

Weekly Current Affairs (Jan 2026 – Week 3) – Exam Revision Notes

Structured for quick revision, MCQs, and exam-oriented clarity (ReadingRoomz).

1) Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

Sri Ekaratri Prasanna Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple Restoration

- AP Government sanctioned **₹2.50 crore** from **Common Good Fund (CGF)** for restoration.
- Location: **Srikakulam village, Ghantasala mandal, Krishna district.**
- Ancient temple dating back to **Chola period (9th–11th century CE).**
- Suffered severe structural damage from neglect, flooding, and moisture seepage from Krishna River.

Exam Angle

AP Heritage • Chola architecture • Temple conservation • Common Good Fund.

'Suvasini Puja' enters Guinness Book of Records

- Organised by **Sri Sakthi Peetam** at **Rayala Cheruvu, Tirupati.**
- Event: **'Dasa Sahasra Suvasini Puja'** (10,000 married women at single venue).
- Guinness World Record: **"Largest Suvasini Puja"** ever conducted at one location.
- Recognition for scale, coordination, and spiritual significance.

Divi Pump Scheme (Puligadda) – British-Era Irrigation

- Location: **Puligadda, Krishna district.**
- One of coastal Andhra's **earliest mechanised irrigation examples** from British era.
- Built with **stone-and-lime masonry.**
- Used **diesel engines** (not electricity/steam) to lift Krishna river water.
- Irrigated nearly **50,000 acres** across Divi Island (Diviseema).

Exam Angle

British India irrigation • Coastal Andhra history • Mechanised agriculture.

Groundwater Contamination in Andhra Pradesh

- Source: **CGWB Annual Ground Water Quality Report–2025**.
- AP flagged for widespread contamination beyond **BIS limits**.

Key Concerns

- **High Residual Sodium Carbonate (RSC)**: Beyond permissible limits in **26.87%** samples
- Poses serious risks to soil health and agriculture
- **Elevated Uranium**: >30 ppb detected in parts of AP & Telangana
- **16 villages** identified as uranium hotspots: Annamayya, Kurnool, Sri Sathya Sai, Tirupati districts

Global Recognition for Pawan Kalyan in Martial Arts

- AP Deputy CM **K. Pawan Kalyan** received global martial arts recognition.
- Formally inducted into **Kenjutsu** (classical Japanese swordsmanship).
- Honoured with title **“Tiger of Martial Arts”** by Golden Dragons organisation.

AP in Export Preparedness Index 2024

- Andhra Pradesh ranked among **top 5 Large States** in EPI 2024.
- Top performers: Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Index evaluates export infrastructure, business ecosystem, policy & governance, export performance.

2) Polity & Governance

Malayalam Language Bill, 2025

- Tabled in **Kerala Legislative Assembly** on 6 October 2025.
- Passed on **9 October 2025** after Subject Committee scrutiny.
- Awaiting **Governor’s assent**.

Key Provisions

- Formally adopts **Malayalam as official language** of Kerala
- Mandates use across government administration, education, judiciary, public communication, commerce, digital domain
- Subject to constitutional provisions

- Malayalam to be **compulsory first language** in all government and aided schools up to **Class 10**

28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC)

- Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** addressed the 28th CSPOC.
- Hosted by **Parliament of India**.
- Brings together Speakers and Presiding Officers from Commonwealth countries.

Key Themes Discussed

- AI in Parliament and legislative processes
- Social media's impact on legislators
- Public trust in Parliaments
- Wellbeing of Members of Parliament
- Technology reshaping democratic institutions (AI, social media)
- Challenges: misinformation, cybercrime, social polarisation

PRAGATI Platform Completes 10 Years

- Full form: **Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation**
- Launched in **2015** under PM's direct supervision.
- Leverages digital data, video conferencing, and GIS technology.

Key Achievements (10 Years)

- Projects worth **₹85 lakh crore+** fast-tracked
- **382** major national projects reviewed
- **2,958 out of 3,187** issues resolved
- Reduced delays and cost overruns significantly
- Strengthened cooperative federalism with Centre–State coordination
- Integrated with PM GatiShakti, PARIVESH, PM Ref Portal
- Recognised globally (Oxford Said Business School case study)

Projects Unlocked

Bogibeel Bridge, Navi Mumbai International Airport, AIIMS institutions, major power plants, highways, rail links, gas pipelines.

Inter-Departmental Panel to Tackle 'Digital Arrest' Scams

- Constituted on **26 December 2025** following Supreme Court directions.
- Chairman: **Special Secretary (Internal Security), MHA**
- Member-Secretary: **CEO of I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre)**
- Attorney-General **R. Venkataramani** attends meetings regularly.

Committee Composition

- Senior officials (Joint Secretary+) from: MeitY, DoT, RBI, MEA, Law Ministry, CBI, NIA, Delhi Police, I4C
- Platform representatives: Google, WhatsApp, Telegram, Microsoft
- Focus: Combat “digital arrest” scams causing massive financial losses to elderly and vulnerable citizens

Government & Smartphone Source Code Debate

- Recent discussions on requiring smartphone manufacturers to disclose source code to third-party testing agencies.
- Government denied making final demand but confirmed ongoing discussions.

Why It Matters

- Source code = backbone of software systems, includes proprietary modifications
- Companies guard for commercial secrecy and cybersecurity
- Full disclosure could expose vulnerabilities, increase cyberattack risks
- Linked to telecom security standards (ITSAR) under MTCTE framework
- Smartphones now regulated under BIS certification (Telecommunications Act, 2023)
- Digital rights groups raised transparency concerns in consultations

3) Environment & Geography

Rajasthan's First Fully Organic Panchayat

- **Bamanwas Kankar panchayat** in **Kotputli–Behror district**, Rajasthan.
- **First village body** in Rajasthan certified as fully organic.
- Comprises **seven hamlets**.

Achievements

- Completely eliminated chemical pesticides and synthetic fertilisers in agriculture
- Adopted eco-friendly animal husbandry practices
- Model for sustainable rural development

4) Science & Technology

Two Consecutive PSLV Failures – ISRO Setback

- ISRO faced unusual setback: two consecutive PSLV failures.
- **PSLV-C61**: 18 May 2025
- **PSLV-C62**: 12 January 2026
- Significant as PSLV regarded as ISRO's most reliable "workhorse" launch vehicle.

PSLV-C62 Failure Reason

ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan: Mission failed due to "**roll rate disturbance**" – rocket began spinning uncontrollably. PS3 stage lacks independent roll-control thrusters, so asymmetrical thrust overpowered stabilisation from fourth stage.

YUVA AI FOR ALL – National AI Literacy Program

- Highlighted on **National Youth Day (12 January 2026)**.
- Flagship course of National AI Literacy Program.
- Launched on **6 January 2026** at Rajasthan Regional AI Impact Summit, Jaipur.
- Reinforces youth empowerment in AI-driven era.

Nipah Virus Cases in West Bengal

- Two healthcare workers from private hospital in **Barasat, North 24 Parganas district**.
- Suspected Nipah virus infection, currently in critical condition.
- **One patient tested positive** for Nipah.
- Second patient's confirmation report awaited from **NIV, Pune**.

Exam Alert

Nipah virus • Zoonotic disease • NIV Pune (nodal testing centre) • Public health emergency preparedness.

5) Economy & Development

World Bank Raises India's Growth Forecast

- World Bank revised India's GDP growth forecast to **7.2%** for FY 2025–26.
- Upward revision of **0.9 percentage points** from June projections.
- Source: "**Global Economic Prospects**" report.

Reasons for Upward Revision

- Strong domestic demand
- Tax reforms
- Resilient consumption
- India expected to remain **fastest-growing major economy** globally

GeM's Womaniya Initiative Completes 7 Years

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) marked **7 years** of Womaniya initiative.
- Launched: **14 January 2019**
- Promotes women-led Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in public procurement.

Key Achievements (As of 14 Jan 2026)

- Over **2 lakh** women-led MSEs registered on GeM
- Procurement orders worth **>₹80,000 crore**
- Contributing **4.7%** of GeM's total order value (exceeds mandatory 3% target)
- MoU signed between GeM and **Women's Collective Forum (WCF)**
- Aligns with Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India, Vocal for Local

NITI Aayog Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2024

- Released on **14 January 2026**.
- **4th edition** of index (first launched August 2020).
- Aligned with USD 1 trillion merchandise exports by 2030 and Viksit Bharat @2047.

Structure

4 Pillars: Export Infrastructure, Business Ecosystem, Policy & Governance, Export Performance

13 sub-pillars and **70 indicators**

EPI 2024 Top Performers

Category	Top Performers
Large States	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh

Category	Top Performers
Small States/UTs	Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa

Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminals (GCTs)

- Part of **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan**.
- Indian Railways approved **306 GCTs**.
- **118** already commissioned.
- Combined handling capacity: **192 million tonnes per annum**.

Key Features & Impact

- Introduced under **GCT Policy, 2021** by Ministry of Railways
- Integrates rail with road, ports, and airports
- Enables seamless multimodal freight movement
- Since 2014: freight shift road→rail saved **143.3 million tonnes of CO₂**

National Startup Day – 10 Years of Startup India

- Observed on **16 January 2026**.
- Marks **10 years** of Startup India Initiative (launched 2016).

Key Achievements (Dec 2025)

- Over **2 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups** (one of largest ecosystems globally)
- Nearly **50%** from Tier-II and Tier-III cities (democratisation beyond metros)
- **45%+** startups have at least one woman director/partner
- Key pillar of economic transformation: innovation, jobs, financial inclusion, regional development
- Supporting programs: SVEP, ASPIRE, PMEGP (rural/grassroots micro-enterprises)

6) Defence & Security

78th Indian Army Day – January 15, 2026

- Celebrated in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
- **Fourth time** parade conducted outside Delhi.
- **First time** outside an Army cantonment – in heart of city.

- Significant milestone marking modernisation and public engagement.

Bhairav Battalions Debut in Army Day Parade 2026

- Indian Army's **newly raised Bhairav Battalions** made first appearance.
- Modern warfare force designed for **high-speed offensive operations**.
- Debuted at Army Day parade on **15 January 2026** in Jaipur.

Exam Angle

Military modernisation • Integrated battle groups • High-mobility warfare units.

DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests MPATGM

- **DRDO** conducted successful flight test of indigenously developed **MPATGM**.
- Full form: **Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile**
- Location: **K.K. Ranges, Ahilya Nagar, Maharashtra**

Significance

Indigenous defence capability • Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence • Anti-tank warfare modernisation.

7) International Relations

India-Germany Defence Industrial Cooperation

- Agreement signed during visit of German Chancellor **Friedrich Merz** to India.
- Focus: **co-production and co-development** of defence equipment.
- Strengthens bilateral defence industrial cooperation.

International Kite Festival 2026 Inaugurated

- PM Modi and Chancellor **Friedrich Merz** inaugurated festival.
- Location: **Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad**
- Germany represented at **highest level**.
- Symbolises cultural diplomacy and people-to-people ties.

8) Society & Social Issues

National Youth Day 2026 – 12 January

- Observed on **12 January**, marking birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**.

Key Focus Areas in 2026

- **Youth engagement:** MY Bharat, NSS platforms for volunteering and leadership
- **Education-to-employment:** Skill India, PMKVY, PM-SETU, Agnipath, Startup India
- **Health & well-being:** Fit India, RKSK, Kashi Declaration (fitness, mental health, substance-free living)

MY Bharat Facts

- Autonomous body under **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**
- Launched by PM on **31 October 2023**
- MY Bharat mobile app launched **1 October 2025**
- MY Bharat 2.0: MoU signed **30 June 2025** with Digital India Corporation (MeitY)

Toppers' Strategy for Current Affairs

Rewrite this **Quick Revision Table** in your current affairs notebook. One table per week means just **52 tables = complete one-year current affairs recap** before Prelims.

This is how **toppers revise an entire year of current affairs** using just a few pages.

9) Quick Revision Table

High-Yield Facts for Quick Revision

Topic	Keyword / Fact
AP Heritage	Mallikarjuna Temple • ₹2.5 cr CGF • Chola period • Krishna district
Guinness Record	Suvasini Puja • 10,000 women • Sri Sakthi Peetam • Tirupati
British Irrigation	Divi Pump Scheme • Puligadda • Diesel engines • 50,000 acres
Groundwater	CGWB Report 2025 • RSC 26.87% • Uranium 16 villages • AP+Telangana
Martial Arts	Pawan Kalyan • Kenjutsu • "Tiger of Martial Arts"
State Language	Malayalam Bill 2025 • Kerala • Oct 6-9 • Governor assent pending

Topic	Keyword / Fact
Commonwealth	28th CSPOC • Om Birla • AI+social media • Parliament India
Governance	PRAGATI 10 years • ₹85L cr • 2958/3187 issues • Oxford case study
Cyber Security	Digital arrest IDC • Dec 26 • AG Venkataramani • I4C CEO • SC direction
Telecom Security	Source code debate • ITSAR • BIS • Telecom Act 2023
Organic Farming	Bamanwas Kankar • Rajasthan 1st • Kotputli-Behror • 7 hamlets
Space	PSLV-C61/C62 failures • Roll rate disturbance • PS3 stage • V. Narayanan
AI Literacy	YUVA AI FOR ALL • Jan 6 launch • Jaipur AI Summit • Youth Day highlight
Health Alert	Nipah virus • West Bengal • Barasat • NIV Pune • Healthcare workers
GDP Growth	World Bank 7.2% • +0.9pp revision • Global Economic Prospects • Fastest major economy
Women Entrepreneurs	Womaniya 7 years • 2L MSEs • ₹80K cr • 4.7% GeM • WCF MoU
Export Readiness	EPI 2024 • NITI Aayog • 4 pillars 70 indicators • MH TN GJ UP AP top 5
Logistics	GCT 306 approved 118 commissioned • 192 MT capacity • 143.3MT CO ₂ saved
Startups	National Startup Day Jan 16 • 10 years • 2L DPIIT • 50% Tier-II/III • 45% women
Army Day	78th Jan 15 • Jaipur • 4th outside Delhi • 1st outside cantonment
Defence	Bhairav Battalions debut • MPATGM test • India-Germany co-production
Cultural Diplomacy	Kite Festival 2026 • PM Modi • Merz • Ahmedabad Sabarmati

Topic	Keyword / Fact
Youth Day	Jan 12 • Swami Vivekananda • MY Bharat • NSS • PMKVY • Fit India

Related Daily Current Affairs

Open any day for full explanations (weekly post is for revision).

Practice This Week Current Affairs Quiz

Practice Daily, Progress Surely.

Prepared for ReadingRoomz | www.readingroomz.com
Weekly Revision Digest – Weekly Current Affairs (Jan 2026 – Week 3)