

## Important Days & National News

1. What is the theme for National Voters' Day observed on 25th January 2026?

- A) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
- B) My India, My Vote
- C) Making Elections Inclusive and Participative
- D) Empowering Our Future Voters

**Answer: B) My India, My Vote**

**Explanation:** National Voters' Day (NVD) is celebrated on 25th January to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India (1950). The 2026 theme is "My India, My Vote" with the tagline "Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy".

2. Which ministry recently announced the 4th round of the PLI Scheme for White Goods, selecting 5 new companies?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D) Ministry of Heavy Industries

**Answer: C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

**Explanation:** The government selected five companies, including Godrej & Boyce and Kirloskar Pneumatic, to boost domestic manufacturing of Air Conditioners and LED lights under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

3. President Droupadi Murmu presided over the National Voters' Day 2026 function in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Hyderabad

D) Bengaluru

**Answer: B) New Delhi**

**Explanation:** The national-level function for the 16th National Voters' Day was held in New Delhi, where the President presented National Awards for Best Electoral Practices to state and district-level officers.

4. The 'Him Yodha' contingent, which marched for the first time in the 2026 Republic Day rehearsals, features which unique animal?

- A) Yak
- B) One-horned Rhino
- C) Bactrian Camels
- D) Snow Leopard

**Answer: C) Bactrian Camels**

**Explanation:** For the first time, double-humped Bactrian camels from the Nubra Valley (Ladakh) participated in the parade, showcasing their utility in high-altitude logistics for the Indian Army.

## International News

5. Which country officially completed its one-year notice period to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO) in January 2026?

- A) Brazil
- B) United States
- C) Russia
- D) Israel

**Answer: B) United States**

**Explanation:** Following a notice issued in January 2025, the United States officially finalized its withdrawal process from the WHO in January 2026.

6. What was the theme of the 56th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) held in Davos in January 2026?

- A) Rebuilding Trust
- B) Cooperation in a Fragmented World
- C) A Spirit of Dialogue
- D) Stakeholders for a Cohesive World

**Answer: C) A Spirit of Dialogue**

**Explanation:** The WEF 2026 summit focused on fostering communication amidst global geopolitical tensions under the central theme "A Spirit of Dialogue."

7. India and which country signed an MoU on "Election Management" on the sidelines of the ICDEM 2026 conference?

- A) Namibia
- B) Bhutan
- C) Maldives
- D) Kenya

**Answer: A) Namibia**

**Explanation:** The Election Commission of India signed a pact with Namibia to share expertise in electoral technology and management during the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (ICDEM) 2026.

## Economics & Banking

8. According to the WEF–Accenture AI Adoption Report 2026, what is India's rank in AI investment as a share of GDP?

- A) 3rd
- B) 5th

- C) 8th
- D) 10th

**Answer: C) 8th**

**Explanation:** India ranked 8th globally, with AI investment estimated between 1.2% and 1.8% of its GDP, highlighting the growing significance of the digital economy.

9. Which regulatory body constituted the "SAARG" committee to modernize the National Pension System (NPS)?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) PFRDA
- D) IRDAI

**Answer: C) PFRDA**

**Explanation:** The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) set up the Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance (SAARG) committee to reform the investment framework of the NPS.

10. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) recently granted PSP approval to 'Buyforex'. What does PSP stand for?

- A) Primary Service Provider
- B) Payment Service Provider
- C) Private Sector Partner
- D) Public Service Portal

**Answer: B) Payment Service Provider**

**Explanation:** This approval allows Buyforex to operate cross-border payment services from the GIFT City IFSC in Gujarat.

## Awards & Appointments

11. Who was conferred the "Lifetime Contribution Award" at the FICCI Chemicals & Petrochemicals Awards 2026?

- A) Vartika Shukla
- B) Soma Mondal
- C) Madhabi Puri Buch
- D) Roshni Nadar

**Answer: A) Vartika Shukla**

**Explanation:** Vartika Shukla, CMD of Engineers India Limited (EIL), was honored for her three decades of leadership and contribution to the refinery and green energy sectors.

12. Which 9-year-old was posthumously awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026 for Bravery?

- A) Kamlesh Kumar
- B) Vyoma Priya
- C) Ajay Raj
- D) Muhammed Sidan

**Answer: B) Vyoma Priya**

**Explanation:** Vyoma Priya from Tamil Nadu was honored for her selfless act of saving a 6-year-old child during an electrical accident, sacrificing her own life in the process.

13. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who received the Bal Puraskar 2026 in the Sports category, is associated with which sport?

- A) Chess
- B) Cricket
- C) Weightlifting
- D) Swimming

**Answer: B) Cricket**

**Explanation:** At 14, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi became a cricket sensation as the youngest-ever IPL player and the fastest Indian centurion in his league category.

## Defense & Science

14. The Indian Army has declared 2026 as the year of:

- A) Technology Absorption
- B) Networking & Data Centricity
- C) Logistics Transformation
- D) Welfare of Veterans

**Answer: B) Networking & Data Centricity**

**Explanation:** This initiative aims to integrate advanced AI, secure communication networks, and data-driven decision-making into military operations.

15. Which Indian Naval ship is undertaking the "Lokayan-26" global voyage to promote maritime heritage?

- A) INS Vikrant
- B) INS Sudarshini
- C) INS Tarangini
- D) INS Shardul

**Answer: B) INS Sudarshini**

**Explanation:** INS Sudarshini, a sail training ship, began a 10-month international voyage to various ports in the Indian Ocean and beyond to strengthen maritime ties.

16. Indian Railways deployed its first humanoid robot named \_\_\_\_\_ at the Visakhapatnam Railway Station.

- A) ASC ARJUN

- B) RAIL MITRA
- C) KAVACH 1.0
- D) VYOMMITRA

**Answer: A) ASC ARJUN**

**Explanation:** Developed to enhance passenger safety and security, 'ASC ARJUN' assists the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in monitoring and operational efficiency.

## Schemes & State News

17. Which state government launched the "Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana," providing free medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh per year?

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

**Answer: B) Punjab**

**Explanation:** Launched in Mohali, this scheme offers universal health coverage of ₹10 lakh per family, covering surgeries, medicines, and OPD services.

18. The "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (BBBP) scheme completed how many years of implementation on 22nd January 2026?

- A) 5 Years
- B) 8 Years
- C) 10 Years
- D) 11 Years

**Answer: D) 11 Years**

**Explanation:** Launched in 2015, the flagship scheme celebrated 11 years, with data showing

the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) improved from 918 to 930 at the national level.

19. Which city is home to the world's largest "Shivling," recently installed in January 2026?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Motihari
- C) Haridwar
- D) Ayodhya

**Answer: B) Motihari**

**Explanation:** The Viraat Ramayan Temple in Motihari, Bihar, saw the installation of the world's largest Shivling, becoming a major cultural landmark.

20. The Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC 3.0) meeting, chaired by Sarbananda Sonowal, was held in which city?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Guwahati
- C) Kochi
- D) Kolkata

**Answer: C) Kochi**

**Explanation:** The meeting focused on the "Harit Sagar" initiative and approved ₹465 crore for the procurement of dredgers and vessels to modernize India's inland waterways.