

Weekly One Liners 09th to 15th of February 2026

RBI MPC February 2026

The **RBI MPC February 2026 meeting** is important for banks, borrowers, investors, and common people. In this meeting, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** decided to **keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.25%** and continue with a **neutral monetary policy stance**.

The decision was taken during the **59th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** held from **February 4 to 6, 2026**, under the chairmanship of **Sanjay Malhotra**, Governor of RBI.

This policy decision reflects RBI's balanced approach towards **controlling inflation** while **supporting economic growth**.

Why RBI MPC February 2026 Is in News?

The **RBI MPC February 2026** meeting is in news because:

- The **repo rate was kept unchanged at 5.25%**
- RBI continued its **neutral stance**
- Updated **growth and inflation projections** were released

These decisions directly affect **loan EMIs, fixed deposits, bank interest rates, and inflation expectations**.

Key Decisions of RBI Monetary Policy February 2026

After reviewing global and domestic economic conditions, the MPC **unanimously voted** to keep policy rates unchanged.

Current Policy Rates

- **Repo Rate:** 5.25%
- **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF):** 5.00%
- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF):** 5.50%
- **Bank Rate:** 5.50%

The MPC also decided to **maintain a neutral stance**, meaning RBI will take future actions based on economic data.

What Does "Neutral Stance" Mean?

A **neutral stance** means RBI is **not committed** to either:

- Increasing interest rates, or
- Cutting interest rates

RBI will closely monitor **inflation, growth, and global conditions** before taking the next step. This gives flexibility to respond to future risks.

Global Economic Outlook

Globally, the economy showed **resilience in 2025**, supported by:

- Government spending
- Trade activity
- Supportive monetary policies

However, challenges remain:

- Geopolitical tensions
- Volatility in financial markets
- High interest rates in advanced economies

Despite these risks, global equity markets remained supported by strong investments in technology sectors.

India's Growth Outlook

India's economy continues to perform well despite global uncertainty.

GDP Growth Estimates

- **2025–26 GDP growth:** 7.4%
- Driven by:
 1. Strong private consumption
 2. Rising investment
 3. A strong services sector

Manufacturing activity has shown improvement, while agriculture remained resilient due to good crop output.

Future Growth Projections

- **Q1 2026–27:** 6.9%
- **Q2 2026–27:** 7.0%

RBI stated that growth risks are **evenly balanced**.

Inflation Outlook in RBI MPC February 2026

Inflation remained **very low** towards the end of 2025.

- CPI inflation was **0.7% in November** and **1.3% in December 2025**
- Food prices stayed in deflation
- Core inflation remained under control

Inflation Projections

- **2025–26:** 2.1%
- **Q4 2025–26:** 3.2%
- **Q1 2026–27:** 4.0%
- **Q2 2026–27:** 4.2%

RBI noted that inflation risks are also **evenly balanced**.

Impact of RBI MPC February 2026 on Loans and EMIs

Since the **repo rate is unchanged**:

- Home loan EMIs are **unlikely to increase**
- Personal and car loan interest rates remain stable
- Banks are not expected to change lending rates immediately

This provides **relief to borrowers**.

Impact on Fixed Deposits and Banks

For depositors:

- Fixed deposit rates may **remain stable**
- No major increase in FD returns in the short term

For banks:

- Stable interest rate environment
- Better planning for credit growth

What This Decision Means for Common People

- No sudden increase in loan burden
- Inflation remains under control
- Economic growth continues steadily

This policy supports **financial stability** while protecting consumer interests.

What's Next?

- **MPC meeting minutes:** February 20, 2026
 - **Next RBI MPC meeting:** April 6–8, 2026
- RBI will review new GDP and CPI data before future decisions.

Global Corruption Perceptions Index 2025

The **Corruption Perceptions Index 2025** released by **Transparency International** presents a worrying picture. The **global average score has declined**, and fewer countries now fall into the **“very clean”** category. In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025, Denmark once again leads, while conflict-affected nations dominate the bottom ranks.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2025: Global Trend Turns Negative

- The [Corruption Perceptions Index 2025](#) evaluated **182 countries based on perceived public sector corruption**.
- **Scores range from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean)**.
- This year's findings indicate a **global average score of 42**, the lowest in more than a decade.
- Notably, **122 countries scored below 50**, highlighting that corruption concerns remain widespread.
- Transparency International also observed that the number of countries scoring above 80 has sharply declined over the years.
- This signals governance challenges even in traditionally strong democracies.

Least Corrupt Countries in Corruption Perceptions Index 2025

According to the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025, Denmark retained the top rank with a score of 89, extending its impressive streak. The top performers include,

1. **Denmark** – 89 (Maintaining Its 8 Years Streak to Sit at Top)
2. **Finland** – 88
3. **Singapore** – 84
4. **New Zealand** – 81
5. **Norway** – 81

These countries are recognized for strong institutions, transparency, and low levels of public sector corruption.

However, the report clarifies that even high-scoring nations are not corruption-free, as **some have shown declining trends in recent years**.

Most Corrupt Countries in Corruption Perceptions Index 2025

At the bottom of the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025, countries facing conflict, instability, and weak governance structures dominate,

- **South Sudan** – Score 9 (Rank 181)
- **Somalia** – Score 9 (Rank 181)
- **Venezuela** – Score 10 (Rank 180)

Low scores typically reflect fragile state institutions, political instability, and restricted civil liberties. Such countries often struggle with rule of law and accountability mechanisms.

CPI 2025 India Rank: Where Does India Stand?

In the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025, **India ranked 91st globally**, securing a **CPI score of 39 out of 100**. This marks a slight improvement compared to the previous year. While India remains below the global average of 42, the ranking suggests incremental progress in governance and transparency reforms.

- **India Rank:** 91
- **India Score:** 39
- **Scale:** 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean)

Questions on India's CPI rank frequently appear in SSC, Banking, UPSC, and State PCS exams.

Countries Showing Long-Term Improvement

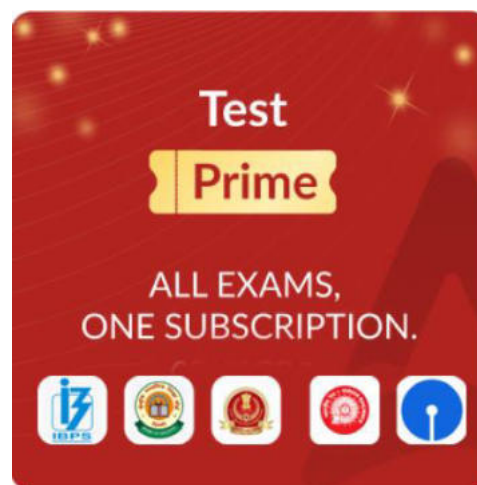
Transparency International highlighted that around 31 countries have reduced corruption levels since 2012. Examples include,

- **Estonia** – Rank 12 (Score 76)
- **Bhutan** – Rank 18 (Score 71)
- **South Korea** – Rank 31 (Score 63)

These improvements are linked to consistent anti-corruption policies, digital governance, and institutional reforms.

Top 10 Least Corrupt Countries – CPI 2025

Rank	Country	CPI Score 2025
1	Denmark	89
2	Finland	88
3	Singapore	84
4	New Zealand	81
5	Norway	81
6	Sweden	80
7	Switzerland	80
8	Luxembourg	78
9	Netherlands	78
10	Germany/Iceland (Tied)	77



Bottom 10 Most Corrupt Countries – CPI 2025

Rank	Country	CPI Score 2025
181	South Sudan	9
180	Somalia	9
179	Venezuela	10
178	Yemen	13
177	Libya	13
176	Eritrea	13
175	Sudan	14
174	Nicaragua	14
173	Syria	15
172	North Korea	15

About Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)

- **Published by:** Transparency International
- **Measures:** Perceived public sector corruption
- **Data sources:** Expert assessments & business surveys
- **Score interpretation:** Higher score = cleaner governance

National Affairs

- **India-USA Interim Trade Agreement:** India and the USA agreed on a framework for an Interim Trade Agreement (ITA), including tariff reductions on agricultural products and reciprocal tariffs by the USA. India plans to buy USD 500 billion worth of products over 5 years.
- **India-Netherlands Hydrogen Fellowship:** DST launched the 'India-Netherlands Hydrogen Fellowship Programme' to enhance research expertise in green hydrogen, open to Indian PhD scholars and researchers.
- **DPI Cooperation:** The Government of India signed MoUs with 23 countries (including Armenia, Kenya, Brazil) to share its Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and India Stack framework.
- **UPI Global Expansion:** UPI is now operational in eight countries: UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, Mauritius, and Qatar.
- **Anti-Drone System at VOC Port:** V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tamil Nadu) became the first port in India to deploy an advanced 'Anti-Drone System' for airspace surveillance.
- **Free Coaching for Aspirants:** DoSJE signed an MoU with Physics Wallah (PW) Foundation to provide free online coaching to 5,000 SC, OBC, and PM CARES beneficiaries annually.
- **NSO MCP Server:** NSO launched the beta version of the 'Model Context Protocol (MCP) Server' on the eSankhyiki Portal to connect users directly to official datasets using AI tools.
- **Offshore Mining Rules:** The Ministry of Mines notified the Offshore Areas Mineral (Prevention of Illegal Mining and Transportation) Rules, 2026.
- **NeVA in Bihar:** Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) at the Bihar Assembly to facilitate paperless legislative functioning.
- **Zetwerk Manufacturing Facility:** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated Zetwerk Electronics' new manufacturing facility in Bengaluru and launched Qualcomm's 2nm semiconductor chip design.
- **Pulse Self-Reliance Mission:** Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Nationwide Pulse Self-Reliance Mission in Sehore, MP, to transform India into a global exporter of pulses.
- **Rail Projects in WB:** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated Siuri and Kumarpur Road Over Bridges and flagged off the Asansol–Bokaro train service in West Bengal.
- **iLive Connect:** India launched 'iLive Connect', the world's first doctor-led, AI-powered home healthcare ecosystem for round-the-clock monitoring.
- **Drug Safety MoUs:** IPC signed MoUs with Goa State Pharmacy Council, QCI, and HITES to strengthen drug safety and pharmacovigilance.
- **STQC Lab Automation:** Union MoS Jitin Prasada inaugurated the STQC Lab Automation Portal 'SATYA' to digitize certification lifecycles for electronics.
- **India Post & NSE Partnership:** Department of Posts signed an MoU with NSE to enable the distribution of Mutual Fund products through post offices.
- **Vande Mataram Guidelines:** MHA issued guidelines stating Vande Mataram must be sung in full (six stanzas) and precede the National Anthem when performed together.
- **White Revolution 2.0:** The Ministry of Cooperation launched 'White Revolution 2.0' to increase milk procurement by 50% over the next 5 years.
- **Seva Teerth:** PM Modi inaugurated the new 'Seva Teerth' complex on Raisina Hill, the new sustainable governance campus for the PMO.
- **Bullet Train Corridors:** The government initiated viability assessments for seven new high-speed rail corridors spanning 4,000 km.
- **Grain Storage Plan:** The government began implementing the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector with a pilot in Madhya Pradesh.
- **Base Year Revision:** MoSPI revised the base years for GDP and IIP to 2022-23 and CPI to 2024.
- **Startup India Expansion:** The government expanded the Startup India framework to formally include deep technology startups.

- **Digital Payments Index:** India's Digital Payments Index surged to 516.76 in September 2025.
- **WHO Prequalifies Novel Oral Polio Vaccine:** World Health Organization approves additional nOPV2 vaccine produced by Biological E Limited in Hyderabad to strengthen global polio eradication efforts and improve outbreak response capacity.
- **NSSTA Celebrates 18th Foundation Day:** National Statistical Systems Training Academy emphasizes modern capacity building in data governance, launching Digital Data Lab to promote AI-enabled statistical systems aligned with Viksit Bharat@2047 vision.
- **Uttar Pradesh Economic Survey Released:** State government presents first Economic Survey targeting \$1 trillion economy with GSDP projected at ₹36 lakh crore for 2025-26, reflecting 10.8% CAGR growth since 2016-17.
- **Rajasthan Budget 2026-27 Presented:** Deputy CM Divya Kumari announces ₹6.11 lakh crore budget with fiscal deficit capped at 3.69% of GSDP, allocating ₹32,000 crore for Yamuna water project and supporting Vision 2047 roadmap.
- **NITI Aayog Releases Trade Watch Quarterly:** Report highlights India's 8.5% export growth in Q2 FY26 with electronics reaching second position in export basket at USD 42.1 billion, up nearly fivefold since 2016.
- **Delhi's Lakhpati Bitiya:** Delhi Government launched 'Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana', offering financial assistance with a maturity value of over Rs 1 lakh for girls.
- **Delhi Artisan Scheme:** Delhi launched the Chief Minister Skill Development Scheme to empower artisans in khadi and handloom sectors.
- **Himachal AI Learning:** Himachal Pradesh launched 'Padhai with AI' to provide personalized digital learning.
- **Nagaland Conservation:** The Sangtam Naga community officially banned pangolin hunting and trade.
- **Mumbai Melody Road:** Mumbai inaugurated India's first "melody road" which plays the tune of "Jai Ho" when driven over at specific speeds.
- **Alwar Insurance:** Alwar district (Rajasthan) became India's first district to achieve 100% insurance coverage.
- **Frontier Nagaland:** Centre, Nagaland Govt, and ENPO signed a tripartite agreement to create the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority.
- **VOC Port Achieves IGBC Platinum Rating:** V.O. Chidambaranar Port becomes first Major Port in India to receive highest green building certification with 89% on-site solar power, achieving 37% water consumption reduction.
- **Uday Kotak Appointed GIFT City Chairman:** Founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank takes leadership of Gujarat's International Financial Services Centre with banking assets of \$100.14 billion and 35 IFSC Banking Units operational.

States in the News

- **Goa Bird Atlas:** Goa became the 2nd state in India (after Kerala) to publish a comprehensive state-level "Bird Atlas".
- **Quantum Valley in AP:** Union MoS Jitendra Singh and AP CM N. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation for 'Amaravati Quantum Valley', India's first quantum technology hub.
- **Rajasthan Wool Production:** Rajasthan became the largest wool producer in India (47.5% of national output), followed by J&K and Karnataka.
- **ADB Loan for Assam:** ADB approved a USD 182 million loan to strengthen Assam's resilience to flooding and riverbank erosion along the Brahmaputra.
- **Gujarat & Starlink:** Gujarat signed an LoI with Starlink to provide high-speed satellite internet to remote and border areas.
- **UP Budget:** Uttar Pradesh presented a Rs 9.12 trillion budget for FY27, focusing on infrastructure and employment with a 12.9% increase over the previous year.
- **Kerala Women's Pension:** Kerala CM launched the 'Sthree Suraksha' scheme, providing a Rs 1,000 monthly pension to unemployed women and transgender women not covered by other schemes.

International Affairs

- **PM Modi in Malaysia:** PM Modi visited Malaysia, deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and signing MoUs in areas like semiconductors, Ayurveda, and digital payments.
- **Seychelles President Visit:** President Dr. Patrick Herminie visited India; both nations adopted the 'SESEL' Joint Vision and India announced a USD 175 million economic package.
- **USGBC LEED List 2025:** India ranked 2nd globally in LEED-certified green building space; China topped the list.
- **Japan Elections:** Japan's LDP, led by PM Sanae Takaichi (first female PM), secured a landslide victory in snap elections.
- **Thailand Elections:** Anutin Charnvirakul won Thailand's 2026 General Election.
- **Bangladesh Leadership:** Tarique Rahman is set to become the Prime Minister of Bangladesh following the 2026 elections.
- **India-Greece Defence:** India and Greece signed a Joint Declaration of Intent to boost defence industrial cooperation.

- **Network Readiness Index 2025:** India ranked 45th globally; USA topped the index.
- **BRICS Sherpas Meeting:** India chaired the 1st BRICS Sherpas' Meeting in New Delhi, kicking off its 2026 Chairship.
- **WIPO R&D Ranking:** India ranked 7th in global R&D spending in 2024; China ranked 1st.
- **Corruption Perceptions Index 2025:** India ranked 91st (score 39); Denmark retained the top position.
- **Women, Peace and Security Index:** India ranked 131st; Denmark topped the list.
- **Global Billionaire Wealth:** India ranked 3rd in the number of billionaires (188), with the US leading.
- **Cyclone Gezani:** Tropical Cyclone Gezani caused devastation in Madagascar.
- **NYC joins GOARN:** New York City joined the WHO's Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network.
- **Barbados PM Mia Mottley Wins Historic Victory:** Prime Minister secures unprecedented third consecutive election victory with Barbados Labour Party sweeping all 30 parliamentary seats, strengthening climate advocacy and debt reform leadership.
- **Reliance Gets US License for Venezuelan Oil:** Indian refiner obtains general license to import crude from Venezuela, diversifying supply sources for Jamnagar complex designed for heavy oil processing amid global geopolitical uncertainties.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **DST & IITs:** DST hosted an MoU signing between the University of Groningen (Netherlands) and 19 IITs for green energy research.
- **GRSE & HSL:** Signed an MoU to form a consortium for a national shipbuilding programme.
- **AIIA & GIC:** All India Institute of Ayurveda signed an MoU with the General Insurance Council to provide cashless treatment across 32 insurance companies.
- **GFTN & SPF:** Global Finance & Technology Network and Startup Policy Forum partnered to accelerate FinTech innovation.
- **India & UK:** Signed a social security agreement to prevent double social security contributions for cross-border workers.
- **Agneevasthraa & Indian Army:** Signed an MoU for the supply of advanced carbon fabrics and composite materials.
- **INSA & CSIR-NIScPR:** Signed an MoU to strengthen science communication and policy research.
- **DRDO & CSIR:** Collaborative agreement to jointly undertake R&D activities for extreme environments.

- **AAI & Bharat Taxi:** MoU signed to improve last-mile connectivity at airports.
- **Indian Army & IDFC FIRST Bank:** MoU signed to provide specialized banking services to army personnel.

Books and Authors

- **Governor Releases Books:** Odisha Governor released 'E Mati Katha Kahe' (Odia) and 'Buxi Jagabandhu: The Great Commander' (English) authored by Biswabhusan Harichandan.
- **General Naravane:** Former Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane released his autobiography "Four Stars of Destiny".

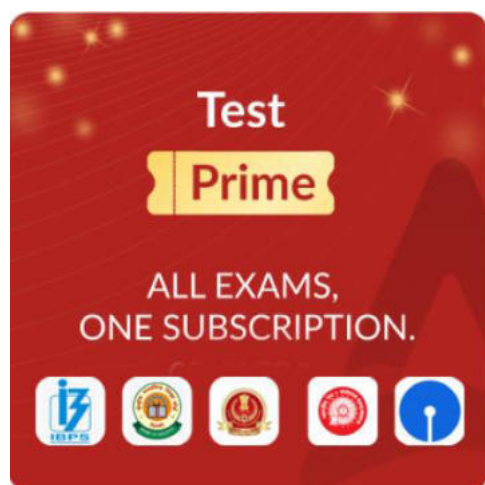
Banking/Economy/Business News

- **GDP Projection:** Moody's projected India's GDP growth at 6.4% for FY27; Goldman Sachs raised the 2026 forecast to 6.9%.
- **Kotak FPI Licence:** Kotak Mahindra Bank became the 1st custodian in India to issue a fully digital FPI licence.
- **Transcorp CPS:** Transcorp International received RBI in-principle approval for participation in Centralized Payment Systems (NEFT/RTGS).
- **FDI in Banking:** FDI equity inflows into the banking sector declined to USD 115 million in FY25.
- **Braille Credit Card:** BOBCARD Limited launched a Braille-enabled 'Premier Credit Card' for visually impaired users.
- **Payment Aggregators:** PB Pay (Policybazaar) and EximPe received RBI authorization to operate as Payment Aggregators (EximPe for Cross-Border).
- **PNB Soldierathon:** PNB announced the 'Soldierathon 2026' marathon to honour the Armed Forces.
- **ICICI Stake Acquisition:** RBI approved ICICI Prudential AMC to acquire up to 9.95% stake in eight banks including HDFC and Bandhan Bank.
- **Adani Nuclear Entry:** Adani Power formed a subsidiary, Adani Atomic Energy Ltd, to enter the nuclear power sector.
- **Axis Bank MSME Loan:** Axis Bank launched a gold loan product specifically for MSMEs.
- **SEBI AIF Rule:** SEBI directed Alternative Investment Funds to report Net Asset Value (NAV) to depositories by May 1, 2026.
- **RBI KCC Norms:** RBI released revised guidelines for the Kisan Credit Card scheme, including higher collateral-free limits (up to Rs 2 lakh).
- **India #2 Smartphone Market:** India became the world's second-largest active smartphone market with over 740 million devices.

- **NPA Decline:** Gross NPA ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks dropped to a historic low of 2.15%.
- **BHEL Stake Sale:** Govt of India to sell up to 5% stake in BHEL through Offer for Sale (OFS).
- **RBI Small Fraud Compensation:** RBI announced a framework for compensating victims of small-value digital frauds (up to Rs 25,000).
- **RBI Approves AU SFB MD Extension:** Reserve Bank of India approves three-year extension for Sanjay Agarwal as Managing Director of AU Small Finance Bank from April 19, 2026, marking his third consecutive approved term.
- **Electronics Dominates India's Export Basket:** NITI Aayog report shows electronics as second-largest export item with CAGR of 17.2% (2015-2024), projected to drive USD 4.6 trillion global electronics trade sector.
- **India's Wool Sector Strength:** Country maintains second position in global sheep population with 77.4 million sheep and 33.69 million kg annual wool production, supporting 1.2 million organized sector workers.

Appointments/Resignations

- **IOC Member:** Soraya Aghaei Hajiagha (Iran) elected as the 107th member of the IOC.
- **City Union Bank MD:** RBI approved R. Vijay Anandh as the new MD & CEO of City Union Bank.
- **Delhi Khel Mahakumbh:** Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan appointed as the Brand Ambassador.
- **USISPF GVC Chair:** Rohit Kumar Singh appointed as Chair of the USISPF Global Value Chain initiative.
- **Toyota CEO:** Kenta Kon appointed as the new President and CEO of Toyota Motor Corporation.
- **IIFCL MD:** Rohit Rishi appointed as Managing Director of IIFCL.
- **First Visually Challenged Judge:** Thanya Nathan C. set to become Kerala's first visually challenged woman judge.



Defence News

- **Agni-3 Test:** India successfully test-fired the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile 'Agni-3' from Odisha.
- **India-Thailand Exercise:** IAF and Royal Thai Air Force conducted a joint in-situ air exercise.
- **CTF-154 Command:** Indian Navy assumed command of Combined Task Force 154 under Combined Maritime Forces for the first time.
- **INS Sudarshini:** Concluded its first port call at Salalah, Oman.
- **Amphibian Aircraft:** Apogee Aerospace placed an order for 15 amphibian aircraft with AAI, Australia.
- **MRFA Programme:** IAF progressing with the procurement of 114 multirole fighter aircraft.
- **Indian Army Hosts First IMACC 2026:** Military adventure challenge cup from February 18-23 in Eastern Himalayas brings together teams from India and seven friendly nations (Bhutan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia) for endurance competitions.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Humanitarian Award:** Dr. Haripriya Aravind & Dr. R. Venkatesh (Puducherry) won the Chang-Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026.
- **Global Teacher Prize:** Rouble Nagi won the Global Teacher Prize 2026.
- **BIOFACH 2026:** India designated 'Country of the Year' at the organic trade fair in Germany.
- **Most Affordable Student City:** Delhi ranked 1st globally as the most affordable city for international students.
- **India Dominates Asian Shooting Championship:** Indian shooters secure historic 94-medal haul (51 gold, 23 silver, 20 bronze) at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, reinforcing Asia's leading shooting nation status.
- **Oil India Wins FIPI Award 2025:** Maharatna CPSE receives 'Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year' award during India Energy Week, recognizing strong growth and contribution to national energy security.

Summits and Conferences News

- **PlastIndia 2026:** 12th International Plastics Exhibition held in New Delhi; inaugurated by Delhi CM.
- **AI Summits:** 'AI Impact Summit 2026' and 'Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave' held to showcase indigenous AI and educational integration.
- **Black Swan Summit:** Inaugurated in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Ranks and Reports

- **Unemployment Rate:** Declined to a 3-quarter low of 4.8% in Q3FY26 (NSO data).
- **Global AI Ranking:** India ranked 3rd in Stanford University's 2025 Global AI Vibrancy Ranking.
- **Digital Well-Being:** India secured 1st place in the Digital Well-Being Index 2026 by Snap Inc.
- **Most Wool Producing State:** Rajasthan (47.5%), followed by J&K and Karnataka.

Sports News

- **U19 Cricket World Cup:** India won its 6th title by defeating England; Vaibhav Suryavanshi scored a record 175 in the final.
- **SAFF U-19 Women's Football:** India defeated Bangladesh 4-0 to clinch the title.
- **Santosh Trophy:** Services defeated Kerala 1-0 to win their 8th title.
- **Asian Shooting Championship:** India won 39 golds; pregnant shooter Meghana Sajjanar won bronze.
- **T20 World Cup Upset:** Zimbabwe defeated Australia by 23 runs in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.
- **Para Throwball:** Jharkhand women's team won gold at the National Federation Cup.
- **Indian Shooters Dominate Asian Championship:** Amanpreet Singh wins 25m Centre Fire Pistol gold (589-24x), Suraj Sharma takes 25m Pistol Junior gold (585-25x), and Sift Kaur Samra secures silver in 50m Rifle Prone Women Senior event.

Schemes and Committees News

- **PMAY-U 2.0:** MoHUA approved the construction of over 3.53 lakh houses.
- **Insurance for All:** Alwar district became the first to achieve 100% coverage under 'Insurance for All by 2047'.
- **RBI Committee:** Constituted a committee to review the regulatory framework for business correspondents.

Science and Technology News

- **Chandrayaan-4 Site:** ISRO identified 'Mons Mouton-4' near the Moon's south pole as the landing site.
- **Analog Astronaut:** 17-year-old Aditya Pandya became India's youngest male analog astronaut.
- **New Species:** ZSI discovered two new marine worm species in West Bengal; new dragonfly *Lyriothemis keralensis* discovered in Kerala.
- **IITM-Unicorn Fund:** IIT Madras and UIV launched a Rs 600 crore fund for deep-tech startups.
- **Satellite Bus:** IN-SPaCe selected Astrome, Azista, and Dhruva Space for the 'Satellite Bus as a Service' initiative.

- **Indigenous Vaccines:** ICMR advanced KFD vaccine trials; South Africa launched its first homegrown FMD vaccine.
- **Digital Data Lab Inaugurated at NSSTA:** Union Minister launches advanced facility promoting AI and machine learning in statistical systems, supporting Mission Karmayogi with focus on emerging technology deployment.
- **Shunya Plus Certification for VOC Port:** VOC Port Hospital and CISF Barracks achieve Net Positive Energy Building status, generating more renewable energy than consumed through on-site solar infrastructure.

Important Days News

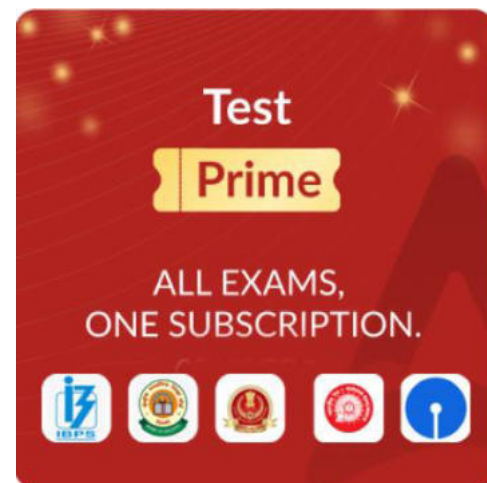
- **Feb 10:** International Day of the Arabian Leopard; National Deworming Day; World Pulses Day; Safer Internet Day; International Epilepsy Day.
- **Feb 11:** International Day of Women and Girls in Science; World Unani Day; World Day of the Sick.
- **Feb 12:** International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism; National Productivity Day.
- **Feb 13:** World Radio Day; National Women's Day (Sarojini Naidu's Birth Anniversary).

Obituaries News

- **James Van Der Beek:** Hollywood actor known for "Dawson's Creek" passed away at 48.
- **Veteran Kannada Filmmaker Joe Simon Passes Away:** Renowned director, actor, lyricist, and writer, 80, suffered sudden cardiac arrest during KFCC meeting, leaving behind legacy of 100+ films including "Sahasa Simha" starring Vishnuvardhan and acclaimed works like "Mr. Vasu" and "Ravivarma."

Miscellaneous News

- **Musical Road:** Mumbai inaugurated India's first melody road playing "Jai Ho".
- **Seva Teerth:** PMO shifted to the new complex on Raisina Hill after 78 years.



Static Takeaways

Entity	Type	Key Person(s)	Capital / HQ	Currency	Established / Founded
USA	Country	President – Donald J. Trump	Washington D.C.	USD	—
Netherlands	Country	PM – Dick Schoof	Amsterdam	Euro	—
Japan	Country	—	Tokyo	JPY	—
Thailand	Country	—	Bangkok	THB	—
Ireland	Country	President – Catherine Connolly	Dublin	Euro	—
Malaysia	Country	PM – Anwar Ibrahim	Kuala Lumpur	Ringgit	—
Bhutan	Country	PM – Tshering Tobgay	Thimphu	Ngultrum	—
Seychelles	Country	—	Victoria	SCR	—
Greece	Country	—	Athens	Euro	—
Tanzania	Country	President – Samia Suluhu Hassan; PM – Mwigulu Nchemba	Dodoma	Tanzanian Shilling	—
Rajasthan	Indian State	CM – Bhajan Lal Sharma; Governor – Haribhau K. Bagde	Jaipur	—	—
Nagaland	Indian State	CM – Neiphiu Rio; Governor – Ajay K. Bhalla	Kohima	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	Indian State	CM – Mohan Yadav; Governor – Mangubhai Patel	Bhopal	—	—
Odisha	Indian State	CM – Mohan Charan Majhi; Governor – Hari Babu K.	Bhubaneswar	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	Indian State	CM – Yogi Adityanath; Governor – Anandiben Patel	Lucknow	—	—
UN	International Org	Secy-Gen – Antonio Guterres	New York, USA	—	1945
FAO	International Org	DG – Qu Dongyu	Rome, Italy	—	1945
WIPO	International Org	DG – Daren Tang	Geneva, Switzerland	—	1967
ADB	International Org	President – Masato Kanda	Philippines	—	1966
ICC	International Org	CEO – Sanjog Gupta	Dubai, UAE	—	1909
SFC	Indian Defence	C-in-C – Lt Gen Dinesh S. Rana	New Delhi	—	2003
ZSI	Scientific Org	Director – Dr. Dhriti Banerjee	Kolkata	—	1916
SAFF	Sports Org	President – Kazi Salahuddin	Dhaka, Bangladesh	—	1997
MoHFW	Ministry	Minister – J.P. Nadda	New Delhi	—	—
Ministry of AYUSH	Ministry	IC MoS – Prataprao G. Jadhav	New Delhi	—	—
Ministry of Mines	Ministry	Minister – G. Kishan Reddy	New Delhi	—	—
Ministry of Finance	Ministry	Minister – Nirmala Sitharaman	New Delhi	—	—
SEBI	Regulatory Body	Chairman – Tuhin Kanta Pandey	Mumbai	—	1988/1992
GIC	Insurance Body	Chairman – Tapan K. Singhel	Mumbai	—	2001
NSO	Statistical Body	CSI – Dr. Saurabh Garg	New Delhi	—	2019
Toyota Motor Corp	Company	Chairman – Akio Toyoda	Japan	—	1937
Indian Coast Guard	Defence Force	DG – Paramesh Sivamani	New Delhi	—	1978

Entity	Type	Key Person(s)	Capital / HQ	Currency	Established / Founded
HDFC Life	Company	MD & CEO – Vibha Padalkar	Mumbai	—	—
Muthoot FinCorp	Company	CEO – Shaji Varghese	India	—	—
City Union Bank	Bank	—	Kumbakonam, TN	—	1904
IDFC First Bank	Bank	MD & CEO – V. Vaidyanathan	Mumbai	—	2015
Axis Bank	Bank	CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry	Mumbai	—	1993