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NATIONAL NEWS

India's Cheetah Population Reaches 53 After Jwala's Five Cubs at Kuno National Park



Cheetah population in India has reached 53 after Namibian cheetah Jwala gave birth to five cubs at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. This announcement was made on March 2026 by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav. And he hails a major achievement for Project Cheetah India. After this new birth the number of Indian born cheetah cubs has risen to 33. And also represents the 10th successful cheetah coming on Indian soil.

Key Points:-

Several recent developments have strengthened the cheetah population in India under Project Cheetah India.

Few weeks ago Another cheetah named Gamini originally from South Africa, recently gave birth to four cubs marking her second successful litter since arriving in India.



NATIONAL NEWS

Inter Regional Transmission Capacity to Reach 143 GW by 2027



The Government of India has announced that the country's inter-regional power transmission capacity will increase by 143 gigawatts (GW) by 2027. Which is ensuring stronger electricity flow across different regions in the country. Currently India's inter regional transmission capacity stands at about 120 GW as of December 2025. The expansion plan is part of a broader strategy to strengthen the National Power Grid and will support the rapidly rising electricity demand in the country.

Key Points:-

India's decision to strengthen inter regional transmission capacity will be driven by the rapid growth in electricity demand.

According to government projections India's peak electricity demand is expected to reach around 388 GW by 2032.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India Sends 1,000 Tons of Rice to Malawi

India has dispatched 1,000 metric tons of rice to Malawi as humanitarian assistance. This

decision to help the country deal with food shortages caused by drought. The shipment was sent from Nhava Sheva Port in Maharashtra. Which is marking an important step in India's global humanitarian outreach.



Key Points:-

The rice shipment to Malawi is intended to support the country's efforts to stabilize food supplies and help vulnerable populations affected by drought.

Malawi has faced serious agricultural challenges after prolonged dry conditions disrupted farming and reduced crop production.

SPORTS

New Delhi Hosts World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026



The 2nd edition of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 in New Delhi. And it will take

place from March 11 to March 13. In which the bringing together athletes from across the world. The international competition will feature around 257 athletes from eight countries, making it a major para sports event hosted by India. The event is expected to showcase high level performances in various track and field competitions.



This appointment approval for a temporary period of three months. The decision was announced on March 2026. The decision comes following the arrest of the bank's Managing Director and CEO Rishi Gupta in a GST related case. Merchant currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Fino Payments Bank.

AWARDS

Rashmika Mandanna Best Actress Award At The Telangana Gaddar Awards



Rashmika Mandanna has won the Best Actress award at the Telangana Gaddar Film Awards. This Award she won for her performance in the Telugu romantic drama "The Girlfriend". This recognition celebrates her powerful portrayal in the film. This award was announced as part of the state backed awards that recognize outstanding achievements in Telugu cinema.

STATE NEWS

TWEES - Scheme



Tamil Nadu Women Entrepreneur Empowerment Scheme (TWEES) was launched by CM of Tamil Nadu to promote women-led businesses. The scheme aims to encourage 1 lakh women to become entrepreneurs over the next five years. It is implemented by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department of Tamil Nadu. The programme will

BANKING/ECONOMY

RBI Approves Ketan Merchant as Interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Ketan Merchant as interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank.



provide training, financial assistance and institutional support to women entrepreneurs. The scheme aims to increase women's participation in the MSME sector and create more employment opportunities in the state.

📁 Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

Q.1. Recently, the Indian government directed the suspension of TRP reporting by TV news channels for how long?

- A. 1 week
 - B. 2 weeks
 - C. 4 weeks
 - D. 6 weeks
1. C

The Indian government has ordered the temporary suspension of TRP ratings for TV news channels. This decision was taken in light of concerns about sensational coverage of the ongoing West Asian conflict between Israel and Iran. The ministry also asked the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) to halt reporting of television rating points (TRPs) for four weeks or until further instructions.

Q.2. Who recently presented the Punjab Budget 2026-27?

- A. Bhagwant Mann
- B. Harpal Singh Cheema
- C. Arvind Kejriwal
- D. Sukhbir Singh Badal

2. B

Punjab's budget for 2026-27 was presented in the Assembly by Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema. This ₹260,437 crore budget, the last budget of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's government, focuses on financial assistance and education for women under the "Chief Minister's Women Empowerment Scheme."

Q.3. Recently, the Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) has spread rapidly in the West Coast of which country?

- A. Canada
- B. United States
- C. Australia
- D. United Kingdom

3. B

Human metapneumovirus (HMPV) is a highly contagious respiratory virus that is spreading rapidly on the West Coast of the United States (US). It belongs to the Pneumoviridae family, which also includes respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It primarily causes cold-like respiratory illnesses. The virus spreads through the air through coughing and sneezing, close contact with others, and touching contaminated surfaces and then touching the face. Common symptoms include cough, fever, nasal congestion, and difficulty breathing. In severe cases, it can lead to bronchitis or pneumonia. There is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment; care focuses on managing symptoms and preventing complications.

Q.4. Recently, the Karnataka government proposed to ban what for children under 16 years of age?

- A. Online games
- B. Social media usage
- C. Television

D. Mobile phones

4. B

The Karnataka government has proposed banning social media access for children under the age of 16 in its 2026-27 budget. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah made this decision in light of the growing digital addiction among children, its negative impact on mental health, and the dangers of online threats. The move aims to provide children with a safe digital environment.

Q.5. Recently, how many years did the SWAYATT Initiative on the GeM platform complete?

A. 5 years

B. 6 years

C. 7 years

D. 10 years

5. C

The SWAYATT initiative on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has completed 7 years of operation. The initiative focuses on promoting inclusive growth by providing access to the government procurement market to women entrepreneurs, startups, youth, and self-help groups.

Q.6. Who presented the Karnataka Budget 2026-27 recently?

A. Basavaraj Bommai

B. D.K. Shivakumar

C. Siddaramaiah

D. Jagadish Shettar

6. C

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented the state budget for 2026-27, with a

total expenditure of ₹4,48,004 crore, a 13.3% increase from the revised estimate of ₹3,95,307 crore for 2025-26. This was despite concerns about a decline in Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue due to rate rationalization, which appears to have been mitigated by increasing the state's share in the tax devolution pool, as per the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission.

Q.7. What is the full name of Balen Shah, who recently became the new Prime Minister of Nepal?

A. Baldev Shah

B. Balendra Shah

C. Bimal Shah

D. Bharat Shah

7. B

Nepal's incoming Prime Minister, popularly known as 'Balen Shah,' is Balendra Shah. He is a rapper, engineer, and former mayor of Kathmandu, who is poised to lead Nepal to power through his party, the Rashtriya Swatantra Party (RSP).

Q.8. Who was recently appointed as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court?

A. Justice Sanjay Karol

B. Justice Rajesh Bindal

C. Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari

D. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

8. C

Justice Sushrutha Arvind Dharmadhikari (SA Dharmadhikari) has been appointed Chief Justice of the Madras High Court (the 55th Chief Justice). He will take the oath of office following the retirement of Justice Manindra Mohan

Shrivastava. He was previously a judge of the Kerala High Court.

Q.9. According to the recent Hurun Rich List 2026, how many billionaires are there in India?

- A. 250
- B. 280
- C. 308
- D. 350

9. C

According to the Hurun Global Rich List 2026, the number of billionaires in India increased by 24 from last year to 308, reflecting strong wealth creation and consistent economic growth. India has become the third-highest billionaire nation globally, behind only the US and China.

Q.10. Where was the Mobile World Congress 2026 recently held?

- A. Paris
- B. Tokyo
- C. Berlin
- D. Barcelona, Spain

10. D

The Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026, held in Barcelona, Spain, is considered the world's largest gathering for the mobile and technology industry. The theme for 2026 was "The IQ Era." The event focused on smart networks, digital innovation, and social transformation by combining artificial intelligence (AI) with advanced connectivity. The event was organized by the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA). Indian telecom innovators also showcased their technologies and innovations on this global platform.

Q.11. Who recently released the official logo of the Cycling League of India?

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Mansukh Mandaviya
- C. Kiren Rijiju
- D. Dharmendra Pradhan

11. B

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, unveiled the official logo of the world's first franchise-based road cycling league, the Cycling League of India (CLI), in New Delhi. He described it as a historic moment for Indian sports that will promote cycling in the country.

Q.12. What is the new brand campaign of SBI General Insurance recently?

- A. Suraksha Apke Saath
- B. Health First India
- C. Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa
- D. Safe India

12. C

SBI General Insurance, in collaboration with renowned actor Pankaj Tripathi, has launched a new, comprehensive brand campaign titled "Chuniye Bharosa, Apno Sa." The campaign focuses on everyday care and trust, aiming to make health insurance easy and reliable.

Q.13. According to WHO, which country has recently eliminated leprosy as a public health problem?

- A. Brazil
- B. Peru
- C. Chile
- D. Argentina

13. C

Chile has become the first country in the Americas to be officially verified by the World Health Organization as having eliminated leprosy as a public health problem. This milestone comes after more than 30 years of no localized outbreaks and continuous disease surveillance.

Q.14. When will the RBI's new Responsible Business Conduct rules come into effect?

- A. April 1, 2026
- B. July 1, 2026
- C. June 1, 2026
- D. January 1, 2027

14. B

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) new draft Responsible Business Conduct Rules are proposed to come into effect from July 1, 2026. These guidelines focus on preventing the rapid sale of third-party products, implementing a "seller beware" model, curbing deceptive digital "dark patterns," and strengthening consumer protection against fraud.

Q.15. Which special salary account for women did Yes Bank recently launch?

- A. Yes Women Power Account
- B. Yes Essence Women's Salary Account
- C. Yes Pink Account
- D. Yes Smart Women Account

15. B

YES Bank has launched the "YES Essence Women's Salary Account" for working women. This special account offers features like a free locker for the first year, health cover up to ₹5 lakh, and 5% cashback on certain categories.

Historical and Technical Events of 12th march 2026

1942: British troops evacuate Andaman Islands during World War II.



During World War II, the British hastily evacuated and left these islands due to the advance of Japanese forces, leading to the Japanese occupation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Japanese ruled the region brutally for four years from 1942 to 1945. In 1943, Japan finally handed over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to India. These islands were handed over to the government of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, who then suggested renaming Andaman Island as 'Shaheed' and Nicobar Island as 'Swaraj' Island.

1954: The Government of India established the Sahitya Akademi.

The Government of India established the Sahitya Akademi on March 12, 1954. It is a national institution. Its purpose is to work for the development of Indian literature and to set high literary standards.



The head office of the Sahitya Akademi is in Ravindra Bhavan, New Delhi. The Sahitya Akademi promotes literary activities in 24 languages of India. The Sahitya Akademi is the country's premier forum for literary discussion, publication, and promotion.

1960: Indian thinker, writer and Sanskrit scholar Kshitimohan Sen passed away.



Acharya Kshitimohan Sen (2 December 1880 – 12 March 1960) was an Indian scholar, writer and professor of Sanskrit. He was the acting vice-principal of Vishwabharati (1953–1954). He was the maternal grandfather of Amartya Sen. Kshitimohan Sen has a leading position

among the insightful critics of medieval saint literature. Kshitimohan Sen became the president of 'Vidya Bhavan' under 'Vishwabharati', the educational institution of Kavindra-Rabindra. He has a leading position among the insightful critics of medieval saint literature.

1967: Indira Gandhi became the Prime Minister of the country for the second time.



She won the election in 1967 and became one of the first women to lead a democracy. Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister of India twice. She was the Prime Minister for the first time from 1966 to 1977 and the second time from 1980 to 1984. After returning to India from Oxford in 1941, she joined the Indian Independence Movement. In the 1950s, she served her father as an unofficial personal assistant during his tenure as the first Prime Minister of India.

2007: The 9th Cricket World Cup was inaugurated in Jamaica.

The ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 was inaugurated at Trelawny Stadium in Jamaica. It was the 9th Cricket World Cup.



Several pieces of West Indian music were performed at the ceremony. It took place in the West Indies from March to April 2007 using the One Day International format of the game. A total of 51 matches were played, three fewer than in the 2003 World Cup.

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