

The week from 01st February 2026 to 07th February 2026

India has taken a major step in integrating artificial intelligence in higher education with the launch of its first AI-enabled university pilot at Chaudhary Charan Singh University (CCSU), Meerut. The initiative, led by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in partnership with Google Cloud, will use the Gemini AI platform to provide holistic educational services.

Carlos Alcaraz defeated Novak Djokovic in the Australian Open 2026 final to complete his career Grand Slam at just 22. After losing the first set, the Spaniard staged a dominant comeback to win the next three with aggressive, mature tennis. The victory marks a historic milestone, making him the youngest man ever to have won all 4 major Singles Championships- Australian, French, Wimbledon and US Open.

The Dalai Lama earned his first-ever Grammy at the 68th Grammy Awards. He won in the Best Audiobook, Narration, and Storytelling Recording category for 'Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama'. The Tibetan spiritual leader triumphed over nominees including Trevor Noah and Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

U.S. President Donald Trump announced that the United States and India have reached a trade deal with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under which U.S. tariffs on Indian goods will be reduced to 18% from earlier levels. Donald Trump also claimed India will cut its own trade barriers and significantly increase purchases of U.S. products, including energy and agriculture.

India conducted Exercise Agni Pariksha in Arunachal Pradesh to strengthen coordination between the Indian Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). The joint drill included live artillery firing and hands-on combat training for non-artillery personnel. It aimed to improve battlefield integration and readiness in high-altitude border zones.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched Bharat Taxi on Feb 5, 2026- India's pioneering cooperative-based ride-hailing app under Ministry of Cooperation, embodying "Sahkar se Samridhhi." Featuring zero-commission, surge-free pricing and "Sarathi Hi Malik" ownership model, drivers (Sarathis) receive direct profit shares, ₹5 lakh accident/family health insurance, without exclusivity clauses.

Walmart Inc. became the world's first retail company to reach a \$1 trillion market capitalisation in January 2026 after a sustained rally in its share price. The milestone highlights how the company transformed into a technology-driven, omnichannel giant combining e-commerce, data analytics, and advanced logistics.

Twenty-year-old Devika Sihag from Haryana claimed her maiden BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026, marking a major breakthrough in Indian women's badminton. She dominated the final before opponent Goh Jin Wei retired injured, showcasing aggressive play and composure.



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