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1. Who chairs the high-level advisory group formed by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) to rationalize compliance and improve the ease of doing business? **Ans: Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh.**
2. By which date does the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) plan to discontinue cash payments at toll plazas in favor of digital payments? **Ans: April 1, 2026.**
3. What is the theme of the India Artificial Intelligence (AI) Impact Summit 2026 inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Ans: "Welfare for all, Happiness for all" (Sarvajan Hitay, Sarvajan Sukhay).**
4. What does the "M" stand for in the "MANAV" Artificial Intelligence (AI) framework proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? **Ans: Moral and ethical system.**
5. Which division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched the "Voice Era" voice Artificial Intelligence (AI) system? **Ans: Digital India Bhashini Division.**
6. How much budget is allocated for the revamped second phase of the Vibrant Village Program launched in Cachar district, Assam? **Ans: Rs 6800 crore till 2028-29.**
7. Which entity will implement the Revamped Export Promotion Mission to boost Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) exports? **Ans: Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).**
8. What is the financial outlay for the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme introduced by the Indian Government to support early-stage offshore wind infrastructure projects? **Ans: ₹7,453 crores.**
9. Under which article of the Indian Constitution are states directed to provide facilities for instruction in the mother tongue? **Ans: Article 350A.**
10. In which state was the 'Milan Village' for Exercise MILAN 2023 inaugurated by the Indian Navy? **Ans: Andhra Pradesh.**
11. Which principle-based approach forms the basis of India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance Guidelines? **Ans: 'Sutra'.**
12. What was the growth rate of the output of the eight core industries in January 2026? **Ans: 4%.**
13. Which organization received Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approval to become the 52nd mutual fund house in India? **Ans: ASK Asset & Wealth Management.**
14. Which association warned the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) new lending norms for stock brokers will reduce market liquidity? **Ans: Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI).**
15. Which system did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) instruct the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to review due to rising customer complaints? **Ans: UPI AutoPay.**
16. What is the maximum number of characters in the Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) mandated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for private trades in derivatives? **Ans: 52 characters.**

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17. From which date has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandated the use of a Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) for private trades in Over-the-Counter (OTC) derivatives? **Ans: January 1, 2027.**
18. Which index is the World Bank using to replace the discontinued "Ease of Doing Business" index? **Ans: B-Ready Framework.**
19. What percentage of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is accounted for by the eight core industries? **Ans: 40.27%.**
20. Which airline partnered with Axis Bank to launch a new range of co-branded credit cards linked to the BlueChip loyalty program? **Ans: IndiGo.**
21. Which global technology company signed a multi-year partnership with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to build Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure in India? **Ans: OpenAI.**
22. Which Indian company partnered with NVIDIA to build India's largest gigawatt-scale Artificial Intelligence (AI) factory? **Ans: Larsen & Toubro (L&T).**
23. Which streaming platform partnered with OpenAI to launch a ChatGPT-powered multi-lingual voice and text interface? **Ans: JioHotstar.**
24. Which Italy-based group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TVS Supply Chain Solutions to enter India's Aerospace and Defence supply chain market? **Ans: ALA Group.**
25. Which country will host the 21st G20 Leaders' Summit in 2026? **Ans: United States of America (USA).**
26. Which country leads the Pax Silica initiative that India formally joined to secure the global supply chain for Silicon and Artificial Intelligence (AI)? **Ans: United States of America (USA).**
27. Which two countries launched an Offshore Wind Task Force under 'Vision 2035' during their 4th Energy Dialogue? **Ans: India and the United Kingdom (UK).**
28. Which two countries signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement on criminal matters to combat cross-border crimes? **Ans: India and Nepal.**
29. Which city will host the India Artificial Intelligence (AI) Impact Summit in 2027? **Ans: Geneva, Switzerland.**
30. Who was reappointed as the Prime Minister of Japan for her second cabinet after securing a two-thirds supermajority? **Ans: Sanae Takaichi.**
31. The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) committed \$25 million by 2028 to launch which initiative at the Mumbai Climate Week 2026? **Ans: Indian Grids for Future Accelerator.**
32. Which country's CMA CGM Group awarded a \$360 million contract to Cochin Shipyard to build six LNG-powered container vessels? **Ans: France.**
33. Where will the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Global Research Foundation establish its first Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation Centre? **Ans: Dubai CommerCity.**

34. From which country's navy did India take over the chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) after 16 years? **Ans: Royal Thai Navy.**
35. Which organization successfully conducted a qualification-level load test of the drogue parachute for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Gaganyaan mission? **Ans: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**
36. At which facility did the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test the drogue parachute for the Gaganyaan mission? **Ans: Rail Track Rocket Sled (RTRS) facility in Chandigarh.**
37. Which country became an observer in the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) during its 9th Conclave in Visakhapatnam? **Ans: Philippines.**
38. Which two Indian states are identified as priority zones for the India-United Kingdom (UK) Offshore Wind Task Force? **Ans: Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.**
39. Which river is known as the "Sorrow of Bengal"? **Ans: Damodar.**
40. Which Indian state's Industrial Development Corporation signed four agreements worth Rs 1600 crore in the aerospace and defense sectors? **Ans: Tamil Nadu.**
41. In which state is the Khajuraho Dance Festival celebrated? **Ans: Madhya Pradesh.**
42. Which seed-sowing festival is celebrated by Naga tribes in Manipur? **Ans: Lui-Ngai-Ni.**
43. Which two Indian states celebrate their Statehood Day on February 20? **Ans: Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram.**
44. Who broke the world record to become the most-capped player in women's international cricket by making her 356th appearance? **Ans: Harmanpreet Kaur.**
45. Who was awarded 'CEO of the Year' at the 24th Global Edition of the Business Leader of the Year Awards in Mumbai? **Ans: Subodh Gupta.**
46. Which hospital was recognized for Best Customer Service in Healthcare at the 24th Business Leader of the Year Awards? **Ans: Manipal Hospital Vijayawada.**
47. Which Lok Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) from Shillong passed away recently after collapsing during a futsal match? **Ans: Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon.**
48. What is the theme of International Mother Language Day observed on February 21, 2026? **Ans: "Youth voices on multilingual education".**
49. Which mathematical formula is used to calculate target scores in rain-interrupted limited-overs cricket matches? **Ans: Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method.**
50. On what date is the World Day of Social Justice observed annually? **Ans: February 20.**