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NATIONAL NEWS

Indian Post Launches The 24 Speed Post for Faster Deliveries



The Department of Posts is launch the new 24 Speed Post service on March 2026. This system launch to provide

next day guaranteed delivery for urgent parcels. This service will initially operate in six major cities and this are Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. This launch will take place at Rangbhawan Auditorium at Akashwani Bhawan in New Delhi. This 24 Speed Post works on a structured delivery system that uses dedicated processing windows and priority air transportation.

Key Points:-

This service will ensures that parcels and important documents reach their destination faster than the standard postal timelines.

These measures will help to reduce transit delays and improve delivery efficiency.

NATIONAL NEWS

World Bank and India Launch \$299.66 Million Program to Improve Air Quality in Uttar Pradesh



The World Bank and the Government of India and the state Government of Uttar Pradesh have signed a agreement to improve air quality across the

state. This initiative is known as the Uttar

Pradesh Clean Air Management Program. It involves the investment of \$299.66 million. It will be aims to address rising air pollution through integrated solutions across key sectors.

Key Points:-

This initiative focused on the reducing emissions from transport, agriculture and industrial activities.

In which they are among the main contributors to air pollution in Uttar Pradesh.

Under this program nearly 200 new air quality monitoring stations will be installed across the state.

implementing Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) rules.

This international agreement ensure that the benefits arising from the use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge are shared fairly with the countries and communities which provide them.

APPOINTMENTS

Arun Mammen Re elected as the ATMA Chairman



The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) has announced that Arun Mammen has been re-elected as

the ATMA Chairman. Arun Mammen is the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of MRF Ltd. This announcement was made on March 2026 and it is highlighting new leadership change in the organization representing India's automotive tyre sector. Under the ATMA leadership 2026 Arun Mammen is expected to guide the association in addressing various industry challenges such as raw material costs, technological transformation and global competitiveness.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India Submits First National Report on Nagoya Protocol



India has submitted its the first National Report on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This report was submitted on February 2026 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in collaboration with the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA). This Nagoya Protocol India report highlights the country's progress in implement global biodiversity agreements between 1 November 2017 and 31 December 2025.

Key Points:-

This article which requires the countries to regularly monitor and report their progress in

AWARDS

'One Battle After Another' Wins Best Picture at Oscars 2026



The film 'One Battle After Another' has won the Best Picture award at the Oscars 2026. This film win

marking the biggest victory of the 98th Academy Awards. This film was produced by Adam Somner, Sara Murphy and Paul Thomas Anderson. After this win the movie has completed a successful awards season. And this fil also ended the night with a total of six Oscar wins. This victory has confirmed the film as one of the most critically acclaimed production of the year.

SPORTS

Jannik Sinner beats Daniil Medvedev to win BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells



In Tennis, the Number 2-ranked Italian Jannik Sinner defeated Daniil Medvedev 7-6, 7-6 to win the BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells Tennis Garden without

dropping a set in California, United States. The Italian rallied from 4-0 down in the second-set tiebreak and has now beaten Medvedev for the ninth time in their last 10 matches.

STATE NEWS

Anna University, Ramco Systems sign MoU to establish advanced ERP lab



Anna University and Ramco Systems have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for

establishing an ERP laboratory at the university for its Industrial Engineering programme. Under the agreement, Ramco Systems will provide access to its cloud-based ERP platform to students through secured login credentials.

Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

Q.1. What is the name of India's first cybersecurity facility, recently launched by Deloitte to protect connected infrastructure?

- A. CyberShield India
- B. SecureNet Lab
- C. ConnectSafe
- D. DigiProtect Hub

1. C

Deloitte India has launched ConnectSafe, India's first cybersecurity facility focused on protecting human life and critical infrastructure. This initiative shifts the focus of cybersecurity from data protection to the safety of connected operational systems. It addresses the growing cyber risks posed by India's rapidly expanding connected ecosystem across mobility, healthcare, manufacturing, energy, agriculture, and digital infrastructure. The 4,500 sq ft facility simulates real-world cyberattack scenarios. It helps organizations test and strengthen security systems without impacting live operations.

Q.2. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over how many crore rupees in Assam?

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹15,000 crore
- C. ₹24,000 crore
- D. ₹30,000 crore

2. C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth over ₹24,000 crore during his visit to Assam in March 2026. These

projects primarily aim to boost infrastructure, connectivity, energy, and agriculture in the state.

Q.3. Where was the "Purple Fest" event recently held?

- A. Vigyan Bhavan
- B. Rashtrapati Bhavan
- C. Red Fort
- D. India Gate

3. B

A special Purple Fest was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan to honor the talents, achievements, and dreams of people with disabilities. The event aimed to promote inclusion, respect, and awareness within society. Thousands of people attended the festival and enjoyed a variety of activities designed specifically for them.

Q.4. The Freedom Shield military exercise was recently held between South Korea and which country?

- A. England
- B. America
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. United Arab Emirates

4. B

The United States and South Korea have begun their annual Freedom Shield joint military exercise. The exercise comes amid growing discussion about US military activities related to tensions in the Middle East. Despite uncertainties regarding the deployment of some equipment, both countries have confirmed that the exercise is proceeding as planned.

Q.5. What is the main objective of the recent MoU between AIIMS and ISRO?

- A. Satellite manufacturing
- B. Human spaceflight medical research
- C. Space tourism
- D. Rocket propulsion

5. B

The primary objective of the MoU between AIIMS Delhi and ISRO is to promote research in the field of space medicine to ensure the health, safety, and performance of astronauts during human space missions like Gaganyaan. This partnership will study the effects of space on the human body.

Q.6. Recently, ASSOCHAM signed an MoU with the Chamber of Commerce of which country?

- A. USA
- B. Canada
- C. Australia
- D. Japan

6. B

ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) to strengthen India-Canada business cooperation. The agreement, signed in New Delhi, focuses on enhancing investment, trade relations, and economic partnership between the two countries.

Q.7. Recently, INS Sudarshini is on a sea voyage under which mission?

- A. Sagar Yatra
- B. Samudra Mission
- C. Lokayan-26
- D. Ocean Quest

7. C

The Indian Navy's sailing training ship INS Sudarshini is on a 10-month-long transoceanic expedition called 'Lokayaan-26.' The expedition, which began from Kochi, is covering 22,000 nautical miles, visiting 18 ports in 13 countries, and promoting India's 'Mahasagar' (Ocean) vision.

Q.8. Recently, RBI imposed a fine of how many rupees on Manappuram Finance Limited?

- A. ₹1.70 lakh
- B. ₹2.70 lakh
- C. ₹5 lakh
- D. ₹10 lakh

8. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹2.70 lakh (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Thousand) on Manappuram Finance Limited with effect from March 2026. The penalty has been imposed for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines on 'Compensation of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP)' by the company.

Q.9. Approximately how much revenue did public sector banks earn from selling third-party financial products in the last five years?

- A. ₹18,600 crore
- B. ₹22,000 crore
- C. ₹28,600 crore
- D. ₹35,000 crore

9. C

According to data presented by the Finance Ministry in the Rajya Sabha, public sector banks earned more than ₹28,600 crore over five years from the sale of third-party financial products. These products include insurance (life and non-

life), mutual funds, credit cards, and demat accounts.

Q.10. Approximately how much penalty did private banks charge for not maintaining minimum balance between FY2022-23 and FY2024-25?

- A. ₹5,000 crore
- B. ₹8,000 crore
- C. ₹11,000 crore
- D. ₹15,000 crore

10. C

According to data presented in the Lok Sabha, between FY2022-23 and FY2024-25, private banks in India collected approximately ₹11,000 crore in penalties from customers for not maintaining minimum balances. Private banks led the charge in collecting such penalties during this period, while public sector banks collected approximately ₹8,093 crore.

Q.11. Which platform did Razorpay recently launch at FTX 2026?

- A. Pay Agent
- B. Agent Studio
- C. SmartPay Hub
- D. FinAI Engine

11. B

Indian fintech company Razorpay launched its AI-powered platform, 'Agent Studio,' based on Anthropic's cloud AI technology, at the FTX 2026 event. The platform helps businesses deploy intelligent AI agents that automatically manage services like payment disputes, abandoned cart recovery, cash flow forecasting, failed subscription management, and payment reminders.

Q.12. What process has the National Stock Exchange (NSE) recently initiated?

- A. Merger
- B. IPO Listing
- C. Share Buyback
- D. Foreign Investment

12. B

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has moved swiftly to launch its much-anticipated and mega IPO (Initial Public Offering). Following approval from SEBI, the exchange has appointed approximately 20 merchant bankers and eight law firms. It will be a pure offer for sale (OFS), and the DRHP could be filed within three months.

Q.13. How much syndicated term loan did Bank of Baroda recently raise through its IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City?

- A. USD 200 million
- B. USD 300 million
- C. USD 500 million
- D. USD 1 billion

13. C

Bank of Baroda has successfully raised a 5-year syndicated term loan of \$500 million (\$500 million) through its IFSC banking unit in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). The proceeds will be used for the bank's general banking and corporate purposes.

Q.14. On which platform did South Indian Bank recently launch its EPF payment service?

- A. SIB Connect
- B. SIBerNet
- C. SIB Pay

D. SIB Online

14. B

South Indian Bank (SIB), in collaboration with the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), has launched the EPF (Employees' Provident Fund) payment service on its internet banking platform, SIBerNet. This service allows employers, especially those using SIB, to pay their statutory EPF contributions and pending dues online, conveniently, and securely.

Q.15. Approximately what is the contribution of agriculture and allied sectors to gross value added (GVA) in India?

- A. 12%
- B. 15%
- C. 18%
- D. 22%

15. C

Agriculture and allied sectors contribute approximately 18% to India's total gross value added (GVA), reflecting its vital role in the Indian economy. This sector not only ensures food security but also serves as a major source of employment and livelihoods in rural areas.



Historical and Technical Events of 19th March 2026

1956 - Tunisia gains independence from France.



On March 1956, Tunisia gained independence from France as proposed by Habib Bourguiba. France, Tunisia and the Western powers remained on good terms and have important economic and cultural ties to this day. The movement for independence in Tunisia began in 1907, and the Neo-Destour Party, led by Habib Bourguiba, played a key role in the struggle for independence.

1920 - The first trans-African flight from London to South Africa begins.



On March 1920 Pierre van Ryneveld and Quentin Brand took off from Youngsfield, Wynberg in a de Havilland DH9 - this was the first trans-African flight from London to Cape Town. Several other British teams had planned to attempt this new air route, but each one crashed and abandoned their attempt.

1999 - Renowned British abstract painter Patrick Heron dies.



Patrick Heron CBE (30 January 1920 – 20 March 1999) was a British abstract and figurative artist, critic, writer and controversialist who lived in Zennor, Cornwall. Heron was recognised as one of the leading painters of his generation. Influenced by Cézanne, Matisse, Braque and Bonnard, Heron contributed significantly to the dissemination of modernist views of painting through his critical writings and, primarily, his art.

1991 - Begum Khaleda Zia elected Prime Minister of Bangladesh.



Begum Khaleda Zia (born August–September 1945) is a Bangladeshi politician who served as Prime Minister of Bangladesh from 1991 to 1996 and again from 2001 to 2006. She was the first female Prime Minister of Bangladesh and the second female Prime Minister in the Muslim world after Benazir Bhutto. She is the widow of Ziaur Rahman, one of the former Presidents of Bangladesh. She has been the President and leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) since 1984, which was founded by her husband in 1978.

1990 - Namibia declares independence at midnight.

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The country officially becomes independent in March 1990. Sam Nujoma is sworn in as Namibia's first president, attended by representatives from 147 countries, including South Africa's Nelson Mandela (who had been released from prison the previous month) and 20 heads of state.

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