

## National News & Policy

1. Which state government declared the year 2026 as the "Year of Agriculture" to focus on farmer prosperity?

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

**Answer: C) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:** During the Republic Day celebrations in Bhopal, the Governor of Madhya Pradesh officially declared 2026 as the "Year of Agriculture". The initiative focuses on enhancing irrigation efficiency, crop diversification, and expanding farmer welfare schemes under the theme "Prosperous Farmers, Prosperous State."

2. The Uttarakhand Government recently implemented the "Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026." Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Governor to issue such an ordinance?

- A) Article 123
- B) Article 213
- C) Article 163
- D) Article 312

**Answer: B) Article 213**

**Explanation:** Governor Gurmit Singh (Retd.) gave assent to the UCC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 under Article 213. The amendment introduces 15 new reforms to the existing UCC Act 2024, specifically tightening regulations around live-in relationships and inheritance rights.

3. Which Indian state became the first to launch "Raj-UNNATI," a state-level version of the Centre's PRAGATI portal for monitoring development projects?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Odisha

**Answer: B) Rajasthan**

**Explanation:** Launched in Jaipur in January 2026, Raj-UNNATI (Rajasthan-Utility for Networking, Notification and Tracking of Initiatives) is designed to fast-track delayed infrastructure projects, making Rajasthan the first state to replicate the Prime Minister's PRAGATI model.

## International News

4. What is the theme for "International Data Privacy Day" observed on 28th January 2026?

- A) Privacy Matters: Protect Your Data
- B) Privacy in the Age of AI: Empowering Individuals, Protecting Rights
- C) Digital Safety and Sovereign Data
- D) Stop the Breach: Global Data Security

**Answer: B) Privacy in the Age of AI: Empowering Individuals, Protecting Rights**

**Explanation:** Observed globally on January 28, the 2026 theme emphasizes the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence and the protection of individual rights against automated data profiling.

5. Which country officially launched a commemorative landmark in January 2026 to

signal its readiness to host the 2026 IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Thailand
- C) India
- D) Indonesia

**Answer: B) Thailand**

**Explanation:** The Thai government officially announced its readiness to host the high-profile 2026 IMF-World Bank Group Annual Meetings in Bangkok, showcasing its commitment to regional economic leadership.

## Economics & Banking

6. Which Indian IT giant recently announced the construction of its largest global delivery centre in Londrina, Brazil?

- A) Infosys
- B) Wipro
- C) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- D) HCLTech

**Answer: C) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**

**Explanation:** TCS is investing approximately ₹3.3 billion to build a massive campus in Brazil, which is expected to create 1,600 jobs. This move strengthens India's IT footprint in the Latin American market.

7. Under the "Jal Sanrakshit Haryana Project," which international organization has approved financial support of ₹5,700 crore?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) World Bank

D) New Development Bank (NDB)

**Answer: C) World Bank**

**Explanation:** The World Bank approved ₹5,700 crore to help Haryana achieve water self-reliance through canal restoration, micro-irrigation, and groundwater recharging initiatives.

## Defense & Science

8. Which organization developed the "PANCHAM" (Panchayat Assistance & Messaging Chatbot) launched in January 2026?

- A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj & Google
- B) NIC & Meta
- C) UNICEF & Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D) ISRO & Microsoft

**Answer: C) UNICEF & Ministry of Panchayati Raj**

**Explanation:** PANCHAM was developed in collaboration with UNICEF to provide digital support and real-time guidance to over 30 lakh elected representatives in rural India, helping improve local governance.

9. Which private space company completed the first-ever "Medical Evacuation" (Medevac) mission from the International Space Station (ISS) in early 2026?

- A) Blue Origin
- B) Boeing
- C) SpaceX
- D) Axiom Space

**Answer: C) SpaceX**

**Explanation:** SpaceX successfully executed the first-ever emergency medical evacuation mission from the ISS, returning a crew member

to Earth for urgent treatment, marking a milestone in commercial space safety.

**10. Which defense company's stock emerged as a top performer in January 2026 due to a record ₹18.68 billion order book for missile electronics and radars?**

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B) Data Patterns (India)
- C) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

**Answer: B) Data Patterns (India)**

**Explanation:** Data Patterns (India) saw a 62% surge in stock value by late January 2026, driven by massive orders for electronic warfare systems and indigenous missile seekers for the Indian Armed Forces.

## Awards & Appointments

**11. Who was elected as the new President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in January 2026?**

- A) Randhir Singh
- B) Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani
- C) Narinder Batra
- D) Thomas Bach

**Answer: B) Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani**

**Explanation:** Following the resignation of India's Randhir Singh due to health issues, **Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani** (President of the Qatar Olympic Committee) was elected to lead the OCA.

**12. Which state police force became the 15th in India to receive the prestigious "President's Police Colour" (Nishaan) in January 2026?**

- A) Kerala Police

B) Sikkim Police

C) Assam Police

D) Goa Police

**Answer: B) Sikkim Police**

**Explanation:** Sikkim Police was honored with the **President's Police Colour** for its exemplary service, particularly its heroic response during the 2023 glacial lake outburst flood disaster.

**13. Who was selected for the "Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026" in the Individual Category?**

- A) Lt. Colonel Sita Ashok Shelke
- B) Piyush Pandey
- C) Dr. V. Kamakoti
- D) S. Somanath

**Answer: A) Lt. Colonel Sita Ashok Shelke**

**Explanation:** Lt. Col. Sita Ashok Shelke was recognized for her extraordinary leadership in disaster relief operations, particularly her role in bridge construction during rescue missions in difficult terrains.

## Sports & Books

**14. Who became the first player to score a century in the Women's Premier League (WPL)?**

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Nat Sciver-Brunt
- D) Shafali Verma

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

**Explanation:** In a historic match on January 26, 2026, **Nat Sciver-Brunt** (Mumbai Indians) smashed an unbeaten **100 off 57 balls** against

RCB at Vadodara, ending the league's long wait for its first individual hundred.

15. "History That India Ignored," a book focusing on the unsung heroes of the Indian freedom struggle, was authored by whom?

- A) Vikram Sampath
- B) Prem Prakash
- C) Sanjeev Sanyal
- D) Amitav Ghosh

**Answer: B) Prem Prakash**

**Explanation:** Veteran journalist **Prem Prakash** authored this book to bring to light the marginalized narratives and figures that played pivotal roles in India's independence but were overlooked in mainstream history.

## Appointments & Important Days

16. Who assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force on January 1, 2026?

- A) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
- B) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor
- C) Air Marshal S. Shrinivas
- D) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

**Answer: B) Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor**

**Explanation:** Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor, a seasoned fighter pilot with over 3,400 flying hours, took over as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff at the start of 2026.

17. Anu Garg made history in January 2026 by becoming the first woman to hold which post?

- A) Chief Secretary of Odisha
- B) Chairperson of SEBI
- C) DG of Border Security Force

D) Chief Secretary of Haryana

**Answer: A) Chief Secretary of Odisha**

**Explanation:** Senior IAS officer **Anu Garg** (1991 batch) became the first woman Chief Secretary of Odisha, succeeding Manoj Ahuja.

18. National Voters' Day (NVD) 2026 was celebrated on January 25 with which theme?

- A) Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure
- B) My India, My Vote
- C) Empowering Young Voters
- D) Inclusive and Accessible Elections

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

**Explanation:** The theme for the 16th National Voters' Day was "My India, My Vote," with the tagline "Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy."

## Environment & MoU

19. The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) signed a 5-year MoU with which state to support the scientific breeding of vultures?

- A) Bihar
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Assam
- D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: B) Jharkhand**

**Explanation:** BNHS and the Chief Wildlife Warden of **Jharkhand** signed an agreement to establish the state's first vulture conservation and breeding centre, focusing on species like the Oriental White-backed vulture.

20. The "Nature Transition X-Curve," recently discussed in a UNEP report, is a framework designed for:

- A) Predicting glacial melt speeds
- B) Reforming global capital flows for nature-based solutions
- C) Tracking plastic pollution in oceans
- D) Monitoring urban heat islands

**Answer: B) Reforming global capital flows for nature-based solutions**

**Explanation:** The Nature Transition X-Curve is a strategic framework developed to help policymakers and businesses sequence actions to scale up high-integrity nature-based solutions and redirect investment toward biodiversity.

