



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 15, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ **India becomes 2nd Largest Fish Producer**

- ✓ India's fish production increased to 197.75 lakh tonnes in FY 2024–25, up from 95.79 lakh tonnes in FY 2013–14, marking a 106% rise in a decade.
- ✓ The fisheries sector has become a major contributor to the rural economy and supports about 3 crore fishers and fish farmers across the country.
- ✓ Since 2014–15, government initiatives have generated 74.66 lakh employment opportunities (direct and indirect) in the fisheries value chain.
- ✓ India now ranks as the world's 2nd largest fish producer, contributing around 8% of global fish production.
- ✓ India is a leading seafood exporter. In 2023–24, India exported 16.98 lakh tonnes of seafood worth ₹62,408 crore, supported by modern processing and improved export infrastructure.

#### ➤ **Indian Mountaineer Aritra Roy Conquers Mount Aconcagua in Argentina**

- ✓ Aritra Roy summited Mount Aconcagua. The peak is in Argentina. It is the highest outside Asia.
- ✓ The climb is part of Seven Summits. Extreme weather was faced. High altitude tested endurance.
- ✓ Indian mountaineering gained recognition. The achievement inspires youth. Global presence was strengthened. Physical and mental strength were displayed.

#### ➤ **BHASHINI Samudaye**

- ✓ A workshop on BHASHINI Samudaye aims at Strengthening India's Language AI Ecosystem was organised in New Delhi.
- ✓ The workshop was organised by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- ✓ The focus of the workshop was on consolidating India's language AI ecosystem.
- ✓ During the workshop, there were discussions on expanding BHASHINI as a national platform.
- ✓ This should be done to support multilingual governance, education and public service delivery

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- **Gagan Narang Appointed as Director of India's National Olympic Academy**
- ✓ Olympic medallist Gagan Narang has been appointed as the Director of the National Olympic Academy (NOA) of India by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- ✓ The appointment was approved during the IOA Executive Council meeting on 8 January 2026 and unanimously endorsed by the IOA General House on 9 January 2026 in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ IOA launched the National Olympic Education and Development Programme (NOEDP), a structured national framework to promote Olympic education and athlete development.

## **MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES/ SUMMITS**

- **International Spice Conference 2026**
- ✓ Kochi will host ISC 2026 in February. It is the 9th edition. AISEF is organising the event.
- ✓ The theme focuses on future readiness. Global spice leaders will attend. Trade and climate risks will be discussed.
- ✓ Innovation and supply chains are key areas. Kerala's spice legacy adds significance.
- ✓ Crops and markets sessions will be held. Exporters will gain market insights. Global disruptions form the backdrop.

➤ **38th India-France Strategic Dialogue**

- ✓ India and France hold 38th India-France Strategic Dialogue and reaffirm their strategic partnership.
- ✓ The dialogue was held in New Delhi. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Diplomatic Adviser to French President Emmanuel Bonne co-chaired the dialogue.
- ✓ Both sides reviewed ongoing bilateral cooperation and discussed security and defence issues, technology collaboration, space cooperation and civil nuclear partnership.
- ✓ During the dialogue, the evolving geopolitical situation and regional issues of shared concern were discussed.

## **SPORTS**

➤ **Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 Qualifiers**

- ✓ The Women's 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers will be held in Hyderabad from 8 to 14 March 2026.
- ✓ This event will highlight India's growing role in international hockey.
- ✓ The tournament will have eight teams, which include India, England, Scotland, Korea, Italy, Uruguay, Wales and Austria.
- ✓ The top three teams will qualify for the FIH Hockey World Cup Belgium & Netherlands 2026.
- ✓ FIH Hockey World Cup Belgium & Netherlands 2026 is scheduled from 15 August to 30.

