

## National News

1. On February 22, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Meerut Metro and the extension of which rapid rail system?

- A) Namo Bharat (RRTS)
- B) Vande Metro
- C) Amrit Bharat Express
- D) Gatimaan Express

**Answer: A**

**Detail:** PM Modi inaugurated projects worth ₹12,930 crore in Meerut, including the **Namo Bharat (RRTS)** extension and the Meerut Metro. This marks the commencement of India's first integrated regional-cum-metro rail service.

2. Which state Cabinet recently approved a 3% reservation in government jobs for the 'Tea Tribes' and Adivasi communities?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Assam
- C) Odisha
- D) Jharkhand

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** To empower historically marginalized plantation workers, the Assam government sanctioned a 3% quota in state services for the Tea Tribes and Adivasi communities.

3. In which city was India's first "Musical Road" officially proposed/unveiled as part of the Coastal Road project?

- A) Chennai
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kochi
- D) Visakhapatnam

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Mumbai's Coastal Road unveiled a "Musical Road" feature where rumble strips are spaced to play a melody when a vehicle drives over them at a specific speed, aimed at controlling speed and reducing driver fatigue.

4. Where was the "Franco-Indian Centre for AI in Health" launched as a joint initiative in February 2026?

- A) Sorbonne University, Paris
- B) AIIMS New Delhi
- C) IISc Bengaluru
- D) IIT Bombay

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Part of the "2026 India-France Year of Innovation," this center was launched at AIIMS New Delhi to foster joint research in medical imaging and AI-driven diagnostics.

5. Which state government announced a plan for a ₹400 crore CSR-backed botanical garden and sports arena at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) unveiled a plan to develop green amenities along the reclaimed stretch of the Mahalaxmi Racecourse with no commercial use permitted.

## International News

6. Which country officially joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) on February 22, 2026?

- A) Finland
- B) Spain
- C) Estonia
- D) Greece

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** During the India AI Impact Summit, Spanish President Pedro Sánchez announced that Spain is joining the IPOI to strengthen regional maritime security and ecological cooperation.

7. "Operation Ghazab lil-Haq" was a military operation launched by which country against targets in Afghanistan in February 2026?

- A) USA
- B) Pakistan
- C) Iran
- D) Tajikistan

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Pakistan conducted intelligence-based selective operations against TTP (Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan) camps in Afghanistan following border skirmishes.

8. Which European nation committed to doubling its bilateral trade with India through the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on February 22?

- A) Finland
- B) Switzerland
- C) Estonia

D) Greece

**Answer: A**

**Detail:** Finnish PM Petteri Orpo and PM Modi set a target to double trade, focusing on 6G telecommunications, biofuels, and the circular economy.

9. Estonia's 'AI Leap' programme was recently aligned with which Indian initiative?

- A) Digital India
- B) India AI Mission
- C) Startup India
- D) Skill India

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Estonia and India signed a pact to align the 'AI Leap' program with the India AI Mission to collaborate on public-sector AI governance.

10. Which international body invited India to join its framework convention on AI to establish binding governance standards?

- A) European Union
- B) Council of Europe
- C) G7
- D) OECD

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Switzerland's President invited India to participate in the Council of Europe's AI convention to help shape global ethical standards for artificial intelligence.

## Economics & Banking

11. What is the new base year for India's GDP series as per the updates released in February 2026?

- A) 2011-12

- B) 2018-19
- C) 2022-23
- D) 2024-25

**Answer: C**

**Detail:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) shifted the GDP base year from 2011-12 to **2022-23** to better reflect post-pandemic economic realities.

**12. Which bank is currently probing "discrepancies" worth ₹590 crore in Haryana government accounts?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) IDFC FIRST Bank
- D) ICICI Bank

**Answer: C**

**Detail:** IDFC FIRST Bank is investigating financial irregularities in Haryana government accounts, leading to a temporary freeze and audit of several departmental transactions.

**13. Abu Dhabi National Insurance Company announced the opening of its new operational office in which Indian city?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- C) New Delhi
- D) Bengaluru

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** The UAE-based insurer expanded into India by setting up an office at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), further strengthening the UAE-India economic corridor.

**14. Under the Union Budget 2026, interest awarded by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) to natural persons is now?**

- A) Taxed at 10%
- B) Taxed at 20%
- C) Entirely exempt from Income Tax and TDS
- D) Exempt up to ₹50,000 only

**Answer: C**

**Detail:** The 2026 budget provided significant relief to road accident victims by exempting MACT-awarded interest from all income tax liabilities.

**15. India and the UAE (G42) finalized an agreement to deploy what type of infrastructure under the India AI Mission?**

- A) 5G towers
- B) 8-exaflop supercomputer cluster
- C) Satellite launch pads
- D) Green Hydrogen plants

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** The agreement between C-DAC and UAE's G42 focuses on deploying high-compute supercomputer clusters to power large-scale AI modeling in India.

## Sports

**16. Which country won the Men's Ice Hockey Gold at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics?**

- A) Canada
- B) USA
- C) Sweden
- D) Germany

**Answer: B**



**Detail:** Team USA defeated Canada 2-1 in a dramatic overtime final to claim their first Olympic men's ice hockey gold since the 1980 "Miracle on Ice."

**17. Who became the most decorated freeskier in Olympic history at the 2026 Winter Olympics?**

- A) Eileen Gu
- B) Li Fanghui
- C) Zoe Atkin
- D) Kelly Sildaru

**Answer: A**

**Detail:** Representing China, Eileen Gu secured the gold in the freeski halfpipe, bringing her career Olympic medal count to six.

**18. In the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Super 8s, which team defeated India by 76 runs on February 22?**

- A) England
- B) South Africa
- C) New Zealand
- D) Australia

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** South Africa secured a dominant 76-run victory over India in the Super 8 stage held in India, highlighting their strong form in the tournament.

**19. Johannes Lochner, who won both two-man and four-man bobsleigh gold at the 2026 Winter Olympics, represents which country?**

- A) Switzerland
- B) Austria
- C) Germany
- D) Norway

**Answer: C**

**Detail:** Germany dominated the bobsleigh events, with Lochner leading his crew to a 1-2 finish for Germany on the podium.

**20. Which Swedish athlete won the women's 50km mass start classic gold at the 2026 Winter Games?**

- A) Ebba Andersson
- B) Heidi Weng
- C) Nadja Kaelin
- D) Therese Johaug

**Answer: A**

**Detail:** Ebba Andersson finished over two minutes ahead of her rivals to secure her first gold of the Milano Cortina games.

## Appointments & Awards

**21. Who was appointed as the Director General of Naval Armament in February 2026?**

- A) Divakar Jayant
- B) Uday Kotak
- C) Harsharan Kaur Trehan
- D) Praveen Vashista

**Answer: A**

**Detail:** Divakar Jayant took over as the DG of Naval Armament, a key position responsible for the procurement and maintenance of the Navy's weapon systems.

**22. Who became the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) first-ever female member from Iran in February 2026?**

- A) Samira Zargari
- B) Aghaei Hajiagha
- C) Kimia Alizadeh

D) Elnaz Rekabi

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** In a historic appointment, Aghaei Hajiagha was inducted as an IOC member, marking a significant milestone for Iranian women in sports governance.

**23. Which Indian leader was recently conferred with Israel's top parliamentary honor?**

- A) S. Jaishankar
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Droupadi Murmu
- D) Amit Shah

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** PM Modi became the first Indian leader to receive the top Israeli Knesset honor for his role in elevating India-Israel strategic ties.

**24. Harsharan Kaur Trehan made headlines for being appointed as the first woman technocrat Director (Commercial) of which organization?**

- A) NTPC
- B) PSPCL (Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd)
- C) GAIL
- D) ONGC

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Her appointment is seen as a major step for female representation in the technical leadership of state-run power utilities.

## Defense & Science

**25. India will start domestic manufacturing of which critical component within 2026, as announced by the Union Mines Minister?**

- A) Lithium-ion cells
- B) Rare-Earth Permanent Magnets

C) Semiconductor wafers

D) Hydrogen fuel cells

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Currently, China controls 90% of this market. India's move into rare-earth permanent magnet production is part of the strategy to secure the green energy supply chain.

**26. INS Anjadip, which was recently in the news, belongs to which class of naval ships?**

- A) Stealth Frigate
- B) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC)
- C) Aircraft Carrier
- D) Destroyer

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** The INS Anjadip is part of the GRSE-built ASW SWC project aimed at enhancing coastal surveillance and submarine detection.

**27. Exercise MILAN-2026 is scheduled to be the largest-ever multilateral naval exercise hosted by India. In which city is it primarily held?**

- A) Kochi
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Mumbai
- D) Panaji

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** Visakhapatnam, the 'City of Destiny,' remains the primary hub for Exercise MILAN, bringing together navies from over 50 countries.

## Books, Authors & Important Days

28. Who is the author of the recently released book "Atal Bihari Vajpayee: The Eternal Statesman"?

- A) Sagarika Ghose
- B) Shakti Sinha
- C) Abhishek Singhvi
- D) Nripendra Misra

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** The book provides an insider's look into the life and policies of the former Prime Minister, released around the events of early 2026.

29. Which day is observed globally on February 22 to promote international friendship among Girl Guides and Girl Scouts?

- A) World Friendship Day
- B) World Thinking Day
- C) Global Sisterhood Day
- D) International Scouting Day

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** World Thinking Day has been celebrated since 1926 on the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Olave Baden-Powell.

30. February 22, 2026, marked the conclusion of which major international sporting event?

- A) T20 World Cup
- B) Winter Olympics Milano Cortina
- C) Asian Games
- D) Commonwealth Games

**Answer: B**

**Detail:** The 2026 Winter Olympics officially ended on Feb 22 with a grand closing ceremony, after 16 days of competition.