

# JANUARY 2026 CURRENT AFFAIRS

## ONE LINERS

- Antonio Costa, President of the European Council, was the Chief Guest at Republic Day 2026.
- The European Union consists of 27 member countries and is headquartered in Brussels.
- Israel became the first country to formally recognize Somaliland as an independent sovereign state.
- Goldman Sachs projected India's FY27 GDP growth at 6.8%.
- IMF projected India's FY27 growth at 6.4% and global growth at 3.2%.
- World Bank estimated India's FY27 growth at 6.5%.
- Repo rate stood at 5.25% in January 2026.
- Ways and Means Advances (WMA) continued as a short-term borrowing facility provided by RBI.
- ICICI Bank received approval under the Capital Gains Account Scheme.
- DICGC provides deposit insurance cover up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank.
- HDFC AMC launched Structured Credit Fund I to enter the private credit market.
- IFC invested ₹220 crore as an anchor investor in HDFC's fund.
- Delhi signed an MoU with RBI for banking and debt management services.
- ONGC signed an MoU with NSTFDC for CSR-funded development of 144 EMRS schools.
- EMRS (Eklavya Model Residential Schools) are meant for tribal students.
- The Capital Gains Account Scheme helps taxpayers claim exemptions under Sections 54 and 54F.

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- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) continues strengthening time-bound insolvency resolution.
- Post Graduate Insolvency Programme website was launched at IICA Campus.
- Competition Commission of India approved Nippon Steel's acquisition of Korasaki Harima Corporation.
- Trade Watch Quarterly (5th Edition) was unveiled by Arvind Virmani of NITI Aayog.
- India now has 11 Classical Languages.
- Tamil was the first Classical Language declared in 2004.
- India recognizes 22 Scheduled Languages under the Constitution.
- The 2nd Khelo India Beach Games were held at Ghoghla Beach, Daman & Diu.
- Mallakhamb was included as a non-medal sport in Khelo India Beach Games.
- The mascot of the Beach Games symbolized marine conservation.
- Steve Smith became the second-highest run-scorer in Ashes history.
- Don Bradman remains the highest run-scorer in Ashes history.
- Yui Susaki received the highest bid in Pro Wrestling League Season 5.
- Cristiano Ronaldo became brand ambassador and investor in Perplexity AI.

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- Harmanpreet Kaur became brand ambassador of Punjab National Bank.
- Amitabh Bachchan was appointed brand ambassador for Campa Shourya.
- SAMPANN continues digitizing pension disbursement under the Department of Telecommunications.
- NITI Aayog continues to publish trade performance analysis through Trade Watch Quarterly.
- RBI continues to regulate deposit insurance, repo rate decisions, and WMA facilities.

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