

# 19 December 2025

1. What is the new reset period for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans linked to external benchmarks as directed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? Ans: Three months
2. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 240 million loan for the expansion of the metro rail network in which city? Ans: Chennai
3. What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) milling copra for the 2026 season? Ans: ₹12,027 per quintal
4. Which Chief Minister was conferred the 28th South Indian Education Society (SIES) Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award for Public Leadership? Ans: Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam)
5. Which group was named TIME Magazine's Person of the Year 2025? Ans: The Architects of Artificial Intelligence
6. What is the name of the new policy approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for the auction of coal linkages? Ans: CoalSETU
7. Which two water bodies were recently added as India's new Ramsar Sites, taking the total count to 96? Ans: Siliserh Lake (Rajasthan) and Kopra Jalashay (Chhattisgarh)
8. Ponduru Khadi, which recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state? Ans: Andhra Pradesh
9. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) Global TB Report 2025, by what percentage has India's TB incidence rate declined since 2015? Ans: 21%
10. Which river has been declared National Waterway-37 (NW-37) under the National Waterways Act, 2016? Ans: River Gandak
11. Who won the 2025 National Book Award for Fiction for the novel "The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother)"? Ans: Rabih Alameddine
12. How many Indian Chief Ministers are set to attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos in January 2025? Ans: Four
13. The Vice President of India released a commemorative postage stamp honouring which Emperor associated with ancient Tamil history? Ans: Emperor Perumbidugu Matharaiyar II Suvaran Maran
14. Where will the Indian Navy commission its second MH-60R helicopter squadron, Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 335 'Ospreys'? Ans: INS Hansa, Goa
15. Which civilian honour was conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the Sultan of Oman? Ans: Order of Oman
16. The Union Government approved the 'Viksit Bharat Mumbai Marina' project at an estimated cost of how much? Ans: ₹887 crore
17. India signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with which Gulf nation to deepen economic integration? Ans: Oman
18. Where was Karnataka's first Gen Z-themed post office inaugurated by India Post? Ans: Acharya Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
19. Which institute became the first All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the country to host a Gen Z Post Office? Ans: AIIMS Vijaypur (Jammu & Kashmir)
20. What is the name of the insurance amendment bill passed by Parliament that amends acts like the Insurance Act, 1938? Ans: The Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, 2025



21. Under the new insurance amendments, the Net Owned Fund requirement for Foreign Reinsurance Branches has been reduced to what amount? Ans: ₹1,000 Crore
22. In the newly unveiled common logo for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), what does the colour green signify? Ans: Life and growth
23. Which state government reported a financial loss of ₹120.65 crore due to irregularities in the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Mahisagar district? Ans: Gujarat
24. Peter Arnett, who passed away recently, was a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist famous for covering which war? Ans: Vietnam War
25. Which subsidiary of One97 Communications received Reserve Bank of India (RBI) authorisation to operate as a Payment Aggregator? Ans: Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL)
26. The Ministry of Finance has asked which three Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to submit their Initial Public Offering (IPO) blueprints? Ans: Haryana Gramin Bank, Kerala Gramin Bank, and Tamil Nadu Grama Bank
27. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) now allows National Pension System (NPS) subscribers to avail loans with a lien on what percentage of their own contribution? Ans: Up to 25%
28. Under the new Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) amendments, which purpose for partial withdrawal has been removed from the eligible list? Ans: Skill development/start-up establishment
29. India signed a visa waiver agreement for holders of diplomatic and official passports with which country? Ans: Saudi Arabia
30. Which team won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) title for the first time by defeating Haryana? Ans: Jharkhand
31. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) introduced India's first wildlife-safe road with table-top red marking on which National Highway? Ans: NH-45 (Madhya Pradesh)
32. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) mandated Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) regulated entities to adopt which number series for calls? Ans: 1600 series
33. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) launched a digital sponsorship letter module for which specific visa? Ans: e-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B-4 Visa)
34. What is the name of the first Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-powered co-branded credit card launched by Google Pay and Axis Bank? Ans: FLEX
35. What is the name of the new feature launched by Google Pay to help parents teach children financial responsibility? Ans: Pocket Money
36. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 10th edition of which annual statistical publication? Ans: Handbook of Statistics on Indian States
37. IDFC FIRST Bank launched a Global Savings Account exclusively for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in which location? Ans: GIFT City, Gujarat
38. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is set to launch which two thematic funds in January 2026? Ans: NABARD Green Impact Fund and NABARD Carbon Fund
39. The second edition of the Joint Military Exercise "Desert Cyclone II" is between India and which country? Ans: United Arab Emirates (UAE)
40. Exercise "AvialIndra-2025" is a bilateral air exercise between India and which country? Ans: Russia



41. Who became the first woman officer cadet to pass out from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun? Ans: Sai Jadhav
42. Who became the first person to achieve a net worth surpassing USD 600 billion according to Forbes? Ans: Elon Musk
43. The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) launched India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven community screening programme for which disease? Ans: Diabetic Retinopathy
44. Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) until December 2027? Ans: Ashwini Kumar Tewari
45. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), what was India's unemployment rate in November 2025? Ans: 4.7%
46. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is proposed to be renamed as what? Ans: G-Ram Ji (Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin)
47. Under the proposed G-Ram Ji scheme, the guaranteed employment days are set to increase to how many days per year? Ans: 125 days
48. The Indian Army received three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from which company? Ans: Boeing
49. Which state government announced the creation of a new district named "Hansi"? Ans: Haryana

