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## WHY IN NEWS

Key developments on February 11, 2026 include Sarvam AI's model topping Indian OCR benchmarks, ISRO identifying Chandrayaan-4's lunar landing site, India-Greece defence cooperation signing, Moody's projecting India as G-20's fastest-growing economy at 6.4%, ADB's USD 182 million Brahmaputra flood management loan, and the Santosh Trophy final.

## SARVAM AI — INDIA'S SOVEREIGN AI PUSH

Sarvam AI's new **Vision** model (3-billion-parameter, 22 Indian languages) scored **84.3%** on the olmOCR-Bench — outperforming Google Gemini 3 Pro and DeepSeek OCR v2. Its **Bulbul V3** text-to-speech model supports 35 professional voices across 11 Indian languages.

Key facts:

**IndiaAI Mission:** Rs **10,300 crore**; approved March 2024; seven pillars including 10,000+ GPU compute

Sarvam-Edge: 70-billion-parameter edge model in development

Ministry: **MeitY** (nodal ministry for IndiaAI Mission)

## UPSC RELEVANCE

IndiaAI Mission (Rs 10,300 crore), Sarvam AI (3B param, olmOCR-Bench 84.3%), Eighth Schedule (22 languages), MeitY.

## MAINS GS-3:

Sovereign AI; digital public infrastructure; Atmanirbhar Bharat in tech.

## CHANDRAYAAN-4 LANDING SITE — MONS MOUTON-4

ISRO identified **Mons Mouton-4 (MM-4)** at **84.289°S, 32.808°E** as Chandrayaan-4's primary landing site using **OHRC imagery from Chandrayaan-2**. Assessment was done by **Space Applications Centre (SAC)**, Ahmedabad.

**Key facts:**

Mission type: India's first **lunar sample-return** (targeting ~3 kg of regolith)

Prerequisite: **SPADEX** (Space Docking Experiment) — docking demo launched December 2024

Global comparison: USA (Apollo: 382 kg), China (Chang'e 5: 1.731 kg; Chang'e 6: ~1.9 kg from far side)

**UPSC RELEVANCE**

Mons Mouton-4, OHRC, SAC, SPADEX, Chang'e 5/6, Chandrayaan-3 (Aug 23, 2023 landing).

**MAINS GS-3:**

ISRO space programme; lunar exploration milestones.

**INDIA-GREECE DEFENCE COOPERATION**

India and Greece signed a **Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI)** for defence industrial cooperation and exchanged a Military Cooperation Plan for 2026. Greece will position a **Liaison Officer at IFC-IOR** (Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region, Gurugram).

**Key facts:**

Signatories: **Rajnath Singh** (India) and **Nikolaos-Georgios Dendias** (Greece)

Venue: Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

Bilateral trade: ~**USD 2 billion** (2022-23)

Greece controls ~**20% of global shipping tonnage**

**Piraeus port** majority-owned by COSCO Shipping (Chinese state enterprise)

Strategic Partnership elevated: **August 2023**

Historical: **Megasthenes** served as Greek ambassador at Chandragupta Maurya's court (c. 302 BC)

**UPSC RELEVANCE**

IFC-IOR (Gurugram), JDI, Rajnath Singh, Piraeus port (COSCO), IMEC.

**MAINS GS-2:**

India-Europe bilateral relations; maritime security; defence diplomacy.

## CAPITAL GOODS — UNION BUDGET 2026-27 PROVISIONS

Public capital expenditure rose to **Rs 12.2 lakh crore** in Union Budget 2026-27 — a **4.2× increase** from FY18. Key provisions include a **Rs 10,000-crore Container Manufacturing Scheme** (5 years) and a 5-year income tax exemption for non-resident entities supplying capital goods to toll manufacturers.

Key facts:

Economic multiplier of capital goods investment: **2.5 to 3.5 times**

**National Capital Goods Policy: 2016**

Customs duty exemptions extended for **lithium-ion cell** manufacturing and critical mineral processing

### UPSC RELEVANCE

Capex Rs 12.2 lakh crore, Container Manufacturing Scheme (Rs 10,000 crore), National Capital Goods Policy 2016, multiplier effect 2.5–3.5×.

### MAINS GS-3:

Industrial policy; infrastructure investment; energy transition.

## PMO BLOCKS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ON PM CARES, PMNRF, NDF

The PMO cited **Rule 41(2)(viii) and Rule 41(2)(xvii)** of Lok Sabha Rules of Procedure to declare questions on PM CARES Fund, PMNRF, and NDF inadmissible in Lok Sabha.

Key facts:

**PMNRF (Prime Minister's National Relief Fund):** Established **1948** by Jawaharlal Nehru; originally for Partition refugees; now covers natural calamities and major accidents

**PM CARES Fund:** Public charitable trust; financed by voluntary contributions; established March 2020 for COVID-19

**National Defence Fund (NDF):** For Armed Forces welfare; PM as Chairperson of Executive Committee

RTI Act 2005: NDF is covered; PM CARES and PMNRF status **contested and sub judice**

### UPSC RELEVANCE

PMNRF (established 1948), PM CARES (2020), NDF, RTI Act 2005, Lok Sabha Rules 41(2)(viii) and 41(2)(xvii).

### MAINS GS-2:

Parliamentary accountability; transparency in governance; RTI Act.

## SUPREME COURT — SC/ST SUB-CLASSIFICATION ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The Supreme Court directed the Union Government to submit an Action Taken Report on the implementation of its **August 1, 2024 Constitution Bench judgment** in *State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh* (2024), which allowed sub-classification within Scheduled Castes for equitable reservation distribution.

Key facts:

**Articles 14, 15, 16:** Equality, non-discrimination, and equal opportunity — reservations are carved from Article 16(4)

**Article 341:** President's power to specify Scheduled Castes

The case also touched on **creamy layer** applicability to SCs/STs — a contentious issue

### UPSC RELEVANCE

State of Punjab v. Davinder Singh (2024 — August 1), Articles 14/15/16/341.

### MAINS GS-2:

Reservation policy; social justice; constitutional interpretation; SC/ST sub-classification.

## NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION FILED AGAINST LOK SABHA SPEAKER

A no-confidence motion was filed against the **Lok Sabha Speaker** under **Article 94©** of the Indian Constitution. During the Speaker's absence, the **Deputy Speaker** assumes presiding duties.

Key facts:

Speaker of Lok Sabha is the **constitutional presiding officer** of the lower house

**Article 93:** Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall be chosen by the House

**Article 94©:** Speaker shall vacate office if a resolution of the House passes by a majority

### UPSC RELEVANCE

Article 93 (election of Speaker), Article 94© (removal), Deputy Speaker.

### MAINS GS-2:

Parliamentary democracy; Speaker's constitutional role and neutrality; Tenth Schedule paradox.

## INDIA-US TRADE PACT — ZERO TAX ON DIGITAL SERVICES

India committed to **zero tax on digital services** and **zero customs duties on digital transmissions** as part of India-US bilateral trade agreement negotiations, covering SaaS platforms, online gaming, streaming, cloud services, and AI model access.

Key facts:

**WTO e-commerce moratorium:** India previously opposed making the moratorium on customs duties on digital transmissions permanent

**Equalisation Levy:** India's 6% tax on digital advertising services (since 2016) and 2% on e-commerce operators (2020) — these would need alignment

Coverage includes: Canva, Salesforce-type SaaS, Netflix-type streaming, AI API access

### UPSC RELEVANCE

WTO e-commerce moratorium, Equalisation Levy (6%, 2016; 2%, 2020), SaaS.

### MAINS GS-2:

India-US trade relations; WTO frameworks; digital economy governance.

## RAJASTHAN — INDIA'S LARGEST WOOL PRODUCER

Rajasthan produced **16,013.50 thousand kg** of wool in FY24 — **47.5% of national output**. India's total wool production: **33.69 million kg** (FY24). India's sheep population: **~77.4 million** (2nd largest globally); India ranks **9th globally** in wool production.

Key facts:

2nd: Jammu & Kashmir (7,770 thousand kg); 3rd: Karnataka

Wool grades: carpet-grade (**85%**), apparel-grade (5%), coarser-grade (10%)

### UPSC RELEVANCE

Rajasthan wool (47.5%, 16,013.5 thousand kg), India sheep population (77.4 million), India wool rank globally (9th), wool grade composition.

### MAINS GS-3:

Animal husbandry; textile sector.

## NETWORK READINESS INDEX 2025 — INDIA AT 45TH

India ranked **45th** (up 4 positions) out of 127 economies on the **Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2025** published by the **Portulans Institute** with score **54.43/100**. India is **2nd among lower-middle-income economies** (after Vietnam at 40th globally).

Key facts:

Global top 3: **USA** (79.13), **Finland** (75.82), **Singapore** (75.46)

China: **24th** (fell 7 positions); only middle-income economy in top 25

NRI 2025 theme: “AI Governance in a Global Context: Policy and Regulatory Approaches”

### UPSC RELEVANCE

NRI 2025 (India 45th, score 54.43), Portulans Institute, top 3 countries (USA/Finland/Singapore), China (24th), theme.

### MAINS GS-2/GS-3:

Digital governance; India’s technology competitiveness.

## ADB APPROVES USD 182 MILLION FOR ASSAM BRAHMAPUTRA FLOOD MANAGEMENT

The **ADB** approved **USD 182 million** to extend flood and erosion management along the Brahmaputra in Assam — supplementing a USD 200 million project (October 2023). The combined USD 382 million project will construct **63.5 km of riverbank protection** across 4 additional high-priority reaches.

Key facts:

ADB HQ: **Manila, Philippines**; 68 member countries; India is **largest borrower**

Brahmaputra sediment load: **~725 million tonnes/year**

Assam = **10% of India's flood-affected area** despite 1.9% geographic share

New feature: **pro-siltation measures** (encouraging controlled sediment deposition)

#### UPSC RELEVANCE

ADB (Manila, 68 members, India largest borrower), ADB President Masato Kanda, USD 182 million + USD 200 million project, 63.5 km embankment, Brahmaputra sediment 725 mt/year.

#### MAINS GS-1/GS-3:

Brahmaputra floods; disaster management; multilateral financing.

### MOODY'S — INDIA FASTEST-GROWING G-20 ECONOMY AT 6.4% IN FY27

Moody's projected India's GDP growth at **6.4%** for FY27 — the fastest among G-20 nations. System-wide bank loan growth projected at **11–13%** in FY27. NPL (Non-Performing Loan) ratio projected at **2–2.5%**; Return on Assets (ROA) expected to rise to **1.2–1.3%**.

#### UPSC RELEVANCE

Moody's GDP projection (6.4% FY27), NPL ratio (2–2.5%), ROA (1.2–1.3%), loan-to-deposit ratio (~80%).

#### MAINS GS-3:

Macroeconomic outlook; banking sector health.

### IPC SIGNS MOUS WITH QCI, GSPC, AND HITES

**Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC)** — autonomous body under **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** — signed MoUs with Goa State Pharmacy Council (GSPC), Quality Council of India (QCI), and HLL Infra Tech Services (HITES) for pharmacovigilance, drug safety monitoring, and pharmacist capacity building.

### UPSC RELEVANCE

IPC (under MoHFW), QCI, pharmacovigilance, drug safety monitoring.

### MAINS GS-2:

Healthcare governance; pharmaceutical regulation.

## GRSE-HSL CONSORTIUM FOR SHIPBUILDING

**Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)** (Kolkata) and **Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)** signed a consortium agreement in February 2026 for collaborative design, construction, and delivery of ships for national requirements under Atmanirbhar Bharat in maritime sector.

### UPSC RELEVANCE

GRSE (Kolkata), HSL (Visakhapatnam), Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence.

### MAINS GS-3:

Defence procurement; public sector collaboration; maritime self-reliance.

## GUJARAT SIGNS LOI WITH STARLINK FOR DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

The Gujarat government signed a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** with **Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited** (SpaceX subsidiary) for satellite internet connectivity. Pilot focuses on **Aspirational Districts: Narmada and Dahod**. Applications: CSCs, e-governance, schools, PHCs, disaster management, wildlife sanctuaries.

### UPSC RELEVANCE

Starlink (SpaceX subsidiary), Aspirational Districts (Narmada, Dahod), LoI vs. MoU distinction.

### MAINS GS-2/GS-3:

Digital inclusion; satellite internet governance; PPP model.

## AGRICULTURE — INTEGRATED FARMING MODELS FOR SMALL FARMERS

The Agriculture Ministry promoted **integrated farming models** combining poultry, fisheries, animal husbandry, horticulture, and crop cultivation to reduce research-to-farmer technology transfer from 4–5 years to **2 years**.

### UPSC RELEVANCE

Integrated farming components, technology transfer timeline target.

### MAINS GS-3:

Agricultural diversification; doubling farmer income; rural livelihoods.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya** — 58th death anniversary (February 11, 1968); founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (1951); philosopher of **Integral Humanism (Ekatma Manavdarshan)**; RSS pracharak from 1942; concept of **Antyodaya** (uplift of the last person). Born: September 25, 1916. Mughal Sarai station renamed Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction in 2018.

**Santosh Trophy 2025-26:** Services beat Kerala **1-0** (after extra time) at Dhakuakhana Football Stadium, Assam on February 8, 2026. Services' **8th title**. Tournament founded: **1941**; organizer: **AIFF** (All India Football Federation). 38 teams, 12 in final round.

## ★ FACTS CORNER — KNOWLEDGEPEDIA

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 IFC-IOR: Gurugram, Haryana  
 Greece: ~20% global shipping tonnage; Piraeus owned by COSCO (China)  
 Bilateral trade: ~USD 2 billion (2022-23); Strategic Partnership: Aug 2023

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National Capital Goods Policy: **2016**

#### **SANTOSH TROPHY:**

Founded: **1941**; organizer: **AIFF**

2025-26 winner: **Services** (8th title); defeated Kerala 1-0 (ET)

Venue: Dhakuakhana Football Stadium, Assam; Feb 8, 2026

#### **MOODY'S INDIA OUTLOOK:**

FY27 GDP growth: **6.4%** (fastest G-20)

Loan growth FY27: **11–13%**; NPL ratio: **2–2.5%**; ROA: **1.2–1.3%**

#### **DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA:**

Born: **September 25, 1916**; Died: **February 11, 1968**

Philosophy: **Integral Humanism (Ekatma Manavdarshan)**; Antyodaya

BJS (Bharatiya Jana Sangh): founded **1951**; RSS pracharak from **1942**

Mughal Sarai renamed: **Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction** (2018)

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