



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 14, 2026

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- **25th All India Major Port Cultural Meet 2025-26**
 - ✓ The 25th All India Major Port Cultural Meet 2025-26 concluded at Paradip Port, bringing together nearly 200 artistes from 9 major ports for four days of vibrant cultural competitions in music, dance, and drama.
 - ✓ Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority emerged as Overall Champion, while Paradip Port artistes also earned several awards.
 - ✓ The event celebrated artistic talent, fostered inter-port camaraderie, and highlighted the role of cultural exchange in promoting unity and national integration within India's port community.
- **3rd International Conference on Indian Languages**
 - ✓ Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 3rd International Conference on Indian Languages in New Delhi.
 - ✓ Conference focused on protection, study, preservation, and global promotion of Indian languages with participation from scholars, experts, and international delegates.
 - ✓ Vice-President stated that language is the “conscience of civilisation”, as it preserves history, values, traditions, literature, science, and philosophy across generations.
 - ✓ Highlighted India's linguistic diversity as a strength that promotes unity, democracy, and cultural harmony, not division.
 - ✓ Mentioned increasing use of mother tongues in Rajya Sabha, reflecting maturity of Indian democracy.

- **India Unveils Logo and Website for BRICS Presidency 2026**
- ✓ India has officially begun preparations for its BRICS Presidency 2026 by launching the official logo and dedicated website, signalling a people-centric and inclusive approach.



- ✓ With the theme “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability,” India aims to strengthen cooperation among emerging economies, promote shared development, and enhance BRICS’ role in addressing global challenges as the grouping completes 20 years.
- **‘DIME’ Digital Platform**
- ✓ The Indian Army (IA) launched ‘Depot Integration Management Edition (DIME)’, a digital platform aimed at transforming logistics management and enabling faster, data-driven decisions for commanders.
- ✓ DIME has been jointly developed by IA and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG-N) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- ✓ The platform provides real-time visibility and efficient management of spares and equipment by integrating inventory control, maintenance planning, and demand forecasting into a single digital system.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **UN Secretary-General’s Award 2025**
- ✓ Major Swathi Shantha Kumar (Indian Army) received the UN Secretary-General’s Award 2025 (Gender Category).
- ✓ Awarded for her project “Equal Partners, Lasting Peace” under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

- ✓ Recognised by UN Secretary-General António Guterres for promoting gender-inclusive and gender-responsive peacekeeping.
- ✓ Her project was selected through UN-wide voting, competing with nominations from multiple UN peacekeeping missions worldwide.

