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Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya Foundation Day 2026

- Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya Foundation Day 2026 is being observed on 21 January, completing 54 years since statehood. The day recalls the implementation of the North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act, 1971, which reshaped India's northeastern administrative structure.
- The Foundation Day marks the historic moment when Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya attained statehood on **21 January 1972**.
- Prior to this, Tripura and Manipur functioned as Union Territories, while Meghalaya was part of Assam.
- Statehood granted greater political autonomy, legislative powers and administrative control.
- Manipur has a unique historical background.
- It was a princely state before Independence and merged with India in 1949 through the Instrument of Accession signed by Maharaja Bodhachandra Singh.
- Manipur later became a Union Territory but continued to demand full statehood. The North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act, 1971 fulfilled this aspiration in 1972, making Manipur the 19th state of India.
- Tripura was ruled for centuries by the Manikya dynasty and merged with India in 1949 after Independence.
- Initially declared a Union Territory, Tripura witnessed growing demands for political autonomy due to demographic and administrative challenges.
- These demands were met in 1972, when Tripura became a full-fledged state under the North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act.
- Before statehood, Meghalaya was part of Assam and consisted mainly of the **Khasi, Jaintia and Garo Hills**.

- Regional movements demanded autonomy to protect tribal customs and governance systems.
- Meghalaya became an autonomous state in 1970 and achieved full statehood in 1972, becoming the **21st state of India**.



International Year of Cooperatives 2025

- The United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives under the theme **“Cooperatives Build a Better World”**. India has showcased wide-ranging achievements and reforms in the cooperative sector aligned with this global initiative.
- The declaration of IYC 2025 recognizes the role of cooperatives in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
- Cooperatives promote shared ownership and democratic decision-making.
- They address challenges like poverty, inequality, and sustainable livelihoods.
- The year aims to mobilise governments and institutions to strengthen cooperative enterprises.
- India's cooperative philosophy is rooted in **“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”** and strengthened through policies like **“Sahkar se Samriddhi”**.



Abu Dhabi Ranked World's Safest City

- Abu Dhabi has been named the world's safest city for the 10th year in a row in an international safety ranking released by Numbeo, reaffirming its global reputation for security and quality of life.
- The ranking has been released by Numbeo, a well-known global database that compares cities based on crime rates, public safety perception, law enforcement efficiency, and overall quality of life.
- Abu Dhabi has topped this index continuously since 2017. The ranking is based on user-contributed data and surveys, combined with crime statistics.
- Abu Dhabi is known for its low crime rate, strict enforcement of laws, and proactive policing.
- Advanced surveillance systems, smart city technologies, and rapid emergency response mechanisms contribute significantly to public safety.



India Launches First Open-Sea Marine Fish Farming Project

- India launched its first open-sea marine fish farming pilot project. The initiative focuses on finfish and seaweed cultivation in the Andaman Sea.
- The project was launched by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, during a field visit to North Bay in the Andaman Sea.
- He described the initiative as a landmark effort to unlock the untapped economic potential of India's oceans.
- The project marks a transition from near-shore aquaculture to farming in natural open-sea conditions.
- The pilot project focuses on the cultivation of marine finfish and seaweed in open-ocean conditions, away from the coast.
- Specially designed open-sea cages developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology are being used to withstand natural ocean currents and waves. Seaweed cultivation is also being promoted through deep-water farming techniques.



UAE Becomes India's Second-Largest LNG Supplier

- India and the UAE signed a long-term LNG supply agreement during the official visit of Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to New Delhi. With this deal, the UAE has become **India's second largest supplier of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) after Qatar**.
- The most significant outcome of the visit was the long-term agreement for the supply of 0.5 million metric tonnes of LNG per year to India.
- LNG is a cleaner fossil fuel used widely for power generation, industry, and cooking gas. India's energy demand is increasing rapidly due to economic growth and urbanisation.
- This agreement ensures a stable and reliable energy supply at a time of global energy uncertainty.
- The UAE has traditionally been a major oil supplier, and this LNG deal expands cooperation into cleaner energy sources.



Vidarbha Create History

- Vidarbha won their first Vijay Hazare Trophy title. They defeated Saurashtra by 38 runs in the final played in Bengaluru.
- The final of the Vijay Hazare Trophy was played at the BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru.
- Vidarbha entered the match with a consistent run through the tournament and delivered under pressure on the biggest stage.
- Their 38-run victory over Saurashtra, a two-time champion, marked a defining moment for the Vidarbha cricket association.
- The Vijay Hazare Trophy is India's premier domestic one day tournament, played in the 50 over List A format.

- It is named after legendary Indian cricketer Vijay Hazare.
- While Vidarbha have previously won the Ranji Trophy, this was their first victory in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, highlighting their growing strength in limited-overs cricket.

Last 5 Years Champions

Season	Winner	Runner-up	Details
2025/26	Vidarbha	Saurashtra	First title for Vidarbha
2024/25	Karnataka	Vidarbha	5th title for Karnataka (most successful)
2023/24	Haryana	Rajasthan	First title for Haryana
2022/23	Saurashtra	Maharashtra	Second title for Saurashtra
2021/22	Himachal Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	First title for Himachal Pradesh

Most Successful Teams

Team	Titles	Years Won
Karnataka	5	2013/14, 2014/15, 2017/18, 2019/20, 2024/25

Tamil Nadu	5	2002/03, 2004/05, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2016/17
Mumbai	4	2006/07, 2018/19, 2020/21, plus earlier wins
Saurashtra	2	2007/08, 2022/23
Others	1 each	Jharkhand, Bengal, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Vidarbha



Ravi Shankar Chhabbi Appointed DIG in CRPF

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved the appointment of Ravi Shankar Chhabbi as DIG in the Central Reserve Police Force on central deputation.
- The appointment has been cleared by the competent authority against an existing vacancy in the CRPF.
- Appointment approved through MHA order dated January 19, 2026.
- Posting is on central deputation under standard service conditions.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has been asked to relieve him immediately.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya celebrate their Foundation Day on which date?

- A. 15 August
- B. 21 January
- C. 26 January
- D. 1 November

Answer: B. 21 January

2. The statehood of Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya was granted under which Act?

- A. States Reorganisation Act, 1956
- B. North Eastern Council Act, 1971
- C. North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act, 1971
- D. Assam Reorganisation Act, 1972

Answer: C. North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act, 1971

3. Manipur became which numbered state of the Indian Union in 1972?

- A. 17th
- B. 18th

- C. 19th
- D. 21st

Answer: C. 19th

4. The United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives with which theme?

- A. Cooperatives for Sustainable Growth
- B. People-Centred Development
- C. Cooperatives Build a Better World
- D. Shared Growth Through Cooperation

Answer: C. Cooperatives Build a Better World

5. Which global platform ranked Abu Dhabi as the world's safest city for the 10th consecutive year?

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. Mercer
- C. Numbeo
- D. UN Habitat

Answer: C. Numbeo

6. India's first open-sea marine fish farming pilot project has been launched in which region?

- A. Arabian Sea
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Lakshadweep Sea
- D. Andaman Sea

Answer: D. Andaman Sea

7. The open-sea cages used in India's marine fish farming project were developed by which institution?

- A. CSIR-NIO
- B. National Institute of Ocean Technology

- C. Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- D. National Fisheries Development Board

Answer: B. National Institute of Ocean Technology

8. Which country has become India's second-largest supplier of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)?

- A. Russia
- B. Australia
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. United States

Answer: C. United Arab Emirates

9. Which team won the Vijay Hazare Trophy for the first time in the 2025–26 season?

- A. Haryana
- B. Karnataka
- C. Saurashtra
- D. Vidarbha

Answer: D. Vidarbha



10. Ravi Shankar Chhabhi has been appointed as DIG in which organisation?

- A. BSF
- B. CISF
- C. ITBP
- D. CRPF

Answer: D. CRPF