



## Top 10 Current Affairs Questions of Today - January 18, 2025

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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 18th January 2025. So, check out the current affairs and stay up-to-date. You can download PDF also for current affairs today.

Let's check this news about (Indian Army) Then, we will move ahead.

## Indian Army Conducts Devil Strike Military Exercise

The Indian Army will conduct Exercise Devil Strike from January 16-19, 2025, to enhance combat readiness and strengthen national security. Held at India's northern borders, the exercise will focus on high-altitude combat, joint operations involving the Army, Air Force, and Special Forces, and advanced warfare tactics. Building on previous exercises like Shakti and Vajra Prahar, Devil Strike aims to improve military coordination and integrate new technologies to address evolving threats in conventional and asymmetric warfare.



[Image Source: India Today]

## Singapore Grants Honorary Citizenship to Tarun Das

Singapore has awarded Tarun Das, former Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Honorary Citizen Award for his significant contributions to strengthening Singapore-India relations. Das played a key role in fostering economic ties, establishing the India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue, and promoting youth and academic exchanges. His dedication has been previously recognised with the Singapore Public Service Medal in 2004. The Honorary Citizen Award, conferred by President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, further solidifies his legacy in enhancing bilateral relations.

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[Image Source: BBC News]

## PM Modi Inaugurates ISKCON Temple in Navi Mumbai

On January 15, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sri Sri Radha Madanmohanji Temple of ISKCON in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. Asia's second-largest ISKCON temple, built over 12 years at ₹170 crores, spans nine acres and offers various facilities such as a Vedic education college, library, Ayurvedic centre, and senior citizens' ashram. PM Modi praised ISKCON's fusion of spirituality and knowledge, highlighted social welfare initiatives, and paid tribute to Gopaldasji Goswami Maharaj for his vision.



[Image Source: India Today]

## ISRO Achieves Successful Satellite Docking

ISRO has successfully docked two satellites in space, making India the fourth country to achieve this feat after the US, Russia, and China. The SpaDeX mission, launched on December 30, 2024, demonstrated autonomous satellite docking technology. The docking was achieved on January 16, 2025, after overcoming technical delays. This milestone is crucial for future missions like Chandrayaan-4, the Bharatiya Antariksh Station, and lunar exploration. The procedure included gradual satellite approaches and post-docking tests for independent payload operation.



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[Image Source: Wikipedia]

## Hindenburg Research Ceases Operations

Hindenburg Research, founded by Nate Anderson in 2017, has announced its closure, citing personal reasons. The firm was known for exposing corporate fraud, notably involving Nikola Corp., Icahn Enterprises, and the Adani Group. Hindenburg's investigations led to significant impacts, including legal settlements and market losses. Anderson plans to open-source the firm's investigative methods and support his employees in their future ventures. The closure marks the end of a prominent chapter in activist short-selling.



[Image Source: BBC News]

## NPCI and Magnati Join Forces to Enhance UPI Adoption in the UAE

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NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with UAE fintech firm Magnati to introduce UPI payments for Indian travellers in the UAE. This collaboration will enable QR-based UPI merchant payments at POS terminals, starting at Dubai Duty-Free and expanding to other sectors like retail and transport. With over 12 million Indian visitors annually, this initiative enhances payment convenience. NIPL also plans to expand UPI's global reach and work on cross-border solutions, including card schemes like RuPay.



[Image Source: Mint]

## Pixxel and Digantara launched satellites for Earth and space monitoring

Indian start-ups Pixxel and Digantara successfully launched satellites aboard a SpaceX rocket, marking a milestone for India's private space sector. Pixxel deployed hyperspectral imaging satellites for advanced Earth observation, offering high-resolution data for agriculture, defence, and climate monitoring. Digantara's SCOT satellite, the world's first commercial object-tracking satellite, focuses on monitoring space debris. These launches enhance India's space capabilities and address global challenges in agriculture, climate action, defence, and space sustainability, with future expansions planned for both companies.





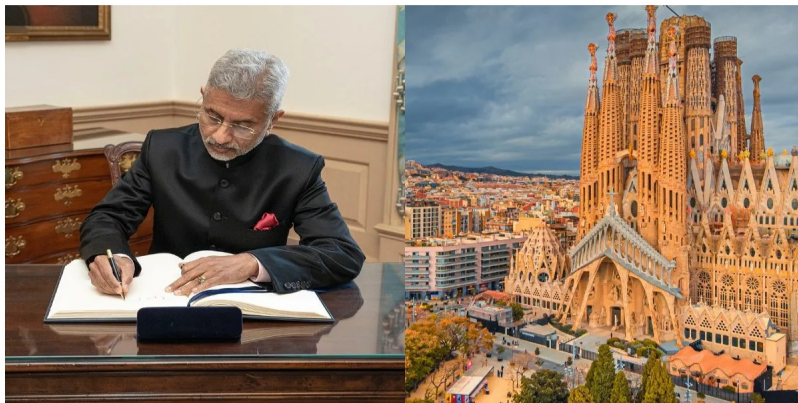
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[Image Source: Mint]

## India-Spain Announces 2026 as Dual Year for Culture, Tourism, and AI

India and Spain have declared 2026 as a "dual year" to enhance collaboration in culture, tourism, and artificial intelligence (AI). The initiative will feature cultural exchanges, tourism promotion through reciprocal visits, and joint AI research. Both countries aim to strengthen bilateral ties, with a focus on expanding trade and economic cooperation. The Indian diaspora in Spain will play a key role in fostering closer relations. Extensive planning for the year's events will begin in 2025.



[Image Source: India Today]

## Smriti Mandhana Sets Record for India's Fastest Women's ODI Century

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Smriti Mandhana set a new record for India's fastest women's ODI century, scoring 100 runs off just 70 balls in the third ODI against Ireland. This achievement broke Harmanpreet Kaur's previous record of 87 balls. Mandhana, who also became the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI centuries, partnered with Pratika Rawal to set a 233-run opening stand, India's third-highest in women's ODIs. She equalled Kaur's record for the most sixes in an inning, hitting seven.



[Image Source: India Today]

## The US has removed Indian entities from its Entity List

The US Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) updated its Entity List, removing three Indian entities—Indian Rare Earths, IGCAR, and BARC—aiming to enhance US-India energy and tech collaboration. This move fosters joint research and development in energy security. Meanwhile, eleven Chinese firms were added to the list for activities harmful to US national security and foreign policy. The update signals stronger US-India ties in nuclear energy and rare earths, while also

addressing concerns over military modernization in China.



[Image Source: India Today]





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