



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 29, 2026

TAMILNADU

➤ Tamil Nadu Knowledge City

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has launched the ambitious Tamil Nadu Knowledge City with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin laying its foundation stone, aiming to transform the State into a global hub for education, research, and innovation.
- ✓ Spread across 870 acres in Tiruvallur district near Chennai, the integrated campus will bring together universities, research centres, incubation hubs, industry, and residential facilities within a single ecosystem.
- ✓ Designed to promote collaboration between academia, startups, and industry, the project seeks to boost skill development, cutting-edge research, and entrepreneurship.

➤ High-level committee for Tamil Nadu Farmers

- ✓ The Union government has constituted a high-level committee to strengthen Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in Tamil Nadu following feedback from farmers during the Union Agriculture Minister's recent visit to the state.
- ✓ The panel will examine on-ground challenges such as weak governance, limited market access, lack of technical support, and low value addition.
- ✓ It will review management structures, financial sustainability, business operations, and marketing linkages, and recommend practical, crop- and region-specific solutions.
- ✓ The initiative aims to make FPOs more profitable, sustainable, and capable of effectively supporting small and marginal farmers in Tamil Nadu.

NATIONAL

➤ **Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0**

- ✓ NITI Aayog has launched Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 from January 28, 2026, a three-month nationwide campaign aimed at achieving full saturation of essential government services in India's most underdeveloped districts and blocks.
- ✓ Running till April 14, 2026, the mission focuses on health, nutrition, sanitation, education and animal vaccination by closing last-mile delivery gaps.
- ✓ It targets specific performance indicators for Aspirational Districts and Blocks, with monthly progress reviews, data-based monitoring, and community participation.

➤ **India's Solid Waste Management Rules 2026**

- ✓ India has modernized its urban waste governance with the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules 2026, effective 1 April 2026.
- ✓ The rules mandate four-stream waste segregation at source biodegradable, recyclable, domestic hazardous, and sanitary/inert waste and introduce polluter pays penalties to ensure accountability.
- ✓ They promote circular economy principles and extended producer responsibility (EPR), making producers responsible for product lifecycles, especially packaging.

STATE

➤ **Madhya Pradesh Has Declared 2026 as the Year of Agriculture**

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh has declared 2026 as the 'Year of Agriculture' to accelerate rural transformation and strengthen farming, animal husbandry, and allied sectors.
- ✓ Announced by Governor Mangu Bhai Patel at the State-level Republic Day Function, the move reflects a sharp rise in agriculture spending from ₹600 crore in 2002-03 to over ₹27,000 crore in 2024-25 and a comprehensive development strategy focused on technology, natural farming, market reforms, and exports.

- **Aadhaar Integration with PATHIK guest monitoring system**
- ✓ Ahmedabad City Crime Branch has become the first police force in India to integrate Aadhaar verification with its PATHIK guest monitoring system, setting a national benchmark for smart policing.
- ✓ Launched in 2017 and now used by over 9,000 hotels across Gujarat, PATHIK enables instant, consent-based guest verification through QR codes without storing Aadhaar numbers, ensuring privacy.
- ✓ The system has helped trace over 50 missing persons and identify illegal immigrants, and its selection among just 11 national tech showcases highlights its role as a secure, paperless, and transparent model for modern law enforcement.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Newspaper Day – 29 January**
- ✓ Indian Newspaper Day is observed every year on 29 January.
- ✓ The date commemorates the launch of Hicky's Bengal Gazette by James Augustus Hicky in 1780 in Calcutta, now Kolkata.
- ✓ The day honours journalists, editors, and reporters who work under pressure and, at times, risk their safety to bring facts to the public.

