

## Section 1: National & International News

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian PM to address which foreign legislative body on February 26-27, 2026?

- A) US Congress
- B) Israeli Knesset
- C) UK House of Commons
- D) European Parliament

**Answer: B) Israeli Knesset**

**Explanation:** During his high-profile state visit to Israel, PM Modi addressed the Knesset (Israel's Parliament). This visit formally elevated the bilateral relationship to a "Special Strategic Partnership for Peace, Innovation and Prosperity."

2. Which freedom fighter, popularly known as "Gandhi Pokhrel," will have the Pakyong Airport in Sikkim renamed after him?

- A) Birsa Munda
- B) Trilochan Pokhrel
- C) Alluri Sitarama Raju
- D) Govind Ballabh Pant

**Answer: B) Trilochan Pokhrel**

**Explanation:** The Government of Sikkim announced that Pakyong Airport will be renamed after Trilochan Pokhrel to honor his significant contribution to India's independence movement and his adoption of Gandhian principles.

3. The Union Government recently updated the base year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to which year?

- A) 2011

- B) 2018
- C) 2022
- D) 2024

**Answer: D) 2024**

**Explanation:** To better reflect modern consumption patterns and align with international standards (COICOP 2018), India updated the CPI base year to 2024. This change reduces the weight of food and increases the weight of housing and services.

4. India recently signed an MoU with which country to establish the "SITAC" (Sweden-India Technology and AI Corridor)?

- A) Norway
- B) Sweden
- C) Finland
- D) Denmark

**Answer: B) Sweden**

**Explanation:** The IndiaAI Mission and Business Sweden signed a Statement of Intent to launch SITAC. This corridor serves as a flagship platform connecting startups, researchers, and policymakers to drive outcome-oriented AI cooperation.

5. Which state government signed MoUs worth ₹90,000 crore with Japanese companies in February 2026?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:** The Uttar Pradesh government secured massive investments from Japanese

firms during a high-level summit, focusing on infrastructure, electronics, and renewable energy.

## Section 2: Economics & Banking

**6. The government launched a pilot project in Puducherry for food subsidy distribution using which technology?**

- A) Blockchain Ledger
- B) CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency)
- C) Biometric Vouchers
- D) QR-coded Coupons

**Answer: B) CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency)**

**Explanation:** This pilot under PMGKAY uses programmable e₹ (Digital Rupee) tokens. The tokens are credited to beneficiaries' wallets and can only be redeemed at authorized Fair Price Shops, ensuring leak-proof delivery.

**7. Which organization restored the Chungthang-Lachen road and built the Taram Chu Bridge in North Sikkim?**

- A) NHAI
- B) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- C) CPWD
- D) Indian Army Corps of Engineers

**Answer: B) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**

**Explanation:** The BRO successfully restored connectivity in strategic border regions of North Sikkim after severe natural disasters damaged the existing road network.

**8. India recently hosted the ISO International Subcommittee meetings for the first time on which subject?**

- A) Digital Payment Standards

B) Space Systems and Operations

C) Renewable Energy Grids

D) AI Ethics

**Answer: B) Space Systems and Operations**

**Explanation:** This highlights India's growing influence in the global space sector, with ISRO playing a lead role in setting international standards for space missions.

**9. The unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) partnered with which tech giant to display 60,000 verified Aadhaar centers on digital maps?**

A) Microsoft

B) Meta

C) Google

D) Apple

**Answer: C) Google**

**Explanation:** The partnership allows citizens to use Google Maps to find authorized Aadhaar enrollment and update centers, helping them avoid fraudulent operators.

**10. Which ministry approved the development of a 'Green Hydrogen Jetty' project at Paradip Port?**

A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

B) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

**Answer: B) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

**Explanation:** This project is part of India's "National Green Hydrogen Mission" to turn major ports into hydrogen hubs for exports and maritime use.

### Section 3: Appointments, Awards & Honors

11. Who has been appointed as the new Chief People Officer (CPO) of OpenAI in February 2026?

- A) Parag Agrawal
- B) Arvind KC
- C) Mira Murati
- D) Sam Altman

**Answer: B) Arvind KC**

**Explanation:** Arvind KC, formerly an executive at Roblox and Google, was appointed to lead HR and global operations for the AI giant OpenAI.

12. On February 27, 2026, PM Narendra Modi was conferred with the 'Speaker of the Knesset Medal'. This is the highest parliamentary honor of which country?

- A) UAE
- B) Israel
- C) France
- D) Egypt

**Answer: B) Israel**

**Explanation:** PM Modi is the first global leader to receive this prestigious medal, recognizing his role in the "Special Strategic Partnership" between India and Israel.

13. Which organization recently set a Guinness World Record for the "Most viewers of an AI in Healthcare live stream"?

- A) AIIMS Delhi
- B) NBEMS (National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences)
- C) ICMR

D) Apollo Hospitals

**Answer: B) NBEMS**

**Explanation:** NBEMS achieved this feat during a massive educational webinar aimed at training medical professionals in the integration of AI.

14. Who was recently named the 'Global Road Safety Champion' by the United Nations?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) Mary Kom

**Answer: B) Sachin Tendulkar**

**Explanation:** The cricket legend joined the UN's #MakeASafetyStatement campaign to advocate for global road safety and reduce traffic-related fatalities.

15. Which Indian film won the 'Best Film' award at the 2026 BAFTA ceremony reported in late February?

- A) Kantara
- B) Boong
- C) All We Imagine as Light
- D) Brahmastra 2

**Answer: B) Boong**

**Explanation:** The Manipuri film "Boong" made history by winning international acclaim at the BAFTA ceremony, marking a milestone for Northeast Indian cinema.

### Section 4: Defense & Space News

16. 'Exercise Agni Varsha', conducted in February 2026 at Pokhran, was organized by which command of the Indian Army?

- A) Northern Command
- B) Eastern Command
- C) Southern Command
- D) Western Command

**Answer: C) Southern Command**

**Explanation:** The exercise focused on integrated combat capabilities and long-range precision fires in desert terrain.

**17. Which joint maritime operation was recently conducted by the Southern Air Command in the Lakshadweep and Minicoy islands?**

- A) Exercise Sea Vigil
- B) Exercise Kalari Leap
- C) Exercise Dakshin Shakti
- D) Exercise Varuna

**Answer: B) Exercise Kalari Leap**

**Explanation:** Exercise Kalari Leap validated rapid force projection and multi-domain coordination in the maritime domain, involving the Air Force, Special Operations, and Coast Guard.

**18. The Indian Navy's flagship multinational exercise, which concluded in late February 2026, was:**

- A) MALABAR 2026
- B) MILAN 2026
- C) TROPEX 2026
- D) SAMPRITI 2026

**Answer: B) MILAN 2026**

**Explanation:** MILAN 2026 at Visakhapatnam saw participation from 40+ countries under the theme "Camaraderie, Cooperation, Collaboration."

**19. India and Japan conducted which joint military exercise in Uttarakhand in February 2026?**

- A) SHINYUU Maitri
- B) Dharma Guardian
- C) JIMEX
- D) Sahayog-Kaijin

**Answer: B) Dharma Guardian**

**Explanation:** The annual exercise focused on high-altitude warfare and counter-insurgency operations in mountainous terrain.

**20. Which VSHORADS (Very Short Range Air Defence System) missile was successfully test-fired at Pokhran in February 2026?**

- A) Trishul
- B) Strela-10
- C) Akash-NG
- D) Helina

**Answer: B) Strela-10**

**Explanation:** The Indian Army test-fired the Strela-10 system to validate its heat-seeking capabilities against low-flying aerial targets.

## Section 5: Important Days & Themes

**21. What is the theme of 'World NGO Day', observed on February 27, 2026?**

- A) NGOs: The Heart of Democracy
- B) Restoring Dignity Through Inclusion
- C) Global Partnerships for Development
- D) Empowering Communities for Change

**Answer: B) Restoring Dignity Through Inclusion**

**Explanation:** World NGO Day is celebrated annually on February 27 to recognize the contribution of non-governmental organizations to society.

**22. February 27 is celebrated as 'Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din' to honor the birth anniversary of which poet?**

- A) Vinda Karandikar
- B) V.V. Shirwadkar (Kusumagraj)
- C) P.L. Deshpande
- D) Bahinabai Chaudhari

**Answer: B) V.V. Shirwadkar (Kusumagraj)**

**Explanation:** Kusumagraj was a Jnanpith awardee whose work significantly enriched Marathi literature. The day celebrates the cultural heritage of the Marathi language.

**23. India observes 'National Protein Day' on February 27. What was the central focus of the 2026 campaign #NutrelaGivesBack?**

- A) Protein for Athletes
- B) Bridging the protein deficit in vulnerable children
- C) Lab-grown protein awareness
- D) Veganism for a healthy heart

**Answer: B) Bridging the protein deficit in vulnerable children**

**Explanation:** On this day, a massive drive served protein-rich meals to over 1 lakh children in Delhi-NCR to highlight India's silent protein deficiency crisis.

**24. February 27, 2026, marks the 95th martyrdom day of which legendary Indian revolutionary?**

- A) Bhagat Singh
- B) Chandrashekhar Azad

- C) Sukhdev Thapar
- D) Shivaram Rajguru

**Answer: B) Chandrashekhar Azad**

**Explanation:** Azad sacrificed his life at Alfred Park (now Chandrashekhar Azad Park) in Allahabad in 1931, remaining "Azad" (free) until his last breath as he vowed never to be captured alive.

**25. Central Excise Day is observed annually in India on:**

- A) February 22
- B) February 24
- C) February 26
- D) February 28

**Answer: B) February 24**

**Explanation:** (Revision Question) This day commemorates the Central Excise and Salt Act of 1944 and honors the personnel of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.

## Section 6: Schemes & Miscellaneous

**26. Which state government launched the 'Banglar Yuva Sathi Scheme 2026' to provide unemployment assistance?**

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

**Answer: C) West Bengal**

**Explanation:** The scheme provides a monthly stipend to unemployed youth to assist with skill training and exam preparation costs.

27. The 'Teacher App 2.0', integrated with AI for lesson planning, was launched by the Education Ministry in collaboration with:

- A) UNESCO
- B) CK-12 Foundation
- C) Google Education
- D) Byju's

**Answer: B) CK-12 Foundation**

**Explanation:** The app aims to help teachers modernize classroom learning using AI-driven customized content.

28. Which Indian city hosted the first scientific assessment confirming it as a stronghold for the 'Fishing Cat'?

- A) Corbett National Park
- B) Kaziranga National Park
- C) Sundarbans
- D) Periyar National Park

**Answer: B) Kaziranga National Park**

**Explanation:** A 2026 study confirmed a significant and healthy population of the elusive Fishing Cat in the wetlands of Kaziranga.

29. The 'Meri Rasoil' scheme, which provides free food kits to 40 lakh families, belongs to which state?

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

**Answer: B) Punjab**

**Explanation:** Launched by the Punjab government, this welfare scheme aims to ensure

food security for economically backward sections.

30. The 'Him-CONNECT' initiative, launched in February 2026, aims to bridge the gap between researchers and startups in which region?

- A) Coastal India
- B) The Himalayas
- C) Thar Desert
- D) Deccan Plateau

**Answer: B) The Himalayas**

**Explanation:** Launched during the World Sustainable Development Summit, it encourages startups to utilize Himalayan research for sustainable business models.