



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 22, 2026

NATIONAL

- **Andhra Pradesh to Get New Spaceport at Hope Island for Private Launches**
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh has announced plans to establish a new spaceport at Hope Island to support private and commercial space launches, marking a major boost to India's growing private space ecosystem.
- ✓ Announced by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the facility will primarily cater to small and medium-lift launch vehicles and complement existing spaceports at Sriharikota and Kulasekharapatnam.
- ✓ The initiative aligns with India's push to expand commercial space activities, leverage its strategic eastern coastline, and strengthen its position in the global space economy.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **GalaxEye to Launch First Satellite 'Mission Drishti'**
- ✓ GalaxEye, an Indian space start-up, is set to launch its first satellite 'Mission Drishti' in the first quarter of 2026, marking a major milestone for India's private space sector.
- ✓ Mission Drishti is a multi-sensory Earth observation satellite that combines optical imaging and radar sensing on a single platform, a global first in satellite technology.
- ✓ The satellite is India's largest privately developed satellite, highlighting the growing capabilities of private space enterprises in the country.

- ✓ GalaxEye plans to deploy a constellation of 10 satellites by 2030, enabling near real-time data delivery at scale for global applications.
- ✓ The mission aligns with India's push for indigenous space innovation and enhanced Earth observation capabilities under the New Space ecosystem.

DEFENCE

➤ India to Launch Over 50 Spy Satellites

- ✓ India is set to launch over 50 advanced surveillance satellites under Phase 3 of its Space-Based Surveillance programme, following gaps revealed during Operation Sindoor.
- ✓ The new satellites, including Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) systems, will provide all-weather, night-time imaging, strengthen real-time battlefield intelligence, and enhance national security.
- ✓ The initiative also includes inter-satellite data transfer, overseas ground stations, and protective "bodyguard satellites," reflecting India's push for modernised, resilient, and secure space-based military capabilities.

RANKING & INDEX

➤ Numbeo Safety Index 2026

- ✓ According to Numbeo Safety Index 2026 rankings by Numbeo, a crowd-sourced global database, Mangaluru (Karnataka) emerged as the safest city in India, securing the 46th rank globally with a safety score of 74.4.
- ✓ Qingdao (Shandong, China) topped the global list with an exceptional safety score of 89.2, followed by Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates, UAE) in second place with 88.9, and Doha (Qatar) in third place with 84.5.
- ✓ Mangaluru (Karnataka) is the safest city in India, ranking 46th globally with a safety score of 74.4. It is followed by Ahmedabad (Gujarat) at 87th globally (68.5) and Jaipur (Rajasthan) at 106th (65.3).

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ 'Chalice of Ambrosia: Ram Janmabhoomi- Challenge and Response'

- ✓ Vice President (VP) C.P. Radhakrishnan released a book titled 'Chalice of Ambrosia : Ram Janmabhoomi- Challenge and Response', authored by Dr.

Surendra Kumar Pachauri, former Secretary to the Government of India (GoI), at the VP's Enclave in New Delhi.

- ✓ The book was published by Har-Anand Publications.
- ✓ It chronicles the long and complex Ram Janmabhoomi movement, a campaign to reclaim and build a temple at the birthplace of Lord Ram, a Hindu god, in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

