



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 01, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu Unveils India's First Glass Sea Bridge**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first glass bridge over the sea, connecting Tiruvalluvar Statue and Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanniyakumari.



- ✓ As part of the silver jubilee celebrations of the Tiruvalluvar Statue installation, the State government has organised various programmes in Kanniyakumari, including officially naming of the towering statue as "Statue of Wisdom".
- ✓ Built at a cost of 37 crore, the 10-metre-wide bridge spans 77 metres, allowing the visitors to walk safely between the two iconic landmarks while watching the sea underneath.

### SCHEMES

- **PM Fasal Bima Yojana**
- ✓ Government has decided to extend the timeline of the PM Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme till 2025-26.



- ✓ The overall outlay of the scheme has been increased to 69 thousand 515 crore rupees.
- ✓ The farmers will continue to get DAP at one thousand 350 rupees per bag of 50 Kilogram.
- ✓ It will ensure the DAP availability to farmers at subsidized, affordable and reasonable prices.
- ✓ PM Fasal Bima Yojana was launched on 18 February 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **China Unveils World's Fastest High-Speed Train Prototype**
- ✓ China has introduced the CR450, the world's fastest high-speed train prototype, with test speeds reaching 450 km/h.



- ✓ Surpassing the current CR400 Fuxing trains (350 km/h), the CR450 marks a breakthrough in rail technology, combining speed with advancements in energy efficiency, safety, and passenger comfort.
- ✓ This innovation aligns with China's ambitious plans to expand its high-speed rail network to 70,000 km by 2035, cementing its leadership in global rail systems.

## DEFENCE

- **India's Defence Exports Cross Rs 21,000 Crore**
- ✓ India's defence exports have witnessed a remarkable surge, reaching a record Rs 21,000 crore from a mere Rs 2,000 crore a decade ago.



- ✓ During a visit to the Army War College (AWC) in Mhow Cantonment, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh set an ambitious target of Rs 50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029.