



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 13, 2026

TAMILNADU

- **India's first deep tech startup policy unveiled by Tamil Nadu Government**
- ✓ India's first dedicated Deep Tech Startup Policy has been unveiled by the Tamil Nadu government to strengthen its innovation-led growth agenda.
- ✓ The policy was released by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at UImagineTN 2026.
- ✓ The policy has been titled the Tamil Nadu Deep Tech Startup Policy 2025–2026 (TNDTSP).
- ✓ The initiative aims to position Tamil Nadu as the leading deep tech hub in the country.
- ✓ Advanced innovation, industrial growth and MSME empowerment form the core objectives of the policy.
- ✓ The iTNT Hub has been designated as the nodal implementing agency for policy execution.
- ✓ A target has been set to support 100 deep tech start-ups and mobilise ₹100 crore in investments.
- ✓ Training in deep tech skills will be provided to over 10,000 students and professionals.

NATIONAL

- **Keyi Panyor District of Arunachal Pradesh selected to become India's first bio-happy district**
- ✓ Work has been initiated to develop Keyi Panyor district of Arunachal Pradesh as India's first Bio-Happy District.

- ✓ The project has been undertaken by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.
- ✓ The initiative is being implemented in collaboration with the district administration.
- ✓ The concept of Biohappiness was originally proposed by late scientist M.S. Swaminathan.
- ✓ The project will assess livelihoods, agro-biodiversity and ecological sustainability within the district.
- ✓ Biohappiness focuses on human well-being through biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources

➤ **Aralam Declared Kerala's First Butterfly Sanctuary**

- ✓ Kerala has renamed Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary as Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary. It has become the state's first butterfly sanctuary. The move recognises the region's rich butterfly diversity.
- ✓ The decision was approved by the State Board for Wildlife. A butterfly village linking four panchayats is planned. Awareness and conservation programmes will be conducted.
- ✓ Aralam was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1984. It lies within the Western Ghats. The step strengthens insect conservation. It also promotes community participation and sustainable eco-tourism.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **ISRO's Successfully Lift Off Anomaly in PS3 Stage of PSLV-C62/EOS-N1 Mission**

- ✓ PSLV-C62 was launched on January 12, 2026. It carried the EOS-N1 satellite. The launch took place from Sriharikota. Initial performance was normal. An anomaly occurred near the end of the third stage.
- ✓ Roll rate and flight path deviation were observed. ISRO confirmed the issue. Detailed analysis has begun.
- ✓ The mission was commercially operated by NSIL. It carried multiple satellites.
- ✓ This is the second recent PSLV mission with a third-stage problem.

➤ **SCORP: India's First Legged Mobile Manipulator**

- ✓ India has unveiled SCORP, its first legged mobile manipulator, developed by xTerra Robotics, an IIT Kanpur-incubated startup, marking a major milestone in indigenous robotics.
- ✓ Combining agile legged mobility with an intelligent robotic arm, SCORP can operate in complex and hazardous environments, perform inspections, and manipulate objects, highlighting India's growing strength in deep-tech innovation, automation, and advanced robotics for industrial and public safety applications.

DEFENCE

➤ **Exercise 'Sanjha Shakti'**

- ✓ The Indian Army conducted Exercise Sanjha Shakti at Dighi Hills Range, Pune, under the Southern Command in January 2026 to enhance civil-military coordination, emergency preparedness, and disaster management.
- ✓ The drill involved over 350 personnel and 16 civilian agencies, including Maharashtra Police, Force One, and fire services, focusing on rapid response, public safety, and hinterland security through joint operations.

MEETINGS/ SUMMITS/ CONFERENCES

➤ **Regional AI Impact Conference 2026**

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 will be held in Lucknow on 12-13 January, organized by IndiaAI, MeitY, and the UP government.
- ✓ The event aims to showcase Uttar Pradesh's AI-driven governance, promote responsible and inclusive AI adoption, and foster collaboration between governments, industry, academia, and startups.
- ✓ It features sessions on AI in healthcare, economic growth, and social good, along with startup showcases and industry demonstrations, serving as a precursor to the IndiaAI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ National Youth Day - January 12

- ✓ National Youth Day, celebrated every year on January 12 in India, marks the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, inspiring youth to embrace values of character, leadership, discipline, social responsibility, and nation-building.
- ✓ Established in 1984, the day promotes education, cultural programs, leadership workshops, and community service, reflecting Vivekananda's philosophy of holistic growth and service to humanity.
- ✓ National Youth Day 2026 emphasizes youth as active agents of India's development and the country's demographic potential in shaping a Viksit Bharat @2047.

