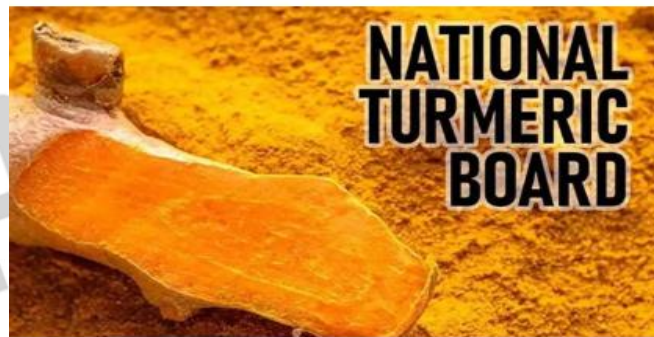




EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 15, 2025

NATIONAL

- **National Turmeric Board Launched to Elevate India's 'Golden Spice'**



- ✓ On January 14, 2025, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the National Turmeric Board in New Delhi, appointing Shri Palle Ganga Reddy as its first Chairperson.
- ✓ The Board's headquarters is established in Nizamabad, Telangana, a prominent turmeric-producing region.
- **PM Modi inaugurates Z-Morh tunnel in Kashmir**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6.5 km Z-Morh tunnel in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.



- ✓ The 6.5 km long two-lane tunnel connecting Gagangir and Sonamarg in Ganderbal district was constructed at an expenditure exceeding ₹2,700 crore.
- ✓ Located at an altitude of more than 8,650 feet above sea level, the Z-Morh tunnel will significantly improve year-round connectivity between Srinagar and Sonamarg, facilitating the route to Leh while bypassing the landslide-prone and avalanche-affected areas.

SPORTS

➤ Kho Kho World Cup

- ✓ The first edition of the Kho Kho World Cup was officially inaugurated at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Indian Olympic Association President P. T. Usha and Kho Kho Federation of India President Sudhanshu Mittal, lit the ceremonial torch of World Cup.



- ✓ Teams from 20 countries are participating in the Kho Kho World Cup 2025.
- ✓ Kho Kho World Cup 2025 features 20 men's and 19 women's teams.
- ✓ 15-member squads for both the men's and women's categories have been selected by the Kho-Kho Federation of India.
- ✓ Prateek Waikar is captain of the men's team.
- ✓ Priyanka Ingle will lead the women's team.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **Indian Army Day: January 15**

- ✓ Every year on 15 January, Indian Army Day is celebrated to remember the sacrifice of our soldiers to protect India and its citizens.



- ✓ The day is also celebrated to commemorate the moment when Lieutenant General KM Cariappa took over from Francis Butcher as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army on 15 January 1949.
- ✓ Francis Butcher was the last British Commander-in-Chief of India.

