

CURRENTS AFFAIRS (JAN TO DEC 2025)

Section	Topics Covered (High Priority)
1. Appointments & Persons	New Governors, CMs, CJI, Chiefs of Army/Navy/Air Force, Heads of Constitutional Bodies, CEOs of major companies, Ambassadors.
2. Awards, Sports & Books	Padma Awards, Nobel Prize, National Film Awards, Major Sports tournaments (Olympics, Cricket, Tennis), New books & their authors.
3. Economy & Banking	RBI rates (Repo/Reverse Repo), Budget, Economic Survey, GDP forecasts, Inflation, Digital Banking (UPI), SEBI updates.
4. Science & Technology	ISRO missions (Launch Vehicles), DRDO missile tests, NASA/SpaceX updates, AI developments, Robotics, Quantum tech.
5. National Affairs	Government Schemes, Bills/Acts, Policies, Committees, National events & summits, Key Ministry annual reports, NITI Aayog reports/indices.
6. International Affairs	UN, WHO, IMF updates; G20, BRICS, SCO; Treaties; India's foreign relations; Global conflicts; World rankings/Indices.
7. State Affairs	State schemes, Key State projects, GI tags, Local Festivals.
8. Environment & Ecology	COP meetings (Climate Change), Climate reports, New Wildlife sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves, National parks in news, Natural disasters.
9. Miscellaneous	Important Days & their Themes, Commissions & Committee, Military exercise, Defence Overview, Survey Report, UNESCO
10. One liner/ MCQ	Important One-Liner Exam oriented Question/Answer

Union Cabinet Ministers (2024–25)

Minister	Portfolio(s)
Narendra Modi	Prime Minister; Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; and all portfolios not specifically assigned.
Rajnath Singh	Defence
Amit Shah	Home Affairs; Cooperation
Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Road Transport and Highways
Jagat Prakash Nadda	Health & Family Welfare; Chemicals & Fertilizers
Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare; Rural Development
Nirmala Sitharaman	Finance; Corporate Affairs
Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	External Affairs
Manohar Lal	Housing & Urban Affairs; Power
H. D. Kumaraswamy	Heavy Industries; Steel
Piyush Goyal	Commerce & Industry
Dharmendra Pradhan	Education
Jitan Ram Manjhi	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan Singh	Panchayati Raj; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
Sarbananda Sonowal	Ports, Shipping & Waterways
Virendra Kumar	Social Justice & Empowerment
Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu	Civil Aviation
Pralhad Joshi	Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; New & Renewable Energy I
Jual Oram	Tribal Affairs

Indian Ambassadors & High Commissioners (Dec 2025)

Note: This list includes highly specific updates from late 2025, including the new envoy to Canada and Japan.

Country	Ambassador / High Commissioner	Status
USA	Vinay Mohan Kwatra	Former Foreign Secretary; assumed charge Aug 2024 .
United Kingdom	Vikram Doraiswami	High Commissioner. (Incumbent).
Canada	Dinesh K. Patnaik	NEW (Aug 2025): Appointed after diplomatic tensions; succeeded Sanjay K. Verma.
Japan	Nagma Mohamed Mallick	NEW (Oct 2025): 1st Muslim woman IFS to hold this post; succeeded Sibi George.
Israel	Jitender Pal Singh	NEW (Jan 2025): Key appointment amid West Asia conflict.
France	Sanjeev Kumar Singla	Appointed late 2024; previously in Israel.
Germany	Ajit Vinayak Gupte	Appointed late 2024.
Russia	Vinay Kumar	Assumed charge mid-2024.
China	Pradeep Kumar Rawat	Incumbent.
Sri Lanka	Santosh Jha	Handling Cyclone Ditwah relief efforts (Dec 2025).
Bangladesh	Pranay Kumar Verma	High Commissioner (Crucial due to 2024-25 pol. shifts).
United Nations	Parvathaneni Harish	Permanent Representative of India to UN.

Newly Elected Presidents & Prime Ministers (2025)

Country	Name of Person	Designation
United States (USA)	Donald Trump	President (47th)
Canada	Mark Carney	Prime Minister
Germany	Friedrich Merz	Chancellor
Japan	Sanae Takaichi	Prime Minister
France	Sébastien Lecornu	Prime Minister
Poland	Karol Nawrocki	President
South Korea	Kim Min-seok	Prime Minister
Sri Lanka	Anura Kumara Dissanayake	President
Nepal	Sushila Karki	Prime Minister
Australia	Anthony Albanese	Prime Minister (Re-elected)
Namibia	Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah	President (1 st Female)
Ukraine	Yuliia Svyrydenko	Prime Minister
Trinidad & Tobago	Kamla Persad-Bissessar	Prime Minister

Key Exam Notes:

- **Japan's First Female PM: Sanae Takaichi** created history by becoming the first female Prime Minister of Japan in 2025.
- **Nepal's Interim PM: Sushila Karki** (former Chief Justice) took charge as the head of the interim government.
- **South Africa: Cyril Ramaphosa** re-elected 2nd time as President.

Sports Winners List 2025

Sport	Tournament / League	Winner (Champion)	Runner-Up
Cricket	ICC Champions Trophy 2025	India	New Zealand
	ICC Women's ODI World Cup	India	South Africa
	IPL 2025	Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)	Punjab Kings (PBKS)
	WPL 2025 (Women's Premier League)	Mumbai Indians	Delhi Capitals
Kabaddi	Pro Kabaddi League (Season 11)	Haryana Steelers	Patna Pirates
Football	English Premier League (EPL)	Liverpool	Manchester City
	La Liga (Spain)	FC Barcelona	Real Madrid
	UEFA Champions League	Paris Saint-Germain (PSG)	-
	Bundesliga (Germany)	Bayern Munich	Bayer Leverkusen
	Serie A (Italy)	Napoli	Inter Milan
Hockey	Hockey India League (Men)	Ranji Bengal Tigers	-
	Hockey India League (Women)	Odisha Warriors	-
	FIH Pro League (Men & Women)	Netherlands	-
Badminton	All England Open (Men's)	Shi Yuqi (China)	Lee Chia-hao
	All England Open (Women's)	An Se-young (S. Korea)	Wang Zhiyi
Formula 1	F1 World Championship 2025	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Lando Norris
Basketball	NBA Championship 2025	Oklahoma City Thunder	Indiana Pacers
NFL	Super Bowl LIX (2025)	Philadelphia Eagles	Kansas City Chiefs

1. Indian Football Tournaments (2025 Winners)

Key Update: NorthEast United FC winning the Durand Cup is a major historic event for the North East region.

Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Key Fact / Score
Indian Super League (ISL)	Mohun Bagan Super Giant	Bengaluru FC	Won the ISL Cup final 2-1.
Durand Cup	NorthEast United FC	Diamond Harbour FC	Historic first title for NEUFC.
Santosh Trophy(2024-25)	West Bengal	Kerala	33rd Title for West Bengal.
I-League	Mohammedan SC	Sreenidi Deccan	Promoted to ISL next season.

2. Indian Domestic Cricket (2024-25 Season)

Key Update: Vidarbha winning the Ranji Trophy and Mumbai sweeping the T20 & Irani Cup titles.

Tournament	Format	Winner	Runner-Up
Ranji Trophy (2024-25)	Test (4-Day)	Vidarbha	Kerala
Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2025	T20	Jharkhand	Haryana
Vijay Hazare Trophy (2024-25)	ODI (50 Over)	Karnataka	Rajasthan
WPL 2025	T20 (Women)	Mumbai Indians	Delhi Capitals
IPL 2025	T20 (Men)	RCB	Punjab Kings

3. Multi-Sport & Other Major Events (2025)

Key Update: Chandigarh University retained the top spot in University Games.

Event	Winner / Rank 1	Runner-Up / Rank 2	Host State
Khelo India University Games	Chandigarh University	LPU (Punjab)	Rajasthan
Khelo India Youth Games	Maharashtra	Haryana	Tamil Nadu (Prev Ed.)

Bills/Acts/Policies

I. Key Bills & Acts (2025)

1. Polity & Constitution

• The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025

- **Context:** Introduced to ensure probity in public office.
- **Key Provision:** It mandates the **automatic removal** of a Minister (Union or State), including the PM or CM, if they are arrested and detained in custody for **30 consecutive days** for an offense punishable with imprisonment of 5 years or more.
- **Significance:** Addresses the legal gap where ministers could previously continue in office while in judicial custody.

• The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025 & J&K Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025

- **Objective:** Extends the above "automatic removal upon detention" provision to the Union Territories of Puducherry, Delhi, and Jammu & Kashmir.

2. Economy & Infrastructure

• The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025

- **Objective:** Distinguishes between "Games of Skill" and "Games of Chance."
- **Key Rules:**
 - Bans real-money betting and gambling apps.
 - Establishes a **Regulatory Authority** for e-sports and skill-based gaming.
 - Mandatory KYC for users and strict rules against addiction.

• The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025

- **Focus:** Critical Minerals (Lithium, Cobalt, etc.).
- **Change:** Allows the central government to auction mining leases for critical minerals (previously a state subject for some minerals) to fast-track India's EV and battery manufacturing goals.

• The Indian Ports Act, 2025

- **Objective:** To modernize port management and replace the Indian Ports Act of 1908.
- **Key Feature:** Establishes a **Maritime State Development Council (MSDC)** to ensure cooperative federalism in port planning and prevent competition between Major (Central) and Minor (State) ports.

3. Social Sector & Governance

- **The National Sports Governance Act, 2025**

- **Aim:** To bring transparency to Sports Federations (like WFI, AIFF).
- **Provisions:** Mandates ethical governance standards, timely elections, and a dedicated appellate tribunal for sports disputes to reduce court interference.

- **The Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Act, 2025**

- **Change:** Reclassifies NITIE Mumbai as **IIM Mumbai** (the 21st IIM) and strengthens the President's role as a "Visitor" to IIMs for better accountability.

Key Bills / Acts Passed or Updated (2024–2025)

1. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 – Implemented 2024

- Replaces **IPC, 1860**.
- Introduces **new offences**: mob lynching, terrorism, organized crime.
- **Simplifies definitions, enhances punishments.**
- **Focus on victim-centric justice.**

2. Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 – Implemented 2024

- Replaces **CrPC, 1973**.
- Evidence recording can be digital.
- Mandatory **forensic investigation** for crimes with punishment > 7 years.
- First-time introduction of **triage of cases** for faster justice.

3. Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023 – Implemented 2024

- Replaces **Indian Evidence Act, 1872**.
- Focus on **electronic evidence**, digital records admissible.
- Defines 3 types of evidence: **oral, documentary & electronic**.

4. Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP Act), 2023 – Implemented 2024

- Governs online data use, consent-based system.
- **Heavy penalties for data breach (up to ₹250 crore).**
- Applies to govt + private companies.

Major Infrastructure Projects (2025 Status)

Project Name	Location	Status (2025)	Key Exam Fact / Strategic Importance
Chenab Rail Bridge	J&K (Reasi)	Inaugurated (June 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World's Highest Railway Bridge (359m high). Completed the Kashmir rail link (USBRL), connecting Kashmir Valley to the rest of India by train for the first time.
Delhi-Meerut RRTS	Delhi-UP	Fully Operational (Sept 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (NaMo Bharat). Full corridor (Sarai Kale Khan to Modipuram) opened on Sep 17, 2025. Travel time reduced to <60 mins.
Dwarka Expressway	Delhi-Haryana	Completed (Aug 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM Modi inaugurated the Delhi stretch in August 2025. India's first elevated urban expressway (to decongest NH-48).
Z-Morh Tunnel	J&K (Sonamarg)	Inaugurated (Jan 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides all-weather connectivity to Sonamarg. Vital for strategic movement towards Ladakh (Zojila Tunnel is the next phase).
Kolkata Metro (EW)	West Bengal	Connected (Aug 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealdah-Esplanade section opened in August, fully connecting the Salt Lake-Howrah corridor via the underwater tunnel.
Vande Bharat Sleeper	Pan-India	Launched (Sept 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First version of the Sleeper Vande Bharat (designed by BEML) launched for long-distance overnight travel.

- Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train:
 - 2025 Milestone: First mountain tunnel completed; "Surat-Vapi" section (100 km) tracks ready for trial runs (operational run expected 2026/27).
- Noida International Airport (Jewar):
 - Status: Testing of flights began in late 2025; commercial operations expected early 2026.
 - Fact: Will be Asia's largest airport upon full completion.

Environment

COP Meetings (Climate Change) – 2025

- **Conference: COP30** (30th Conference of the Parties)
- **Year: 2025**
- **Host Country: Brazil**
- **Host City: Belém**
- **Organised by: UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)**

Why is COP30 (2025) Special?

- **Location Significance:** It is being held in **Belém**, the gateway to the **Amazon Rainforest**. This symbolism is intentional to highlight the urgent need to protect the world's largest carbon sink.
- **"Mission 1.5°C":** This is the deadline year for countries to submit their **3rd round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**. These plans cover the period up to 2035 and are critical to keeping the 1.5°C target alive.
- **Troika Presidency:** The presidency is held by **Brazil**, working in a "Troika" (partnership) with the previous hosts **UAE (COP28)** and **Azerbaijan (COP29)** to ensure continuity.

Climate Reports 2025 in short:

- **UNEP Emissions Gap Report:** Titled "*Off Target*". **World is heading for 2.3–2.5°C warming**. 1.5°C goal is "virtually exhausted".
- **WMO State of Climate:** 2025 is the **2nd or 3rd warmest year** on record. Ocean heat & sea level rise (4.1mm/yr) hit new highs.
- **Global Carbon Budget:** **Fossil CO2 emissions rose 1.1%** to a record high (38.1 bn tonnes). Nature's ability to absorb carbon (sinks) is weakening.
- **COP30 (Belém, Brazil):**
 - **"Belém Package":** Agreed to raise **\$1.3 Trillion/year** climate finance by 2035.
 - **TFFF:** New Brazilian fund to pay countries for *keeping forests standing*.
- **India Specifics:**
 - **Emissions:** Growth slowed to **1.4%** (down from 4%) due to good monsoons & solar push.
 - **Extreme Weather:** India faced extreme weather on **318 days** in 2025 (CSE Report).

Major Climate Change Conferences 2025

Conference / Event	Dates	Host City (Country)	Key Focus / Objective
UNFCCC COP 30	Nov 10–21, 2025	Belém, Brazil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known as the "Amazon COP". Focus on stopping deforestation and nature-based solutions. Countries must submit new climate plans (NDCs 3.0) to align with the 1.5°C goal.
G20 Summit (Climate Track)	Nov 2025	Johannesburg, SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on "Green Development Pact" for the Global South. Financing for energy transition in Africa.
World Sustainable Development Summit	Mar 5–7, 2025	New Delhi, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted by TERI. Theme: Partnerships for Sustainable Development.
Regional Climate Week (Africa)	Sept 1–6, 2025	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Focus on African climate finance and adaptation ahead of COP30.
UN Ocean Conference	June 9–13, 2025	Nice, France	Critical for "Blue Economy" and ocean-climate nexus discussions.

International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- Aim:** Conservation of big cats and their habitats through global cooperation
- Big Cats Covered:** 7 (Seven)-Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma
- Key Focus:** Anti-poaching, habitat protection, research, capacity building
- HQ:** New Delhi, India
- First assembly host in New Delhi, 2025- Chaired by **Bhupender Yadav**.
- New member- **Russia (19th)**