



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 16, 2025

NATIONAL

- **Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan (VBSA) Bill, 2025**
- ✓ The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan (VBSA) Bill, 2025 has been introduced by the Union Government and listed in the Winter Session of Parliament to reform India's higher education regulatory framework in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ✓ India's higher education system faces challenges such as multiple regulators, overlapping mandates, inconsistent standards, and bureaucratic delays, which the Bill seeks to address through a single integrated framework.
- ✓ The Bill aims to promote excellence in teaching and learning, research and innovation, and academic governance, reflecting the NEP 2020 principle of a "light but tight" regulatory system.
- ✓ The Bill will apply to Central and State Universities, colleges and Higher Educational Institutions, Institutions of National Importance, Institutions of Eminence, and technical and teacher education institutions & excluding medicine, dentistry, nursing, law, pharmacology, and veterinary sciences.

INTERNATIONAL

- **7th session of the UNEA**
- ✓ The 7th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), the world's highest decision-making body for matters related to the environment,

was held from December 08 to 12, 2025 at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

- ✓ The theme of UNEA-7 is “Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet”
- ✓ Chaired by Dr. Abdullah bin Ali Al-Amri, President of the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman and President of UNEA-7.

➤ **Czech Republic’s New PM**

- ✓ In December 2025, Slovak-born billionaire businessman and leader of populist ANO (Action of Dissatisfied Citizens) party Andrej Babis, officially sworn-in as the new Prime Minister (PM) of Czech Republic by President Petr Pavel, during a ceremony held at Prague Castle, Prague, Czech Republic.
- ✓ He became the oldest and wealthiest Czech PM, as well as the first born outside the Czech Republic, the first with dual citizenship, and the first whose native language was not Czech.

STATE

➤ **Andhra Pradesh Emerges as India’s Leading Fruit and Fish Producer with Robust Economic Growth**

- ✓ According to a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report, Andhra Pradesh has emerged as a top-performing state across agriculture, fisheries, and socio-economic indicators.
- ✓ During FY 2024–25, the state ranked first in fruit production with over 19 million tonnes.
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh also led in fish production, recording nearly 1 million tonnes.
- ✓ The state recorded steady economic growth, with GSDP estimated at nearly ₹16 lakh crore at current prices in 2024–25.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

➤ **India’s 1st Indigenous 64-bit Dual-Core Microprocessor ‘DHRUV64’**

- ✓ The Government of India (GoI) unveiled ‘DHRUV64’, India’s 1st indigenous built 1.0 Giga Hertz (GHz), 64-bit dual-core microprocessor, marking a

significant milestone in strengthening India's self-reliant microprocessor ecosystem.

- ✓ This newly launched semiconductor chip was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Research and Development (R&D) organisation under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), under the Microprocessor Development Programme (MDP).
- ✓ The DHRUV64 processor is designed for seamless integration with diverse hardware and, with modern fabrication technologies, is suitable for Fifth Generation(5G), automotive, consumer electronics, industrial automation, and Internet of Things (IoT) applications.

APPOINTMENTS

➤ **New Chief Information Commissioner**

- ✓ Former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Raj Kumar Goyal was sworn in as the 13th Chief Information Commissioner of the Central Information Commission (CIC) for three years.
- ✓ He retired in August 2025 as Secretary of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J).
- ✓ He has held positions as Secretary (Border Management) in the MHA, roles in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and various posts in the erstwhile J&K administration.

➤ **11th Director General of NCAER**

- ✓ The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has appointed Suresh Goyal as its 11th Director General, effective January 5, 2026.
- ✓ Goyal served as Managing Director and CEO of the National Highway Infra Trust (NHIT), supporting the National Monetisation Pipeline of the Government of India.

➤ **First Women President of PCI**

- ✓ Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty, a senior Indian journalist from Assam, was elected as the first woman President of the Press Club of India (PCI).
- ✓ Sangeeta began her career in 1996 with the United News of India (UNI). She was the first woman from Northeast India (Assam) to be employed at the headquarters of UNI in New Delhi.

- ✓ She served as a Special Correspondent in The Hindu, where she reported exclusively on national politics, governance, social issues, and topics related to Northeast India.
- ✓ She moved to digital journalism with The Wire, serving as National Affairs Editor.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ Vijay Diwas – December 16

- ✓ Vijay Diwas, or Victory Day (Bijoy Dibos), observed every year on 16 December across India and Bangladesh, to mark the historic victory of the Indian Armed Forces over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak war and pay tribute to the martyrs from both nations who sacrificed their lives during the conflict.
- ✓ The day marks the official surrender of the Pakistani Armed Forces to the combined Indian and Mukti Bahini (Bangladesh liberation forces) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.
- ✓ 16 December 2025 marks the observance of the 54th Vijay Diwas.

