

## International & National News

1. The first round of significant peace talks between Russia, Ukraine, and the US in 2026 was held in which city?

- A) Geneva
- B) Vienna
- C) Doha
- D) Abu Dhabi

**Answer: D) Abu Dhabi**

**Explanation:** In a major diplomatic breakthrough on January 26–27, 2026, the UAE hosted the first formal round of tripartite peace talks in Abu Dhabi aimed at de-escalating the conflict in Eastern Europe.

2. What is the theme for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day observed on 27th January 2026?

- A) Holocaust Remembrance for Dignity and Human Rights
- B) Learning from the Past, Shaping the Future
- C) 81 Years of Liberation: Never Again
- D) Fragility of Freedom

**Answer: A) Holocaust Remembrance for Dignity and Human Rights**

**Explanation:** Designated by the United Nations, the 2026 theme focuses on the inherent dignity of every individual and the necessity of upholding human rights to prevent future genocides.

3. Which country officially took over the G20 Presidency from South Africa in January 2026?

- A) USA
- B) Brazil
- C) United Kingdom

D) India

**Answer: A) USA**

**Explanation:** The United States assumed the G20 Presidency for 2026, focusing on "Resilient Growth and Global Stability."

4. The "Granth Kutir" repository, recently inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu, is located in which premises?

- A) National Archives of India
- B) Rashtrapati Bhavan
- C) Red Fort
- D) Parliament House

**Answer: B) Rashtrapati Bhavan**

**Explanation:** President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated 'Granth Kutir' at Rashtrapati Bhavan to preserve and showcase manuscripts and literature in India's 11 classical languages.

## Economics & Banking

5. Which regulatory body notified the "Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions Regulations, 2026"?

- A) AICTE
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) UGC
- D) NITI Aayog

**Answer: C) UGC**

**Explanation:** The University Grants Commission (UGC) issued these regulations to ensure social inclusion and prevent discrimination based on caste, gender, or disability in all higher education institutions.

6. India and the European Union (EU) decided to upgrade their ties during a strategic summit held in January 2026 in which city?

- A) Brussels
- B) New Delhi
- C) Berlin
- D) Paris

**Answer: B) New Delhi**

**Explanation:** India and the EU finalized a "Security and Defense Partnership" pact in New Delhi to diversify military supply chains and boost industrial cooperation.

7. Which bank received RBI approval for the reappointment of Kaizad Bharucha as its Deputy Managing Director (DMD) in January 2026?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) SBI

**Answer: B) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:** The Reserve Bank of India cleared the extension for Kaizad Bharucha to continue his leadership role at India's largest private sector bank.

## Defense & Science

8. Which long-range hypersonic missile made its debut at the 77th Republic Day parade in 2026?

- A) Agni-Prime
- B) LR-AShM
- C) BrahMos-II
- D) Pralay

**Answer: B) LR-AShM**

**Explanation:** The Long-Range Anti-Ship Hypersonic Missile (LR-AShM), developed by DRDO, was showcased for the first time, marking a significant leap in India's precision-strike capabilities.

9. HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) has announced the setup of a major MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) hub for Army helicopters in which state?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Nagaland
- C) Assam
- D) Sikkim

**Answer: C) Assam**

**Explanation:** The hub will be established in Assam to ensure the operational readiness of the Indian Army's helicopter fleet deployed in the strategically sensitive North-East region.

10. India's "Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework" released in January 2026 aims to secure what?

- A) Satellite communications
- B) Undersea telegraph cables
- C) Battlefield communications and sensing
- D) Nuclear warhead storage

**Answer: C) Battlefield communications and sensing**

**Explanation:** Released by the Chief of Defence Staff, this framework aligns military tech with the National Quantum Mission to prevent interception of high-level combat data.

## Sports & Awards

11. Who became the first player in Women's Premier League (WPL) history to score a century (100 runs)?

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Nat Sciver-Brunt
- D) Sophie Devine

**Answer: C) Nat Sciver-Brunt**

**Explanation:** Playing for Mumbai Indians against RCB in January 2026, Nat Sciver-Brunt scored an unbeaten 100 off 57 balls, breaking the "nineties" jinx of the league.

12. Which team was officially named to replace Bangladesh in the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup due to security concerns?

- A) Ireland
- B) Netherlands
- C) Scotland
- D) Zimbabwe

**Answer: C) Scotland**

**Explanation:** Following the withdrawal of the Bangladesh team, the ICC confirmed Scotland as the replacement in Group C of the 2026 tournament.

13. Which cricket legend was honored with the Padma Shri in January 2026 for his leadership legacy?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) MS Dhoni
- D) Hardik Pandya

**Answer: B) Rohit Sharma**

**Explanation:** Rohit Sharma was recognized for leading India to the 2024 T20 World Cup and the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy, shortly after his retirement from the longer formats.

## Appointments & Government Schemes

14. Who has been appointed as the first-ever "Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer" (CAIO) of the Government of India?

- A) Nandan Nilekani
- B) Dr. V. Kamakoti
- C) Amitabh Kant
- D) S. Somanath

**Answer: B) Dr. V. Kamakoti**

**Explanation:** Dr. V. Kamakoti, Director of IIT Madras, was appointed as the CAIO to guide the National AI Mission and ensure ethical AI deployment across departments.

15. Under the "Union Budget 2026" schemes, how many "Allied Health Professionals" (AHPs) does the government aim to train over the next five years?

- A) 50,000
- B) 1 Lakh
- C) 1.5 Lakh
- D) 2 Lakh

**Answer: B) 1 Lakh**

**Explanation:** The government announced a massive healthcare expansion project to add 1,00,000 Allied Health Professionals to the workforce to support doctors and nurses.

16. The "Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana," providing health cover of ₹10 lakh per family, was launched by which state?

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

**Answer: B) Punjab**

**Explanation:** The Punjab government launched this universal health scheme in early 2026 to provide cashless treatment for all citizens, significantly higher than the previous ₹5 lakh limit.

### Miscellaneous & Static Linkage

17. Which river has emerged as India's second-largest habitat for the endangered "Gharial" in January 2026?

- A) Chambal River
- B) Gandak River
- C) Yamuna River
- D) Brahmaputra River

**Answer: B) Gandak River**

**Explanation:** Conservation efforts in Bihar and UP have led to a significant surge in the Gharial population in the Gandak River, making it the second most vital habitat after the Chambal.

18. Humanoid robot 'ASC ARJUN' was recently deployed for advanced AI surveillance at which railway station?

- A) New Delhi Railway Station
- B) Visakhapatnam Railway Station
- C) Mumbai Central

D) Howrah Junction

**Answer: B) Visakhapatnam Railway Station**

**Explanation:** Developed indigenously, 'ASC ARJUN' features face recognition and crowd monitoring to assist the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in real-time security.

19. Every year, January 21–27 is observed in various Indian states to promote which traditional language?

- A) Sanskrit
- B) Kokborok
- C) Maithili
- D) Dogri

**Answer: B) Kokborok**

**Explanation:** While Kokborok Day is officially Jan 19, the week surrounding it sees major cultural festivals in Tripura to promote the indigenous language.

20. Which city became Uttar Pradesh's first to scientifically process 100% of its fresh municipal waste in January 2026?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Prayagraj
- C) Lucknow
- D) Kanpur

**Answer: C) Lucknow**

**Explanation:** Lucknow achieved a major milestone in urban waste management by operationalizing new waste-to-energy and compost plants to eliminate landfills.