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## NATIONAL NEWS

### RELIEF Scheme 2026



Amid rising tensions in West Asia and disruptions near the Strait of Hormuz India has launched the RELIEF Scheme

2026. The scheme to protect exporters from rising freight costs, insurance risks and supply chain delays. The scheme was announced on March 2026 and the scheme comes in response to rising logistics costs and risks due to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz. Under the Export Promotion Mission this time bound intervention aims to protect exporters from freight hikes, insurance costs and war like certainty.

#### Key Points:-

The government introduced scheme to provide financial protection and logistical support to exporters.

The protection of the scheme will be dealing with increased freight charges, insurance premiums and delays of logistics.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched a premium brand named 'RISA: Timeless Tribal' in New Delhi.



Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the premium brand called 'RISA: Timeless Tribal' which is a premium

brand aimed at promoting tribal weaves, crafts, and embroidery on a global scale. on March,

2026 in New Delhi. This initiative aims to bring the tribal weaves, crafts and embroidery into global markets around the world. Also doing this to ensuring better income for artisans. RISA was launched by Union Minister Jual Oram and the brand focuses on preserving traditional knowledge and creating sustainable livelihoods.

**Key Points:-**

RISA Timeless Tribal is designed as the premium signature brand to showcase India's rich tribal craftsmanship.

It also focuses on creating a strong identity for tribal products in both domestic and international markets.

The brand aims to bridge the gap between traditional art forms and modern consumer demand.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**India and Vietnam are working together on tribal welfare and inclusive development.**



India and Vietnam have strengthened the cooperation in tribal and ethnic development. This coming after the high-level

ministerial meeting was held in New Delhi on March, 2026. The meeting aimed to deepen the partnership under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and expand engagement in inclusive development. Both countries also discussed to sharing the best practices, promoting livelihoods, and preserving cultural heritage.

**Key Points:-**

The meeting was co-chaired by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram and From Vietnam's Side Minister Dao Ngoc Dung Attended.

This is marking an important step in elevating bilateral cooperation.

It also followed earlier discussions held between senior officials and will be ensuring continuity and structured dialogue between both nations.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**India has appointed Vikram Doraiswami as its new Ambassador to China.**



India has appointed diplomat Vikram Doraiswami as its new ambassador to China. He is 1992 batch IFS officer

Doraiswami is currently serving as India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. The decision comes as both countries attempt to stabilize relations after years of tension following the Galwan Valley clash.

**SPORTS**

**India to Host World Indoor Athletics Championships 2028**



India has secured the hosting rights for the World Indoor Athletics Championships 2028. With this it is

marking a historic first for the country. The event will be held in Odisha at the Kalinga Indoor Athletics Stadium which is situated in Bhubaneswar. The decision was announced by

the World Athletics President Sebastian Coe ahead of the 2026 championships in Poland.

## AWARDS

### Nita Ambani Gets Major Recognition for Humanitarian Work



Nita Ambani was conferred the KISS Humanitarian Award 2025 in Bhubaneswar. This award ceremony

was held at the campus of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). This honor recognizes Neeta Ambani for her extensive contributions to education, healthcare, women empowerment, rural development and sports. This contributions from her comes through the Reliance Foundation.

## STATE NEWS

### Development Projects Worth Rs 5,650 Crore in Tiruchirappalli



On March 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth Rs

5,650 crore in Tiruchirappalli. The projects cover clean energy, petroleum manufacturing, highways, railways and rural connectivity. The initiatives aim to boost infrastructure, employment and energy access in Tamil Nadu. The facility is among the world's largest lubricant blending plants. The plant will support industrial lubricant demand and reduce imports.

## Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

**Q.1. Recently, the Supreme Court of India declared the age limit on maternity leave unconstitutional for which group?**

- A. Working women
- B. Adoptive mothers
- C. Surrogate mothers
- D. Government employees

1. B

The Supreme Court of India has declared the three-month age limit on maternity leave for adoptive mothers illegal. Ruling that this restriction violates the right to equality and dignity, the Court mandated 12 weeks of paid leave, regardless of the child's age at the time of adoption.

**Q.2. Recently, researchers at IIT Guwahati developed MXene-based materials for what?**

- A. Solar energy storage
- B. Hydrogen production and desalination
- C. Electric vehicles
- D. Air purification

2. B

Researchers at IIT Guwahati have developed a unique material that can produce hydrogen fuel and purify seawater. This dual-purpose innovation uses a unique MXene-based catalyst to address two global challenges: clean energy and clean drinking water. This material allows for efficient hydrogen production through electrolysis and also supports solar-powered desalination.

**Q.3. Who recently launched the Tribal Homestay Capacity Building Programme 2026?**

- A. Ministry of Tourism only
- B. ITDC & Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UNESCO

3. B

The Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has launched the Tribal Homestay Capacity Building Program 2026. The program was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Launched in New Delhi, the initiative aims to enhance the skills of tribal homestay owners across India. By strengthening hospitality standards and service quality, the program aims to integrate tribal areas into the mainstream tourism ecosystem.

**Q.4. What is the objective of the recently introduced BHAVYA scheme?**

- A. Smart cities
- B. Industrial parks
- C. Airports
- D. Rail corridors

4. B

The Union Cabinet has approved the BHAVYA (Bharat Industrial Development Scheme) scheme to establish 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across India. The scheme will be implemented with a budget of ₹33,600 crore. The scheme aims to strengthen industrial infrastructure and promote manufacturing growth. The central government plans to provide ready-to-use facilities for industries, reducing setup time and investment hassles.

**Q.5. What is the objective of the recently introduced Maharashtra Freedom of Religion Bill 2026?**

- A. Increasing religious tourism
- B. Preventing forced conversions
- C. Funding religious institutions
- D. Regulating temples

5. B

The Maharashtra Legislative Assembly has passed the Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026. This bill aims to prevent forced religious conversions across the state. Passed by a voice vote, the bill provides for stringent punishment for forced religious conversions carried out through coercion, fraud, inducement, or marriage. The government stated that the law aims to ensure transparency and protect constitutional rights.

**Q.6. What changes are proposed in the recent Transgender Rights Amendment Bill 2026?**

- A. Education policy
- B. Identity recognition
- C. Employment quotas
- D. Voting rights

6. B

The Transgender Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2026, introduced in the Lok Sabha, primarily proposes removing self-identification and requiring medical certification from a medical board. The bill further tightens the definition of transgender and provides for stringent punishment (10 years to life imprisonment) for forced adoption of identities and begging.

**Q.7. For which book did William Dalrymple recently receive the Mark Linton History Prize 2026?**

- A. The Silk Road



- B. The Golden Road
- C. India After Gandhi
- D. Discovery of India

7. B

Historian William Dalrymple has been awarded the prestigious 2026 Mark Linton History Prize for his book, "The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World." The prize is awarded annually to a history book that best combines research, intellectual depth, and a masterful writing style. The prize carries a US\$10,000 prize.

**Q.8. With which platform did FIFA recently partner for the 2026 World Cup?**

- A. Netflix
- B. Amazon Prime
- C. YouTube
- D. Disney+

8. C

FIFA has partnered with YouTube to launch a new streaming format for the 2026 World Cup. Under this new plan, fans around the world will be able to watch the first 10 minutes of matches live on YouTube before they air on the official broadcaster. The move aims to attract younger audiences and expand the tournament's digital reach. Recognizing people's changing viewing habits, FIFA is embracing online platforms. By doing so, FIFA is making football more accessible and engaging more fans around the world.

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

- A. 3500
- B. 4020

C. 4500

D. 5000

9. B

According to new data from the Hurun Global Rich List 2026, there have been several significant changes. Elon Musk remains the world's richest man. The list saw 578 new billionaires join the list in a single year, bringing the global total to more than 4,020. Mukesh Ambani, director of Reliance Industries, remains Asia's richest man. Shah Rukh Khan has re-entered the billionaire list, this time with a net worth of \$1.3 billion.

**Q.10. What did RBI recently receive the 'Initiative of the Year' award for?**

- A. Digital Rupee
- B. .bank.in domain rollout
- C. UPI expansion
- D. Credit policy

10. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has won the prestigious "Initiative of the Year Award," presented by London's central bank for launching the .bank.in domain. This initiative makes India the first country to mandate a secure and unique internet domain for banks and their systems. The move aims to strengthen cybersecurity in the banking sector, reduce fraud, and increase trust in digital transactions.

**Q.11. What did SEBI recently propose to change nomination rules for?**

- A. Insurance
- B. Demat & Mutual Funds
- C. Banking only
- D. Pension schemes

11. B

SEBI has proposed simplifying nomination rules for demat accounts and mutual fund folios. Key changes include making nomination the default for new single-holder accounts, requiring only name and relationship (PAN/Aadhaar optional) for nominee information, and limiting the number of nominees to a maximum of four.

**Q.12. Who recently became the brand ambassador of the BHIM app?**

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Sachin Tendulkar

12. C

Former Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MS Dhoni) has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) payment app. The announcement was made by NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) to build trust, increase user adoption and promote secure digital transactions across India.

**Q.13. What was India's total export (April-February FY26) recently?**

- A. \$700 billion
- B. \$750 billion
- C. \$790.86 billion
- D. \$820 billion

13. C

India's total exports (merchandise and services) stood at \$790.86 billion in April-February FY2026, up 5.79% from \$747.58 billion in the same period a year ago. Merchandise exports during this period reached \$402.93 billion (up

1.84%), driven by sectors such as engineering and electronics.

**Q.14. By which year has the target for universal health insurance been set?**

- A. 2030
- B. 2033
- C. 2035
- D. 2040

14. B

The Indian government has set a target of providing universal health insurance to every citizen by 2033. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has emphasized this goal, which reflects the priority placed on ensuring affordable healthcare for all through schemes like Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

**Q.15. In which country was UPI acceptance recently expanded?**

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bhutan
- D. UAE

15. B

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has strengthened Unified Payments Interface (UPI) merchant acceptance in Sri Lanka, enabling Indian tourists to make digital payments across the country. This initiative allows travelers to scan the LankaQR code and make payments using UPI-enabled apps, reducing their reliance on cash. The initiative aims to support Sri Lanka's digital economy and improve cross-border payments.



**Historical and Technical Events of 23<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**1977: Morarji Desai became the fourth Prime Minister of India and formed the first non-Congress government in the country.**



Mr. Desai was elected to the Lok Sabha from Surat constituency of Gujarat. Later he was unanimously elected as the leader of the Janata Party in

Parliament and on March 1977 he took oath as the Prime Minister of India. Chaudhary Charan Singh became the Prime Minister of India after Morarji Desai. Chaudhary Charan Singh was the fifth Prime Minister of India. He served as Prime Minister from 28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980.

**1989: Testing of the 'Delta Star' satellite.**



In March 1989, the "Delta Star" satellite, which was part of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or "Star Wars" program, was launched to test

missile-hunting technology, aimed at detecting simulated enemy targets in space. The Delta Star satellite had a set of sensors, including infrared imagers, ultraviolet and visible imagers, and laser detectors, to observe ballistic missile launches and collect data on rocket exhaust against the backdrop of the North Pole region.

**1603: Elizabeth I dies.**



In 1603, on March, Queen Elizabeth I died at Richmond Palace, and was succeeded by James VI of Scotland, son of

Mary Stuart, as King of England. He was born on September 7, 1533, in Greenwich. Elizabeth I reigned for nearly 45 years, from 1558 to 1603. She was also known as the "Virgin Queen" because she never married and had no children.

**1946: British Cabinet Mission headed by Lord Pathik Lawrence arrived in India.**



The Cabinet Mission headed by Secretary of State for India Sir Pathik Lawrence arrived in India on 24 March 1946. The mission also included Sir

Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade and First Lord Alexander of the Admiralty. This commission was formed on the initiative of Clement Attlee, Prime Minister of Great Britain. The objective of the mission was to maintain the unity of India and provide it independence.

**1855: The first long distance telegraphic message was sent from Calcutta to Agra.**



The first long distance telegram in India was sent from Agra to Kolkata in 1855. On March, when about 800 miles of

telegraph line was laid between the two ends. Later these wires also reached Mumbai (then Bombay) and Madras but before that the

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telegram had travelled a long distance. The first message was received in 1851 by the Submarine Telegraph Company based in London from Paris on the Foy-Breguet apparatus.

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