



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 17, 2025

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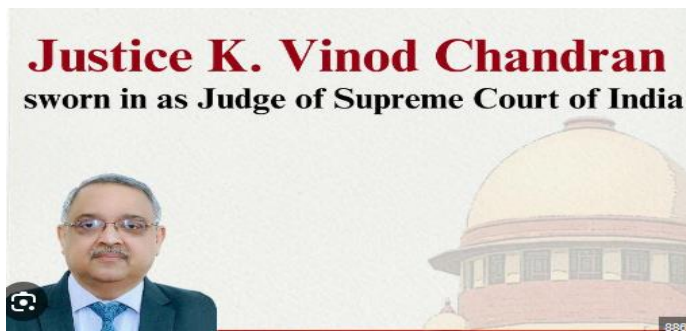
- **India & Spain sign two MoUs during Dr. Jaishankar's visit to Spain**
- ✓ India and Spain have signed two MoUs to strengthen and deepen the bilateral relations between the two countries.



- ✓ These agreements focused on cooperation in sports and sustainable urban development.
- ✓ The agreement was signed during External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's visit to Spain.
- ✓ During the visit of Pedro Sanchez, both countries decided to celebrate 2026 as the "Year of Culture, Tourism, and Artificial Intelligence (AI)".

APPOINTMENT

- **Justice Krishnan Vinod Chandran Joins the Supreme Court**
- ✓ Justice Krishnan Vinod Chandran was sworn in as the newest judge of the Supreme Court of India on January 16, 2025.



- ✓ Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna administered the oath of office.
- ✓ With this appointment, the Supreme Court's judicial strength has risen to 33, just one short of its full sanctioned capacity.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **New Launchpad of ISRO Coming Up at Sriharikota**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of a third launchpad at ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.



- ✓ The project, costing ₹3,985 crore, is a critical step in enhancing India's space transportation capabilities, especially for the Next Generation Launch Vehicles (NGLVs).
- ✓ This launchpad is designed to support future human spaceflight missions and India's ambitious plans for space exploration, including an Indian crewed lunar landing by 2040.

