



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 24, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ **India's First Private Satellite Plant**

- ✓ Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Minister of Gujarat's Science and Technology, laid the foundation stone for India's first integrated private-sector satellite plant named 'Palmnaro' at Khoraaj Industrial Estate, in Sanand, Gujarat.
- ✓ Azista Space Limited has inked Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Gujarat government, worth more than Rs 500 crore in total, to establish India's first private-sector satellite manufacturing plant at Khoraaj.
- ✓ The Electro-Optical Payload Factory (EOPF) aims to indigenously design, develop, and manufacture satellites, electro-optical payloads, and other high-tech space components under one roof.
- ✓ The facility is set to strengthen India's aerospace manufacturing, boost self-reliance in key space technologies, and create numerous high-skilled jobs locally.

#### ➤ **India De-licenses Lower 6 Gigahertz Spectrum for Wi-Fi Services**

- ✓ Department of Telecommunications (DoT), notified the de-licensing of the lower 6 Gigahertz (GHz) band, frequencies ranging between 5925 megahertz (MHz) to 6425 MHz, to boost Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity) services in India. It came into effect from January 21, 2026.
- ✓ It was formalised under the Low Power and Very Low Power Wireless Access System Rules, 2026, and unlocked the potential of Wi-Fi 6 Extended(6E) and Wi-Fi 7 technologies in India.

- ✓ The government allow Low Power Indoor (LPI) and Very Low Power (VLP) outdoor devices to operate in the 6 GHz band without a licence, on a shared, non-exclusive, non-interference basis.

### ➤ **'Prakash Ganga' Tableau**

- ✓ A tableau titled "Prakash Ganga: Powering an Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat" will be presented by the Ministry of Power at the Republic Day Parade on January 26.
- ✓ The theme "Prakash Ganga" symbolises the seamless flow of electricity through the interconnected national power grid.
- ✓ A robotic smart meter model alongside wind turbines will depict digitalisation and automation in power management.
- ✓ The "Smart Power, Smarter Home" concept will highlight rooftop solar installations and citizen participation as energy prosumers.
- ✓ A high transmission structure will represent last-mile connectivity across urban and rural regions.

## STATE

### ➤ **Assam Government Announces Monthly Financial Assistance for Research Scholars**

- ✓ The Government of Assam announced a monthly financial assistance scheme for research scholars under the Atal Vichal Agramami Assam programme.
- ✓ The scheme will be launched on February 11, 2026.
- ✓ ₹25,000 per month will be provided to regular research scholars.
- ✓ ₹40,000 per month will be provided to Divyang research scholars, ensuring inclusive higher education support.
- ✓ The scheme is applicable to scholars enrolled in universities and higher education institutions across Assam.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ **International Day of Education – January 24**

- ✓ International Day of Education 2026 is observed on 24 January worldwide.
- ✓ The day was declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2018 to honour education and highlight its role in peace, development, and progress.

- ✓ The day aims to advocate for universal access to quality education and to campaign for education reforms.
- ✓ The day reminds everyone that education is key to escaping poverty and building a better future, and that everyone has a role in promoting high-quality education.

➤ **National Girl Child Day - January 24**

- ✓ National Girl Child Day 2026 is observed on 24 January 2026 across India.
- ✓ The day was established in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.
- ✓ The main objective is to highlight discrimination, inequality, and injustice faced by girl children in society.
- ✓ It aims to promote awareness about the rights of the girl child, including education, health, dignity, and equal opportunities.

