



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 05, 2026

NATIONAL

➤ National Sports Governance Act, 2025

- ✓ Select provisions of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 came into effect from January 1, 2026, marking a major reform in India's sports governance framework. The Act was notified in August 2025.
- ✓ The law applies to key sports institutions including the National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee, and National Sports Federations, bringing them under a uniform legal framework.
- ✓ The primary objective of the Act is to ensure transparency, accountability, ethical governance, and athlete-centric decision making in sports administration.
- ✓ National Sports Governance Act, 2025 aims to professionalise sports administration, strengthen financial and ethical discipline, and create a fair and athlete-friendly sports ecosystem in India.

➤ India Loses 166 Tigers in 2025

- ✓ India lost 166 tigers in 2025, forty more than 2024, according to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), highlighting increasing threats to the world's largest tiger population.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh accounted for the highest number of tiger deaths (55), followed by Maharashtra (38), Kerala (13), and Assam (12); 31 of the deceased tigers were cubs.
- ✓ Experts cite territorial conflicts due to space crunch as a major reason for tiger fatalities, reflecting pressures on habitats and ecosystem imbalances.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ Bulgaria Officially Joins Eurozone

- ✓ Bulgaria officially joined the Eurozone on 1 January 2026, adopting the euro as its official currency, replacing the Bulgarian lev after a long transition process.
- ✓ With this move, Bulgaria becomes the 21st member of the euro area, deepening its economic and monetary integration with the European Union.
- ✓ The switch to the euro follows approval of required legal acts by the Council of the European Union and fulfilment of convergence criteria set by the European Commission and European Central Bank.
- ✓ During the transition period, both the lev and the euro will circulate, with dual pricing in stores, and citizens can exchange levs for euros at banks and post offices free of charge until mid-2026.

STATE

➤ India's First Slum-Free City

- ✓ Surat in Gujarat is close to becoming India's first slum-free city, due to large-scale redevelopment of slum clusters into permanent housing with basic civic amenities.
- ✓ The initiative is being implemented by the Surat Municipal Corporation, using a mission-mode approach under central and state housing schemes.
- ✓ Most slum areas are being redeveloped through in-situ slum redevelopment, where multi-storey apartment complexes are constructed at the same location.
- ✓ Slum-dwelling families are provided permanent and legal housing, ensuring they are not displaced far from livelihoods, schools, or social networks.
- ✓ The housing projects provide durable flats with essential civic amenities, including piped drinking water, proper drainage and sewage systems, street lighting, paved internal roads, sanitation, and waste management facilities.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

➤ Hyderabad Space Start-ups Integrate Mini Satellite

- ✓ Two Hyderabad-based space start-ups – TakeMe2Space and EON Space Labs – have successfully tested and integrated a 14-kg Earth observation satellite (MOI-1) along with a miniature space telescope (MIRA).
- ✓ The satellite was tested and integrated at Azista BST Aerospace, Ahmedabad, and has been shipped to Sriharikota for its upcoming launch.
- ✓ MOI-1 will be deployed in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at ~500 km altitude, with an expected mission life of 3–5 years, serving both commercial and defence applications.
- ✓ The entire mission was completed in just six months at a cost of ₹2.5 crore, making it 40–70% cheaper and significantly lighter than typical global satellites weighing 100–200 kg.

