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National News & Heritage

1. PM Modi Commemorates 1,000 Years of the First Attack on Somnath Temple

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently marked the 1,000th anniversary of the first invasion of the iconic Somnath Temple.

- **Historical Context:** The temple, located at **Prabhas Patan, Gujarat**, was first attacked in **January 1026 by Mahmud of Ghazni**.
- **Significance:** It is the first of the **twelve Jyotirlings** of Lord Shiva.
- **Restoration:** The temple has been rebuilt multiple times, notably by **Ahilyabai Holkar** in the 18th century.
- **Civilisational Symbol:** Swami Vivekananda famously cited Somnath as a symbol of India's resilience and enduring spirit.

2. India's Easternmost Village Dong Welcomes 2026 with "Alo Prabhat"

Dong Village in the Anjaw district of **Arunachal Pradesh** celebrated the first sunrise of the year with a unique cultural event.

- **Event Name:** "Alo Prabhat: Dance of the Dawn."
 - **Tribal Heritage:** The celebration showcased the traditions of the **Meyor and Mishmi** indigenous communities through traditional chants and native instruments.
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Awards & Honours

3. Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2026: Violinist R.K. Shriramkumar

The prestigious **Sangita Kalanidhi** award for 2026 has been conferred upon renowned violinist R.K. Shriramkumar.

- **About the Award:** Established in 1942 by the **Madras Music Academy**, it is the highest honor in Carnatic music.
- **Additional Honor:** Recipients also receive the **MS Subbulakshmi Award** (instituted in 2005).
- **Exam Note:** M.S. Subbulakshmi was the first Indian musician to receive the Bharat Ratna (1998) and the Ramon Magsaysay Award (1974).

4. Nritya Kalanidhi Award: Urmila Satyanarayanan

Bharatanatyam exponent **Urmila Satyanarayanan** was honored at the 19th Dance Festival in Chennai.

- **Key Concept:** Bharatanatyam consists of three main elements: **Nritta** (pure dance), **Nritya** (expressive dance), and **Natya** (drama).
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Economy & Policy Updates

5. OECD Releases 2025 Economic Outlook on Asia

The OECD's latest report, "*Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2025*," focuses heavily on disaster risks.

- **Risk Index:** India ranks **second** in the World Risk Index among Asian economies, following the Philippines.
- **GDP Impact:** India's average annual disaster-related loss (1990–2024) stands at **0.4% of GDP**.
- **Primary Threats:** Floods and storms remain the dominant threats to the Indian economy.

6. Govt Relaxes DSIR Norms for Deeptech Startups

In a major boost to the innovation ecosystem, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) has eased recognition rules.

- **The Change:** The mandatory **3-year existence rule** for startups to gain DSIR recognition has been removed.

- **Objective:** To support early-stage innovators and facilitate access to the **₹1 lakh crore RDI Fund**.
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International Relations & Obits

7. Bulgaria Joins Eurozone as 21st Member

As of January 1, 2026, Bulgaria has officially adopted the **Euro** as its currency.

- **Transition:** The Bulgarian **lev** will be phased out by February 1, 2026.
- **Context:** Bulgaria joined the EU in 2007. Currently, six EU member states still retain their national currencies.

8. Obituary: Suresh Kalmadi (1944–2026)

Former Union Minister and sports administrator Suresh Kalmadi passed away in Pune at age 81.

- **Roles:** He served as the **Union Minister of State for Railways** and was the former President of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**.
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Quick Revision Table for Aspirants

Topic	Key Fact
Somnath Temple	First attacked in 1026 by Mahmud of Ghazni.
Bulgaria	21st member of the Eurozone.
Dong Village	India's easternmost point (Arunachal Pradesh).
Sangita Kalanidhi	R.K. Shriramkumar (Violin).
DSIR Reform	3-year existence rule removed for deeptech startups.