EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 11, 2026

TAMILNADU

- ➤ **Quantum Computing Programme**
- ✓ The Innovation Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT), under the Government of Tamil Nadu (TN), signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with XeedQ GmbH, a German quantum technology company, with an aim to launch India's first state-backed Quantum computing programme, at UmagineTN2026 in Chennai, TN.
- ✓ The programme is designed to democratize access to quantum computing, enable practical, hands-on learning, build a local quantum ecosystem, and position TN as a leader in quantum computing education among Indian states.
- ✓ The programme will be implemented in two phases such as Remote access and On-Premises deployment. In Phase 1, participants across TN will get remote access to a 4-qubit quantum computer from XeedQ, enabling them to experiment with algorithms and the working of quantum hardware.
- ✓ In Phase 2 will bring a physical quantum computer to the iTNT Hub at Anna University, enabling hands-on research and practical experimentation for students, startups, and researchers.

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- ➤ **India AI Impact Summit 2026**
- ✓ Rajasthan hosted the Regional AI Impact Conference as a precursor to the India AI Impact Summit 2026, bringing together policymakers, industry

leaders, startups and academia to discuss AI's role in governance, infrastructure, innovation and workforce development.

✓ The conference highlighted Centre–State collaboration for inclusive and responsible AI, with leaders announcing major initiatives such as training one million youth in AI skills and a ₹10,000 crore India AI Mission to deploy AI across sectors like agriculture, healthcare and education.

✓ Key outcomes included the launch of YUVA AI for All, iStart Learning Management System, Rajasthan AVGC-XR Portal, and MoUs with Google, IIT Delhi and other institutions, reinforcing India's commitment to AI for public good and sustainable development.

CONFERENCES/ MEETINGS/ SUMMITS

➤ **National Textile Ministers' Conference**

✓ The National Textiles Ministers' Conference 2026 was held from January 08 to 09, 2026 in Guwahati, Assam, under the theme "India's Textiles: Weaving Growth, Heritage & Innovation".

✓ The two-day national conference, organised by the Ministry of Textiles (MoT) in collaboration with the Government of Assam, brought Textile ministers and senior officials from states and Union Territories (UTs) across the nation.

✓ During the event, a report titled "India's Textile Atlas: State Compendium 2025" was officially released.

✓ To unlock the north-eastern region's potential in silk handloom, handicrafts, and bamboo-based textiles, with special emphasis on Eri, Muga, and Mulberry silk, women-led enterprises, branding and market access.