

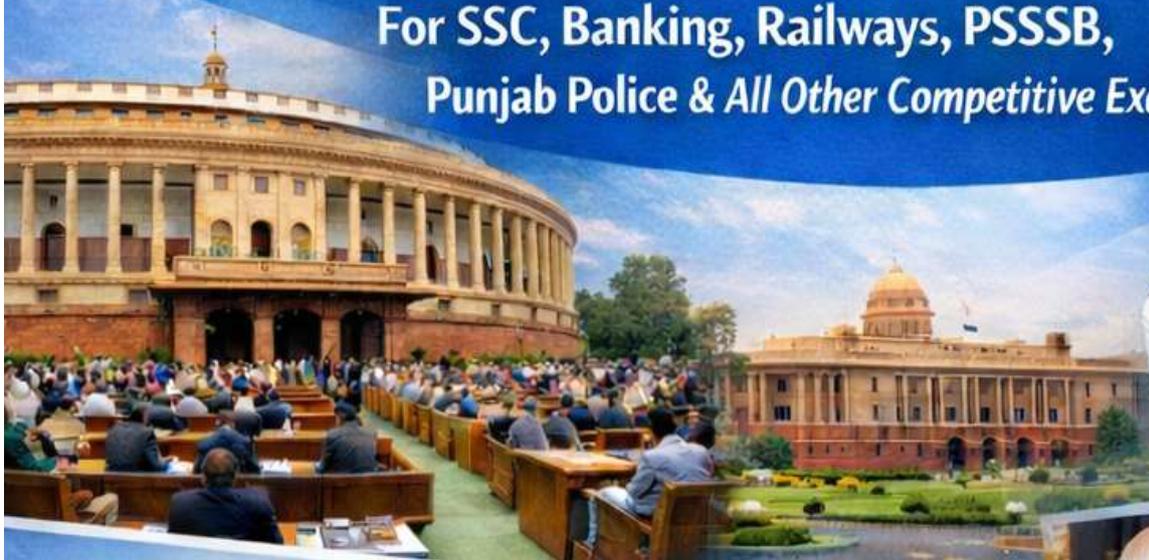
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VARDHMAN CAREER PLACE

MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

JANUARY 2026

For SSC, Banking, Railways, PSSSB,
Punjab Police & All Other Competitive Exams



**INDIA
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Behind HP Petrol Pump, Opp. Punjabi University, Patiala

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- Which country has recently announced the Peace Prize to Donald Trump?



Israel

- In which state has the '**Green to Gold**' initiative been launched to promote cannabis cultivation?

Himachal Pradesh



Cannabis, also known as marijuana, is a genus of flowering plants (*Cannabis sativa*, *indica*, *ruderalis*) used for industrial fiber, medicine, and recreation

- Who has recently become the second Indian player to complete 10,000 runs in women's International cricket?



- Which organization has observed its **68th Foundation Day on 1st January 2026**?

DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organization)

DRDO was established in 1958.

- Mamadi Doumbouya has recently been elected as the President of which country?

January 2026 Tit Bits



- Who has become the highest wicket-taker in Women's T20 International?



- Who received the Global Lifetime Achievement Award at the 13th Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Sports Award?



Novak Djokovic

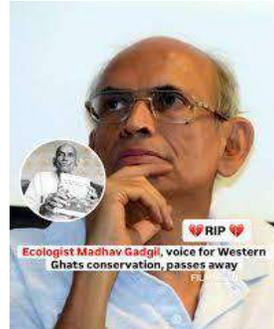
- Which day observed on **3rd January** this year?

Women Teacher's Day

(The Telangana government decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule)

- Suresh Kalmadi has passed away recently was associated with which field?

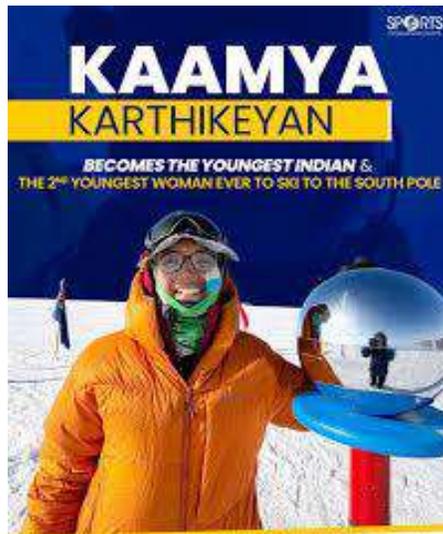
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Suresh Kalmadi Congress leader and former Member of Parliament from Pune, he also served as Minister of State for Railways.

He was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games, a role linked to corruption charges

- **Who is the author of the book titled-“*History That India Ignored*”?**
Prem Parkash
- **Who has become the first India woman to skie to the South Pole?**



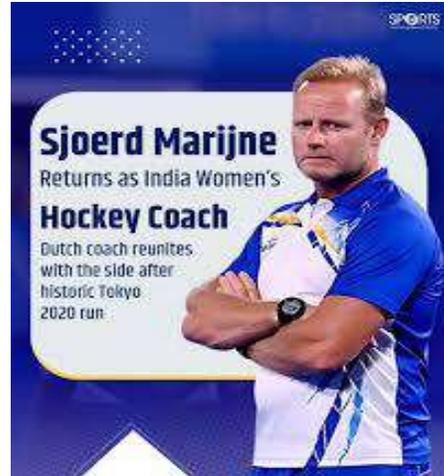
- **Which country has recently granted legal rights to stingless bees found in the Amazon rainforest?**



Peru

- **Who has been appointed as the head coach of Indian women’s Hockey Team?**

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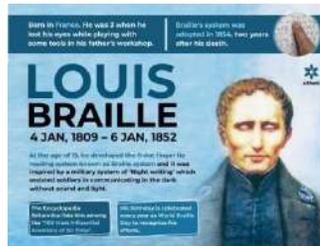


- **Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of Food Corporation of India?**



- **Recently Winter Storm 'Ezra' affected which country?**
USA
- **Which day is observed on 4th January every year?**

World Braille Day



(to mark the birth anniversary of Louis Braille- Inventor of Braille)

- **Where did ISRO conduct the successful static ground test of the advanced SS3 stage of the Small Satellite Launch vehicle?**
Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh)
- **Who chaired the task force set up to improve India's sports governance?**

January 2026 Tit Bits



Abhinav Bindra

- **The Prime Minister of India on January 3 paid tribute to Rani Velu Nachiyar on her birth anniversary was the queen of which state?**



Tamil Nadu

- **Which ministry recently launched its new logo & mascot?**



Ministry of Statistics & Programmed Implementation

- **Who has taken charge as the Deputy Chief of Indian Air Force?**



Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor

- **Which day is observed on 6th January every year?**
World Day of War Orphans

January 2026 Tit Bits

- **Delcy Rodriguez has taken over as the Interim President of which country?**



U.S.-deposed President Nicolas Maduro under 'Military Operation Absolute Resolve' appeared in a New York court on drug charges, after the Trump administration removed him from power in a dramatic weekend military action.

- **Who will become the oldest woman to complete in the Australian Open main draw at the age of 45?**



- **India's first indigenous 3D printed Automatic Weather Station has been developed under the leadership of which institution?**

Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology

- India's first 3D printed Post Office- *Bengaluru(2023)*
- India's first 3D Printed Bridge - *Siddipet, Telangana (2022)*
- India's first 3D Printed Temple - *Siddipet, Telangana (2023)*
- India's first 3D Printed House - *Pune, Maharashtra*
- India's first 3D Printed Military Accommodation Unit - *Ahmadabad (2022)*
- India's first 3D Printed Military Bunker- *Ladakh*

- **Where has India's first government hospital based AI Clinic been launched?**

Uttar Pradesh

Year 2026 declared as "Year of Networking & Data Centricity"

by

Indian Army

January 2026 Tit Bits

- Nagori Ashwagandha has recently been given GI tag is associated with which state?



Rajasthan

- Which day is observed on **9th January** every year?
NRI Day/Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
(19th edition in this year)
- Which 'Made in India' multi-calibre rocket launcher system has the Indian Army contracted for?
Suryastra
- Which country's citizens are allowed to travel to India under the **e-Production Investment Business Visa (e-B4 Visa)** visa recently seen in the news?
China
- The **"Ungal Kanwai Solungal"** programme aimed at collecting citizens' aspirations from across the state and converting them into policy initiatives and development projects has been launched in which state?
Tamil Nadu
- Which day is observed on **10th January** every year?
World Hindi Day
- India's first Urban Night Safari will be launched in which city?
Lucknow
Year 2026 declared as "International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists"
by
United Nations
- Jinson Johnson who recently announced retirement is related to which field?

January 2026 Tit Bits



Athletics

- **Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board?**



A.K. Balasubramanian

- **Which ruler's image is inscribed on the Kushan period coins found at the UNESCO-listed Bhir mound near Taxila?**



Vasudeva

- **Which day is observed on *11th January* every year?**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

- **Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Apparel Export Promotion Council?**



A Sakthivel

January 2026 Tit Bits

- **Who has become India's first "completely paperless" district court?**
Kalpetta, Kerala
- **Which country has become the world's first to commercially produce Bio-Bitumen for road construction?**
India
- **'Pankhuri Portal' has recently been launched by which ministry?**
Ministry of Women & Child Development
digital platform designed to facilitate Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities and partnerships for initiatives related to women and child development
- **'Sankar Shala' programme has recently been launched by which state?**
Governor of Assam, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, is designed for children aged 4 to 14 years. The initiative aims to provide a well-rounded learning experience and instill positive moral values in students
- **Which mascot has recently been launched by UIDAI to simplify Aadhaar-related communication?**



- Which week is observed every year from **January 11 to 17** of every year to raise awareness to prevent death and injuries worldwide?

National Road Safety Week

THEME 2026: "Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha"

- **Who is the author of the book titled- "*Agni Sarassulo Vikasinchina Kamalam*" based on life of Draupdi Murmu?**
Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad
- **Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Council for Leather Exports?**



- **Which state will become India's first Bio-Happy District?**
Arunachal Pradesh
- **Which state ranked 1st in medal tally in Khelo India Beach Games 2026?**

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Karnataka (3 Gold, 2 Silver and 6 Bronze)

- Who has set a record for winning the award at the youngest time at the 83rd Golden Globe Awards 2026?



Owen Cooper

- Which day is observed on 12th January every year?

National Youth Day

(The day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary-163rd in 2026 of Swami Vivekananda)

THEME 2026: “Ignite the Self, Impact the World”

- ‘Asha Van’ mobile cancer screening unit been launched in which state?



Gujarat

- The **Weimer Triangle** is a regional cooperation grouping of which three countries?

France-Germany-Poland

India’s External Affairs Minister joined India’s first engagement with the Weimar Triangle which was formed on 29 August 1991 .It seeks to strengthen political dialogue and cooperation among the three countries

- Which Indian state has launched the country’s first Deep-Tech Startup Policy?

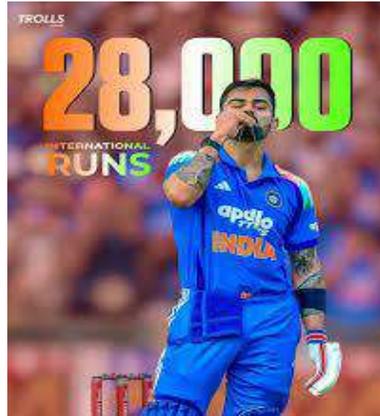
Tamil Nadu

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- Which day is observed on **14th January** every year?

Armed Forces Veterans Day

- Where has 'PARAM SHAKTI' supercomputer been launched?
IIT Madras
- Who has become the fastest batsman to score 28,000 runs in International cricket?



Virat Kohli

- Which Indian has recently won the UN Secretary General's Award 2025?



- Where is Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary now declared as India's first butterfly sanctuary located in which state?



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- Exercise '**Sanjh Shakti**' has recently been conducted by which Armed Force?

Indian Army

- Which day is observed on **15th January** every year?

Indian Army Day

(This year 2026 marks 78th Indian Army Day)

- Which country recently conferred the prestigious civilian honor Cavaliere dell' Ordine della Stella d' Italia on Goa-based industrial Shrinivas Dempo?



- Davinder Singh Garcha has recently passed away was associated with which sports field?



Hockey

- **Alyssa Healy** has announced her retirement from International cricket is the captain of which country's team?



Australia

- US Ambassador Sergio Gore has invited India to join the 'Pax Silica' initiative. What is the purpose of this recently in the news?

Creating a Silicon Supply

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Pax Silica is an economic security coalition built for the AI age. This is the first time countries are organizing around compute, silicon, minerals, and energy as shared strategic assets

- **According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying what is the current position of India in the fish production in the world?**
2nd after China

- **Which day is observed on 19th January every year?**

Raising Day (21st edition in 2026) of The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

&

Kokborok Day, also known as the Tripuri Language Day

(It is annually celebrated across the Indian State of Tripura on 19th January with an aim to develop the Kokborok Language)

- **Who has been appointed as Director of National Olympic Academy formally relaunched by Indian Olympic Association?**



- **Which state will become the first in India to launch the Chronic Kidney Disease registry?**

Odisha

- **Which Indian diplomat has been appointed as the Chairperson of UN Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters?**



D.B. Venkatesh Varma

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- Which company has recently announced the launch of “**People-First AI Platform**’ designed to make artificial intelligence accessible and affordable to every Indian citizen in their own language and on their personal devices?

Reliance Jio

- Which state’s statehood day is observed on **21st January** every year?

Tripura, Manipur & Meghalaya

(These states got full-fledged status of statehood on 21st January, 1972)

- What is the rank of India in the “**Henley Passport Index 2026**”?

1 st –Singapore
2 nd – Japan, South Korea
3 rd –Denmark, Luxemburg, Sweden,, Switzerland
India ranks 80th

- Indian mountaineer Aritra Roy has recently conquered Mt. Aconcagua-the highest peak of which continent?



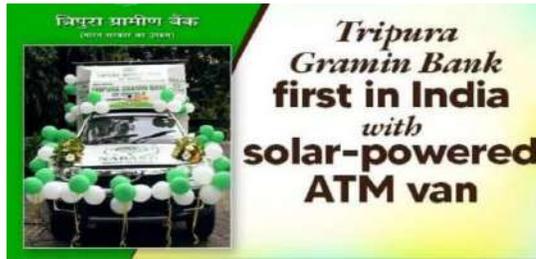
South America



21-year-old Aaryan Varshney becomes India's 92nd Grandmaster with a brilliant title win at the Andranik Margaryan Memorial in Armenia

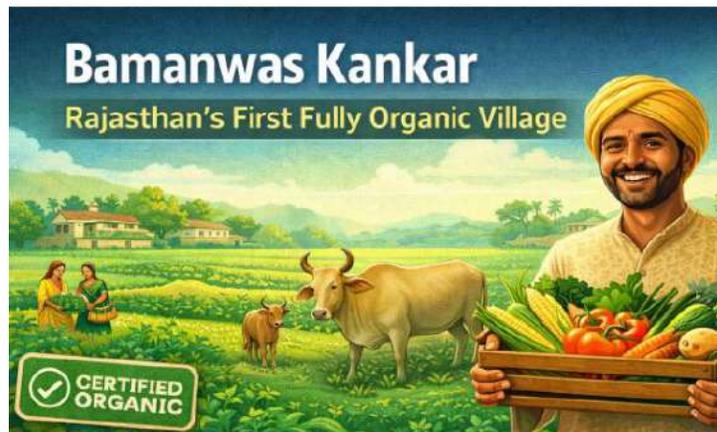
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- India's first solar-powered mobile ATM van named "TGB on Wheels" has been launched by which bank?



the initiative aims to deliver uninterrupted banking services in rural and remote areas of Tripura

- Bamanwas Kankar Panchayat has recently become the first fully organic certified Gram Panchayat of which state?



- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police?



- Where will the 9th International Spice Conference be held?
Kochi

THEME 2026: "Spice 360-Getting Future Ready"

- Shayaa Mohsin Zindani has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

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- Who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for Pune Grand Tour 2026?



- Which day is observed on **23rd January** every year?
The Indian government has decided to celebrate January 23rd as ('Parakram Diwas' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This year 2026 is the 129th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Netaji was born on January 23, 1897)
- Which state topped the Leaders Category in the Export Preparedness Index 2024 released by NITI Ayog?
Maharashtra
- Paripoorna Medclaim Ayush Bima Scheme comes under which ministry?
Ministry of Finance
- Which scientist was awarded the Tyler Prize in the field of Environment?



- The Spituk Gustor Festival is celebrated in which State/UT?

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Ladakh

- **Which Venezuelan opposition leader has presented his Nobel Peace Prize medal to Donald Trump?**



Maria Corina Machado

- **Which day is observed on *24th January* every year?**

Uttar Pradesh Divas

&

National Girl Child Day

&

International Day of Education

THEME 2026: “*The power of youth in co-creating education*”

- **India’s first Sovereign AI Park will be set up in which state?**
Tamil Nadu
- **In which area was the Board of Peace proposed by the USA to establish peace?**
Gaza
- **Who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025-26?**

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Vidarbha

- Who became the first officer from the Northeast region of India to win the NCC Gold Medal?



Lt KM Sudha

- **'Sagar Maitri'** is a joint initiative of Indian Navy & which organisation?
DRDO
- Which day is observed on **25th January** every year?

National Voters' Day

*(The day has been started from January 25, 2011 to mark the
Foundation Day of Election Commission of India)*

**THEME 2026 of NVD: "My India, My Vote" with the tagline
"Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy"**

&

National Tourism Day

THEME 2026: "Sustainable Journeys, Timeless Memories"

- Which Indian Boxer has recently been appointed as a member of the Asian Boxing Council?

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- **Yoweri Museveni** has recently been elected as the new president of Uganda?



Uganda

- **Who has been selected for the Padmapani Award at the 11th Ajanta-Ellora International Film Festival?**



- **Who has been awarded the SKOCH Award 2025 for its innovative Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS)?**
The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- **Exercise 'Dosti' has recently been conducted between India, Sri Lanka & which country?**
Maldives
- **What is the rank of India in the "Asia Manufacturing Index 2026"?**
6th
- **Saina Nehwal has recently announced her retirement is associated with which sports?**

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- ❖ She was the first Indian to win the World Junior Badminton Championships (2008) and the first Indian to win a Super Series tournament (Indonesia Open 2009).
- ❖ She received the *Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna* (2010), *Padma Shri* (2010), and *Padma Bhushan* (2016).
- ❖ She wrote an autobiography titled *Playing to Win*.

➤ In which ocean has the first tropical Cyclone of the Year 'Noken' arrived?
Western Pacific Ocean

➤ Which day is observed on **26th January** every year?

International Customs Day

(ICD was instituted by World Customs Organization HQ: Brussels, Belgium)

THEME 2026: "Customs protecting society through vigilance and commitment"

➤ Who has recently been appointed as the Head Coach of the Indian Women's Football Team?



➤ Which State/UT has recently declared the striped tiger butterfly as the State Butterfly?

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The Striped Tiger Butterfly has been officially declared the state butterfly of Chandigarh



- Which city has recently been declared as the **Safest City in India** as per the Numbeo Safety Index 2026?

Mangaluru

Abu Dhabi ranked the world's safest city

- Where is the Khelo India Winter Games 2026 being held?

Leh, Ladakh

- Who has been selected for the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2025?



Graca Machel

- Which day is observed on **27th January** every year?

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

(Genocide occurred during WW-II)

- Disobind, a deep-learning tool, has been developed by which institute?

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bengaluru

- Who has been awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026 in the individual category?

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- According to the Brand Finance Global 500 Report 2026, which has been emerged as the Most Valuable Brand in the world?



2nd- Microsoft
3rd - Google
4th -Amazon

- Instructions have recently been given to scientifically upgrade the 'Kalady' recipe- a GI tagged dairy product under ODOP initiative belongs to which state?

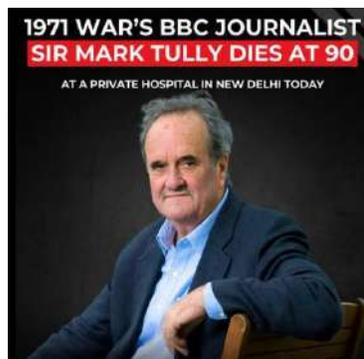


Jammu & Kashmir

- Which Ship has recently sailed on the Lokyan-26 expedition?
INS Sudarshini
- Kridika Mekani has passed away recently was related to which field?



Environmentalist



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- Which state has recently announced Atal Vichal Agramami for Research Scholars?
Assam

- Which day is observed on **28th January** every year?

Data Privacy Day

THEME 2026: “Take Control of Your Data”

&

Birth Anniversary of Great Freedom Fighter Lala Lajpat Rai (161st)

- Which state police has been awarded the President’s Colour Award 2026?



- Which city has recently become Uttar Pradesh’s first ‘Zero Fresh Waste Dump City’?



- **ECINET Digital Platform** has been launched by which Institution?
Election Commission of India

- **Who has launched the Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework?**



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CDS General Anil Chauhan

- **Where has India's first integrated private satellite manufacturing unit?**
Sanand, Gujarat
- **Which new battle based formation was showcased for the first time by the Indian Army during the 77th Republic Day Parade on 26th January 2026?**



- **Which astronaut was awarded the country's highest peacetime Gallantry Award 'Ashok Chakra' on Republic Day 2026?**



- **Which Actress has been honored with the 'J.C.Daniel Award' (by the Kerala government) for the Year 2024?**



- **Where will Asia's largest civil aviation event 'Wings India 2026' be held?**
Hyderabad
- **Which day is observed on 30th January every year?**

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World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day (World NTD Day)

&

World Leprosy (was discovered by G. H. Armauer Hansen) Day

World Leprosy Day is observed every year on last Sunday of January.

THEME 2026: “Leprosy is curable, but stigma remains the real challenge”

&

Martyrs Day

(India pays homage to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi to mark his death anniversary on Martyrs Day. 2025 marked his 78th death anniversary)

- **Who has been appointed as the new President of Olympic Council of Asia?**



Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani

- **Which team has won Men's Hockey India League 2025-26?**



Kalinga Lancers

- **Who has recently launched ‘One District One Cuisine’ scheme?**

Union Minister Amit Shah

aimed at giving a distinct identity to the traditional food and beverage specialities of each district.

- **Which bollywood singer has recently announced her retirement from playback singing?**

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Padma Shri (2025)

National Film Award (2019): Best Male Playback Singer for "Binte Dil" from *Padmaavat*.

National Film Award (2022/2024): Best Male Playback Singer for "Kesariya" from *Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva*.

- Saranda Forest was in discussion due to 'Operation Megaburu' is located in which state?

Jharkhand

This large-scale, anti-Maoist counter-insurgency operation was conducted by CoBRA units of the CRPF and local police in the Kumdi area of Kiriburu.

The operation was aimed at curbing Naxalism in the region, which is a major, dense forest area.

- Ajit Pawar who recently passed away in a plane crash was the Deputy Chief Minister of which state?



Maharashtra

- What is the rank of India in the 'Brand Finance Global Soft Power Index 2026'?

1st – USA
2nd – China
3rd – Japan

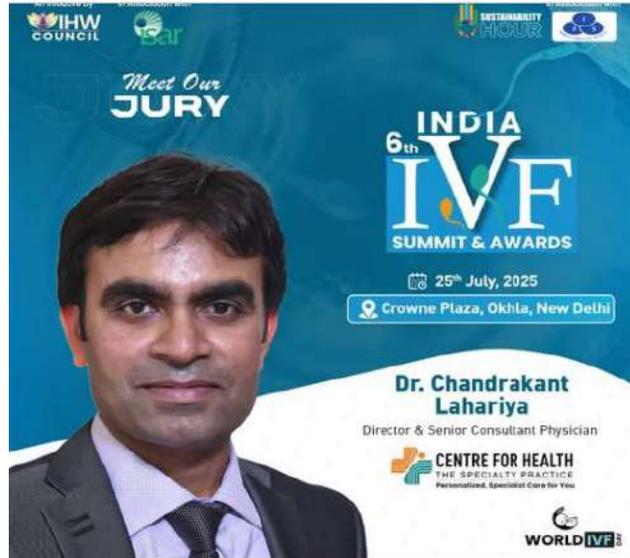
India ranks 32nd

- Which country's parliament has passed a bill banning social media for children under 15 years of age?

France

- Who became the first Indian to win the Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025?

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- Which state's tableau won the first position in the category of State/UT in the Republic Day 2026?



Maharashtra for 'Ganesh Utsav'

- Which state has officially declared 2026 as the 'Agriculture Year'?
Madhya Pradesh
- Who has become the first Indian shuttler to win 500 singles matches?



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- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has included the Buddhist Diamond Triangle in the tentative list of UNESCO, which places are included in this triangle?



- The 4B Movement recently in the news originated in which country?



South Korea

it is a radical feminist movement where women refuse to participate in four patriarchal institutions.

The movement emerged as a form of protest against deep-rooted misogyny, gender inequality, and high-stakes workplace discrimination.

Meaning of 4B (Four Denials)

- a) No Marriage (Bihon)
- b) No Childbirth (Bichulsan)
- c) No Dating (Bi-yeonae)
- d) No Sex with Men (Bi-sex)

- Which bank won the '**Best Fintech & DPI Adoption**' award at the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards?



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- What is the rank of India in the “*Responsible Nations Index 2026*”?
16th (Singapore topped the rank)

ICC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH (DECEMBER 2025)



Australia's Mitchell Starc has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month
South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt has been named the ICC Women's Player of the
Month

PADMA AWARDS 2026



The Padma Awards **are one of the highest civilian honours of India** announced annually on the **eve of Republic Day**. The awards are given in three categories: Padma Vibhushan (for exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of higher order) and Padma Shri (distinguished service). The award seeks to recognize achievements in all fields of activities or disciplines where an element of public service is involved.

Padma Vibhushan 2026 Awardees (Exceptional & Distinguished Service)

Sr. No	Name	Field	State/Country
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1	Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra
2	Shri K T Thomas	Public Affairs	Kerala
3	Ms. N Rajam	Art	Uttar Pradesh
4	Shri P Narayanan	Literature & Education	Kerala
5	Shri V S Achuthanandhan (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Kerala

Padma Bhushan 2026 Awardees

Sr. No	Name	Field	State/Country
1	Ms. Alka Yagnik	Art	Maharashtra
2	Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari	Public Affairs	Uttarakhand
3	Shri Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
4	Shri Mammooty	Art	Kerala
5	Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu	Medicine	USA
6	Shri Piyush Pandey	Art	Maharashtra
7	Shri S K M Maeilanandhan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
8	Shri Shatavadhani R Ganesh	Art	Karnataka
9	Shri Shibu Soren	Public Affairs	Jharkhand
10	Shri Uday Kotak	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
11	Shri V K Malhotra	Public Affairs	Delhi
12	Shri Vellappally Natesan	Public Affairs	Kerala

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13	Shri Vijay Amritraj	Sports	USA
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Padma Shri Awardees **Sports**

Sr. No	Name	State/Country
1	Shri Baldev Singh	Punjab
2	Shri Bhagwandas Raikwar	Madhya Pradesh
3	Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur	Bhullar Punjab
4	Shri K. Pajanivel	Puducherry
5	Shri Praveen Kumar	Uttar Pradesh
6	Shri Rohit Sharma	Maharashtra
7	Ms. Savita Punia	Haryana
8	Shri Vladimer Mestvirishvili	Georgia (Posthumous)

Art

Sr. No	Name	State/Country
9	Shri Anil Kumar Rastogi	Uttar Pradesh
10	Shri Arvind Vaidya	Gujarat
11	Shri Bharat Singh	Bharti Bihar
12	Shri Bhiklya Ladakya Dhinda	Maharashtra
13	Shri Bishwa Bandhu	Bihar (Posthumous)
14	Shri Chiranji Lal Yadav	Uttar Pradesh
15	Ms. Deepika Reddy	Telangana
16	Shri Dharmiklal Chunilal Pandya	Gujarat
17	Shri Gadde Babu Rajendra Prasad	Andhra Pradesh
18	Shri Gafruddin Mewati Jogi	Rajasthan
19	Shri Garimella Balakrishna Prasad	Andhra Pradesh (Posthumous)
20	Ms. Gayatri & Ms. Ranjani Balasubramanian	Tamil Nadu
21	Shri Hari Madhab Mukhopadhyay	West Bengal (Posthumous)

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22	Shri Haricharan Saikia	Assam
23	Ms. Kalamandalam Vimala Menon	Kerala
24	Shri Khem Raj Sundriyal	Haryana
25	Shri Kumar Bose	West Bengal
26	Shri Madhavan Ranganathan	Maharashtra
27	Shri Maganti Murali Mohan	Andhra Pradesh
28	Shri Mir Hajibhai Kasambhai	Gujarat
29	Shri Nuruddin Ahmed	Assam
30	Shri Othuvaar Thiruthani Swaminathan	Tamil Nadu
31	Ms. Pokhila Lekthepe	Assam
32	Shri Prosenjit Chatterjee	West Bengal
33	Shri R. Krishnan	Tamil Nadu (Posthumous)
34	Shri Raghuveer Tukaram Khedkar	Maharashtra
35	Shri Rajastapathi Kaliappa Goundar	Tamil Nadu
36	Shri Sangyusang S. Pongener	Nagaland
37	Shri Sarat Kumar Patra	Odisha
38	Shri Satish Shah	Maharashtra (Posthumous)
39	Shri Simanchal Patro	Odisha
40	Shri Taga Ram Bheel	Rajasthan
41	Shri Tarun Bhattacharya	West Bengal
42	Shri Thiruvaarur Bakthavathsalam	Tamil Nadu
43	Ms. Tripti Mukherjee	West Bengal

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44	Shri Yumnam Jatra Singh	Manipur (Posthumous)
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Medicine

Sr. No	Name	State/Country
45	Ms. Armida Fernandez	Maharashtra
46	Shri Guduru Venkat Rao	Telangana
47	Shri H. V. Hande	Tamil Nadu
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Republic Day 2026 marked the **77th anniversary of the Constitution of India coming into force on 26th January 1950**, and was celebrated around the theme **“150 Years of Vande Mataram.”**

- The observance blended constitutional values with cultural expression and public participation, featuring **30 tableaux** from States, Union Territories, and Ministries under the sub-themes ***Swatantrata ka Mantra – Vande Mataram and Samriddhi ka Mantra – Atmanirbhar Bharat.***
- The celebration also saw the parade debut of the **newly raised Bhairav Battalion**, a specialised assault infantry unit. In addition, a military contingent from the **European Union participated**. It was the EU’s first participation at such an event outside Europe.

Special Chief Guests The Chief Guests for India's 77th Republic Day on January 26, 2026, are **Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, and Mr. António Costa, President of the European Council**. This selection highlights the strengthening strategic, trade, and economic partnership between India and the European Union.

What is the Historical Significance of Republic Day?

- **The Purna Swaraj Resolution:** In December 1929, the Indian National Congress passed the historic **‘Purna Swaraj’ (Complete Independence) resolution** at its **Lahore Session** (presided over by **Jawaharlal Nehru**).
 - It was decided that **26th January 1930**, would be observed as **Purna Swaraj Day** across India. On this day, Indians pledged to **reject British dominion status and fight for complete self-rule**.
 - From 1930 to 1947, 26th January was celebrated as "Independence Day" or "Poorna Swaraj Day."
- **Transition from Independence to Republic:** The Constituent Assembly first met in December 1946 at the **Constitution Hall** (now Central Hall of Parliament), formally initiating India’s constitution-making process.

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- On 15th August 1947, India achieved independence from colonial rule but continued as a **British Dominion with King George VI as the head of state until the Constitution came into force.**
- The constitutional transition was completed on **26th November 1949**, when the **Constituent Assembly formally adopted the Constitution**, a date explicitly recorded in the Preamble.
- On **26th January 1950**, the Constitution of India came into force, deliberately chosen to honour the **Purna Swaraj Declaration of 1930**.
 - With this, the **Government of India Act, 1935** was replaced.
 - India formally became a **Sovereign Democratic Republic**.
 - The **President of India** replaced the British Monarch as the Head of State, symbolizing the true essence of a Republic.
- Later, the **42nd Constitutional Amendment (1976)** added the words *Socialist* and *Secular* to the Preamble.

What are the Key Highlights of the Tableaux Displayed at the 77th Republic Day Parade?

- **Assam:** Highlighted **Asharikandi village** and its centuries-old **terracotta craft tradition**.
- **Gujarat:** Paid tribute to **Madam Bhikaji Cama**, the revolutionary who unfurled the first version of the Indian flag in Germany (1907).
 - Depicted the evolution of the **Indian National Flag from 1906 to 1947**. It concluded with a sculpture of **Mahatma Gandhi** with the Charkha, linking **Swadeshi to modern Atmanirbhar Bharat**.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** Highlighted **Bundelkhand's cultural heritage** alongside modern development.
- **Maharashtra:** It showcased **Ganeshotsav** as a **social movement initiated by Lokmanya Tilak for national unity**
- **West Bengal:** It honoured the **origins of the national song Vande Mataram, composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee**.
 - It featured statues of freedom fighters such as **Subhas Chandra Bose, Matangini Hazra, and Khudiram Bose**, highlighting Bengal's pivotal role in India's freedom struggle.
- **Punjab:** Paid a solemn tribute to **Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji** on the 350th year of his martyrdom, honouring him as **Hind Di Chadar (Protector of India)**.
- **Kerala:** Featured the **Kochi Water Metro (India's first water metro)** and celebrated the state's achievement of 100% Digital Literacy.
- **Tri-Services (Department of Military Affairs):** Under the theme "**Operation Sindoor – Victory Through Jointness**" showcased India's integrated military strength.
 - The tableau featured **Rafale jets with SCALP missiles, the BrahMos cruise missile, the S-400 air defence system**, and **HAROP** loitering munitions, symbolising the shift towards joint warfare.

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- **Ministry of Culture:** It artistically traced the 150-year journey of *Vande Mataram*.
- **Ministry of Home Affairs (NDMA & NDRF):** Commemorated recovery after the **2001 Bhuj Earthquake**.

Key Facts About Vande Mataram

- **Origin & Composition:** *Vande Mataram* (also pronounced *Bande Mataram*), composed by **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee**, was first published in *Bangadarshan* in **1875** and later included in *Anandamath* (1882).
 - It is set to music by **Rabindranath Tagore**, it emerged as a powerful symbol of India's cultural and political identity, embodying unity, sacrifice, and devotion.
- **National Status:** On 24th January 1950, **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**, the first President of India, announced that while **Jana Gana Mana would be the National Anthem, Vande Mataram**, for its key role in the freedom movement, would be honoured equally as the National Song.
 - India's Constitution does not explicitly mention a national song. However, **Article 51A(a)** asks citizens to respect the Constitution, National Flag and National Anthem.
- **Role in Freedom Movement:**
 - **Adoption by Congress:** In 1896, **Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore** sang *Vande Mataram* at the Kolkata session of the Indian National Congress.
 - At the **Varanasi session of the Indian National Congress (1905)**, the song 'Vande Mataram' was adopted for all-India occasions.
 - **Mass Mobilisation & Press: Bande Mataram Sampradaya (1905)** formed in North Calcutta to promote devotion to the motherland.
 - English daily **Bande Mataram launched in 1906** under Bipin Chandra Pal, later joined by Sri Aurobindo. It propagated ideas of Swadeshi, unity, and resistance.
 - **Anti-Partition & Student Movements:** *Vande Mataram* was first used as a political slogan on 7th August 1905 during student processions at Calcutta Town Hall, becoming the rallying cry of the **Swadeshi and anti-partition movement**.
 - Its mass appeal prompted Lord Curzon to order arrests for singing it.
 - **Influence on Indian Revolutionaries Abroad:**
 - In 1907, **Madam Bhikaji Cama raised the tricolour flag** for the first-time outside India in Stuttgart, Germany. The words *Vande Mataram* were written on the flag.
 - In August 1909, when **Madan Lal Dhingra** was hanged in England, his last words before he went to the gallows were "Bande Mataram."
 - In October 1912, **Gopal Krishna Gokhale** was welcomed in Cape Town with a grand procession chanting "Vande Mataram."

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