



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 26, 2026

### NATIONAL

- **First Humanoid Robot 'ASC ARJUN'**
- ✓ Indian Railways (IR) deployed its first humanoid robot, 'ASC ARJUN', at Visakhapatnam Railway Station, East Coast Railway (ECoR), Andhra Pradesh (AP), to enhance passenger safety, station security, and operational efficiency, under the supervision of the Railway Protection Force (RPF).
- ✓ Supports RPF operations during peak hours and was developed in Visakhapatnam over one year using indigenous technology.
- ✓ Detects intruders via Face Recognition System (FRS) with real-time Internet of Things (IoT) alerts to Railway Protection Force (RPF) control rooms.
- ✓ Uses Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based monitoring, automated announcements, semi-autonomous platform patrolling, and fire & smoke detection to manage passenger density and enhance safety.
  
- **'Granth Kutir'**
- ✓ President of India (POI) Droupadi Murmu inaugurated "Granth Kutir", a cultural and literary space, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- ✓ It houses about 2,300 books and around 50 rare manuscripts, which include handwritten works on traditional materials such as palm leaves, paper, bark and cloth.
- ✓ Granth Kutir has been developed to showcase and preserve India's rich intellectual heritage preserved in classical languages.
- ✓ Represented Classical Languages like, Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali.

## INTERNATIONAL

### ➤ 56th Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum

- ✓ The 56th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) was held from January 19 to 23, 2026, in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland.
- ✓ The 2026 annual meeting was held under the theme titled "A Spirit of Dialogue".
- ✓ The event witnessed the participation of around 3,000 leaders from 130 countries, 400 top political leaders, 65 heads of state and government, a majority of Group of Seven (G7) leaders, around 830 Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Chairs, and nearly 80 tech unicorn founders and innovators, marking it one of the largest participations.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ Republic Day - 26 January

- ✓ Republic Day is observed on 26th January every year in India.
- ✓ Republic Day 2026 marks the 77th Republic Day of the country.
- ✓ The day commemorates the adoption of the Indian Constitution on 26 January 1950, officially making India a republic.
- ✓ Republic Day also coincides with Constitution Day, highlighting the significance of India's fundamental legal framework.
- ✓ Republic Day honours the rights of Indian citizens to elect a government democratically and is observed as a national holiday to celebrate the Constitution and the republic status of India.

### ➤ International Day of Clean Energy - 26 January

- ✓ The first-ever International Day of Clean Energy is observed on 26th January 2026.
- ✓ The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to promote awareness and action for a just and inclusive transition to clean energy, benefiting both people and the planet.
- ✓ 26th January also marks the founding day of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

- **International Customs Day - 26 January**
- ✓ International Customs Day 2026 is observed on 26th January every year.
- ✓ The day was first initiated in 1983 by the World Customs Organization (WCO).
- ✓ It is observed to honour customs officials and customs organisations who work continuously to ensure efficient management of global trade and cross-border commerce.
- ✓ The observance also highlights the need to place people at the core of customs transformation processes, focusing on modernisation and service delivery.

