



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 01, 2026

### NATIONAL

- **India Overtakes Japan in GDP value**
  - ✓ India has overtaken Japan to become the world's 4th largest economy with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) valued at USD 4.18 trillion.
  - ✓ India is on track to surpass Germany and become the world's third-largest economy within the next 2.5-3 years, with its GDP projected to reach approximately USD 7.3 trillion by 2030.
  - ✓ India's real GDP has increased by 8.2% in 2nd Quarter (Q2: July-September) of Financial Year 2025-26 (FY26) compared to 7.8% and 7.4% recorded in Q1FY26 and Q4FY25, respectively.
  - ✓ India aims to attain the High Middle-Income (HMI) status by 2047, marking the centenary (100th) of the country's Independence.
  
- **India's first bullet train will be launched on August 15, 2027**
  - ✓ The train will run between Mumbai and Ahmedabad.
  - ✓ As per announcement made by Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, India is likely to receive its first Bullet Train on 15th August 2027
  - ✓ The bullet train will take 1 hour 58 minutes to cover the distance between Mumbai and Ahmedabad.
  - ✓ The estimated cost of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project is more than ₹1 lakh crore.
  - ✓ Japan International Cooperation Agency is funding 81% of the cost

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **ISRO Successfully Conducted Static Test of 3rd Stage of SSLV**
- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted a static ground test of an enhanced version of the 3rd stage (SS3) of its Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) at the Solid Motor Static Test Facility of the Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ✓ SSLV is a three-stage, all-solid ISRO launch vehicle designed for quick, on-demand missions and industrial production support.
- ✓ The motor was instrumented with around 233 sensors to monitor pressure, thrust, temperature, vibration and the behaviour of control electronics.

## STATE

- **Third district in Goa**
- ✓ The formation of a third district in Goa was announced by the state government to improve administrative efficiency.
- ✓ The decision was approved earlier by the Goa Cabinet and was discussed with legislators across party lines.
- ✓ The new district will comprise the talukas of Sanguem, Dharbandora, Quepem and Canacona.
- ✓ The headquarters of the newly created district will be located at Quepem.
- ✓ At present, Goa has two districts – North Goa and South Goa
- ✓ The proposal aligns with NITI Aayog's recommendation for smaller districts to enhance last-mile governance

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Global Family Day - January 1**
- ✓ The Global Family Day is a day that celebrates peace with unity around the globe; it is celebrated on January 1 every year.
- ✓ It focuses on Peace, Unity, and Connection, building on its core message of humanity as one global family, emphasizing togetherness, love, and positive resolutions for a harmonious world, often tied to sustainable development goals.

