



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

Himachal Pradesh Statehood Day

Himachal Pradesh :-

State Animal:	Snow Leopard
State Bird:	Western Tragopan
State Flower:	Pink Rhododendron
State Language:	Hindi & Local Dialects
Major Rivers and Dams:	Sutlej (Bhakra Dam, Gobind Sagar reservoir, Koldam Dam), Beas (Pandoh Dam, Maharana Pratap Sagar Reservoir), Ravi (Chamera Dam), Parbati
Major Lakes:	Renuka, Rewalsar, Khajjiar, Dal, Beas Kund, Dasaur, Brighu, Prashar, Mani Mahesh, Chander Tal, Suraj Tal, Kareri, Sreolsar, Gobind Sagar, Nako
National Parks	Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park, Khirganga, Inderkila, Simbalbara

On **25th January**, Himachal Pradesh observed its Statehood Day.

Before independence, the **British territories in the hill came under the British Crown** after Queen



Victoria's proclamation of 1858 and virtually **all rulers of the hill states remained loyal and contributed to the British war effort** in WW-1 (1914-18).

Post-independence, the **Chief Commissioner's province of HP** came into being on 15th April 1948. It became a **part C state (under Part VII)** on 26th January 1950. After recommendation of the **State Reorganisation Commission, HP became Union Territory** on 1st November 1956. Kangra and most of the other hill areas of Punjab were merged with HP on 1st November 1966 though its status remained that of a UT.

On 18th December 1970 the **State of Himachal Pradesh Act** was passed by Parliament and **HP became the 18th state of the Indian Union** on 25th January 1971.

Read More - [Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh](#)

History of Republic Day and 26 January

The **Constitution of India** was adopted officially by the Constituent Assembly on **Nov 26, 1949**, however, Republic Day is celebrated on 26 January. It is so because on 26/Jan/1930, the **historic "Poorna Swaraj" declaration was officially promulgated**, beginning the final phase of India's freedom struggle where the goal would be complete independence from British rule.

Opposing the **Motilal Nehru report 1927** which **demanded for a dominion status**, young leaders such as **SC Bose and JL Nehru wanted complete independence** for India. On 19 Dec 1929, **"Poorna Swaraj" resolution was passed at the Lahore session of INC** and officially promulgated on 26 Jan 1930. From 1930 till India finally won its independence in 1947, **January 26 was celebrated as "Independence Day"**.

Thus, when leaders had to decide on a day to promulgate India's new Constitution, January 26 was thought to be ideal.

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Kuno Cheetah Detected with Hepatorenal Infection

One of the 8 cheetahs that were introduced in **Kuno National Park (MP)** has been detected with a **hepatorenal infection**. Hepatorenal Infection is a condition in which there is **progressive kidney failure that occurs in a patient with poor functioning of the liver**.

In September 2022, 8 Cheetahs were **relocated from South Africa and Namibia** into the wild at Kuno Palpur National Park. It was the **world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project**.

Read More - [Reintroduction of Cheetah](#)

T+1 Settlement

Indian stock markets have embarked on a **shorter settlement cycle or T+1 regime** for the final list of large stocks - a move that will **help reduce margin requirements for clients** and **boost retail investment**.

T+1 (**trade plus one**) means that market **trade-related settlements will need to be cleared within one day of the actual transactions** taking place. Earlier, trades on the Indian stock exchanges were settled in **2 working days** after the transaction was done (**T+2**).

The stock exchanges - National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) - in Nov 2021 jointly announced plans to implement the T+1 settlement cycle in a phased manner with the bottom 100 stocks in terms of market value.

Read More - [T+1 Settlement System for Shares: SEBI](#)

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