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World Peace and Understanding Day

- World Peace and Understanding Day 2026 will be observed on 23 February 2026 commemorating the first Rotary meeting held in Chicago in 1905.
- Celebrated during World Understanding Month, the day promotes global peace, ethical leadership, and international cooperation.
- World Peace and Understanding Day marks the anniversary of Rotary's founding by Paul P. Harris in Chicago.
- Key milestones,
 - 1905: First Rotary meeting in Chicago
 - Expansion across American cities
 - Formation of the International Association of Rotary Clubs
 - Evolution into Rotary International
- The major features of World Peace and Understanding Day 2026 reflect Rotary's long standing commitment to peacebuilding and development.
- Commemorates Rotary's founding in 1905
- Celebrated annually on 23 February
- Observed during World Understanding Month
- Highlights ethical leadership and humanitarian service
- Promotes dialogue and cross-cultural cooperation
- Ethical leadership forms the core of World Peace and Understanding Day 2026. Rotary's guiding principle of "**Service Above Self**" reinforces responsible governance and civic engagement.



India's First Namu Bharat RRTS Launched

- Honorable PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the India's first Namu Bharat Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) and dedicated the Delhi-Meerut Namu Bharat Corridor to the citizens on 22 February 2026 in Meerut.
- The project marks the first time in India about that a rapid rail and metro service operate from the same station and on the same track. The Prime Minister described the as a new era of world class infrastructure for Uttar Pradesh and the country.
- The Delhi-Meerut Namu Bharat Corridor is India's first operational Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). Alongside this, the Meerut Metro was also inaugurated from the same platform.
- First time Namu Bharat and Metro rail will run on same track and station
- Integrated transport model for intra city and inter city travel
- Rapid connectivity between Delhi and Meerut
- Direct travel from the same platform within city or to Delhi



India-Brazil Seal 10 Big Deals

- India and Brazil have signed ten key agreements to expand cooperation across different sectors like trade, defense, technology, health and critical minerals. Indian PM Narendra Modi held detailed talks with Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva at Hyderabad House in New Delhi.
- Both country leaders committed to raising bilateral trade to over \$20 billion within five years. Which is reinforcing a partnership that has steadily expanded since being elevated to a Strategic Partnership in 2006.
- **Major Focus Areas,**
 - Critical minerals and rare earths
 - Digital cooperation and technology
 - Health and pharmaceuticals
 - MSME and entrepreneurship
 - Sharing of traditional knowledge
 - Mass communication, Defense cooperation
- **Current Direction,**
 - Target: \$20 billion trade volume in five years
 - Expansion in energy, agriculture, defense and technology
 - Greater private sector participation
 - India and Brazil coordinate closely in forums such as,

- BRICS
- G20
- International Solar Alliance
- IBSA and G-4 groupings
- Their cooperation extends to multilateral platforms like the UN, WTO and UNESCO.



Indian Navy To Commission Anjadip

- The Indian Navy is set to enhance its Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capabilities with the commissioning of Anjadip, the third vessel of the eight-ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) project. The warship will be formally commissioned into the Eastern Naval Command at Chennai Port on 27 Feb 2026.
- The commissioning ceremony highlights the nation's accelerated progress towards achieving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in defence, as the ASW-SWC project exemplifies the triumph of indigenous warship design and construction.
- The vessel is engineered to act as a '**Dolphin Hunter**', focused on the detection, tracking, and neutralisation of enemy submarines in coastal areas. The ship is packed with an indigenous, cutting-edge Anti-Submarine Warfare weapons and sensor package, including the Hull Mounted Sonar Abhay, and armed with Lightweight Torpedoes and ASW Rockets.
- In addition to its primary ASW role, the agile and highly manoeuvrable warship is also equipped to undertake Coastal Surveillance, Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO) and Search & Rescue operations.

- The 77 meter-long ship, features a high-speed Water-Jet Propulsion system, enabling it to achieve a top speed of 25 knots for rapid response and sustained operations.



MoU between Digital Bharat Nidhi and Gov of Andhra Pradesh

- A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), the Department of Telecommunications, the Ministry of Communications, the GOI, and the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the expedited implementation of the Amended Bharat Net Programme in the State.
- Emphasizing the importance and scale of the Bharat Net program, Minister Scindia said on the occasion, “Amended Bharat Net is a **\$16.9 billion**, i.e., ₹ 139,000 crore, publicly funded program of the Government of India, which will take OFC fiber and broadband to every single village of this country.
- Under the Amended BharatNet Programme in Andhra Pradesh, the project will be implemented through a newly created Special Purpose Vehicle, Andhra Pradesh BharatNet Infrastructure Limited (APBIL).
- The program will have a total scope of 13,426 Gram Panchayats, which includes the upgradation of 1,692 Phase I Gram Panchayats from linear to ring topology to enhance network resilience, coverage of 11,254 Phase II Gram Panchayats, and inclusion of 480 newly created Gram Panchayats.
- In addition, 3,942 villages will be provided connectivity on a demand basis to strengthen last-mile connectivity.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Peace and Understanding Day is observed annually on which date?

- A) 21 February
- B) 22 February
- C) 23 February
- D) 24 February

Answer: C) 23 February

Explanation: The day is observed on 23 February to mark the first meeting of Rotary International held in 1905.

2. Who founded Rotary in 1905?

- A) Andrew Carnegie
- B) Paul P. Harris
- C) Woodrow Wilson
- D) John D. Rockefeller

Answer: B) Paul P. Harris

Explanation: Paul P. Harris founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905 to promote professional fellowship and service.

3. India's first Namu Bharat RRTS corridor connects Delhi with which city?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Kanpur
- C) Meerut
- D) Agra

Answer: C) Meerut

Explanation: The Delhi–Meerut corridor is India's first operational Regional Rapid Transit System inaugurated by Narendra Modi.

4. What is unique about the Namo Bharat RRTS project?

- A) It is India's first bullet train
- B) It runs only underground
- C) Rapid rail and metro operate from the same station and track
- D) It is fully solar-powered

Answer: C) Rapid rail and metro operate from the same station and track

Explanation: For the first time in India, rapid rail and metro services operate from the same platform and track infrastructure.

5. India and Brazil aim to increase bilateral trade to what target within five years?

- A) \$10 billion
- B) \$15 billion
- C) \$20 billion
- D) \$25 billion

Answer: C) \$20 billion

Explanation: India and Brazil have set a target of over \$20 billion trade volume in the next five years.

6. India and Brazil coordinate closely in which of the following forums?

1. BRICS
2. G20
3. International Solar Alliance
4. NATO

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 2 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: B) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation: India and Brazil cooperate in BRICS, G20, and International Solar Alliance, but not NATO.

7. The Indian Navy is set to commission which vessel under the ASW-SWC project?

- A) Vikrant
- B) Anjadip
- C) Arihant
- D) Kolkata

Answer: B) Anjadip

Explanation: The Indian Navy will commission Anjadip, designed for Anti-Submarine Warfare operations.

8. What is the primary role of the vessel Anjadip?

- A) Aircraft carrier operations
- B) Amphibious assault
- C) Anti-Submarine Warfare
- D) Missile defense

Answer: C) Anti-Submarine Warfare

Explanation: Anjadip is equipped with sonar and torpedoes for detecting and neutralizing enemy submarines.

9. The Amended BharatNet Programme aims to provide what to every village?

- A) Electricity supply
- B) Road connectivity
- C) Optical fiber broadband connectivity
- D) Banking services

Answer: C) Optical fiber broadband connectivity

Explanation: The programme seeks to extend high-speed internet through optical fiber to rural areas.

10. In Andhra Pradesh, BharatNet implementation will be executed through which Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)?

- A) AP Digital Corporation
- B) Andhra Telecom Limited
- C) Andhra Pradesh BharatNet Infrastructure Limited
- D) AP Connectivity Board

Answer: C) Andhra Pradesh BharatNet Infrastructure Limited

Explanation: A dedicated SPV has been formed to ensure effective rollout of BharatNet in the state.