



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 31, 2025

### AWARDS

- **BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award**
- ✓ Sachin Tendulkar will be honoured with the BCCI's C K Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual gala.



- ✓ The cricket legend, 51, holds the record for the most Test and ODI runs in history with 664 international games.
- ✓ Awards he received: Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Shri, Maharashtra Bhushan, Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India's First Astronaut to Pilot Axiom-4 to ISS**
- ✓ India's space exploration has just reached a new milestone with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla set to become the first Indian astronaut to pilot a space mission to the International Space Station (ISS).



- ✓ He has been chosen as the pilot for Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), a private spaceflight scheduled for launch in the spring of 2025.
  - ✓ This marks a significant moment in India's space history, continuing the journey that started 40 years ago with Rakesh Sharma's iconic spaceflight.
- **AI model claimed to surpass DeepSeek-V3 unveiled by Alibaba**
- ✓ On 29 January, a new version of the Qwen 2.5 AI model was released by Chinese tech firm Alibaba, with a claim that it surpassed the highly acclaimed DeepSeek-V3.



- ✓ The release of Qwen 2.5-Max on the first day of the Lunar New Year, when most Chinese people are off work, highlights the pressure created by DeepSeek's meteoric rise.
- ✓ Alibaba's cloud unit announced on WeChat that Qwen 2.5-Max outperforms GPT-4o, DeepSeek-V3, and Llama-3.1-405B almost across the board.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day – January 30**
- ✓ Every year on January 30th, the global health community observes World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Day.



- ✓ This day commemorates two significant milestones in the fight against NTDs: the launch of the first WHO roadmap for NTDs and the 2012 London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases.
- ✓ The theme for this year's observance, "Unite, Act, and Eliminate NTDs", serves as a powerful call to action for the NTDs community.



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