



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 05, 2026

NATIONAL

➤ PLASTINDIA 2026

- ✓ PLASTINDIA 2026, one of the world's largest and most influential plastics exhibitions, is set to begin on 5 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and will run until 10 February 2026, bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and global exhibitors to showcase India's growing role in global manufacturing and innovation
- ✓ The exhibition theme is "Bharat Next," which aligns closely with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, focusing on building a self-reliant industrial ecosystem that can drive manufacturing-led growth and boost exports
- ✓ PLASTINDIA 2026 will host over 2,000 international exhibitors from across the globe presenting cutting-edge innovations in plastics machinery, advanced raw materials, and circular economy solutions aimed at reducing environmental impact
- ✓ A major highlight is that PLASTINDIA 2026 is being organised as a Zero Waste exhibition for the first time, with all solid waste generated at the venue to be segregated, recycled, and reused, ensuring no waste is sent to landfills.

INTERNATIONAL

- India Pays USD 35.18 Million UN Regular Budget Contribution

- ✓ India has paid USD 35.18 million to the United Nations Regular Budget for 2026 on 3 February 2026 within the 30-day due period, earning a place on the UN's "honour roll" of countries that have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, reflecting India's continued commitment to multilateralism and its responsibilities as a key UN member
- ✓ The UN Regular Budget funds the organisation's core activities including peace and security initiatives, development work, human rights programmes, and administrative functions, with each UN Member State assessed a mandatory contribution based on its economic capacity by the UN Committee on Contributions.

DEFENCE

➤ Exercise KHANJAR

- ✓ The 13th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR commenced on 4 February 2026 at Missamari in Assam's Sonitpur district and will continue for 14 days until 17 February 2026, bringing together elite special forces from both nations to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism and special operations
- ✓ Exercise KHANJAR is a bilateral joint special forces exercise conducted annually since 2011, with venues alternating between India and Kyrgyzstan, symbolising mutual trust and growing defence cooperation between the two countries.
- ✓ The exercise aims to improve interoperability between special forces of both countries through training activities designed to simulate real-world operational conditions, including urban warfare scenarios, mountainous terrain operations, and counter-terrorism operations under a United Nations mandate.

SPORTS

➤ Italy to Host 25th Winter Games in February

- ✓ The 2026 Winter Olympics, officially called Milano Cortina 2026, will be held in Italy from 6 to 22 February 2026, with the 25th Winter Games featuring events across multiple cities including Milan, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Bormio, and Val di Fiemme, making it one of the biggest global sports events

- ✓ Italy is hosting the Winter Olympics for the third time, with previous editions held in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1956 and Turin in 2006, reflecting the country's strong tradition in winter sports and its capacity to organise world-class sporting events
- ✓ The Games will feature 16 winter sports including Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowboarding, Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, Ice Hockey, Curling, Bobsleigh, Skeleton, Luge, and Nordic Combined
- ✓ India will participate in the 2026 Winter Olympics with a small team competing in Alpine Skiing and Cross-Country Skiing, with athletes Arif Mohammad Khan and Stanzin Lundup representing the nation, helping promote winter sports in Himalayan regions and encouraging young athletes.

➤ **India to Host Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 in New Delhi**

- ✓ India secured the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle/Pistol Championship 2027 following a successful bid by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).
- ✓ It marks the second consecutive time India will host the premier continental championship for rifle and pistol shooters.
- ✓ The championship is scheduled to take place from 1 to 10 December 2027 at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges in New Delhi.
- ✓ The 2027 edition of the championship will serve as a qualifying event for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics (the United States of America, USA), with eight Olympic quota places available for shooters from across Asia.

