



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 17, 2026

NATIONAL

- **India Attracts \$51 Billion FDI as Startup and Manufacturing Push**
- ✓ India attracted \$51 billion in FDI in six months. Global investor confidence remains strong. Startups and manufacturing are key drivers. National Startup Day will be held on January 16. Seventy-five Grand Challenges will be launched.
- ✓ Twenty startup awards will be presented. Manufacturing is becoming innovation-led. Corporates and startups are collaborating closely.
- ✓ Digital India supports youth-driven growth. The trend strengthens India's economic future.

- **World's Largest Green Ammonia Project**
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh will host the world's largest green ammonia project at Kakinada. AM Green will invest \$10 billion.
- ✓ The project targets 1.5 MTPA capacity by 2030. It will use large-scale renewable energy.
- ✓ India's first green ammonia exports are planned. Jobs and clean energy investment will rise. The project supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

STATE

- 'Ginger Capital of India'
- ✓ NITI Aayog has officially declared the Mizoram state as Ginger Capital based on its rapid growth and high quality in ginger production.
- ✓ The Chief Minister inaugurated the Ginger Processing Unit established at the Sairang Horticulture Centre, around 21 km from Aizawl.
- ✓ According to the Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Board, over 3.38 crore kg of ginger was procured in 2025.

APPOINTMENTS

- New Director General of NIA
- ✓ Rakesh Aggarwal was appointed DG of the NIA. He is a 1994-batch IPS officer. He belongs to the Himachal Pradesh cadre.
- ✓ His tenure lasts till August 2028. He earlier served as Special DG of NIA.
- ✓ The appointment ensures leadership continuity. Other security forces also saw leadership changes.

MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES/ SUMMITS

- Bharat Electricity Summit 2026
- ✓ Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 was announced. The event will be held in March. Yashobhoomi is the venue.
- ✓ The power sector is the focus. Global stakeholders will attend.
- ✓ Clean energy and sustainability will be discussed. Buyer seller meet will be organised.
- ✓ Investment opportunities will be created. India's energy abundance vision was highlighted. Global cooperation will be strengthened.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- National Startup Day - January 16
- ✓ National Startup Day observed annually on 16 January, commemorating the launch date of Startup India in 2016.

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participates in the 2026 programme at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ✓ Strengthens India's journey towards a self reliant, innovation driven and globally competitive economy.
- ✓ National Startup Day 2026 aims to reflect on achievements, strengthen collaboration and outline priorities for India's future startup ecosystem.
- ✓ Aligns startup development with the national goal of Viksit Bharat @2047.

