

National News & Governance

1. Which state government officially declared "Tidal Flooding" as a state-specific disaster on February 19, 2026?

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

Answer: C) Kerala

Detail: Kerala became the first state in India to recognize "sunny day flooding" (tidal flooding) as a disaster. This allows the state to provide financial relief to victims under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

2. The "Shahpur Kandi Dam Project," in the news on Feb 19, is located on which river?

- A) Chenab
- B) Beas
- C) Ravi
- D) Sutlej

Answer: C) Ravi

Detail: Located in Pathankot, Punjab, the completion of this dam ensures that India stops the surplus flow of Ravi river water into Pakistan, utilizing it instead for irrigation and power in J&K and Punjab.

3. In February 2026, which state became the first to frame a comprehensive 'Urban Policy' with a vision for 2050?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: B) Kerala

Detail: The "Vision 2050" policy aims to manage rapid urbanization (projected at 80% by 2050) through climate-smart infrastructure and sustainable city planning.

4. The Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) declared 2026 as the Year of:

- A) Digital Literacy
- B) Academic Excellence
- C) Vocational Skills
- D) Girl Child Education

Answer: B) Academic Excellence

Detail: This initiative focuses on a revamped academic calendar and administrative reforms to enhance learning outcomes in government schools.

5. India's first "Waterjet Production & Testing Facility" was inaugurated on Feb 19 in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Goa
- C) Odisha
- D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B) Goa

Detail: Developed under a Transfer of Technology (ToT) framework, this facility makes India only the third country in the world—after the USA and South Korea—to possess such technology.

International News

6. The "lost city of Charax Spasinou," recently discovered in a desert, is located in which country?

- A) Egypt

- B) Iraq
- C) Libya
- D) Algeria

Answer: B) Iraq

Detail: Founded by Alexander the Great in 324 BCE, this ancient port city served as a vital trade link between Mesopotamia and India through the Persian Gulf.

7. Lake Victoria, which made headlines on Feb 19 due to severe algal blooms turning its water green, is the largest lake in:

- A) Asia
- B) Africa
- C) South America
- D) Australia

Answer: B) Africa

Detail: It is the second-largest freshwater lake in the world and is shared by Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya.

8. Which country hosted the 'India AI Impact Summit 2026' where global leaders discussed the "Bharat EduAI Stack"?

- A) USA
- B) India
- C) Singapore
- D) UK

Answer: B) India (New Delhi)

Detail: Held at Bharat Mandapam, the summit focused on the responsible use of AI for public goods and education.

Economics & Banking

9. The 'PM RAHAT' scheme, approved on Feb 19, provides cashless medical treatment for road accident victims up to what amount?

- A) ₹50,000
- B) ₹1.5 Lakh
- C) ₹2.5 Lakh
- D) ₹5 Lakh

Answer: B) ₹1.5 Lakh

Detail: The "Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment" scheme covers treatment for the first 7 days following an accident.

10. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded an all-time high net profit in FY 2025-26. What was the approximate figure?

- A) ₹1.25 Lakh Crore
- B) ₹1.98 Lakh Crore
- C) ₹2.50 Lakh Crore
- D) ₹95,000 Crore

Answer: B) ₹1.98 Lakh Crore

Detail: This marks the fourth consecutive year of significant profitability for India's public sector banking system.

11. The I4C and RBIH recently signed an MoU to strengthen AI-driven detection of what?

- A) Tax evasion
- B) Mule accounts and cyber financial fraud
- C) Counterfeit currency
- D) NPAs (Non-Performing Assets)

Answer: B) Mule accounts and cyber financial fraud

Defense & Technology

12. On Feb 19, which organization signed an MoU with the World Food Programme (WFP) for the supply of rice to eradicate global hunger?

- A) NABARD
- B) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- C) NAFED
- D) APEDA

Answer: B) Food Corporation of India (FCI)

13. India's first underwater twin-tube road-cum-rail tunnel project was recently approved under which river?

- A) Ganga
- B) Brahmaputra
- C) Godavari
- D) Narmada

Answer: B) Brahmaputra

Detail: Located in Assam, this project will significantly enhance strategic connectivity to the North-East border regions.

Sports & Awards

14. Who was conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2026 for distinguished service in Tennis?

- A) Rohan Bopanna
- B) Sania Mirza
- C) Vijay Amritraj
- D) Leander Paes

Answer: C) Vijay Amritraj

Detail: Additionally, Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur were honored with the Padma Shri for their leadership in cricket.

15. Which state hosted the 6th National Rafting Championship starting on Feb 19?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Sikkim

Answer: C) Jammu and Kashmir

Detail: The championship began at Shibnote in the Doda district.

16. The "National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026" were presented to how many awardees on Feb 19?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 25
- D) 50

Answer: B) 15

Detail: President Droupadi Murmu conferred these awards to nursing professionals for their exceptional devotion to service.

Appointments, Books & MoUs

17. Who authored the book "The Sage who Reimagined Hinduism: The Life of Sree Narayana Guru," released in Feb 2026?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) Vikram Sampath
- C) Amish Tripathi
- D) Arundhati Roy

Answer: A) Shashi Tharoor

18. India signed MoUs with how many countries to promote its "India Stack" and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as of Feb 2026?

- A) 12
- B) 23
- C) 50
- D) 10

Answer: B) 23

Detail: This initiative helps friendly nations replicate India's digital identity and payment (UPI) platforms.

19. Who was appointed as the Health Secretary of Bihar in the recent administrative reshuffle on Feb 19?

- A) Vikas Vaibhav
- B) Kumar Ravi
- C) Tejas Parmar
- D) Bhavya Verma

Answer: B) Kumar Ravi

20. Which new species discovered in the Kochi backwaters of Kerala was named "Alpheus madhusoodanai"?

- A) Butterfly
- B) Pistol Shrimp
- C) Frog
- D) Spider

Answer: B) Pistol Shrimp

Detail: Also known as snapping shrimp, they produce a loud sound with their claws to stun prey.

Important Days & Miscellaneous

21. February 19 is annually celebrated in Maharashtra to commemorate the birth anniversary of:

- A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
- C) Jyotirao Phule
- D) Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

Answer: B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

Detail: 2026 marks the 396th birth anniversary of the legendary Maratha ruler.

22. Which day, celebrated on Feb 19, focuses on the importance of original work and academic integrity?

- A) World Care Day
- B) Prevent Plagiarism Day
- C) National Literacy Day
- D) World Book Day

Answer: B) Prevent Plagiarism Day

23. "World Anthropology Day" 2026 was observed on which date?

- A) Feb 18
- B) Feb 19
- C) Feb 20
- D) Feb 21

Answer: B) Feb 19 (Observed on the third Thursday of February).

24. The "Ramadan Lantern Festival" coincided with which date in 2026?

- A) Feb 15
- B) Feb 19

- C) March 1
- D) Feb 10

Answer: B) Feb 19 (Start of the holy month of Ramzan).

25. Which Indian city inaugurated a "Digital Public Infrastructure Repository" to share knowledge globally?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) New Delhi
- D) Pune

Answer: C) New Delhi

Advanced Concepts (UPSC/Banking Level)

26. Under the "Whole-of-Government" approach, which ministry is leading the core preparations for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Ayush
- C) Ministry of Culture
- D) Ministry of Health

Answer: B) Ministry of Ayush

27. What is the status of the "LUPEX" mission, discussed on Feb 19 in the context of India-Japan space MoUs?

- A) Mars Orbiter
- B) Lunar Polar Exploration
- C) Sun Study
- D) Venus Atmospheric Probe

Answer: B) Lunar Polar Exploration

28. "Project Bhashini," mentioned in technology updates on Feb 19, primarily focuses on:

- A) AI-based translation of Indian languages
- B) Space debris removal
- C) Quantum cryptography
- D) 6G network rollout

Answer: A) AI-based translation of Indian languages

29. The "Sirhind Fateh Divas," commemorated on Feb 19, is associated with which historical figure?

- A) Guru Gobind Singh
- B) Baba Banda Singh Bahadur
- C) Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- D) Hari Singh Nalwa

Answer: B) Baba Banda Singh Bahadur

30. Which specialized force celebrated its Reserve Birthday on February 19?

- A) Indian Air Force Reserve
- B) U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
- C) Territorial Army (India)
- D) CRPF

Answer: B) U.S. Coast Guard Reserve (Global Current Affairs)