



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 06, 2026

### NATIONAL

- **Bharat Taxi**
- ✓ Bharat Taxi was launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, marking India's first cooperative-based ride-hailing platform.
- ✓ Registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, Bharat Taxi was established on June 6, 2025 and follows a zero-commission, surge-free pricing model with profits directly shared with drivers (sarathis).
- ✓ Driver-centric model emphasises ownership and welfare, including share certificates, ₹5 lakh personal accident insurance, ₹5 lakh family health cover, retirement support, and social security benefits.
- ✓ Over 3 lakh drivers onboarded, 1 lakh+ users, 10,000+ daily rides across Delhi-NCR and Gujarat, ₹10 crore distributed to drivers, with nationwide expansion planned within two years.

### STATE

- **First Ever Elderly Budget FY27**
- ✓ Kerala has introduced India's first-ever Elderly Budget in its FY27 state budget, consolidating all spending on senior citizens.
- ✓ The ₹46,236.52 crore allocation mainly covers pensions for retired government employees, highlighting existing commitments rather than new welfare schemes.

- ✓ The move reflects Kerala's rapid demographic ageing, with its elderly population growing faster than the national average, posing long-term fiscal and social challenges.
- ✓ Experts see the budget as a step toward transparency, better planning, and raising awareness about pension reforms, healthcare needs, and the pressures of an ageing population.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### ➤ Global Teacher Prize 2026

- ✓ Indian teacher and activist Rouble Nagi won the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize 2026 at the World Government Summit in Dubai for her work in grassroots education.
- ✓ Through the Rouble Nagi Art Foundation, she has set up over 800 learning centres, reaching more than one million children, including those in slums who have never attended school.
- ✓ Her innovative approach uses educational murals to teach literacy, math, science, and history, turning walls into interactive classrooms.
- ✓ Starting with just 30 children, her work highlights creativity, dedication, and the power of inclusive education in transforming marginalized communities.

### ➤ 'Soldier of Humanity' award 2025

- ✓ Bhutan's Queen Mother Gyalyum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck was conferred the 22nd Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award 2025 at Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam.
- ✓ The award was presented by the Upendra Nath Brahma Trust (UNBT) in recognition of her lifelong contributions to humanitarian service, social development and inclusive growth.
- ✓ The honour includes a citation, statuette of Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma, traditional Bodo artefacts, and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh.

## DEFENCE

### ➤ 4th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting

- ✓ India-Tanzania 4th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting was held in Zanzibar, focusing on reviewing ongoing bilateral defence cooperation.
- ✓ Both sides discussed expanding collaboration in military training, maritime security, service-to-service cooperation, defence industry, and explored new areas like counter-terrorism, peacekeeping, EW, Cyber and AI.

