

## Nandyal Banking Coaching Center - Daily News Dated 17 Feb 2026

1. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Ltd for a tenure starting March 1, 2026? **Ans: Deepak Gupta**
2. Which entity recently merged with North East Small Finance Bank (SFB), with Rajan Bajaj appointed as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)? **Ans: Slice Small Finance Bank (Slice SFB)**
3. The Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Kumar Bhaskar Varma Setu', the first "Extradosed" bridge of the Northeast, in which state? **Ans: Assam**
4. Where has India's first 'National Cow Cultural Museum' been established to showcase the scientific and cultural importance of cows? **Ans: Mathura, Uttar Pradesh**
5. What is the total monthly transaction limit for the 'UPI One World Wallet' launched for international visitors at the India AI Impact Summit 2026? **Ans: ₹50,000**
6. Which bank partnered with Visa to launch an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered "Intelligence Commerce" payment system in the Asia-Pacific region? **Ans: DBS Bank**
7. IIT Madras and the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) established which Virtual Research Center to study air quality and climate change? **Ans: Vayu**
8. Which Ivy League university partnered with IIT Bombay to establish a Center of Artificial Intelligence focused on manufacturing and robotics? **Ans: Columbia University**
9. National Aluminium Company (NALCO) signed a Joint Venture with which entity to set up a 1,200 MW thermal power project? **Ans: NLC India Ltd**
10. Which company acquired 100% of Nabha Power Limited from L&T Power Development for ₹6,889 Crore? **Ans: Torrent Power**
11. The Indian Navy inaugurated the 'Milan Village' cultural zone during Exercise MILAN 2026 in which city? **Ans: Visakhapatnam**
12. Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed a Joint Venture with Safran Electronics & Defense (France) to manufacture which weapon system in India? **Ans: HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range)**
13. Which IIT-Madras incubated startup became the first private Indian satellite operator to sign a data reseller partnership with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)? **Ans: GalaxEye Space**
14. Who won the 2026 Freestyle Chess G.O.A.T. Challenge held in Weissenhaus, Germany? **Ans: Magnus Carlsen**
15. National Women's Day is celebrated on February 13 to mark the birth anniversary of which freedom fighter? **Ans: Sarojini Naidu**
16. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved India's first underwater road-cum-rail tunnel under the Brahmaputra River connecting which two places? **Ans: Gohpur and Numaligarh**
17. Which state cabinet approved India's first comprehensive Graphene Policy and the establishment of a Graphene Industrial Park? **Ans: Kerala**
18. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the first national call for the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)-RDI Fund with a corpus of how much amount? **Ans: ₹2,000 Crore**
19. India added a record power generation capacity of how many Gigawatts (GW) in the first 10 months of the financial year 2025-26? **Ans: 52.5 GW**
20. According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) draft guidelines on the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS), what is the mandated Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio for rural and semi-urban branches? **Ans: 60%**
21. As per new RBI norms, banks can extend aggregate exposure of up to what percent of their capital towards acquisition financing? **Ans: 20%**
22. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted banks to finance the acquisition of unlisted companies if they have a minimum net worth of how much? **Ans: ₹500 Crore**
23. According to RBI draft guidelines, the aggregate exposure of a bank towards Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) must not exceed what percent of its capital base? **Ans: 10%**

24. Which bank was penalized ₹63.60 lakh by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for non-compliance with directions on Business Correspondents (BCs)? **Ans: CSB Bank Limited**
25. C-DOT and Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed an MoU to develop which indigenous AI-powered cybersecurity solution? **Ans: TRINETRA**
26. Mia Mottley recently won a historic third term as the Prime Minister of which Caribbean nation? **Ans: Barbados**
27. The Delhi government launched "Bhu Aadhaar," which assigns a unique identification number of how many digits to every land parcel? **Ans: 14 digits**
28. What is India's rank in global Artificial Intelligence (AI) competitiveness according to the Stanford Institute for Human-Centred AI (HAI) index? **Ans: 3rd**
29. UAE-based telecom operator Du partnered with Datawave Networks to invest in which submarine cable system connecting Singapore, India, and the Gulf? **Ans: SING (Singapore-India-Gulf) cable system**
30. Who authored the book titled "The Power of Tier-III and Tier-IV Cities of India: Gateway to a \$10 Trillion Economy"? **Ans: Sarabjit S Puri and Kunal Awasthy**
31. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved Bain Capital's acquisition of approximately what percentage of stake in Manappuram Finance? **Ans: 41.66%**
32. India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to what percentage in January 2026? **Ans: 1.81%**
33. Which semiconductor startup raised \$15 million from Peak XV Partners, marking the largest funding round for an Indian chip startup? **Ans: C2I Semiconductors**
34. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the 'India AI Impact Expo' 2026? **Ans: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**
35. Microsoft announced an investment of how much amount in India between 2025 and 2029? **Ans: \$17.5 Billion**
36. The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), expected to be implemented in April 2026, will reduce tariffs on UK Whiskey from 150% to what percent initially? **Ans: 75%**
37. Which Indian Para-Shuttler won Gold in the Men's SL3 category at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Para World Championship? **Ans: Pramod Bhagat**
38. The first Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) in Northeast India was inaugurated on which National Highway in Assam? **Ans: NH-37**
39. The 6th Annual Defence Dialogue between India and France was held in which city? **Ans: Bengaluru**
40. Geeta Patnaik, who recently passed away at the age of 73, was a legendary singer in which language? **Ans: Odia**
41. David J. Farber, who passed away recently, was known by what title in the field of computer science? **Ans: Grandfather of the Internet**
42. Who is the author of the book "Four Stars of Destiny"? **Ans: General Manoj Mukund Naravane**
43. Under the new BIRAC-RDI initiative, what is the target value for India's bioeconomy by the year 2030? **Ans: \$300 Billion**
44. Under RBI's acquisition financing norms, the acquiring entity must contribute at least what percent of equity from its own funds? **Ans: 25%**
45. What is the combined credit exposure limit for all banks to a single Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) as per RBI draft norms? **Ans: 49% of the REIT's value**
46. International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) is observed annually on which date? **Ans: February 15**
47. Global Tourism Resilience Day is observed on which date? **Ans: February 17**
48. The Taj Mahotsav 2026 is scheduled to be held in which city? **Ans: Agra, Uttar Pradesh**
49. What is the estimated cost of the twin tube tunnel project under the Brahmaputra River approved by the CCEA? **Ans: ₹18,662 Crore**

- 50.** According to the Stanford AI report, which country ranks second in AI talent, just ahead of India?  
**Ans:** Singapore

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