



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 10, 2026

TAMILNADU

- **India's First Deep-Tech Startup Policy**
- ✓ Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN), unveiled the Tamil Nadu Deep-Tech Startup Policy 2025-26 (TNDTSP). India's first deep-tech startup policy at the 4th edition of UImagine TN held at the Chennai Trade Centre in Chennai, TN.
- ✓ The state earmarked Rs 100 crore to support 100 startups over five years, aiming to bridge the lab-to-market gap for high-risk, research-driven deep-tech ventures.
- ✓ The TN Government, in partnership with Meta, launched 'Namma Arasu', a WhatsApp-based e-governance service, making TN the 3rd Indian state after Andhra Pradesh and Odisha to adopt the platform.
- ✓ The multilingual chatbot (English & Tamil) enables services such as bus ticket booking, exam hall tickets, and tax payments.

NATIONAL

- **PANKHUDI Digital Portal**
- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched PANKHUDI, a digital portal connecting government agencies, citizens, NGOs, and corporate contributors to coordinate efforts for women and child welfare programs across India.

- ✓ The portal was inaugurated on January 8, 2026, by Union Minister Smt. Annpurna Devi and provides a single-window platform for transparent, accountable contributions to nutrition, health, childcare, and women's empowerment initiatives.
- ✓ PANKHUDI supports flagship programs including Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (nutrition care), Mission Vatsalya (child welfare), and Mission Shakti (women's safety), serving 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres and 5,000 Child Care Institutions nationwide.
- ✓ The portal strengthens coordination between government, NGOs, corporates, and civil society, enabling efficient resource allocation and monitoring of 800 One Stop Centres, 500 Shakhi Niwas, and 400 Shakti Sadan across India.

INTERNATIONAL

- **UN Confirms India as Fastest-Growing Major Economy**
- ✓ The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) released the "World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2026" report projecting India's GDP growth at 6.6% in calendar year 2026, maintaining the fastest-growing major economy status globally.
- ✓ The projection represents a slight decrease from India's estimated 7.4% growth in 2025, with growth forecast to improve marginally to 6.7% in 2027, supported by resilient household consumption and strong public investment.
- ✓ Global economy is projected to grow at a more modest pace of 2.7% in 2026 compared to 2.8% in 2025, while global trade growth is expected to decline to 2.2% from 3.8% in 2025 due to trade tensions and policy uncertainty.
- ✓ India's strong economic performance is supported by tax reforms and monetary easing measures, helping the country navigate global challenges and maintain economic momentum despite external headwinds.

CONFERENCES/ MEETINGS/ SUMMITS

- **Third International Conference on Indian Languages**
- ✓ Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the Third International Conference on Indian Languages in New Delhi, bringing together scholars, language experts, and international delegates to discuss protection and global promotion of Indian languages.

- ✓ The Vice-President emphasized that languages are not mere communication tools but represent the “conscience of civilization,” carrying history, values, traditions, and preserving science, philosophy, and literature across generations.
- ✓ India’s linguistic diversity has strengthened national unity and cultural understanding, with Indian languages contributing significantly to developments in medicine, science, governance, spirituality, and philosophy throughout history.
- ✓ The recent translation of India’s Constitution into Santhali language represents a historic step toward language inclusion, with the Eighth Schedule protecting multiple Indian languages and supporting democratic expression in mother tongues.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ MSTRIPES Digital App

- ✓ Wildlife tracking in India’s Anamalai Tiger Reserve is entering a digital era with the deployment of MSTRIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers: Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) mobile application for the All-India Tiger Estimation Survey 2026.
- ✓ The advanced GPS-enabled app allows forest staff to record tiger and leopard signs, megaherbivore data, arboreal animals, and vegetation details directly in the field, replacing manual paper-based documentation and reducing data entry errors.
- ✓ The survey will involve over 340 forest staff from eight ranges covering 115 transect lines, with operations scheduled January 8-14, including training sessions, carnivore sign surveys, prey estimation, and completion protocols.
- ✓ Anamalai Tiger Reserve covers 1,108 square kilometres across Coimbatore and Tiruppur districts, with the 2022 census recording 25 tigers in the reserve and 7-8 sharing with Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, suggesting healthy population expansion potential.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ Book on Life of Droupadi Murmu

- ✓ The Telugu book 'Agni Sarassulo Vikasinchina Kamalam Droupadi Murmu' (Lotus Blooming in the Fire of Coals), chronicling President Droupadi Murmu's life from tribal roots to Rashtrapati Bhavan, was released at Andhra University in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ✓ Authored by former Member of Parliament (MP) Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad (Vishwa Hindi Parishad President), it was unveiled by a sanitation worker, symbolizing empowerment from humble origins.
- ✓ The book was unveiled by Lakshmamma, a woman sanitation worker who cleans the road at Andhra University, embodying Murmu's empowerment narrative for marginalized communities.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ World Hindi Day - 10 January

- ✓ World Hindi Day is observed on January 10 annually to celebrate the international presence of Hindi, which carries India's cultural identity and connects over 600 million speakers globally.
- ✓ The date marks the historic event of January 10, 1949, when Hindi was used for the first time in the United Nations General Assembly, establishing global linguistic recognition.
- ✓ Hindi is recognized as one of the world's most widely spoken languages and plays crucial roles in international diplomacy, education, literature, technology, and cultural exchange across continents.
- ✓ India has been organizing World Hindi Conferences since 1975 in countries like UK, Mauritius, Fiji, Trinidad & Tobago, and USA.

