

## January 2026 Current Affairs

**Q1. Which rocket was used in the PSLV-C62/EOS-N1 mission?**

Ans. PSLV-DL variant

**Q2. What was the launch date of PSLV-C62?**

Ans. January 12, 2026

**Q3. From where was PSLV-C62 launched?**

Ans. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

**Q4. What was the main payload of PSLV-C62?**

Ans. EOS-N1

**Q5. Which stage of PSLV-C62 faced an anomaly?**

Ans. PS3 (Third Stage)

**Q6. How many co-passenger satellites were onboard PSLV-C62?**

Ans. 15

**Q7. What is the strategic satellite developed by DRDO onboard PSLV-C62?**

Ans. Anvesha

**Q8. Which was the 64th flight of PSLV?**

Ans. PSLV-C62

**Q9. Which private company contributed 7 satellites to PSLV-C62 mission?**

Ans. Dhruva Space, Hyderabad

**Q10. What is NSIL?**

Ans. NewSpace India Limited (ISRO's commercial arm)

**Q11. What is AayuISAT?**

Ans. India's first on-orbit satellite refueling demonstrator

**Q12. Who is the Chairman of ISRO?**

Ans. Dr. V. Narayanan

**Q13. Which orbit was EOS-N1 planned to be injected into?**

Ans. Sun Synchronous Orbit (SSO)

**Q14. What is the edition number of WEF Global Risks Report 2026?**

Ans. 21st Edition

**Q15. What term did WEF use to describe the current global era?**

Ans. Age of Competition

**Q16. What risk did WEF identify as most likely crisis trigger in 2026?**

Ans. Geoeconomic Confrontation

**Q17. How many expert views formed the basis of WEF Global Risks Report 2026?**

Ans. 1,300+

**Q18. What is the most interconnected global risk according to WEF 2026?**

Ans. Inequality

**Q19. What does WEF describe as the most dangerous long-term threat?**

Ans. Environmental Risks

**Q20. Which film won Best Film Drama at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Hamnet

**Q21. Which film won Best Film Musical or Comedy at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. One Battle After Another

**Q22. Who won Best Director at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Paul Thomas Anderson

**Q23. Who won Best Male Actor (Drama) at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Wagner Moura (The Secret Agent)

**Q24. Who won Best Female Actor (Drama) at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Jessie Buckley (Hamnet)

**Q25. Who became the first Brazilian to win Best Actor (Drama) at Golden Globes?**

Ans. Wagner Moura

**Q26. Who won Best Male Actor Musical or Comedy at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Timothée Chalamet (Marty Supreme)

**Q27. Which series won Best Television Drama at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. The Pitt

**Q28. Which series won Best Television Limited Series at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Adolescence

**Q29. Who won Best Supporting Male Actor (Television) at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Owen Cooper (Adolescence)

**Q30. Who won Best Original Score at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Ludwig Göransson (Sinners)

**Q31. Which film won Cinematic and Box Office Achievement at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Sinners

**Q32. Who won the inaugural Best Podcast award at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Amy Poehler (Good Hang with Amy Poehler)

**Q33. Who won Best Male Actor TV Series Drama at Golden Globes 2026?**

Ans. Noah Wyle (The Pitt)

**Q34. Which country ranked 1st in Henley Passport Index 2026?**

Ans. Singapore (192 destinations)

**Q35. Which countries jointly ranked 2nd in Henley Passport Index 2026?**

Ans. Japan and South Korea (188 destinations)

**Q36. What is India's rank in Henley Passport Index 2026?**

Ans. 80th

**Q37. How many visa-free destinations can Indian passport holders access in 2026?**

Ans. 55 destinations

**Q38. Which country holds the weakest passport in 2026?**

Ans. Afghanistan (24 destinations)

**Q39. Which countries share rank with India in Henley Passport Index 2026?**

Ans. Nigeria and Algeria

**Q40. What is the USA's rank in Henley Passport Index 2026?**

Ans. 10th (179 destinations)

**Q41. Which bank launched Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS) on January 1, 2026?**

Ans. ICICI Bank

**Q42. Which bank integrated RBI's Digital Rupee into its SmartGateway platform?**

Ans. HDFC Bank

**Q43. Which bank launched 'Zero -Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card'?**

Ans. IDFC FIRST Bank

**Q44. What is the new brand identity of Federal Bank launched in January 2026?**

Ans. The Fortuna Wave

**Q45. Who is the brand ambassador of Federal Bank's new identity?**

Ans. Vidya Balan

**Q46. What did India's NSO project as real GDP growth for FY26?**

Ans. 7.4%

**Q47. Which bank launched India's first solar powered ATM van?**

Ans. Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB on Wheels)

**Q48. What did SBI's EcoWrap report project as India's FY26 GDP growth?**

Ans. 7.5%

**Q49. What did World Bank project as India's FY26 GDP growth?**

Ans. 7.2%

**Q50. What was India's retail inflation in December 2025?**

Ans. 1.33%

**Q51. What was India's food inflation in December 2025?**

Ans. -2.71% (negative for 7th consecutive month)

**Q52. What was India's core inflation in December 2025?**

Ans. 4.45% (27-month high)

**Q53. Which state showed highest inflation in December 2025?**

Ans. Kerala (9.49%)

**Q54. What was India's foreign exchange reserves in January 2026?**

Ans. \$687.19 billion

**Q55. What is India-China trade deficit in 2025?**

Ans. \$116.12 billion (record high)

**Q56. What was India's total bilateral trade with China in 2025?**

Ans. \$155.62 billion

**Q57. Which company became first payments firm in India to receive ISO/IEC 42001 certification?**

Ans. Financial Software and Systems (FSS)

**Q58. How much loan did ADB approve for Musi Riverfront Development in Telangana?**

Ans. ₹4,100 crore (USD 500 million)

**Q59. What is the outlay of Market Access Support (MAS) Scheme?**

Ans. ₹4,531 crore (FY26-FY31)

**Q60. What is PANKHUDI Portal?**

Ans. Integrated CSR and partnership facilitation digital portal under Ministry of Women and Child Development

**Q61. What is the purpose of Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS)?**

Ans. Provide assured pension equivalent to 50% of last -drawn basic pay for state government employees

**Q62. What is 'Namma Arasu' launched by Tamil Nadu?**

Ans. WhatsApp-based e -governance service offering multilingual chatbot for bus tickets, exam hall tickets, and tax payments

**Q63. What is 'Akka Pade' scheme launched by Karnataka?**

Ans. Elder Sister Force scheme to strengthen women and minor girls protection across 31 districts

**Q64. What is Swachh Jal Abhiyan launched by Madhya Pradesh?**

Ans. Clean Water Campaign with GIS -based pipeline mapping and technology -driven monitoring

**Q65. From how many international organizations did USA withdraw in January 2026?**

Ans. 66

**Q66. Which year did UNGA declare as International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists?**

Ans. 2026

**Q67. Which ancient civilization's coins were discovered near Taxila, Pakistan?**

Ans. Kushan Empire (2,000-year-old)

**Q68. What is India's new visa category launched for Chinese nationals?**

Ans. e-B-4 Visa (e Production Investment Business Visa)

**Q69. How many strategic agreements did India and Germany sign during Chancellor Merz's visit?**

Ans. 19

**Q70. What did India-Germany bilateral trade cross?**

Ans. USD 50 billion

**Q71. What is Australia's Finke River recognized as?**

Ans. World's oldest flowing river (300-400 million years old)

**Q72. What did Indian Army declare 2026 as?**

Ans. Year of Networking & Data Centricity

**Q73. Who is the Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army?**

Ans. General Upendra Dwivedi

**Q74. What is Suryastra?**

Ans. India's first indigenously developed multi-calibre long-range precision-guided rocket launcher

**Q75. What is the strike range of Suryastra?**

Ans. 150-300 km

**Q76. What is MPATGM?**

Ans. Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile

**Q77. What is the weight of MPATGM?**

Ans. 14.5 kg

**Q78. How long did DRDO's Scramjet Engine test last?**

Ans. Over 12 minutes

**Q79. At what speed does DRDO's Scramjet Engine operate?**

Ans. Mach 5+ (exceeding 6,100 km/h)

**Q80. What is the 'Bhairav' force of Indian Army?**

Ans. Modern warfare force with over 1 lakh trained drone operatives

**Q81. What is DIME platform launched by Indian Army?**

Ans. Depot Integration Management Edition-reduces 70% manual paperwork and streamlines supply operations

**Q82. What is NIDMS?**

Ans. National Improvised Explosive Device Data Management System developed by NSG

**Q83. When was the 78th Indian Army Day celebrated?**

Ans. January 15, 2026 in Jaipur, Rajasthan

**Q84. What contract was signed for Suryastra procurement?**

Ans. ₹293 crore Emergency Procurement contract with NIBE Limited

**Q85. Where was India's first fully paperless district court inaugurated?**

Ans. Kalpetta, Wayanad, Kerala

**Q86. Who inaugurated India's first paperless district court?**

Ans. Chief Justice of India Surya Kant (virtually)

**Q87. What is 'Param Shakti' inaugurated at IIT Madras?**

Ans. Supercomputing facility with 3.1 petaflops peak performance

**Q88. What is SWaDeS developed by DRDO?**

Ans. SeaWater Desalination System (portable water purification system)

**Q89. Which institute developed the Mpemba Effect simulation?**

Ans. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru

**Q90. What new snake species was discovered in Mizoram?**

Ans. Calamaria mizoramensis

**Q91. How many new frog species were discovered in Arunachal Pradesh?**

Ans. Two (Leptobranchium somani and Leptobranchium mechuka)

**Q92. What is the peak performance of Param Shakti supercomputer?**

Ans. 3.1 petaflops

**Q93. Which is Asia's first and world's second pollution monitoring facility inaugurated at CSIR-NPL?**

Ans. National Environmental Standard Laboratory (NSEL)

**Q94. What is the Aadhaar mascot launched by UIDAI in January 2026?**

Ans. Udai

**Q95. What is India's first state-backed Quantum Computing Programme?**

Ans. Tamil Nadu's programme in partnership with XeedQ GmbH (Germany)

**Q96. What is Tamil Nadu's Sovereign AI Park investment?**

Ans. ₹10,000 crore (in partnership with Sarvam AI)

**Q97. Who won the 2026 IEEE Medal of Honor?**

Ans. Jensen Huang (NVIDIA CEO)

**Q98. What prize money is attached to IEEE Medal of Honor?**

Ans. USD 2 million

**Q99. Who won UN Secretary-General's Award 2025 in Gender Category?**

Ans. Major Swathi Shantha Kumar

**Q100. Which mountaineer summited Mount Aconcagua sponsored by HAL?**

Ans. Aritra Roy

**Q101. Who received the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement (2026)?**

Ans. Toby Kiers

**Q102. Which organization received Asia Best Employer Brand Award 2026?**

Ans. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

**Q103. What is India's first Sovereign AI Park and where is it located?**

Ans. Tamil Nadu's Sovereign AI Park in Chennai

**Q104. Which university signed MoU to open Bengaluru campus by August 2026?**

Ans. UNSW Australia (at Manyata Tech Park)

**Q105. What is the #NonStopZindagi campaign by GAIL and PNGRB about?**

Ans. Promoting PNG and CNG adoption to increase natural gas share to 15% by 2030

**Q106. How many Data & AI Labs will be established in Uttar Pradesh under IndiaAI Mission?**

Ans. 65 Data & AI Labs

**Q107. Who was appointed Director General of NIA?**

Ans. Rakesh Aggarwal (IPS 1994 batch)

**Q108. Who became the first woman Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court?**

Ans. Justice Revati Mohite-Dere

**Q109. Who was appointed Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)?**

Ans. A. K. Balasubrahmanian

**Q110. Who was appointed Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court?**

Ans. Justice A Muhamed Mustaque (24th Chief Justice)

**Q111. Who was appointed CEO of HSBC Private Bank?**

Ans. Ida Liu (effective January 5, 2026)

**Q112. Who was appointed President and Vice Chairman of Meta?**

Ans. Dina Powell McCormick

**Q113. Who was appointed as 40th Chief Justice of Kerala High Court?**

Ans. Justice Soumen Sen

**Q114. Who became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster?**

Ans. Aaryan Varshney

**Q115. Which tournament did Aaryan Varshney secure his final GM norm?**

Ans. Andranik Margaryan Memorial Tournament, Armenia

**Q116. Which Indian cricketer became the second - highest international run-scorer?**

Ans. Virat Kohli (28,068 runs)

**Q117. Who is the highest international run-scorer in cricket?**

Ans. Sachin Tendulkar (34,357 runs)

**Q118. Who announced retirement after the fifth Ashes Test at Sydney?**

Ans. Usman Khawaja (Australia)

**Q119. How many Test runs did Usman Khawaja score?**

Ans. 6,206 runs in 87 Test matches

**Q120. Who won ICC Men's Player of the Month for December 2025?**

Ans. Mitchell Starc (Australia)

**Q121. Who won ICC Women's Player of the Month for December 2025?**

Ans. Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa)

**Q122. Which state won Khelo India Beach Games 2026 overall championship?**

Ans. Karnataka (11 medals — 3 gold, 2 silver, 6 bronze)

**Q123. Where were Khelo India Beach Games 2026 held?**

Ans. Ghoghla Beach, Diu

**Q124. Who was named Goodwill Ambassador for Pune Grand Tour 2026?**

Ans. MS Dhoni

**Q125. Who retired from Indian athletics after winning 2018 Asian Games gold?**

Ans. Jinson Johnson (middle-distance runner)

**Q126. When did IAF Tejas make its first flight and who piloted it?**

Ans. January 4, 2001 by Wing Commander Rajiv Kothiyal

**Q127. What is the theme of 9th National Siddha Day 2026?**

Ans. Siddha for Global Health

**Q128. Which day is observed on January 12 every year?**

Ans. National Youth Day (Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary)

**Q129. When is Armed Forces Veter Ans' Day observed?**

Ans. January 14

**Q130. Which day is observed on January 8 as Earth's Rotation Day?**

Ans. Commemorates Léon Foucault's pendulum experiment (1851)

**Q131. What is the theme of 37th National Road Safety Week 2026?**

Ans. Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha

**Q132. When is World Hindi Day observed?**

Ans. January 10

**Q133. What does Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (January 9) commemorate?**

Ans. Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa to India in 1915

**Q134. Which state topped ICJS 2.0 national rankings?**

Ans. Uttarakhand Police (score 93.46)

**Q135. Which city ranked 1st as best city for women in India 2025?**

Ans. Bengaluru (score 53.29)

**Q136. Which state topped Export Preparedness Index 2024 among large states?**

Ans. Maharashtra (68.01 score)

**Q137. Which state topped Export Preparedness Index 2024 among smaller states?**

Ans. Uttarakhand (52.07 score)

**Q138. What did India's non-fossil fuel capacity reach in 2025?**

Ans. 266.78 GW

**Q139. How much renewable energy did India add in 2025?**

Ans. 48 GW

**Q140. What percentage of Indian Railways network is electrified by November 2025?**

Ans. 99.2% (69,427 Route Kilometres)

**Q141. Who authored 'History That India Ignored' (Second Edition)?**

Ans. Prem Prakash (Chairman, ANI)

**Q142. Who launched the book on President Droupadi Murmu's life in Telugu?**

Ans. Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad

**Q143. What is the title of the Telugu book on President Droupadi Murmu?**

Ans. Agni Sarassulo Vikasinchina Kamalam Droupadi Murmu

**Q144. Who was Suresh Kalmadi?**

Ans. Former President of Indian Olympic Association (1996-2012), passed away January 6, 2026

**Q145. Who was Madhav Gadgil?**

Ans. Father of modern Indian ecology, passed away January 8, 2026

**Q146. Which 1980 Moscow Olympics gold medalist hockey player passed away in January 2026?**

Ans. Davinder Singh Garcha

**Q147. Which country became the world's first to commercially produce bio-bitumen?**

Ans. India

**Q148. Which Indian airline became the 5th Indian member of IATA in January 2026?**

Ans. Akasa Air

**Q149. What is India's first NAMO Book Fest?**

Ans. India's first book festival launched promoting youth engagement, featuring books on Narendra Modi

**Q150. What is the Gruha Lakshmi Digital Marketing Portal launched by Karnataka?**

Ans. Portal enabling women entrepreneurs to sell handicrafts globally, linked to ₹2,000 monthly assistance scheme

**Q151. Which airport was approved by Andhra Pradesh Cabinet in January 2026?**

Ans. Dagadharthi Greenfield Airport, Nellore district (AP's 8th airport)

**Q152. What is the passenger capacity of Dagadharthi Greenfield Airport in Phase-I?**

Ans. 1.4 million passengers

**Q153. Which hydropower project received environmental clearance in Arunachal Pradesh?**

Ans. Kalai-II Hydropower Project (Lohit River basin)

**Q154. Which critically endangered bird species was ignored in Kalai -II project's environmental assessment?**

Ans. White-bellied Heron

**Q155. Who became the longest serving Chief Minister of Karnataka?**

Ans. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

**Q156. What rare leopard variant was discovered in Karnataka?**

Ans. Sandalwood Leopard (extremely rare leopard color variant)

**Q157. What is the 'Gruha Lakshmi Digital Marketing' portal launched by Karnataka?**

Ans. Portal enabling women entrepreneurs to sell handicrafts globally at Karmani Utsav 2026

**Q158. Which wildlife sanctuary was renamed as Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary?**

Ans. Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala

**Q159. Who was sworn in as 40th Chief Justice of Kerala High Court?**

Ans. Justice Soumen Sen

**Q160. Which was India's first fully paperless district court system and where?**

Ans. Kalpetta, Wayanad, Kerala (inaugurated January 6, 2026)

**Q161. What is the CM Helpline number under MP's Swachh Jal Abhiyan?**

Ans. 181

**Q162. Which district in Odisha is set to become India's first Bio-Happy District?**

Ans. Keyi Panyor

**Q163. Whose concept of Biohappiness does the Keyi Panyor initiative revive?**

Ans. M. S. Swaminathan (legendary agricultural scientist)

**Q164. Which village in Rajasthan was declared India's first fully organic village?**

Ans. Bamanwas Kankar village

**Q165. What is India's first state -backed Quantum Computing Programme launched by Tamil Nadu?**

Ans. In partnership with XeedQ GmbH (Germany), implementing in two phases

**Q166. Which Indian state launched trout farming in warm inland climate for the first time?**

Ans. Telangana

**Q167. What community radio station did the Indian Army launch in Rajouri, J&K?**

Ans. Radio Sangam (broadcasting on 88.8 FM)

**Q168. Where was Radio Sangam launched?**

Ans. Keri village, Rajouri, Jammu & Kashmir (January 2, 2026)

**Q169. Which naval base is Indian Navy establishing in West Bengal?**

Ans. New naval base (detachment) at Haldia on Hooghly River

**Q170. How far is Haldia from Sandheads?**

Ans. 130 km

**Q171. Who released the 10th edition of Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP 2026)?**

Ans. Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda (January 2, 2026)

**Q172. How many new monographs were added in IP 2026?**

Ans. 121 new monographs (totaling 3,340)

**Q173. What new category was introduced in IP 2026?**

Ans. 20 monographs for blood components for transfusion medicine

**Q174. How many new crop varieties did Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan release?**

Ans. 184 crop varieties across 25 different crops (January 4, 2026)

**Q175. How many crop varieties were developed by ICAR?**

Ans. 60 varieties

**Q176. What new cattle breed did ICAR-NDRI develop?**

Ans. Karan Fries (Holstein Friesian –Tharparkar crossbreed)

**Q177. What is India's fish production in FY25?**

Ans. 197.75 lakh tonnes (doubled in a decade)

**Q178. What is India's rank in global fish production?**

Ans. Second largest fish producer

**Q179. What was India's seafood export value in FY25?**

Ans. ₹62,408 crore (USD 7.45 billion — all-time high)

**Q180. What is the BHARATI Startup Challenge launched by APEDA?**

Ans. Initiative promoting innovation in agricultural and processed food export sectors

**Q181. What length is the Mumbai-Nagpur Natural Gas Pipeline completed by GAIL?**

Ans. 694 km

**Q182. What percentage of the Mumbai – Nagpur pipeline was laid along Samruddhi Mahamarg?**

Ans. 96%

**Q183. What is India's non -fossil fuel capacity as of 2025?**

Ans. 266.78 GW

**Q184. What is India's solar energy capacity as of 2025?**

Ans. 131.81 GW

**Q185. What is India's renewable energy target by 2030?**

Ans. 500 GW

**Q186. Which facility did HPCL commission in Visakhapatnam?**

Ans. World's first LC -Max Residue Upgradation Facility

**Q187. What is the capacity of HPCL's new facility in Visakhapatnam?**

Ans. 3.55 MTPA

**Q188. What is the total project cost of Visakh Refinery Modernization Project?**

Ans. ₹31,407 crore

**Q189. What is the Ola Electric Shakti Battery Storage System starting price?**

Ans. ₹29,999 for 1.5 kWh capacity

**Q190. What is Ola Electric Shakti described as?**

Ans. India's first domestically designed residential battery storage system

**Q191. What is IITM Global Research Foundation launched by Dr. Jaishankar?**

Ans. Initiative to position IIT -Madras as world's first multinational university

**Q192. When was Startup India Programme completed 10 years?**

Ans. January 2026 (launched in 2016)

**Q193. What is Tamil Nadu's deep -tech startup policy allocation?**

Ans. ₹100 crore for 100 deep-tech startups over five years

**Q194. Which is India's first state to launch a deep-tech startup policy?**

Ans. Tamil Nadu (Tamil Nadu Deep-Tech Startup Policy 2025-26)

**Q195. Which supercomputer facility was inaugurated at IIT Madras by MeitY?**

Ans. Param Shakti (PARAM RUDRA system, 3.1 petaflops)

**Q196. What is the DSIR's maximum financial assistance for deep-tech startups?**

Ans. ₹1 crore

**Q197. When was DSIR's 42nd Foundation Day observed?**

Ans. January 4, 2026

**Q198. Which rocket launched COSMO-SkyMed Second Generation-Flight Model 3?**

Ans. SpaceX Falcon 9

**Q199. For which country was COSMO – SkyMed launched?**

Ans. Italian Space Agency and Ministry of Defence

**Q200. What is NASA's Hubble -discovered starless gas cloud named?**

Ans. Cloud-9

**Q201. How far is Cloud-9 from Earth?**

Ans. 14 million light-years

**Q202. Which telescope first discovered Cloud -9 in 2023?**

Ans. China's FAST radio telescope

**Q203. What is the theme of National Textiles Ministers' Conference 2026?**

Ans. India's Textiles: Weaving Growth, Heritage & Innovation

**Q204. Where was National Textiles Ministers' Conference 2026 held?**

Ans. Guwahati, Assam (January 8-9, 2026)

**Q205. Where was Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue 2026 held?**

Ans. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (January 9 - 12, 2026)

**Q206. Who hosted Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue 2026?**

Ans. PM Narendra Modi

**Q207. Where was 3rd Indian Lighthouse Festival held?**

Ans. Visakhapatnam (January 9-10, 2026)

**Q208. Who inaugurated the 3rd Indian Lighthouse Festival?**

Ans. Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu

**Q209. Where was India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026 held?**

Ans. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi (January 21-23, 2026)

**Q210. Who hosted IICDEM 2026?**

Ans. Election Commission of India (ECI)

**Q211. What was the venue of Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference for Kutch-Saurashtra?**

Ans. Marwadi University, Rajkot (January 11-12, 2026)

**Q212. How many exhibitors participated in Indusfood 2026?**

Ans. 2,200 exhibitors from 30+ countries

**Q213. How many times have India and Pakistan exchanged nuclear installation lists?**

Ans. 35 times (since January 1, 1992)

**Q214. How many Indian prisoners did Pakistan hand over during January 2026 exchange?**

Ans. 257 (199 fishermen and 58 civili

**Q215. Under which agreement do India - Pakistan exchange nuclear installation lists?**

Ans. 1988 Agreement on Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations

**Q216. What did NITI Aayog release as 4th Export Preparedness Index 2024 top state?**

Ans. Maharashtra (68.01 score)

**Q217. What is India's BRICS Chairship 2026 theme?**

Ans. Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

**Q218. What design inspired India's BRICS Chairship 2026 logo?**

Ans. Lotus

**Q219. Which is India's fourth tenure as BRICS Chair?**

Ans. January-December 2026 (also coincides with 20th BRICS anniversary)

**Q220. What is GeM's Womaniya Initiative completion milestone in January 2026?**

Ans. 7 years with 2 lakh+ women -led MSEs and ₹80,000 crore+ procurement orders

**Q221. How many proposals did MeitY approve under ECMS as third tranche?**

Ans. 22 proposals worth ₹41,863 crore

**Q222. What financial interventions did MoC&I launch for MSME exports?**

Ans. ₹7,295 crore (₹5,181 crore interest subvention + ₹2,114 crore collateral guarantee)

**Q223. What is the PLI Scheme for Textiles extended deadline?**

Ans. March 31, 2026

**Q224. What is India's female labor force participation rate in December 2025?**

Ans. 35.3%

**Q225. What are the two mascots of 72nd National Volleyball Tournament?**

Ans. Nandu (Nandi bull) and Neera (Ganga River Dolphin)

**Q226. Where was 72nd National Volleyball Tournament held?**

Ans. Dr . Sampurnanand Sports Stadium, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

**Q227. What is the mascot of Khelo India Beach Games 2026?**

Ans. Pearl (cheerful dolphin)

**Q228. How many athletes participated in Khelo India Beach Games 2026?**

Ans. 1,100+ athletes from 30 states and UTs

**Q229. Which state finished second in Khelo India Beach Games 2026?**

Ans. Tamil Nadu (8 medals)

**Q230. How many World Cup titles did Alyssa Healy win in her career?**

Ans. 8 (six T20 World Cups and two ODI World Cups)

**Q231. Which institute developed 3D -Printed Automatic Weather Stations?**

Ans. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune

**Q232. Under which mission were 3D-Printed Weather Stations developed?**

Ans. Mission Mausam

**Q233. Which river acts as a major biogeographic barrier for the new frog species in Arunachal Pradesh?**

Ans. Brahmaputra River

**Q234. What is the name of the new reed snake species discovered in Mizoram?**

Ans. Calamaria mizoramensis

**Q235. Which journal published the Mizoram snake species discovery?**

Ans. Zootaxa

**Q236. What is India's first commercially produced bio- bitumen made from?**

Ans. Agricultural waste (paddy straw converted to bio-oil through pyrolysis)

**Q237. How much foreign exchange can 15% bio - bitumen blending save?**

Ans. Nearly ₹4,500 crore

**Q238. What Speed Post services did Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launch?**

Ans. Speed Post 24 (24-hour delivery) and Speed Post 48 (48-hour delivery)

**Q239. Which metro was inaugurated by PM Modi in Gujarat?**

Ans. Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Phase 2

**Q240. What publication did Ministry of Textiles release in January 2026?**

Ans. India's Textile Atlas: State Compendium 2025

**Q241. What does DLTT Plan aim to transform?**

Ans. 100 high-potential districts into Global Export Champions

**Q242. How many illegal betting and gambling websites were blocked by Government?**

Ans. 242 (total action against 7,800+ platforms)

**Q243. Which Indian institution launched Live Events Development Cell (LEDC)?**

Ans. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (January 2026)

**Q244. What is India's organized live events market value in 2024?**

Ans. ₹20,861 crore (projected 18% CAGR through 2030)

**Q245. What is the Responsible Nations Index launched by?**

Ans. World Intellectual Foundation (January 19, 2026)

**Q246. What is the Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative 2026 jointly launched by?**

Ans. Office of Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) and Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

**Q247. When is Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative 2026 scheduled?**

Ans. March 5-7, 2026, New Delhi

**Q248. Which AYUSH system was formally recognized in bilateral agreements with Oman and New Zealand?**

Ans. India's AYUSH traditional medical system

**Q249. What was India's AYUSH export value in 2024-25?**

Ans. USD 688.89 million (6.11% growth)

**Q250. What did PM Modi inaugurate at Rai Pithora Cultural Complex, New Delhi?**

Ans. The Light and the Lotus: Relics of the Awakened One (exposition of Piprahwa Buddhist relics)

**Q251. How many NBFCs had their Certificate of Registration cancelled by RBI?**

Ans. 35 NBFCs (effective December 9-31, 2025)

**Q252. What did RBI increase the SPD aggregate limit under Standing Liquidity Facility to?**

Ans. ₹15,000 crore (from ₹10,000 crore)

**Q253. What is FEDAI recognized as by RBI?**

Ans. Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) for forex dealers

**Q254. What minimum net worth must Category -I merchant bankers maintain by January 2, 2027?**

Ans. ₹25 crore

**Q255. What is the maximum compensation under RBI's revised Integrated Ombudsman Scheme?**

Ans. ₹30 lakh

**Q256. When will RBI's Central Complaints Processing Centre (CRPC) be established?**

Ans. July 2026

**Q257. Who was appointed Yemen's Foreign Minister after PM Salem bin Breik resigned?**

Ans. Shaya Mohsen Zindani

**Q258. How many countries did USA freeze immigrant visa processing for?**

Ans. 75 countries (from January 21, 2026)

**Q259. How many UN agencies did Israel announce withdrawal from?**

Ans. 7 UN agencies

**Q260. Which country commissioned new advanced warship 'Loudi'?**

Ans. China

**Q261. What award did Italy confer on Goa industrialist Shrinivas Dempo?**

Ans. Order of the Star of Italy

**Q262. What is Pakistan's Taimoor ALCM strike range?**

Ans. 600 km

**Q263. Which aircraft deployed Pakistan's Taimoor ALCM?**

Ans. Mirage IIIE fighter aircraft

**Q264. What is Google's multilingual AI translation model that supports 55 languages?**

Ans. TranslateGemma (built on Gemma 3)