



India Wins Record 6th ICC U-19 World Cup Title | National Current Affairs | 09 Feb 2026

Why in News?

India's Under-19 cricket team lifted the **ICC Men's Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026** trophy, defeating **England U19** by a comprehensive margin to claim the nation's **sixth title in this format**—the most by any team in the tournament's history.

Key Points

- **Historic Win:** India secured victory against England by **100 runs** in the final played at **Harare Sports Club, Zimbabwe**.
 - India's Score in Final: 411/9
 - England's Score: 311 (all out)
 - Runner-up: England (U-19)
 - Winning Margin: 100 runs
- **Team Performance:** India's innings was powered by a **brilliant 175-run knock from 14-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi**, playing one of the most remarkable innings in U19 cricket history.
 - **Indian Captain: Ayush Mhatre**
 - **Man of the Match (Final): Vaibhav Sooryavanshi**
 - **Man of the Tournament: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** — for his outstanding 439 runs in seven matches.
- **Record-Extending Title:** This victory marked India's **sixth ICC U19 World Cup title**, extending the country's record in the tournament and reinforcing India's status as the most successful team in U19 World Cup history.
- **Rise of Youth Talent:** The tournament showcased India's strong pipeline of cricketing talent, with Sooryavanshi's extraordinary performance and the team's collective consistency under pressure, signalling a bright future for Indian cricket.

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Indian Teacher Rouble Nagi Wins Prestigious Global Teacher Prize 2026 | National Current Affairs | 09 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Indian educator **Rouble Nagi** has been awarded the **Global Teacher Prize 2026**,

Key Points:

- **Award:** Rouble Nagi won the **Global Teacher Prize 2026**, receiving the **USD 1 million** award

presented by **Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, Crown Prince of Dubai, during the **World Government Summit**.

- **Organisers:** The award is presented by **GEMS Education** and organised by the **Varkey Foundation** in collaboration with **UNESCO**.
- **Work and Contribution:** Rouble Nagi was recognised for her innovative work using **art-based education** to reach children in marginalised communities across India.
 - Through the **Rouble Nagi Art Foundation**, she has established more than **800 learning centres** in over **100 low-income communities and villages**.
 - These centres provide **structured learning opportunities** for children who had **limited or no access** to formal education.
- **Education Through Art:** A key element of her work is transforming **neglected walls into interactive educational murals**, known as **“living walls of learning”**, that teach literacy, numeracy, public health, environmental awareness, and other subjects directly to children in their environment.
 - This approach has helped integrate **over one million children** into educational programmes and significantly reduced dropout rates.
- **Selection and Global Recognition:** Rouble Nagi was selected from **over 5,000 nominations and applications from 139 countries**, reflecting the global significance and impact of her work in education.
- **Prize Utilisation:** She plans to use the prize money to establish a **vocational institute** offering **free training in professional skills and digital literacy**, aiming to broaden opportunities for underprivileged children and youth.

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Miniratna Status for Yantra India Limited | National Current Affairs | 09 Feb 2026

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The **Raksha Mantri**, Rajnath Singh, approved the grant of **Miniratna Category-I status** to **Yantra India Limited (YIL)**, a Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU), marking a key milestone in its transformation from a government organisation into a profit-making corporate entity.

Key Points:

- **Yantra India Limited (YIL):** YIL was formed on **1 October 2021** after the corporatisation of the erstwhile **Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)** into seven new DPSUs to improve autonomy, efficiency and competitiveness in defence manufacturing.
- **Organisation Type:** Schedule 'A' DPSU under the **Department of Defence Production**, Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- **Core Products:** Carbon fibre composites, aluminium alloys, glass composites and assembly products for **medium and large calibre ammunition, armoured vehicles, artillery guns** and **main battle tanks (MBTs)**.
- **Enhanced Autonomy and Powers:** With the Miniratna Category-I tag, **YIL's Board of Directors** can now independently approve **capital expenditure proposals up to ₹500 crore** without requiring prior approval from the government.
- **Promoting Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** The move aligns with the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** initiative to reduce import dependence, promote indigenous design and production capabilities, and strengthen the defence industrial base.

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Royal Challengers Bengaluru Clinches Second Title | National Current Affairs | 09 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) etched their name in cricketing history by defeating **Delhi Capitals (DC)** to secure their **second Women's Premier League (WPL)** title.

Key Points:

- **The Target:** Delhi Capitals set a formidable target of **204 runs**, riding on a strong half-century by Jemimah Rodrigues (57 off 37 balls).
- **The Record Chase:** RCB achieved the target of **204/4** in 19.4 overs, surpassing the previous record for the highest chase in a major T20 final.
- **Star Performers:**
 - **Smriti Mandhana:** Played a captain's knock of **87 (41)**, the highest individual score in a WPL final.
 - **Georgia Voll:** Contributed a vital **79 (54)**, forming a record **165-run partnership** with Mandhana for the second wicket.
- **Franchise Milestone:** With this victory, RCB joined Mumbai Indians as the only franchises to have won **two WPL titles** (2024 and 2026).
- **Major Achievements & Awards**
 - **Orange Cap (Most Runs):** Smriti Mandhana (RCB) – 377 runs.
 - **Purple Cap (Most Wickets):** Radha Yadav (DC) – 14 wickets.
 - **Emerging Player of the Season:** Georgia Voll (RCB).
- **Significance for Women:** Such high-profile victories contribute to the "normalization" of women's professional sports, encouraging grassroots participation under the "Khelo India" initiative.

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China's Plan for Space-Based AI Data Centres | National Current Affairs | 09 Feb 2026

Why in News?

China has announced that it plans to launch **space-based artificial intelligence data centres** over the **next five years** as part of its advanced technological and space infrastructure strategy.

Key Points:

- **Integrated Architecture:** The plan aims to build a new space architecture that integrates **cloud, edge, and terminal (device) capabilities**.
- **Industrial-Scale "Space Cloud":** By 2030, China intends to create an orbital "Space Cloud"

powered by large-scale solar hubs, shifting energy-intensive AI processing from Earth to orbit.

- **Processing Power:** The infrastructure will enable "deep integration of computing power, storage capacity, and transmission bandwidth," allowing data generated on Earth to be processed directly in space.
- **Domestic Milestones:** In a significant proof-of-concept, Alibaba Cloud's **Qwen-3 model** recently became the world's first general-purpose AI to successfully run inference in orbit on a test satellite.
- **China vs. SpaceX:** The announcement positions China as the primary rival to SpaceX's orbital ambitions.
 - **SpaceX**, following its merger with AI firm xAI, is advancing plans for **solar-powered orbital data centres** and space computing satellites.
- **Associated Challenges:** The massive increase in satellites for "Space Clouds" (potentially millions) significantly heightens the risk of collisions and complicates space traffic management.
 - **Technical Risks:** Space-based hardware is highly vulnerable to **solar flares, radiation, and micrometeorite impacts**.

NITI Aayog Plans to Make Andhra Pradesh a Clean Energy Hub by 2035 | National Current Affairs | 09 Feb 2026

Why in News?

NITI Aayog unveiled a draft blueprint aimed at transforming Andhra Pradesh into one of India's top three renewable energy hubs by **2035**. The strategy was presented by NITI Aayog CEO **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** to the State Chief Secretary under the **ASSET (Accelerating Sustainable State Energy Transition)** platform.

Key Points

- **Clean Energy Transition:** The blueprint envisions making Andhra Pradesh a leading **renewable energy producer and exporter** by 2035.
 - The plan is aligned with India's broader push for **energy security, decarbonisation, economic growth, and climate action** and supports national targets including the **500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity goal by 2030**
- **Energy Affordability and Efficiency:** NITI Aayog estimates that power purchase costs could drop to **₹3.90-4 per unit**, with overall supply costs maintained below **₹6 per unit**.
- **Transmission Modernisation:** An investment of **₹65,000-70,000 crore** is earmarked for transmission upgrades, including **Green Energy Corridors**, GIS substations, and HVDC lines.
- **Energy War Room:** A dedicated monitoring cell will be established to track the progress of these initiatives.
- **Timeline:** The blueprint is expected to be finalised by **early March 2026**, with implementation likely to begin by the middle of the same month.

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