



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 26, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ National Arogya Fair 2026

- ✓ Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Arogya Fair 2026 in Shegaon on February 25, 2026, highlighting health as the foundation of national strength and promoting holistic wellbeing through Ayush systems.
- ✓ Organized by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress, the four-day event brings together policymakers, practitioners, researchers, farmers and industry leaders.
- ✓ Described as a “Mahakumbh” of traditional medicine, the fair features free consultations, expert lectures and awareness campaigns to expand public outreach.
- ✓ The event reinforces India’s global leadership in Ayurveda and wellness tourism, while honouring eminent practitioners with the Lifetime Ayurvedic Gaurav Samman.

#### ➤ Smart ‘Rail Parcel App’

- ✓ South Central Railway has launched India’s first digital freight e-marketplace, the Rail Parcel App, at Rail Nilayam in Secunderabad.
- ✓ The app enables doorstep pickup and delivery, real-time tracking, automated notifications, and secure digital payments bringing parcel services directly to customers’ smartphones.
- ✓ The pilot rollout covers seven cities, including Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Bengaluru, with phased expansion planned after operational assessment.
- ✓ The initiative supports Indian Railways’ goal of achieving 3,000 million tonnes of cargo by 2030.

- **India's First National Counter-terrorism Policy - 'PRAHAAR'**
- ✓ India's new national counter-terrorism policy and strategy titled 'PRAHAAR', outlining a comprehensive and proactive framework to address evolving terror threats and strengthen measures to curb and counter terrorism.  
'PRAHAAR' means,
  - ✓ Prevention of terrorist attacks to protect Indian citizens and interests;
  - ✓ Response, which are swift and proportionate to the threat posed;
  - ✓ Aggregating internal capacities for achieving synergy in a whole-of-government approach;
  - ✓ Human Rights and 'Rule of Law' based processes for mitigation of threats;
  - ✓ Attenuating the conditions enabling terrorism, including radicalization;
  - ✓ Aligning and shaping the global efforts to counter terrorism;
  - ✓ Recovery and resilience through a whole-of-society approach.
- **India's First Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University**
- ✓ MeitY, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Andhra Pradesh on at the India Artificial Intelligence Impact Summit to establish India's first dedicated Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University campus in Amaravati.
- ✓ The initiative aligns with Andhra Pradesh's proposed Andhra Quantum Mission and aims to develop Amaravati as the nucleus of the Quantum Valley initiative, positioning the state as a global quantum innovation hub.
- ✓ Academic and research integration at the campus will include Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctor of Philosophy programmes, advanced research laboratories, industry linked Centres of Excellence, deep technology incubation and entrepreneurship support, and global academic and research collaborations.

## **DEFENCE**

- **Exercise Kalari Leap**
- ✓ The Southern Air Command of the Indian Air Force successfully conducted the high-tempo joint maritime exercise Kalari Leap in the Lakshadweep and Minicoy archipelago, reinforcing India's integrated defence readiness in strategic island territories.

- ✓ The exercise validated rapid force projection, precision air strikes, and coordinated operational planning in complex maritime conditions across the Arabian Sea region.
- ✓ The drill saw participation from the Armed Forces Special Operations Division and the Indian Coast Guard, enhancing interoperability among air, maritime, and special forces units.
- ✓ Key highlights included anti-ship strike simulations and maritime search and rescue operations, demonstrating preparedness for both combat and humanitarian contingencies in vital sea lanes.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### ➤ 'Speaker of the Knesset Medal'

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with the 'Speaker of the Knesset Medal' in recognition of his exceptional contribution to strengthening strategic relations between India and Israel. The Indian Prime Minister is the first leader to receive this medal.
- ✓ The two leaders reviewed the full spectrum of the India-Israel bilateral relations and discussed expanding cooperation in areas such as water management, agriculture, technology.

## OBITUARY

### ➤ CPI Veteran R Nallakannu Passes Away at 101

- ✓ Veteran Communist Party of India leader R. Nallakannu passed away on February 25, 2026, at 101 in Chennai, marking the end of an era in Tamil Nadu's Left politics.
- ✓ A senior leader of the Communist Party of India, he joined the movement in 1946 and spent seven years in jail in the Nellai conspiracy case, enduring torture without compromising his ideals.
- ✓ For nearly eight decades, Nallakannu championed farmers' rights, agrarian reforms, environmental protection, and opposed illegal sand mining and the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant project.

