



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 06, 2026**

### **TAMILNADU**

#### ➤ **Tamil Nadu Assured Pension Scheme**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced the 'TN Assured Pension Scheme (TAPS)' for State government employees and teachers, providing pension and retirement benefits equivalent to the Old Pension Scheme.
- ✓ It requires employees to contribute **10%** of basic pay, with the TN Government bearing the entire additional financial liability.
- ✓ It guarantees a pension equal to 50% of last-drawn basic pay with Dearness Allowance (DA) revised twice yearly, provides 60% family pension to nominees, and grants gratuity up to Rs. 25 lakhs on retirement or death during service based on service length.
- ✓ It involves a one-time government contribution of Rs.13,000 crore and an annual contribution of around Rs. 11,000 crores, expected to rise with future salary revisions.

### **NATIONAL**

#### ➤ **41 New Books on India's Classical Languages**

- ✓ India is strengthening the promotion of its classical language heritage as Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan prepares to release 41 new literary works developed by the Central Institute of Indian Languages and Centres of Excellence.
- ✓ Which is covering classical Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia, along with Tirukkural books and a sign language series, reflecting a focus on

cultural preservation, inclusivity, and making ancient knowledge accessible to modern learners.

➤ **India's Largest Inland Rainbow Trout Farm**

- ✓ India inaugurated its largest inland Rainbow Trout farm in Ranga Reddy district, Telangana.
- ✓ The ₹50 crore project, set up by SmartGreen Aquaculture, uses advanced technology to farm cold-water trout in a warm inland climate, boosting aquaculture innovation, employment, nutritional security, and export potential.

## INTERNATIONAL

➤ **India Introduces New e-Business Visa for Chinese Nationals**

- ✓ India has launched a new electronic business visa, the e-B-4 Visa, for Chinese nationals.
- ✓ The visa allows online application, permits stays up to six months, and is meant for production, investment, installation, training, and senior management visits, supporting regulated business engagement and industrial cooperation between India and China.

## DEFENCE

➤ **India-Pakistan Exchange Nuclear Lists**

- ✓ India and Pakistan exchanged the list of Nuclear Installations and Facilities through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi (India) and Islamabad (Pakistan), marking the 35th consecutive exchange of such lists between the two countries.
- ✓ The exchange was made under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities between two countries.
- ✓ Both countries are required to inform each other of the nuclear installations and facilities to be covered under the agreement on the 1st January of every calendar year.
- ✓ The agreement was signed between India and Pakistan on December 31, 1988 and however, it came into force on January 27, 1991.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### ➤ 184 New Crop Varieties

- ✓ Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), released 184 newly developed crop varieties across 25 different crops at an event held in New Delhi.
- ✓ The event, highlighted that in the 2024-25 crop year, India became the world's largest rice producer, achieving 150.18 million tonnes (MT), surpassing China's 145.28 MT.
- ✓ The 184 improved crop varieties were developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under MoAFW-60 varieties, state and central agricultural universities- 62 varieties, and private seed companies - 62 varieties.

### ➤ 3D-Printed Automatic Weather Stations (AWS)

- ✓ Indian scientists led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), developed indigenously manufactured (3-dimensional) 3D-printed Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) under Mission Mausam.
- ✓ The first batch of these advanced stations is set to be deployed in Delhi from February 2026.
- ✓ AWS units are fully manufactured domestically using 3D-printing technology under the Make in India initiative, reducing costs and allowing flexible, precise designs.
- ✓ The indigenously developed AWS are low-cost, lightweight, and quick to deploy, enabling real-time, high-density weather data collection, particularly in remote and disaster-prone areas.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ National Siddha Day - January 6

- ✓ National Siddha Day is observed annually across India to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sage Agathiyar, regarded as the father of the Siddha

system of medicine, which coincides with the Ayilyam star in the Tamil month of Margazhi.

- ✓ The 9th National Siddha Day falls on 6 January 2026.
- ✓ 2026 Theme: “Siddha for Global Health”

