

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### TRAI Marks 29<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day 2026

- The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** celebrated its 29th Foundation Day on 20 February 2026, marking its establishment in 1997. The event brought together senior government officials, industry leaders, academicians, and technology experts to discuss emerging issues in India's digital communications sector.
- The celebration reflected on TRAI's contribution to shaping India's telecom and broadcasting ecosystem and included high-level deliberations on two key themes:
- **"Taking TV to All Homes: Policy, Technology and Business Strategies for Inclusion"**
- **"Network Slicing and Net Neutrality"**
- **Focus Areas Discussed:**
  - Universal access to television, especially in rural and semi-urban regions
  - Market-based regulatory frameworks to sustain competition
  - Network slicing and net neutrality principles
  - Role of AI, 5G, and upcoming 6G technologies



## Modi Becomes First Leader Honoured by Israel and Palestine

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved a rare diplomatic milestone by receiving top honours from both Israel and Palestine. On the February 25 2026, he was conferred by the Speaker of the Knesset Medal, the highest honour of the Israeli Parliament.
- This dual recognition underscores India's balanced and strategic engagement in West Asia and highlights PM Modi's distinctive diplomatic outreach.
- The significance includes,
  - Strengthened India-Israel strategic partnership
  - Continued goodwill with Palestine
  - Enhanced global diplomatic stature
  - Reinforcement of India's independent foreign policy



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## India, Bangladesh Among 40 Nations Hit by Saudi Poultry Ban

- Saudi Arabia has banned poultry and egg imports from 40 countries while including countries like Bangladesh and India to protect public health and ensure food safety.
- The Saudi Arabia poultry import ban is mainly due to,

- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks
- Newcastle disease concerns
- International veterinary risk reports
- Public health protection measures
- Avian influenza, also known as bird flu, is a viral disease affecting poultry and wild birds.
- Highly pathogenic strains can spread rapidly and impact poultry trade.
- Countries impose poultry import bans to prevent the entry of infected products and protect domestic agriculture and public health.



## **India, Nepal Sign New MoU For Forest and Wildlife**

- India and Nepal signed a new MoU on forests, wildlife, biodiversity conservation and climate change on February 25, 2026 in the New Delhi. The agreement aims to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in protecting shared ecosystems and restoring transboundary wildlife corridors.
- The MoU was signed between India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and Nepal's Ministry of Forests and Environment.
- The agreement promotes bilateral cooperation in forests, wildlife, biodiversity conservation and climate change.
- It includes restoration of wildlife corridors, exchange of technical expertise and sharing of best practices.

- The India Nepal MoU reflects the importance of coordinated action in managing shared ecosystems and cross-border wildlife habitats.
- India and Nepal shared rich biodiversity and extensive protected area networks.
- Several wildlife habitats and river systems cross international borders.
- Species like the tiger, elephant and rhinoceros migrate across both countries.
- Because of these transboundary ecosystems, joint conservation strategies are essential.



## National Arogya Fair 2026

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Arogya Fair 2026 in Shegaon, Buldhana district of Maharashtra on the February 25 2026.
- The four-day national event, organized by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress which is brings together policymakers, researchers, practitioners, farmers and industry leaders.
- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Arogya Fair 2026 at Shegaon and describing health as the foundation of national strength. She quoted the traditional saying, “**Aarogyam Paramam Sukham**” good health is the greatest happiness.
- The National Arogya Fair 2026 has been described as a “**Mahakumbh of Indian traditional medicine systems**” by Prataprao Jadhav who is Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush.
- The National Arogya Fair is a large-scale national platform organized by the Ministry of Ayush to promote traditional Indian systems of medicine.
- It showcases Ayurveda, Yoga and other Ayush disciplines through exhibitions, health camps and expert discussions.

- The Fair aims to spread awareness about preventive healthcare, promote medicinal plant cultivation and strengthen research in traditional medicine.
- It also connects policymakers, researchers and citizens to build a healthier and empowered India.



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## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### EXAMS

**1. TRAI was established in which year?**

- (a) 1995
- (b) 1997
- (c) 2000
- (d) 2003

**Answer: (b) 1997**

**Explanation:** The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India was established in 1997 to regulate telecom services and protect consumer interests.

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**2. TRAI celebrated its 29th Foundation Day on:**

- (a) 15 February 2026
- (b) 18 February 2026
- (c) 20 February 2026
- (d) 25 February 2026

**Answer: (c) 20 February 2026**

**Explanation: TRAI marked its 29 years of establishment on 20 February 2026.**

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**3. Which of the following themes was discussed during TRAI's 29th Foundation Day?**

- (a) Digital Currency Regulation
- (b) Artificial Intelligence in Defence
- (c) Network Slicing and Net Neutrality
- (d) Space Communication Policy

**Answer: (c) Network Slicing and Net Neutrality**

**Explanation: Network slicing and net neutrality were key themes discussed during the event.**

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**4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the highest honour of which country's Parliament in February 2026?**

- (a) United States
- (b) France
- (c) Israel
- (d) Germany

**Answer: (c) Israel**

**Explanation: PM Narendra Modi was awarded the Knesset Medal by Israel's Parliament, the Knesset.**

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**5. Saudi Arabia imposed a poultry import ban mainly due to:**

- (a) Foot and Mouth Disease
- (b) Swine Flu
- (c) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
- (d) COVID-19

**Answer: (c) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza**

**Explanation: Saudi Arabia banned poultry imports due to outbreaks of HPAI and concerns over Newcastle disease.**

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**6. Which two South Asian countries were among those affected by Saudi Arabia's poultry import ban?**

- (a) India and Sri Lanka
- (b) India and Bangladesh
- (c) Nepal and Bhutan
- (d) Pakistan and Afghanistan

**Answer: (b) India and Bangladesh**

**Explanation: India and Bangladesh were included in the list of 40 affected nations.**

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**7. India and Nepal signed an MoU related to cooperation in:**

- (a) Space Technology
- (b) Defence Production
- (c) Forests and Wildlife Conservation
- (d) Maritime Security

**Answer: (c) Forests and Wildlife Conservation**

**Explanation: India and Nepal signed an MoU focusing on biodiversity, forests, and climate change cooperation.**

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**8. The National Arogya Fair 2026 was inaugurated by:**

- (a) Prime Minister
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Chief Justice of India
- (d) President of India

**Answer: (d) President of India**

**Explanation: Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Arogya Fair 2026 in Maharashtra.**

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**9. The National Arogya Fair 2026 was organized by the Ministry of:**

- (a) Health and Family Welfare
- (b) Culture
- (c) Ayush
- (d) Rural Development

**Answer: (c) Ayush**

**Explanation: The event was organized by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with the All India Ayurvedic Congress.**

**10. The saying “Aarogyam Paramam Sukham” emphasizes:**

- (a) Wealth is power
- (b) Knowledge is strength
- (c) Health is the greatest happiness
- (d) Unity is strength

**Answer: (c) Health is the greatest happiness**

**Explanation: The phrase quoted during the National Arogya Fair highlights that good health is the foundation of happiness and national strength.**

