Important Current Affairs- 01 January 2025

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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

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International Affairs

- **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

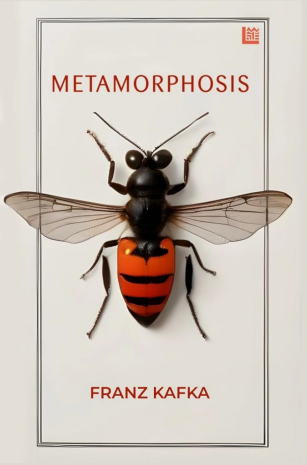
- **China Unveils Worldâ??s Fastest Train Prototype:** China has introduced a maglev train prototype capable of reaching speeds up to 620 kilometers per hour, setting a new benchmark in high-speed rail technology.
  Reference: China Daily

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

- **â??Sanskriti Utsavaâ?? Launched in Uttar Pradesh:** The Uttar Pradesh government has initiated â??Sanskriti Utsava,â?? 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

Pacts and Agreements

- **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 Centreâ??s Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and stateâ??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

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History

- **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 â??Climate Resilienceâ?? by R.K. Pachauri:** Noted environmentalist R.K. Pachauri has launched his new book, â??Climate Resilience,â?? focusing on sustainable development strategies in the face of global climate change.
  Reference: Penguin Publishers

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