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## National News:

**Centre Shortlists Sites for Manmohan Singh's Memorial:** The Central government has shortlisted two sites near Delhi's Rajghat for setting up a memorial dedicated to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

**Arvind Kejriwal launches Pujari Granthi Samman Yojana:** AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, along with his wife Sunita Kejriwal, on Tuesday launched the Pujari Granthi Samman Yojana by registering the priests of Marghat Wale Baba temple near Kashmiri Gate ISBT for the benefits. Under the scheme, the Hindu temple priests and granthis of Gurudwaras will be paid a monthly honorarium of Rs 18,000 if the AAP returns to power.

**Blinkit Launches 10-Minute Ambulance Service in Gurgaon:** Blinkit CEO Albinder Dhindsa announced the launch of an instant ambulance service in Gurgaon, allowing residents to book an ambulance via the Blinkit app with a delivery time of just 10 minutes. This initiative aims to meet the urgent need for rapid emergency medical transport in urban areas.

**Savitribai Phule Jayanti** is celebrated every year on **January 3rd** to honor the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule. She was a remarkable educator, social reformer, and poet who played a significant role in promoting education and fighting for social justice in India.

**The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** marked its 67th Foundation Day on January 2, 2025. Founded in 1958, DRDO has expanded from a small organization with 10 laboratories to a network of about 52 laboratories and 5 DRDO Young Scientist Laboratories (DYSLs) across India.

**Project VISTAAR:** IIT Madras and the Ministry of Agriculture have launched Project VISTAAR to modernize India's agricultural extension system. By integrating advanced technologies and a database of over 12,000 agri-focused start-ups, the project aims to provide farmers with digital access to crop advisory.

**India's 4th Biennial Report to UNFCCC Submitted:** India submitted its 4th Biennial Update Report (BUR-4) to the UNFCCC on December 30, 2024. The report builds on the Third National Communication (TNC), offering an updated National Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory for 2020, along with essential details on national circumstances, mitigation efforts.

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## International News:

**Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) Outbreak in China:** China is currently experiencing an outbreak of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV), a respiratory virus that can cause illnesses ranging from mild cold-like symptoms to severe respiratory infections. [Current Affairs Adda247](#)

## Obituaries:

**Renowned Botanist K.S. Manilal Passes Away at 86:** K.S. Manilal, a celebrated botanist and Padma Shri awardee, passed away at 86 in Thrissur. Known for translating the 17th-century botanical work Hortus Malabaricus into English and Malayalam, he significantly contributed to preserving India's botanical heritage.

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