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1. Which Union Minister inaugurated the Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based digital companion for farmers named 'Bharat Vistar'? **Ans: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.**
2. Which state government approved India's first comprehensive Graphene Policy? **Ans: Kerala.**
3. Who inaugurated the centenary celebration of the Ol Chiki script organized by the Ministry of Culture? **Ans: President Droupadi Murmu.**
4. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) plans to build how many continuous "pollinator or bee corridors" by 2026-27? **Ans: Three.**
5. The Department of Post released eight commemorative postage stamps celebrating which traditional art form of India? **Ans: Puppets of India.**
6. Under which initiative will the government establish a new international subsea cable gateway in Visakhapatnam in partnership with Google? **Ans: America India Connect.**
7. The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) working under the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) launched a book highlighting 45 Artificial Intelligence (AI) startups titled what? **Ans: AI-preneurs of India.**
8. What is the theme of the high-level 'Manthan' meeting of the cooperative sector chaired by Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah? **Ans: Sahkar Se Samriddhi.**
9. Which state recently received Geographical Indication (GI) tags for 9 distinct agricultural products? **Ans: Tamil Nadu.**
10. What are the names of the national initiatives launched at the India Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit for AI in healthcare? **Ans: SAHI and BODH.**
11. What was India's unemployment rate in January 2026 according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey? **Ans: 5%.**
12. Which entity recently received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Type 2 Non-Deposit accepting Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)? **Ans: Airtel Money.**
13. What is the theme for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Financial Literacy Week 2026 launched by Governor Sanjay Malhotra? **Ans: KYC - Surakshit Banking Ki Aur Pehla Kadam.**
14. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) updated the Digital Payment Index (DPI) for September 2025 to what value? **Ans: 516.76.**
15. Under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) revised acquisition financing norms, the acquirer's post-acquisition consolidated debt-to-equity ratio must not exceed what limit? **Ans: 3:1.**
16. Which public sector bank launched an online death claim settlement portal committing to a 15-day processing timeline for deceased customers' legal heirs? **Ans: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).**
17. Under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) revised External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) guidelines, what is the new maximum borrowing limit for eligible borrowers? **Ans: \$1 billion.**

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18. Between April and February, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchased what percentage of total government bonds sold under Open Market Operations (OMO)? **Ans: 47%.**
19. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a draft circular allowing Authorized Dealer (AD) Category-I banks to borrow up to what limit without RBI approval? **Ans: 100% of their Tier-I capital or \$10 million (whichever is higher).**
20. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of Slice Small Finance Bank (SFB)? **Ans: Rajan Bajaj.**
21. Who has become the 11th Prime Minister of Bangladesh? **Ans: Tariq Rahman.**
22. Which country will host the 52nd Group of Seven (G7) Summit in 2026? **Ans: France.**
23. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) signed a 5-year agreement to supply 2 lakh metric tons of rice to which international organization? **Ans: World Food Programme (WFP).**
24. India signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement in criminal matters to support investigations and court cases with which neighboring country? **Ans: Nepal.**
25. Where did the European Union (EU) open its first-ever European Legal Gateway Office in a partner country? **Ans: New Delhi, India.**
26. The Indian Navy hosted the International Fleet Review 2026 in which city with over 74 countries participating? **Ans: Visakhapatnam.**
27. What is the name of India's first indigenous cadet training ship launched at the Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Kattupalli shipyard? **Ans: Krishna.**
28. The Indian Army's Southern Command conducted "Exercise Vajraghat" at which location? **Ans: Pokhran Field Firing Range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.**
29. India and France signed a Joint Declaration of Intent to cooperate on extracting, processing, and recycling what resources? **Ans: Critical minerals.**
30. Which two countries are conducting nuclear negotiations in Geneva mediated by Oman? **Ans: The United States and Iran.**
31. Which company's final assembly line in Kolar, Karnataka became India's first private sector helicopter assembly line? **Ans: Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL).**
32. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi successfully conducted the first real-time remote ultrasound on a patient stationed where? **Ans: Antarctica.**
33. Which multinational technology company announced a \$400 billion investment to build Artificial Intelligence (AI) ready data centers in India? **Ans: The Adani Group.**
34. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) partnered with which technology company to build India's own Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure for its payment network? **Ans: NVIDIA.**

35. What is India's rank in the Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Vibrancy Index for global AI competitiveness? **Ans: 3rd.**
36. What joint venture was announced between Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Safran to produce missiles? **Ans: A Joint Venture to produce Hammer missiles.**
37. Which Indian institute established its first Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation Center in Dubai to expand its research footprint globally? **Ans: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Global Research Foundation.**
38. What is the name of the voice-first 24-hour Artificial Intelligence (AI) speaking assistant featured in the 'Bharat Vistar' agriculture platform? **Ans: Bharti.**
39. The Adani Group announced a \$100 billion investment by 2035 to build hyper-scale Artificial Intelligence (AI) data centers powered by what type of energy? **Ans: Renewable energy.**
40. Infosys signed an agreement to collaborate on enterprise Artificial Intelligence (AI) with which AI company using the "Claude" model? **Ans: Anthropic.**
41. Who won the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2025 award? **Ans: Smriti Mandhana.**
42. Which para-shuttler won his 4th consecutive singles gold in the SL3 category at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Para World Championships in Bahrain? **Ans: Pramod Bhagat.**
43. Who became the first player to achieve 700 Twenty20 (T20) wickets during an International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup 2026 match? **Ans: Rashid Khan.**
44. Who won his 21st world title across formats by defeating Fabiano Caruana in the 2026 International Chess Federation (FIDE) Freestyle Chess World Championship? **Ans: Magnus Carlsen.**
45. Which country topped the medal tally with 94 medals at the Asian Rifle and Pistol Championship 2026 held in New Delhi? **Ans: India.**
46. Which Canadian player recently announced his retirement from international cricket? **Ans: Navneet Dhaliwal.**
47. Where was the 39th African Union (AU) Summit held? **Ans: Ethiopia.**
48. On which date is Global Tourism Resilience Day observed? **Ans: February 17.**
49. Which Indian state is home to the Amrabad Tiger Reserve, India's second-largest tiger reserve? **Ans: Telangana.**
50. Which dam in Uttarakhand is recognized as the highest dam in India? **Ans: Tehri Dam.**