

## Important Days & Themes

1. Which major Hindu festival, dedicated to Lord Shiva and symbolizing self-reflection and spiritual awakening, is observed across India on 15th February 2026?

- A) Maha Shivratri
- B) Ganesh Chaturthi
- C) Holi
- D) Makar Sankranti

**Answer: A [Maha Shivratri]**

**Detail:** Devotees observe fasting and night-long prayers. In 2026, the festival falls on mid-February, attracting millions of pilgrims to shrines like Kashi Vishwanath and Mahakaleshwar.

2. 15th February marks 'International Book Giving Day.' What is the primary objective of this observance?

- A) To promote digital libraries
- B) To get books into the hands of as many children as possible
- C) To honor Nobel laureates in literature
- D) To increase book taxes for publishers

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** This is a volunteer-led initiative to increase children's access to books and instill a love for reading worldwide.

## National News

3. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla represented India at the swearing-in ceremony of which neighboring country's Prime Minister on 15th February 2026?

- A) Sri Lanka

- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Bhutan

**Answer: C [Bangladesh]**

**Detail:** Om Birla represented India at the inauguration of Tarique Rahman. India seeks to maintain stability and reset ties following the political transition in Dhaka.

4. Security agencies recently busted a massive network of 8,000 'Mule Accounts' used for cybercrime and terror funding in which region?

- A) Kerala
- B) Jammu & Kashmir
- C) West Bengal
- D) Punjab

**Answer: B [Jammu & Kashmir]**

**Detail:** These accounts were used to funnel funds for anti-national activities and convert stolen money into untraceable cryptocurrency.

5. Which state government presented a record ₹9.13 trillion Budget for FY 2026-27, reflecting a 12.2% increase from the previous year?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Gujarat

**Answer: C [Uttar Pradesh]**

**Detail:** Tabled by Finance Minister Suresh Khanna, the budget focuses on infrastructure, spiritual tourism, and the "Vision 2047" roadmap.

## International News

6. Mia Mottley secured a historic third consecutive term as the Prime Minister of which nation in February 2026?

- A) Jamaica
- B) Barbados
- C) Guyana
- D) Trinidad and Tobago

**Answer: B [Barbados]**

**Detail:** Her Barbados Labour Party (BLP) won all 30 seats in a "clean sweep," leaving the country without an official opposition for the third time.

7. Which country's military government recently ordered Timor-Leste's chargé d'affaires to leave the country following allegations of war crimes?

- A) Thailand
- B) Myanmar
- C) Cambodia
- D) Laos

**Answer: B [Myanmar]**

**Detail:** The junta expelled the diplomat after Timor-Leste initiated a universal jurisdiction case regarding human rights abuses.

8. The 62nd Munich Security Conference (MSC) 2026 saw the Philippines signing defense pacts with which two European nations?

- A) UK and France
- B) Estonia and Italy
- C) Germany and Poland
- D) Spain and Portugal

**Answer: B [Estonia and Italy]**

**Detail:** The pacts focus on cybersecurity cooperation and capacity building for armed forces.

## Economics & Banking

9. Which fintech company received final RBI approval for a Payment Aggregator-Cross Border (PA-CB) licence in February 2026?

- A) Razorpay
- B) EximPe
- C) Pine Labs
- D) BharatPe

**Answer: B [EximPe]**

**Detail:** This allows the company to settle international payments directly into offshore accounts, targeting \$1 billion in annualized trade transactions by 2028.

10. NPCI International signed a pact with 'PayNet' of which country to enable QR-based merchant payments between the two nations?

- A) Singapore
- B) Malaysia
- C) UAE
- D) France

**Answer: B [Malaysia]**

**Detail:** This partnership allows Indian travelers to use UPI in Malaysia and vice versa, further globalizing the UPI ecosystem.

11. Which organization recently launched the 'SUJVIKA' portal, an AI-driven biotechnology platform for researchers?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) CSIR

- C) ICMR  
D) Department of Biotechnology

**Answer: A [NITI Aayog]**

**Detail:** SUJVIKA aims to streamline biotech research and promote public-private partnerships in the health sector.

## Sports News

**12. In the first Women's T20I in Sydney, India defeated Australia by 21 runs (DLS method). Who was the leading bowler with 4/22?**

- A) Deepti Sharma  
B) Arundhati Reddy  
C) Renuka Singh  
D) Pooja Vastrakar

**Answer: B [Arundhati Reddy]**

**13. Kishorakumar won the Gold Medal in the Hammer Throw (30+ category) at which major multi-sport event in February 2026?**

- A) World Athletics Championship  
B) Open Masters Games, Abu Dhabi  
C) Commonwealth Games  
D) Asian Masters Athletics

**Answer: B [Open Masters Games]**

**Detail:** This was the first major multi-sport masters event hosted in West Asia.

**14. India finished 1st in the medal tally at the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2026 held at which venue?**

- A) Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar  
B) Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi  
C) Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune

- D) SAI Centre, Bengaluru

**Answer: B**

## Appointments & Awards

**15. Which PSU was conferred the FIPI Award 2025 as the "Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year"?**

- A) ONGC  
B) Oil India Limited (OIL)  
C) GAIL  
D) Bharat Petroleum

**Answer: B [Oil India Limited]**

**Detail:** The award was presented by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri to OIL Chairman Dr. Ranjit Rath.

**16. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the newly formed "AI Ethics Committee" under the Ministry of IT?**

- A) Nandan Nilekani  
B) Amitabh Kant  
C) S. Somanath  
D) B. Ravindran

**Answer: D [Prof. B. Ravindran]**

**Detail:** Prof. Ravindran is a renowned AI expert from IIT Madras and also serves on a UN AI advisory panel.

## Defense News

**17. 'Vayushakti-2026,' a massive firepower demonstration of the Indian Air Force (IAF), was conducted at:**

- A) Jodhpur

- B) Pokhran Range
- C) Ambala
- D) Sulur

**Answer: B [Pokhran Range]**

**Detail:** The exercise involved 120+ aircraft including Rafale, Tejas, and Su-30MKI, showcasing indigenous precision strike capabilities.

**18. Which entity became the first Indian port authority to receive the IGBC Platinum and Shunya (Net Zero) certifications?**

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- B) V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority
- C) Paradip Port Authority
- D) Deendayal Port Authority

**Answer: B [VOC Port, Tuticorin]**

**Detail:** The administrative building operates on 100% renewable energy, achieving a "Net Positive" status.

## Govt Schemes & MoUs

**19. Rajasthan Budget 2026 announced the launch of 'RAJ-SURAKSHA.' What is it?**

- A) A crop insurance scheme
- B) An emergency response system
- C) A digital health card
- D) A tribal education fund

**Answer: B [Emergency response system]**

**20. Under the 'Mukhyamantri Lakhpati Didi Yojana' in Rajasthan, the loan limit has been increased to:**

- A) ₹50,000

- B) ₹1 Lakh
- C) ₹1.5 Lakh
- D) ₹2 Lakh

**Answer: C [₹1.5 Lakh]**

**Detail:** Aimed at empowering rural women through self-help groups (SHGs).

**21. NITI Aayog has proposed a blueprint to transform which state into a "Renewable Energy Hub" by 2035?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B [Andhra Pradesh]**

## Books & Authors

**22. The book 'The Digital Frontier: India's Tech Revolution,' released in Feb 2026, is authored by:**

- A) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B) Satya Nadella
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Nandan Nilekani

**Answer: C [Rajeev Chandrasekhar]**

**23. Who wrote the memoir 'Winds of Change' which recently won the 2026 International Book Award?**

- A) Salman Rushdie
- B) Vikram Seth
- C) Arundhati Roy
- D) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer: B [Vikram Seth]

## Science & Environment

24. 'MethaneSAT,' launched by SpaceX for the Environmental Defense Fund, is designed to:

- A) Explore methane on Mars
- B) Track and measure methane leaks from oil/gas sites globally
- C) Convert methane into fuel
- D) Monitor forest fires

Answer: B

25. Which Indian IIT developed the 'Smart Water Meter' utilizing IoT for the VOC Port's sustainability initiative?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Kanpur
- D) IIT Bombay

Answer: A [IIT Madras]

26. The 'Carbon Credit Pilot Project' to promote climate-friendly farming was recently launched in:

- A) Haryana
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Punjab
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B [Rajasthan]

27. India successfully tested its first indigenous 'High-Power Laser Weapon' named:

- A) Agni-V
- B) DURGA-2

C) Rudram

D) Astra

Answer: B [DURGA-2]

Detail: Developed by DRDO, it is designed to neutralize enemy drones and missiles using directed energy.

28. Who is the current Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission?

- A) N.K. Singh
- B) Arvind Panagariya
- C) Raghuram Rajan
- D) Urjit Patel

Answer: B [Arvind Panagariya]

29. Which city hosted the 2026 BRICS Sherpa meeting?

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

Answer: B [New Delhi]

30. The 'Shunya' certification awarded by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) signifies:

- A) Zero Waste Building
- B) Net Zero Energy Building
- C) Zero Noise Pollution
- D) Zero Water Wastage

Answer: B