



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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➤ HPV Vaccination Campaign

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch India's nationwide HPV vaccination campaign on February 28, 2026, from Ajmer, targeting 14-year-old girls to prevent cervical cancer, the country's second most common cancer among women.
- ✓ The programme will provide a free single dose of Gardasil 4 at government health facilities, protecting against HPV types 16, 18, 6, and 11.
- ✓ The three-month intensive drive will ensure nationwide coverage with trained staff, cold-chain systems, and mandatory parental consent.
- ✓ Following World Health Organization guidance supporting single-dose efficacy for ages 9-14, the initiative marks a major preventive healthcare step toward reducing India's cervical cancer burden.

➤ Expansion of Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport

- ✓ The Cabinet has approved the expansion of the Civil Enclave at Srinagar International Airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,677 crore to strengthen aviation infrastructure in the Kashmir Valley.
- ✓ The new project, spread over 73.18 acres, will include a state-of-the-art terminal building with an annual capacity of 10 million passengers and peak-hour handling capacity of 2,900 passengers.
- ✓ The expansion will also add 15 aircraft parking bays, a multi-level car parking facility for 1,000 cars, and other infrastructure, while the runway will continue to be operated by the Indian Air Force (IAF).

MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES/ SUMMITS

- **4th World Ocean Science Congress 2026 on 'Ocean Health and Sustainable Future'**
- ✓ Goa hosted the 4th edition of the World Ocean Science Congress 2026 at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in Panaji.
- ✓ The event was inaugurated by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.
- ✓ The congress was co-organised by NIO, the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, and Goa University under the theme "Ocean Health and Sustainable Future"

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World NGO Day - February 27**
- ✓ World NGO Day is celebrated every year on February 27th in recognition of NGOs and the people behind them. This day recognises their achievements, increases awareness about social causes, and encourages cooperation between organisations, governments, and societies.
- ✓ Theme for 2026 is "Restoring Dignity Through Inclusion."
- **National Protein Day - February 27**
- ✓ National Protein Day is annually observed across India on 27 February to educate people about the crucial role of protein in maintaining health, supporting growth and development, and promoting diverse protein-rich dietary options.
- ✓ 27th February 2026 marks the 7th observance of National Protein Day in India.
- ✓ National Protein Day began in India in 2020 with the launch of the "Right to Protein" (RTP) campaign, a national-level public health initiative to raise awareness about the importance of adequate protein consumption.

