



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 21, 2026

STATE

➤ Punjab Launches First Dog Sanctuary

- ✓ Punjab has inaugurated its first Dog Sanctuary in Ludhiana as a pilot project to manage stray dog populations humanely and reduce dog bite incidents.
- ✓ Following Supreme Court guidelines and the Animal Birth Control Rules, the sanctuary focuses on sterilisation, vaccination, and sheltering while ensuring public safety.
- ✓ The initiative will serve as a model for statewide replication, combining animal welfare with responsible urban governance.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ President of Uganda

- ✓ Uganda's Electoral Commission announced that 81-year-old incumbent President Yoweri Museveni of the National Resistance Movement won the presidential election with 71.65% of the vote, securing a seventh term in office for 5 years from 2026 to 2031.
- ✓ Yoweri Museveni has been serving as the leader of Uganda since 1986 and is one of the world's longest-serving leaders.
- ✓ He led a rebellion against the dictator Idi Amin in 1979.
- ✓ He won Uganda's first direct presidential election and became President in 1996.

SUMMIT

➤ **India-EU Summit 2026**

- ✓ The India-EU Summit on January 27, 2026, in New Delhi marks a pivotal moment in bilateral relations, underscored by European leaders attending India's Republic Day celebrations.
- ✓ The summit is expected to announce major breakthroughs, including progress toward concluding the long-pending India-EU Free Trade Agreement, alongside new security and defense cooperation, access to the EU's SAFE defence programme, and a mobility framework for Indian workers.
- ✓ Together, these outcomes signal a deepening strategic partnership that goes beyond trade to encompass security, climate-linked trade challenges, and people-to-people ties.

RANKINGS & INDEX

➤ **Responsible Nations Index 2026**

- ✓ Former President of India Ram Nath Kovind launched the inaugural edition of the Responsible Nations Index (RNI), a 1st-of-its-kind global framework at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) in New Delhi.
- ✓ Singapore topped the ranking among 154 countries with an overall score of 0.61945, followed by Switzerland (0.58692) in second place and Denmark (0.58372) in third place.
- ✓ India was ranked 16th globally in the RNI 2026 with an overall score of 0.551513.

➤ **Abu Dhabi Ranked World's Safest City**

- ✓ Abu Dhabi has once again been ranked the world's safest city, retaining the top position for the 10th consecutive year in Numbeo's global safety rankings.
- ✓ Topping the index since 2017, the UAE capital's achievement reflects consistently low crime rates, strict law enforcement, smart surveillance systems, and strong governance.
- ✓ The recognition enhances residents' quality of life and reinforces Abu Dhabi's appeal as a secure destination for investment, tourism, and global talent.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ 'Palanivelu GUTS'

- ✓ The Vice-President (VP) of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, released the Hindi edition of 'Palanivelu GUTS', the autobiography of eminent surgeon Dr. C. Palanivelu, in New Delhi.
- ✓ 'Palanivelu GUTS' is an autobiography written by Dr. C. Palanivelu, first published in English in July 2024. It was published by the GEM Foundation.
- ✓ Theme: Chronicles the journey of a young man from humble beginnings, overcoming resistance and setbacks with discipline, hard work, and ethical conviction.
- ✓ Dr. Palanivelu pioneered laparoscopic surgery in India, establishing the first centre in Coimbatore in 1991, and advanced robotic surgery.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

➤ New Directors General of NIA, BSF & ITBP

- ✓ Rakesh Aggarwal as Director General (DG) of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- ✓ Praveen Kumar as DG of the Border Security Force (BSF)
- ✓ Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor as DG of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

➤ Asian Boxing Council (ABCO)

- ✓ Boxing Federation of India (BFI) announced the appointment of India's Olympic Medallist and professional boxer Vijender Singh as a member of the Asian Boxing Council (ABCO).
- ✓ He is a 3-time Commonwealth Games (CWG) medallist, winning silver medal at Melbourne CWG 2006 (Australia), Bronze at Delhi CWG 2010 (India) and Silver at Glasgow 2014 (Scotland).

➤ Ravi Shankar Chhabi Appointed DIG in CRPF

- ✓ Ravi Shankar Chhabi has been appointed DIG in CRPF. He is an IPS officer of the 2007 batch. He belongs to the Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs approved the posting.
- ✓ The UP government has been asked to relieve him. He was serving as DIG Public Grievances in Lucknow.

✓ He has experience in elections and prisons. CRPF handles internal security. The posting strengthens central leadership.

➤ **NASA Astronaut Sunita Williams Retires**

- ✓ NASA astronaut Sunita Williams retired after 27 years of distinguished service, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy in human spaceflight.
- ✓ A former U.S. Navy pilot selected as an astronaut in 1998, she flew three space missions, spent 608 days in space, completed nine spacewalks totaling over 62 hours (the most by any woman), and served as Commander of the International Space Station.
- ✓ She also became the first person to run a marathon in space. Beyond missions, she played key leadership roles at NASA, supported astronaut training, and contributed to future Moon and Mars exploration under the Artemis programme, inspiring generations worldwide with her courage, discipline, and dedication.

