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National Events

Maharashtra's state tableau won first place among states and union territories at the Republic Day Parade 2026. The tableau beautifully showcased the rich culture, history, and traditions of Maharashtra. It featured famous landmarks, folk dances, and

scenes of unity and progress. The colorful presentation and clear message impressed the judges and the audience. Many people praised the hard work and creativity of the artists.



Madhya Pradesh has declared the year 2026 as '**Farmer Welfare Year**' to support and help farmers across the state. The government has started state-wide vehicle rallies and special '**Krishi Raths**' in many districts. These raths will spread awareness about modern farming methods and organic agriculture. They will also help farmers learn about new technology used in farming.

International Events



The Annual Meeting 2026 of the World Economic Forum was held at Davos-Klosters from 19th to 23rd January. Leaders from many countries attended the meeting. It included world leaders, business heads, and experts. They discussed important global issues such as the economy, climate change, and technology. The meeting helped countries share ideas and find solutions together. Special sessions were held on improving global cooperation.

The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2025 was awarded to Graça Machel, a well-known human rights activist from Mozambique. She received the award for her lifelong work in promoting peace, women's rights, and the welfare of children. Graça Machel has worked with many international organizations to support education and social justice. She is respected around the world for her strong voice against inequality and violence. The award honors her dedication to helping people in need.



Major Swathi Shantha Kumar, an officer in the Indian Army, was honored with the **United Nations Secretary-General's Award 2025**. She received the award for her pioneering work in promoting **gender-inclusive peacekeeping** efforts around the world. Major Kumar has played a key role in ensuring that women actively participate in peacekeeping missions. Her contributions have helped improve the effectiveness and safety of such operations.

As of February 2026, **Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani** has been elected as the new **President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**. He was chosen in January 2026 and will lead the organization until 2028. Sheikh Joaan will oversee sports development and major events across Asia. His leadership aims to promote youth participation, excellence in sports, and cooperation among Asian countries.

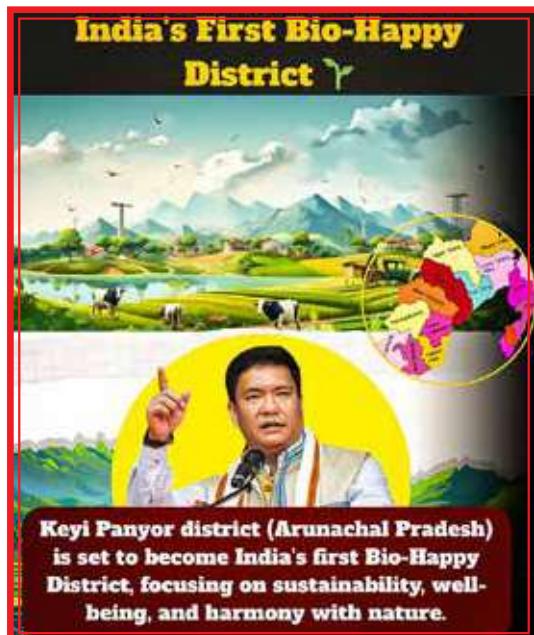


Science and Technology

ARAM Shakti, a powerful indigenous supercomputing facility, was unveiled at IIT Madras on January 3, 2026. The supercomputer has a capacity of 3.1 petaflop, which means it can perform very fast and complex calculations. It has been developed in India to support advanced research and innovation. PARAM Shakti will help scientists, researchers, and students in fields like science, engineering, and technology.



Environment and Ecology



Keyi Panyor in Arunachal Pradesh is set to become India's first-ever "Bio-Happy District." The initiative, starting in early 2026, is a joint effort by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and the district administration. The project aims to promote biodiversity, sustainable farming, and environmental well-being for local communities. Farmers and residents will be encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices and protect natural resources.

Sports

The Kalinga Lancers won the Hockey India League 2025–26 by defeating the Ranchi Royals in the final match. With this victory, Kalinga Lancers became two-time champions of the league. The final was exciting and watched by many hockey fans. Both teams played well and showed great sportsmanship. Kalinga Lancers scored important goals at the right time to secure the win.



growing list of top chess players. Chess fans across the country celebrated his success.

Aaryan Varshney, aged 20, became India's 92nd Chess Grandmaster on January 16, 2026. He achieved this title by winning the 16th Andranik Margaryan Memorial chess tournament in Armenia. Aaryan secured victory with a round to spare, showing his strong skills and strategic thinking. This achievement adds to India's