



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 19, 2026

NATIONAL

- **Navi Mumbai International Airport to Be Named After D B Patil**
- ✓ Navi Mumbai International Airport will be named after late D B Patil, a prominent leader linked with farmers' and local rights movements, as announced by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at a public meeting in Airoli.
- ✓ Navi Mumbai is set to become the next economic growth engine of Maharashtra, with the airport acting as a catalyst for sectors like pharmaceuticals, food processing, services, innovation-driven enterprises, and import-export activities.
- **National PNG Drive 2.0**
- ✓ GAIL (India) Limited has partnered with PNGRB for the National PNG Drive 2.0 initiative, joining the nationwide #NonStopZindagi campaign to promote Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) adoption across India.
- ✓ National PNG Drive 2.0 runs from 1 January to 31 March 2026, supporting India's goal to increase the share of natural gas in the energy mix to 15% by 2030.
- ✓ The campaign aims to raise awareness, generate demand, and strengthen the City Gas Distribution (CGD) ecosystem, supported by the Unified Tariff framework under the principle of "One Nation, One Grid, One Tariff".

➤ **The Republic Day parade 2026**

- ✓ The Republic Day celebrations 2026 at Kartavya Path will be centred on the 150th anniversary of the national song Vande Mataram, as announced by the Defence Ministry.
- ✓ The Republic Day Parade will be organised on 26 January and will be attended by the President of the European Council António Costa and the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen as Chief Guests.
- ✓ A phased battle array display by the Indian Army will be showcased for the first time during the parade, highlighting India's military preparedness.
- ✓ Pan-India band performances on the Vande Mataram theme will be organised from 19 to 26 January by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and other CAPFs across India.
- ✓ The Indian Army will showcase the phased battle array format for the first time, which will include a mounted column of the 61 Cavalry and seven marching contingents.
- ✓ Nearly 2,500 artists will perform during the cultural programme built around the twin themes of Vande Mataram and Atmanirbhar Bharat

➤ **PM Vishwakarma Haat 2026**

- ✓ PM Vishwakarma Haat 2026 is being organised by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhi from 18 to 31 January to promote traditional crafts.
- ✓ The event has been conceived as a dedicated platform to celebrate India's traditional crafts and artisanship under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.
- ✓ More than 117 artisans from all States and Union Territories will participate, ensuring a pan-India representation of diverse crafts and skills.
- ✓ The exhibition aims to enable artisans to directly exhibit and market their products to buyers, stakeholders and the general public.
- ✓ The theme "Vishwakarma Ka Abhiyaan, Viksit Bharat Ka Nirman" will be reflected across the exhibition

➤ **Second Range wide Dolphin Survey Launched Under Project Dolphin**

- ✓ Second Dolphin Survey started in January 2026. It is under Project Dolphin. It began from Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The survey has two phases. Ganga main stem and Indus are covered first.
- ✓ Brahmaputra and Sundarbans are in phase two. It studies dolphin population and habitat.

- ✓ Indus and Irrawaddy dolphins are included. The Ministry of Environment conducts it. Data will support conservation planning.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ Global Passport Index 2026

- ✓ India ranked 80th in the Henley Passport Index 2026, with visa-free, visa-on-arrival or eTA access to 55 destinations, sharing the rank with Algeria and Niger.
- ✓ India's position has improved by five places from 85th in 2025, reflecting a gradual increase in global mobility for Indian passport holders.
- ✓ Singapore continues to hold the most powerful passport (192 destinations), followed by Japan and South Korea jointly at second place, while Afghanistan remains the weakest (24 destinations).

