

# 16 December 2025

1. Which Union Ministry recently chaired the 2nd meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on AYUSH? Ans: Ministry of Ayush
2. What is the service speed of the hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel launched in Varanasi? Ans: 6.5 knots
3. On which date is Vijay Diwas observed to mark the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1971 Indo-Pak war? Ans: December 16
4. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed loan agreements worth how much for development projects? Ans: \$2.2 billion
5. The Gross Non-Performing Assets (NPA) of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in outstanding education loans reduced to what percentage in FY 2024-25? Ans: 2%
6. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the State Bank of India (SBI) effective December 15, 2025? Ans: Ravi Ranjan
7. Who released the commemorative stamp honoring the historic Tamil King Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II? Ans: Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan
8. India's first fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel was flagged off at which location in Varanasi? Ans: Namo Ghat
9. Which Indian state has partnered with Microsoft to deploy the AI-powered investigation platform "MahaCrimeOS AI"? Ans: Maharashtra
10. Which state received the first prize in Group 1 for the Best Performing State at the National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) 2025? Ans: Karnataka
11. Siliserh Lake, recently declared as India's 96th Ramsar site, is located in which district of Rajasthan? Ans: Alwar
12. According to the Arton Capital "Passport Index," what is India's global rank with a mobility score of 73? Ans: 66th
13. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$108 million loan to support the Universal Health Care Scheme (MUHCS) of which state? Ans: Mizoram
14. The Union Cabinet approved the "Atomic Energy Bill, 2025" under which acronym that stands for Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy? Ans: SHANTI
15. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) signed a Joint Venture agreement with which entity for cross-border transmission infrastructure? Ans: Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)
16. The Indian Navy commissioned its second squadron of MH 60R helicopters, known as INAS 335, at which naval station? Ans: INS Hansa, Goa
17. Joint military exercise "Harimau Shakti" is being conducted between the armies of India and which country? Ans: Malaysia
18. Which medical institute is conducting India's first clinical trial for the "Supernova Stent" for stroke treatment? Ans: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi
19. Who recently won a double gold in the Women's and Junior Women's Skeet events at the 68th National Shooting Championship? Ans: Raiza Dhillon
20. Which country did India defeat to win the Squash World Cup held in Chennai? Ans: Hong Kong



21. A 25-foot statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was unveiled by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia in which city? Ans: Belagavi, Karnataka

22. Which initiative was approved by the Cabinet to create a unified platform for coal linkage auctions? Ans: Coal Setu

23. The first-ever investor meet focused on fisheries and aquaculture in Lakshadweep was held on which island? Ans: Bangaram Island

24. According to a Stanford University report, what is India's rank as a competitive Artificial Intelligence (AI) power? Ans: 3rd

25. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) implemented "table-top red marking" for wildlife protection in which Tiger Reserve? Ans: Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

26. What amount of dividend cheque did Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) hand over to the Government of India for FY 2024-25? Ans: Rs. 109.98 Crore

27. Who assumed office as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) in the Central Information Commission on December 15, 2025? Ans: Raj Kumar Goyal

28. The "Global Fire Management Hub" was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and which other organization? Ans: Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

29. Which railway station received the National Energy Conservation Award 2025 in the Transport Category? Ans: Miyana Railway Station

30. What amount did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for upgrading Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) under the Pradhan Mantri Skilling programme? Ans: \$846 million

31. The "MahaCrimeOS AI" platform uses technology from which Microsoft service? Ans: Microsoft Azure OpenAI Service

32. Which country topped the list as the world's strongest passport in 2025 according to the Arton Capital Passport Index? Ans: United Arab Emirates (UAE)

33. What is the target year set by the Atomic Energy Bill 2025 for India to achieve 100 GW of nuclear power capacity? Ans: 2047

34. Which state government released ₹260.20 crores to Rural Local Bodies as the first instalment of XV Finance Commission grants? Ans: Kerala

35. Which commemorative stamp was released to mark the 150th anniversary of one of India's oldest sporting institutions? Ans: Bombay Gymkhana

36. India's first rail-carried automobile rake recently reached which railway station in Mizoram? Ans: Sairang Railway Station

37. The "Supernova Stent" is designed specifically to address the diverse anatomy of which population? Ans: Indian population

38. Under the SPARSH initiative, what percentage of legacy discrepant pension cases have been resolved? Ans: 94.3%

39. The Department of Defence Accounts (DAD) generated how many Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) under the DLC 4.0 campaign? Ans: 20.94 lakh

40. How much funding did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) provide for the Assam State Tertiary Health Care Augmentation Project? Ans: \$398.8 million



41. Which reservoir in Chhattisgarh was recently added to the list of Ramsar sites as the 95th recognized wetland? Ans: Kopra Reservoir
42. What is the projected GDP growth rate for India for the year 2026 as per the economic outlook mentioned? Ans: 6.6%
43. Which company manufactures the MH 60R "Seahawk" helicopters commissioned by the Indian Navy? Ans: Lockheed Martin
44. The "National Waterway - 37" on River Gandak includes the deployment of jetties at which two locations? Ans: Mangalpur (Nautan) and Bettiah
45. Who was the winner of the Group A category in the National Painting Competition on Energy Conservation 2025? Ans: Anuj Prince
46. The "Atomic Energy Bill, 2025" proposes allowing up to what percentage of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in certain nuclear activities? Ans: 49%

