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## NATIONAL NEWS

### India's First Hydrogen Train Completes Trial



India has taken a major step toward the sustainable transportation as country's first hydrogen-powered trainset successfully completed oscillation trials. This milestone was confirmed by the Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. With this it will marking a breakthrough of clean energy adoption by Indian Railways. The trial was conducted by the Research Designs and Standards Organization which is the key part of safety and performance validation.

#### Key Points:-

The country's first hydrogen train will operate between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana.

This is showcasing India's push toward green mobility and sustainable environment at the regional level.

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### India To Establishes First Port of Refuge to Strengthen Maritime Safety



To strengthen the India's maritime security Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has operationalized India's first Port of Refuge (PoR). This initiative creates the structured system for the handling ships in distress and filling a long-standing gap in the country's

maritime infrastructure. As India has over 11,000 km of coastline and India comes that category who have some of the world's busiest shipping lanes. As of today it lacked the structured mechanism to assist vessels during emergencies.

**Key Points:-**

- Safety of crew and cargo
- Protection of marine ecosystems
- Efficiency in handling maritime disasters

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Japan's 275 kmph Cargo Bullet Train**



Japan has transformed the iconic bullet train into a freight-only high-speed carrier and it is marking a world's first in logistics innovation. It was developed by East Japan Railway Company, the train can transport goods at speeds of up to 275 kmph, redefining how speed and efficiency intersect in modern supply chains. This train was built on the renowned Shinkansen network and this initiative comes at a time when industries worldwide are seeking faster, more reliable and sustainable logistics solutions.

**Key Points:-**

- Reinforced flooring for heavy loads
- Secure cargo fastening systems
- Optimize layouts for maximum storage

**APPOINTMENTS**

**BBC Appoints Matt Brittin as New Director-General**



BBC has appointed Matt Brittin as the new Director-General, and it will be effective from May 18 2026. The 57 year old Google executive assume the charge at a time when the BBC faces several big challenges. One of the challenge is a high profile lawsuit by Donald Trump and ongoing debates over the funding model. His appointment signals the strategic shift toward digital and global media transformation.

**SPORTS**

**Gurjant Singh Bids Farewell to International Hockey**



Indian men's hockey team forward Gurjant Singh has officially announced his retirement from international hockey at the Hockey India Awards ceremony in New Delhi. The 31 year old striker ends the career as remarkable journey spanning with nearly a decade. Throughout his career he earned 130 international caps and scored 33 goals. He is Known for his speed, sharp finishing and consistency.

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- RBI EXAMS RBI ASSISTANT, RBI GRADE B
- IBPS EXAMS IBPS PO, IBPS CLERK, IBPS SO, IBPS RRB

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**BANKING/ECONOMY**

**RBI Payments Vision 2028**



The Reserve Bank of India has unveiled the ambitious Payments Vision 2028. Under this RBI setting the stage for a more secure, efficient and user-friendly digital payments ecosystem in all over India. This roadmap introduces transformative features like switch on-off controls for digital transactions, e-cheques and a Payments Switching Service (PaSS). The initiative aiming to strengthen consumer trust along with it also supporting country's rapidly expanding digital economy for the upcoming 3 years.

**STATE NEWS**

**'Anbu Karangal' Scheme**



The Anbu Karangal Scheme was launched by the Tamil Nadu government on the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister CN Annadurai. In its first phase, 6,082 children who lost both parents or cannot be cared for by a surviving parent will get ₹2,000 per month till 18 years of age. Aid covers cases of abandonment, disability, imprisonment, or life-threatening illness of a parent. The scheme ensures higher education support after schooling.

**Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format**

**Q.1. Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at IFF Delhi 2026?**

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Chiranjeevi
- C. Nandamuri Balakrishna
- D. Kamal Haasan

1. C

Nandamuri Balakrishna receives Lifetime Achievement at IFFD 2026. Veteran Telugu actor Nandamuri Balakrishna was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Delhi International Film Festival (IFFD) 2026. The honour recognises his remarkable contribution to Indian cinema over five decades.

**Q.2. What is Narendra Modi's approval rating according to Morning Consult?**

- A. 60%
- B. 65%
- C. 68%
- D. 72%

2. C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again emerged as the world's most popular leader in the latest global survey by American data analytics firm Morning Consult. He received 68% popularity. Modi is far ahead of other global leaders in this survey. Swiss President Guy Parmelin and South Korean President Lee Jae-myung are tied for second place with 62% popularity. The leaders of the Czech Republic and Argentina received 57% and 56% popularity respectively.

**Q.3. Where did the Nippon India ETF Gold BeES rank globally based on fund flows?**

- A. 3rd
- B. 5th
- C. 6th
- D. 10th

3. C

The Nippon India ETF Gold BeES ranked sixth globally by fund flows at the start of 2026. The fund received net inflows of approximately \$1.08 billion, making it the only Indian fund to feature among the top 10 gold ETFs worldwide.

**Q.4. Which ministry released the TV Ratings Policy 2026?**

- A. Ministry of IT
- B. Ministry of I&B
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Culture

4. B

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) released the "TV Rating Policy 2026." It provides detailed guidelines for regulating television ratings in India. The policy sets clear standards for the registration, operation, audit, and monitoring of TV rating service agencies, aiming to ensure transparency, independence, and accountability in audience measurement.

**Q.5. Which company has received RBI approval to buy a controlling stake in Sammaan Capital Limited?**

- A. BlackRock
- B. Avenir Investment RSC Ltd
- C. State Street
- D. HDFC Ltd

5. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Abu Dhabi-based Avenir Investment RSC Limited to acquire a controlling stake in Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited), which is owned and controlled by International Holding Company PJSC (IHC).

**Q.6. CCI approved the acquisition of Groww Asset Management by which entity?**

- A. Vanguard
- B. BlackRock
- C. State Street Global Advisors
- D. Fidelity

6. C

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of a stake in Groww Asset Management Limited (Groww AMC) by State Street Global Advisors, Inc. This transaction is part of State Street's strategic investment with Billionbrains Garage Ventures Limited (Groww's parent company).

**Q.7. The Ministry of Defense signed a contract worth how many crores of rupees in New Delhi?**

- A. ₹500 crore
- B. ₹750 crore
- C. ₹858 crore
- D. ₹1000 crore

7. C

The Ministry of Defense has signed two key contracts worth ₹858 crore to strengthen India's military capabilities. These agreements include the purchase of the Tunguska air defense missile system for the Indian Army and the depot-level inspection of P-8I maritime aircraft for the Indian Navy. These contracts

were formalized in New Delhi, reflecting India's focus on modernization and self-reliance in the defense sector.

**Q.8. Who has become the chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)?**

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. Sadhvi Niranjani Jyoti
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Rekha Sharma

8. B

Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament Sadhvi Niranjani Jyoti has taken over as the new chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). She will replace the previous leadership to oversee the commission's efforts to protect the interests of socially and educationally backward classes in India.

**Q.9. What new project has NASA shifted its focus from the Lunar Gateway project?**

- A. Mars Mission
- B. Space Telescope
- C. Lunar Surface Base
- D. Space Tourism

9. C

NASA has halted its Lunar Gateway project and is now focusing on establishing a permanent base directly on the lunar surface and continuing operations there. This shift aims to ensure a US presence on the Moon by 2028, while China's plans to land on the Moon by 2030 under the Artemis program pose challenges.

**Q.10. NCW collaborated with which company for the Women's Digital Safety Awareness Initiative?**

- A. Google
- B. Meta
- C. Truecaller
- D. Microsoft

10. C

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has teamed up with Truecaller to protect women from online threats and raise awareness about digital safety. The partnership has released a digital safety toolkit called "TrueCyberSakhi: A Digital Safety Toolkit, Created for Her," which provides information on how to deal with issues like spam, phishing, and harassment.

**Q.11. How many AI-based weather stations will be installed in Punjab under the ANNAM.AI initiative?**

- A. 50
- B. 75
- C. 100
- D. 150

11. C

Annam.ai, the Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Agriculture at the Indian Institute of Technology-Ropar (IIT Ropar), has installed 100 advanced weather stations in Punjab with the aim of creating a weather intelligence network for India that can be used on a large scale.

**Q.12. Where was the 6th BRICS CCI Women Empowerment Summit 2026 held?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad



12. B

The 6th edition of the BRICS CCI WE Annual Women's Summit and Badhai 2026 concluded in New Delhi. The focus was on turning dialogue into concrete action, placing women at the center of innovation, science leadership, and entrepreneurship in BRICS+ countries.

**Q.13. Which portal was launched by the National Housing Bank (NHB)?**

- A. Home Mitra
- B. Gruh Sugam Portal
- C. Awas Setu
- D. Loan Sahay

13. B

The National Housing Bank (NHB) has launched the "Gruh Sugam" portal for defense personnel, paramilitary forces, and government employees. The digital portal, available at <https://grhusugam.nhbonline.org.in/>, helps people access home loans easily and transparently, even from remote locations.

**Q.14. Who inaugurated the first phase of the Noida International Airport?**

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Yogi Adityanath
- D. Nitin Gadkari

14. B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of Noida International Airport (Jewar Airport). Located in Gautam Buddha Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh, the airport was built at a cost of over ₹11,200 crore and has the capacity to serve 12 million passengers annually.

**Q.15. Who introduced the Public Trust (Amendment Provisions) Bill, 2026?**

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Jitin Prasada
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Ashwini Vaishnaw

15. B

The Public Trusts (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 was introduced in the Lok Sabha by Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry of India. The bill aims to decriminalize minor offenses and improve ease of doing business/life by amending 784 provisions in 79 central laws across 23 ministries.

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➤ Compound interest  
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**Historical and Technical Events of 31<sup>th</sup> march 2026**

**1979 - Iran declared a Muslim Republic.**



In 1979, as a result of a popular uprising in Iran, the monarchy collapsed and an Islamic Republic was established under the leadership of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The main reasons for this revolution were the policy of Iran's Pahlavi rulers to imitate and follow the West and the government's failed economic management. Soon after this, the new ruler of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, fearing the outbreak of an Iran-backed Shia movement in his country, attacked Iran, which lasted for 8 years and ended inconclusively.

**1936 - The Indian state of Orissa was established**



On 1936, Orissa (now Odisha) was established as a separate province, the first state to be formed in India on the basis of language, which is celebrated as "Utkala Diwas" or "Odisha Day". The Kalinga War of the 3rd century BC was fought in Odisha, which inspired Emperor Ashoka to adopt non-violence and the teachings of the Buddha. In the following centuries, the region was ruled by various kings and great dynasties such as Harsha. In the late 8th century, the regions comprising Kosala and Utkala were merged into one empire by Jajati Kesari I.

**1935 - Reserve Bank of India begins operating.**



In 1935, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) began operations under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, becoming the central bank of India. The RBI was initially a privately owned institution but was later transferred to the ownership of the Government of India. The original share capital was divided into 100 fully paid shares. The RBI was nationalized on January 1, 1949, about a year and a half after India's independence.

**1933 - Indian Air Force was established in Karachi, Pakistan.**



The Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932. Its first AC Flight came into being on 1933 with six RAF-trained officers and 19 Hawai Sepoys (airmen). Four and a half years later, "A" Flight was in action for the first time from Miranshah in North Waziristan to support Indian Army operations against the rebellious Bhattani tribesmen. Meanwhile, in April 1936, a "B" Flight was also formed on vintage Wapiti.



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**1976 - Doordarshan was separated from All India Radio and Doordarshan Corporation was established.**



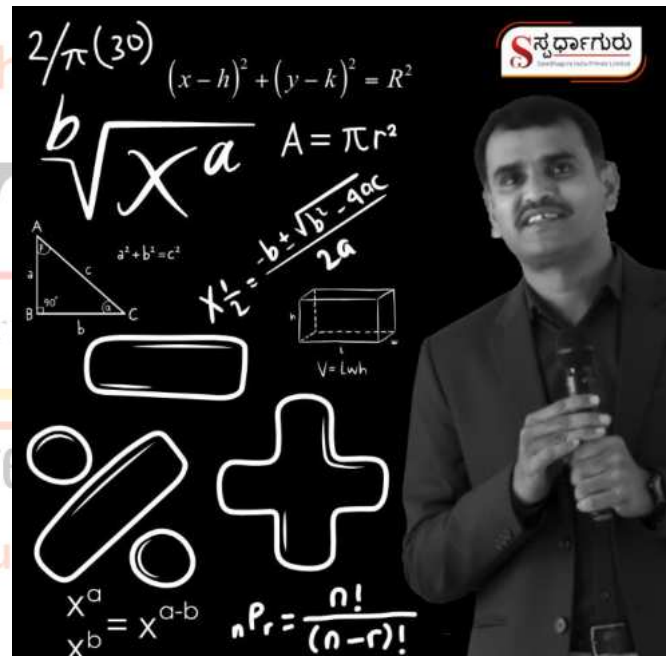
In 1976, Doordarshan was separated from All India Radio and Doordarshan Corporation was established. Radio

broadcasting in India began in 1927 with two private transmitters in Mumbai and Kolkata. It was nationalized in 1930 and then it was named Indian Broadcasting Service (Indian Broadcasting Corporation). Later in 1957, it was renamed as All India Radio.

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