

# **Description**

# **Top 20 Daily Current Affairs- 01 January 2025**

#### **National Affairs**

• Digital Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj: The Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, is set to integrate advanced technologies to enhance the experience for millions of pilgrims.

Reference: Next IAS

• Bhopal Toxic Waste Disposal Initiated: Authorities have commenced the removal of hazardous waste from the former Union Carbide factory site in Bhopal, following directives from the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

Reference: GKToday

#### **International Affairs**

lert.in • Bulgaria and Romania Join Schengen Area: Effective January 1, 2025, Bulgaria and Romania have officially joined the Schengen Area, eliminating internal border controls with other Schengen countries.

Reference: Wikipedia

• Liechtenstein Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage: Liechtenstein has become the 39th country to legalize same-sex marriage, following a near-unanimous vote in Parliament.

Reference: Wikipedia

• Ukraine Halts Russian Gas Transit: Ukraine has ceased the transit of Russian gas to Europe after the expiration of a five-year agreement with Gazprom, potentially impacting energy supplies across the continent.

Reference: Wikipedia

# Science and Technology

• China Unveils World's Fastest Train Prototype: China has introduced a maglev train prototype capable of reaching speeds up to 620 kilometers per hour, setting a new benchmark in highspeed rail technology.

Reference: China Daily

### **Economy**

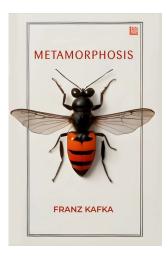
• Record High in Service Sector Exports: India reported its highest-ever monthly service exports of \$34.31 billion in October 2024, driven by strong growth in IT and software services.

Reference: RBI



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# **Sports**

 Preparations for ICC Cricket World Cup 2025: The ICC Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be hosted in South Africa, has announced the final venue list, including iconic stadiums like Wanderers and Newlands.

Reference: ICC Official

### **Environment**

• 2024 Recorded as Hottest Year: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has confirmed that 2024 was the hottest year since 1901, with extreme heat waves affecting large parts of the country.

Reference: IMD

#### **Government Schemes**

• 'Sanskriti Utsava' Launched in Uttar Pradesh: The Uttar Pradesh government has initiated 'Sanskriti Utsava,' a cultural festival showcasing folk arts, music, and literature, running from January 2 to January 26, 2025.

Reference: UP Government

### **Appointments**

• Justice Harpreet Singh Brar Appointed Permanent Judge: Justice Harpreet Singh Brar has been appointed as a Permanent Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Reference: Live Mint



 India-UK Free Trade Agreement Finalized: India and the United Kingdom have signed a historic free trade agreement aimed at doubling bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030. Reference: UK Trade Department

### **Odisha Specific**

 Odisha Introduces Universal Health Insurance Scheme: Women beneficiaries will get health insurance of Rs 10 lakh through the integrated health card of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and state's Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (G-JAY), health minister Mukesh Mahaling said here on Wednesday. He said the health cover will be Rs 5 lakh for men. References: TOI

#### **Inventions**

• Indian Researchers Develop Advanced Supercapacitor: Scientists at IIT Kanpur have developed a new supercapacitor that significantly enhances energy storage efficiency, paving the way for advancements in renewable energy technologies. Reference: IIT Kanpur Press Release

### **History**

WWW.g • Centenary of Kakori Train Action: January 2025 marks 100 years since the Kakori Train Action, a significant event in Indiaâ??s freedom struggle against British colonial rule. Reference: Indian Express

# **Polity**

 Parliament Discusses Digital Election Reforms: The Indian Parliament has initiated debates on digital electoral reforms, including the potential introduction of blockchain voting to enhance transparency and security in the electoral process. Reference: The Hindu

### Culture

• Jaipur Literature Festival 2025 Announced: The Jaipur Literature Festival 2025 is set to feature Nobel laureates like Abdulrazak Gurnah, along with other renowned authors and intellectuals from around the world.

Reference: Jaipur Literature Festival Official

#### **Books**

• Release of 'Climate Resilience' by R.K. Pachauri: Noted environmentalist R.K. Pachauri has launched his new book, 'Climate Resilience,' focusing on sustainable development strategies in



the face of global climate change. *Reference: Penguin Publishers* 

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