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## Odisha Launches Black Swan Summit 2026 | Odisha | 07 Feb 2026

### Why in News?

The **Government of Odisha** has launched the **Black Swan Summit India 2026** in **Bhubaneswar** as part of the **BharatNetra initiative**.

### Key Points:

- **Partnership:** The summit is organised by the **Odisha government** in collaboration with the **Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)** under the **BharatNetra initiative**.
  - Aimed at building digital finance infrastructure and workforce capabilities.
- **Objective:** Build a **future-ready workforce** in **FinTech, InsurTech, and artificial intelligence (AI)**.
  - A **five-month hybrid FinTech & InsurTech training programme** developed with **National University of Singapore's Asian Institute of Digital Finance (NUS-AIDF)**.
- **Global Participation:** Delegates and experts from across the world are participating.
  - Facilitating global discussions on **policy, innovation, and investment opportunities** in the **FinTech and InsurTech sectors**.
- **Economic and Strategic Impact:** The summit supports Odisha's vision to become a **global hub for digital finance, innovation, and skills development**, aligning with broader goals of **economic growth, financial inclusion, and technology-led job creation**.
- **AI and Technology Focus:** It also covers **artificial intelligence, tokenisation, quantum computing, and digital infrastructure**, reinforcing the state's commitment to technology-driven growth.

Read More: [Artificial intelligence](#), [Quantum computing](#), [Financial inclusion](#)

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## India's First Indigenous Green Urea Plant in Andhra Pradesh | National Current Affairs | 07 Feb 2026

### Why in News?

India's **first large-scale indigenous green urea plant** will be developed and operationalized at the **Pudimadaka Green Hydrogen Hub** in Andhra Pradesh.

### Key Points:

- **Strategic MoU:** NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), a subsidiary of NTPC Ltd., and **Assago**

**Industries Pvt. Ltd.** have signed a MoU.

- Under the agreement, NGEL will supply **green ammonia, renewable electricity, CO<sub>2</sub>**, and other utilities to Assago.
- **Objective:** To produce **green urea** using **green hydrogen and renewable energy**, reducing reliance on fossil fuel-based ammonia.
  - The initiative marks a significant step towards building a **domestic green urea value chain**, reducing dependence on imported fertilizers.
  - Aims to **create jobs**, strengthen the **green energy sector**, and contribute to Andhra Pradesh's industrial development.
- **Environmental Impact:** Expected to **significantly cut carbon emissions** compared to conventional urea plants.
  - Supports India's **Net Zero 2070 goal** and the **Green Hydrogen Mission** under the National Hydrogen Policy.
- **Innovation:** First-of-its-kind **indigenous green urea technology** in India, promoting self-reliance in fertilizer production.

**Read More:** [Net Zero 2070 goal](#), [Green Hydrogen Mission](#), [NTPC](#), [Green ammonia](#)

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## PLASTINDIA 2026 BEGINS IN NEW DELHI | National Current Affairs | 07 Feb 2026

### Why in News?

**PLASTINDIA 2026**, one of the **world's largest plastics exhibitions**, commenced in **February 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**.

### Key Points:

- **Event:** It is the **12th edition** of the **triennial** mega event of the plastics industry, **PLASTINDIA 2026**.
  - The event is structured around **five strategic pillars** — **Trade, Technology, Talent, Tradition, and Tourism**, emphasising industry growth, innovation, skill development, and cultural integration.
- **Organisers:** **Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers**, in collaboration with **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** and **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**.
- **Theme :** PLASTINDIA 2026 is held under the theme **"Bharat Next"**.
  - Aligning with the **Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat**, aimed at strengthening the domestic plastics industry and manufacturing ecosystem.
- **Sustainability Focus:** For the first time, It is being organised as a **Zero Waste Exhibition**, ensuring segregation, recycling, and reuse of all solid waste generated at the event.

**Read More:** [Atmanirbhar Bharat](#), [Viksit Bharat](#), [MSME](#)

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## Kerala CM Launched Invasive Species Detection App | National

### Why in News?

Kerala has officially launched **NeophyteID**, an AI-powered mobile application designed to detect and track invasive plant species across the state.

### Key Points:

- **Launch & Developers:** Officially launched on 2nd **February, 2026**, by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the app was developed by the **Malabar Botanical Garden and Institute for Plant Sciences (MBGIPS)**.
- **AI Technology:** Utilizing the **YOLOv11** machine learning model, the tool provides real-time identification and **geospatial tracking** for nearly **98 invasive species** in Kerala.
- **Functionality & Access:** Users can photograph plants for instant, data-driven identification in both **English and Malayalam**.
- **Ecological Impact:** NeophyteID aims to prevent the destruction of native plants during eradication efforts.
- **Data-Driven Conservation:** The use of AI and **geospatial tracking** provides researchers with **data-rich insights** into invasive species distribution patterns — critical for planning removal and restoration strategies.

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