

## Section 1: National & International News

1. On February 28, 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first semiconductor ATMP (Assembly, Test, Mark, and Package) plant in which state?

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

**Answer: B) Gujarat**

**Explanation:** The facility, established by Micron Technology in Sanand, Gujarat, marks a historic milestone in India's semiconductor mission. It aims to reduce import dependency and position India as a key player in the global electronics supply chain.

2. Which village in Maharashtra passed a landmark resolution on February 28, 2026, declaring itself a "caste-free village"?

- A) Ralegan Siddhi
- B) Hiware Bazar
- C) Soundala
- D) Punsari

**Answer: C) Soundala**

**Explanation:** Soundala village in Maharashtra made national headlines by declaring itself "caste-free" to promote social equality and eliminate discrimination in access to public resources like temples and schools.

3. The Nationwide HPV Vaccination Programme for girls aged 14 was launched from which city on February 28, 2026?

- A) Pune, Maharashtra

B) Ajmer, Rajasthan

C) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

D) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: B) Ajmer, Rajasthan**

**Explanation:** Launched by the PM, this mission-mode campaign targets approximately 1.15 crore girls annually to prevent cervical cancer, the second most common cancer among women in India.

4. The Indian Navy's sail training ship, which arrived at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka on February 28, 2026, for a training exchange, is:

- A) INS Sudarshini
- B) INS Tarangini
- C) INS Mhadei
- D) INS Varuna

**Answer: B) INS Tarangini**

**Explanation:** INS Tarangini arrived in Sri Lanka as part of a collaborative training initiative to strengthen maritime ties and provide hands-on experience to naval cadets of both nations.

5. Which state launched its first dedicated incubation and innovation hub named "T-Nest" in February 2026?

- A) Telangana
- B) Tripura
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Thiruvananthapuram

**Answer: B) Tripura**

**Explanation:** T-Nest (Tripura: Nurturing Entrepreneurship and Startups) was inaugurated to provide a robust ecosystem for local entrepreneurs and tech startups in the Northeast region.

## Section 2: Economics & Banking

6. As per the data released on February 28, 2026, what was India's real GDP growth rate for the third quarter (Q3) of FY26?

- A) 6.9%
- B) 7.2%
- C) 7.8%
- D) 8.4%

**Answer: C) 7.8%**

**Explanation:** India maintained its position as the fastest-growing major economy with a Q3 growth rate of 7.8%, driven by strong performance in the manufacturing and services sectors.

7. According to RBI data, India's foreign exchange reserves stood at approximately what level for the week ending February 20, 2026?

- A) \$650.5 billion
- B) \$700.2 billion
- C) \$723.6 billion
- D) \$755.1 billion

**Answer: C) \$723.6 billion**

**Explanation:** Despite a minor weekly decline of \$2.11 billion due to foreign currency asset fluctuations, the reserves remain robust, providing a significant cushion for the national economy.

8. The "Business Today Banking & Economy Summit 2026," held on February 28 at the NSE, Mumbai, was centered around which theme?

- A) The Digital Leap
- B) The Great Reset
- C) Vision 2047

D) Banking for All

**Answer: B) The Great Reset**

**Explanation:** The summit brought together policymakers and financial leaders to discuss macroeconomics, infrastructure growth, and the integration of AI in the banking sector.

9. What percentage of India's international trade is currently estimated to be conducted in Indian Rupees (INR) as of February 2026?

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 12%
- D) 15%

**Answer: B) About 5%**

**Explanation:** This represents significant progress in the "Rupee Internationalisation" process, aimed at reducing reliance on the US Dollar for cross-border settlements.

10. Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) are primarily used for:

- A) Granting farm loans
- B) Managing corporate tax
- C) International trade settlement in INR
- D) Controlling inflation

**Answer: C) International trade settlement in INR**

**Explanation:** SRVAs allow foreign banks to hold Indian currency in India to facilitate trade payments directly in Rupees, bypassing the need for an intermediary currency.

### Section 3: Sports, Awards & Honors

11. Which country topped the final medal tally of the 2026 Winter Olympics, which concluded in February?

- A) Italy
- B) USA
- C) Norway
- D) China

**Answer: C) Norway**

**Explanation:** Norway continued its legacy of excellence in winter sports, securing the top spot at the Milano Cortina 2026 Games.

12. The "Ayurveda Gaurav Samman" was presented at the National Arogya Fair 2026 to practitioners for their excellence in:

- A) Modern Surgery
- B) Traditional Medicine (Ayurveda)
- C) Public Health Policy
- D) Medical AI development

**Answer: B) Traditional Medicine (Ayurveda)**

**Explanation:** The awards, presented on Feb 28, recognized outstanding achievers (RAV Achievers) for their contribution to promoting and practicing authentic Ayurveda.

13. Which Indian airport received the "Global ASQ Best Arrivals Award" for the second consecutive year in February 2026?

- A) Delhi Airport
- B) Mangaluru Airport
- C) Kochi Airport
- D) Bengaluru Airport

**Answer: B) Mangaluru Airport**

**Explanation:** Mangaluru International Airport was recognized by the Airports Council International (ACI) for its exceptional passenger arrival services and facilities.

14. The "Bhavya Bharat Bhushan Award" 2026 was recently conferred upon which prominent industrialist?

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Anand Mahindra
- C) Mukesh Ambani
- D) Gautam Adani

**Answer: B) Anand Mahindra**

**Explanation:** Along with other luminaries like Sudha Murty and Sonu Nigam, Anand Mahindra was honored for his distinguished service to the nation and industry.

15. Who was honored as the "Best Female Athlete" at the KazChess Awards 2026?

- A) Koneru Humpy
- B) Bibisara Assaubayeva
- C) Harika Dronavalli
- D) R Vaishali

**Answer: B) Bibisara Assaubayeva**

**Explanation:** The Kazakh Grandmaster was recognized at the prestigious ceremony in Astana for her world-leading performances in Blitz and Rapid chess.

### Section 4: Defense & Appointments

16. During the "Vayu Shakti 2026" exercise, which air defense system successfully engaged a maneuvering target?

- A) S-400

- B) Akash Air Defence System
- C) Iron Dome
- D) Patriot

**Answer: B) Akash Air Defence System**

**Explanation:** The indigenous Akash system demonstrated its precision by neutralizing a complex, high-speed maneuvering target during the Indian Air Force's massive firepower display.

**17. The Indian Army recently upgraded 96 T-72 tanks with which indigenous technology?**

- A) Hydrogen Fuel Engines
  - B) Thermal Imaging Fire Control Systems (TIFCS)
  - C) Stealth Coating
  - D) AI-driven Autopilot
- Answer: B) Thermal Imaging Fire Control Systems (TIFCS)**

**Explanation:** This upgrade significantly enhances the night-fighting capabilities and target acquisition accuracy of the Indian Army's main battle tanks.

**18. DRDO successfully conducted three consecutive flight trials of which missile system in late February 2026?**

- A) Agni-V
- B) BrahMos-II
- C) VSHORADS (Very Short Range Air Defence System)
- D) Prithvi-II

**Answer: C) VSHORADS**

**Explanation:** These tests validate the effectiveness of the man-portable air defense system against low-altitude aerial threats.

**19. Who has been assigned the additional charge of CEO, NITI Aayog, following the completion of B.V.R. Subrahmanyam's tenure?**

- A) Suman Bery
- B) Nidhi Chhibber
- C) Amitabh Kant
- D) Rajiv Kumar

**Answer: B) Nidhi Chhibber**

**Explanation:** Nidhi Chhibber took over the responsibility in late February 2026 to ensure administrative continuity at the premier policy think tank.

**20. Which company's "Vayu-500" UAV engine was announced to be ready for integration into Indian drones by mid-April 2026?**

- A) Tata Advanced Systems
- B) Vayuvya Defense
- C) Adani Defence
- D) Skyroot Aerospace

**Answer: B) Vayuvya Defense**

**Explanation:** This marks a major step toward self-reliance (Atmanirbharta) in drone propulsion technology for the Indian defense sector.

## Section 5: Important Days & Themes

**21. What is the official theme for "National Science Day 2026," observed on February 28?**

- A) Science for a Greener Planet
- B) Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat
- C) Global Science for Global Wellbeing
- D) Indigenous Tech for Atmanirbhar Bharat

**Answer: B) Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat**

**Explanation:** The 2026 theme highlights the pivotal role of women researchers and innovators in achieving India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

**22. National Science Day is celebrated to commemorate the discovery of the "Raman Effect" by Sir C.V. Raman. In which year did he receive the Nobel Prize?**

- A) 1928
- B) 1930
- C) 1935
- D) 1954 **Answer: B) 1930**

**Explanation:** Sir C.V. Raman discovered the Raman Effect on Feb 28, 1928, and was subsequently awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930, becoming the first Asian to win a Nobel in science.

**23. Which organization launched the "Sustainable Road Safety Financing Project" in India in February 2026?**

- A) World Bank
- B) UN Road Safety Fund
- C) WHO
- D) NITI Aayog

**Answer: B) UN Road Safety Fund**

**Explanation:** The project aims to improve the financing and implementation of road safety measures to significantly reduce traffic-related fatalities in India.

**24. The longlist for the 2026 International Booker Prize was announced on February 24. How many books were selected for the longlist?**

- A) 6

- B) 10
- C) 13
- D) 15

**Answer: C) 13**

**Explanation:** Out of 128 submissions, 13 books were selected for the longlist. The winner will be announced in London in May 2026.

**25. Which ministry organized the "National Protein Day" (Feb 27) activities that culminated on Feb 28, 2026?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Agriculture

**Answer: B) Ministry of Women and Child Development**

**Explanation:** The day focuses on raising awareness about protein deficiency and promoting balanced nutrition across India.

## Section 6: Schemes & MoUs

**26. The "Lakhpati Didi" scheme target was doubled in February 2026. What is the new goal for the number of women to be empowered?**

- A) 2 crore
- B) 3 crore
- C) 6 crore
- D) 10 crore

**Answer: C) 6 crore**

**Explanation:** The government doubled the target to create 6 crore "Lakhpati Didis" (women earning over ₹1 lakh annually) through Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

27. An MoU was signed between the IMD and which state's Higher Education Department to strengthen weather and climate research?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Manipur
- D) Mizoram

**Answer: B) Nagaland**

**Explanation:** This collaboration aims to enhance local weather forecasting accuracy and support climate-resilient agriculture in Nagaland.

28. Fortified rice distribution is currently implemented through which of the following government schemes?

- A) PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
- B) PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal)
- C) ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services)
- D) All of the above

**Answer: D) All of the above**

**Explanation:** The government has integrated fortified rice into all major food-based safety nets to combat anemia and micronutrient deficiencies.

29. Which state government launched the "Banglar Yuva Sathi Scheme" in early 2026 to assist unemployed graduates?

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

**Answer: B) West Bengal**

**Explanation:** The scheme provides financial aid to help unemployed youth cover the costs of skill development and competitive exam preparations.

30. Google launched which successor to its viral AI image-generation tool on February 28, 2026?

- A) Gemini Pro
- B) Nano Banana 2
- C) Imagen Plus
- D) Pixel Art Pro

**Answer: B) Nano Banana 2**

**Explanation:** Nano Banana 2 is the successor to the highly popular first version, featuring enhanced generative AI capabilities for mobile users.