) ISRO
- (B) DRDO
- (C) HAL
- (D) BDL

**Correct Answer: (B) DRDO**

**Explanation:** This is a major milestone for India's hypersonic missile program. The scramjet engine allows for flight at speeds exceeding Mach 5 by using atmospheric oxygen for combustion.

**9. The Indian Army is the focus theme of which major event starting on January 10, 2026?**

- (A) New Delhi World Book Fair
- (B) Bharat Mobility Expo
- (C) Wings India 2026
- (D) DefExpo 2026

**Correct Answer: (A) New Delhi World Book Fair**

**Explanation:** The 53rd edition of the fair at Bharat Mandapam features "Indian Military History" as its theme, with Qatar as the Guest Country and Spain as the Focus Country.

### Awards & Appointments

**10. Who was conferred with the 70th "Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2025" in New Delhi by the Railway Minister?**

- (A) 100 Railway Employees
- (B) Ashwini Vaishnav
- (C) Jaya Varma Sinha
- (D) R.K. Jain

**Correct Answer: (A) 100 Railway Employees**

**Explanation:** Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw presented the awards to 100 railway employees from across India for their outstanding contribution to the service and safety of Indian Railways.

**11. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?**

- (A) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor
- (B) Rahul Rasgotra
- (C) Anish Dayal Singh
- (D) Nitin Agrawal

**Correct Answer: (A) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor**

**Explanation:** Kapoor, a senior IPS officer, has been tasked with leading the force primarily responsible for guarding the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

## Sports

**12. Which state topped the medal tally on Day 4 of the "Khelo India Beach Games 2026"?**

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) Goa
- (D) Odisha

**Correct Answer: (B) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:** Tamil Nadu's athletes showed dominant performances in Beach Kabaddi and Beach Volleyball to lead the tally.

**13. In January 2026, which Indian chess player surpassed Viswanathan Anand in the live Blitz ratings during the Tata Steel Chess event?**

- (A) R. Praggnanandhaa

(B) Gukesh D.

(C) Arjun Erigaisi

(D) Vidit Gujrathi

**Correct Answer: (C) Arjun Erigaisi**

**Explanation:** Arjun Erigaisi's exceptional performance in the Blitz category saw him climb to new heights, hoodwinking several legends during the tournament.

## Govt Schemes, MoUs & Others

**14. The "Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat" campaign aims to make India child-marriage-free by which year?**

- (A) 2027
- (B) 2030
- (C) 2035
- (D) 2047

**Correct Answer: (B) 2030**

**Explanation:** The campaign, led by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, recently highlighted Balod (Chhattisgarh) as the first district to report zero cases of child marriage for two consecutive years.

**15. Which police force secured the 1st position in the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS 2.0) National Ranking for 2026?**

- (A) Uttar Pradesh Police
- (B) Uttarakhand Police
- (C) Kerala Police
- (D) Telangana Police

**Correct Answer: (B) Uttarakhand Police**

**Explanation:** This ranking reflects the efficient use of the digital platform to share data across

different pillars of the justice system, such as courts, police, and jails.

16. Which organization launched the "PANKHUDI" integrated digital portal for women and children in January 2026?

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (C) Ministry of Social Justice
- (D) National Commission for Women

**Correct Answer: (B) Ministry of Women and Child Development**

**Explanation:** Launched by Minister Annapurna Devi, PANKHUDI streamlines CSR partnerships and stakeholder collaboration to enhance the ease of living for women and children.

17. "Boong," which recently qualified for the Oscars 2026 Best International Feature Film race, is directed by whom?

- (A) Anupam Kher
- (B) Lakshmi Priya Devi
- (C) Kiran Rao
- (D) Rishab Shetty

**Correct Answer: (B) Lakshmi Priya Devi**

**Explanation:** The Manipuri film has garnered international acclaim and was officially entered into the Best International Feature Film category.

18. Madhav Gadgil, who passed away recently, was a renowned figure in which field?

- (A) Space Science
- (B) Ecology and Environment
- (C) Classical Music
- (D) Nuclear Physics

**Correct Answer: (B) Ecology and Environment**

**Explanation:** He was the chairman of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel and is considered the "Father of Modern Indian Ecology."

19. Which city hosted the 5th "Human Capital Working Group Meeting" under the G20/International framework in January 2026?

- (A) IIT Delhi
- (B) IIM Ahmedabad
- (C) IIT Guwahati
- (D) IIT Bombay

**Correct Answer: (C) IIT Guwahati**

**Explanation:** The meeting focused on future skills, education, and bridging the global talent gap.

20. What is the name of the new mascot launched by UIDAI (Aadhaar) in January 2026 to enhance user engagement?

- (A) Neelkanth
- (B) Aadhaar Mitra
- (C) Gyan
- (D) Vishwas

**Correct Answer: (A) Neelkanth**

**Explanation:** Neelkanth Mishra (UIDAI Chairman) unveiled the mascot to simplify the digital identity experience for citizens.