



“ We help you reach for the star ”

VIDHVATH IAS KAS ACADEMY & STUDY CENTRE

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

FOR UPSC CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

DATE: 27/02/2026 (FRIDAY)



9972258970 & 9740702455

**#317/A SKB Arcade, D. Subbaiah Road,
Ramaswamy Circle, Mysuru-570004**



DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. India-Israel Special Strategic Partnership

A. Core Idea: India and Israel have significantly upgraded their bilateral relationship to a new level focused on technology and security.

B. Why in News: Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Israel and signed 17 pacts to elevate ties.

+2

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Total Pacts Signed:** 17.

- **New Title:** "Special Strategic Partnership for Peace, Innovation and Prosperity". D. Important Terms: * **Critical and Emerging Technologies Partnership:** A new agreement to cooperate on high-tech areas like AI and quantum computing. E. Institutions Involved: Ministry of External Affairs (India), Yad Vashem (World Holocaust Remembrance Center).

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- India's security interests are now officially linked to West Asia.
- The partnership focus has shifted heavily toward Technology and AI.
- The visit included a symbolic stop at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Match-the-following: Countries and their specific partnership titles (e.g., India-Israel: Special Strategic Partnership).
- Factual: How many pacts were signed during the 2026 visit?

2. Supreme Court Ban on NCERT Textbook

A. Core Idea: The Supreme Court has completely banned a Class 8 social science book for containing remarks that lowered the dignity of the judiciary.

B. Why in News: The court initiated contempt action against NCERT officials for a section on "Corruption in the Judiciary".

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Textbook Class:** 8.

- **Bench Lead:** Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant. D. Important Terms: * **Suo Motu:** A Latin term meaning "on its own motion," where the court takes up a case without a formal complaint.
- **Contempt of Court:** Disobeying or disrespecting the court's authority. E. Institutions Involved: NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training), Ministry of Education.

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- The book title was "Exploring Society: India and Beyond-Part 2".
- The court ordered the immediate seizure of all physical and digital copies.
- The PM has also called for fixing accountability in this matter. **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Statement-based: Which institution's textbook was recently banned by the SC?



- Factual: Who is the current Chief Justice of India (as of Feb 2026)?

3. ISRO NVS-02 Launch Failure Analysis

A. Core Idea: A government panel found that a simple electrical circuit failure caused the NVS-02 satellite mission to fail in 2025.

B. Why in News: The failure review committee released its final findings on why the satellite did not reach its orbit.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Satellite Name:** NVS-02 (Navigation Satellite).

- **Launch Vehicle:** GSLV-F15.
- **Launch Date:** January 29, 2025. D. Important Terms: * **Pyro Valve:** An explosive-driven valve used to control the flow of fuel in rocket engines.
- **Elliptical Orbit:** An oval-shaped path around the Earth. E. Institutions Involved: ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation).

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- The main cause was a signal not reaching the pyro valve due to a broken circuit.
 - This was ISRO's 100th launch.
 - Recommendations from this failure were already used to successfully launch the CMS-03 satellite.
- G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Factual: Which rocket was used for the NVS-02 mission?
- Identification: NVS series satellites are used for which purpose? (Answer: Positioning/Navigation).

4. US-India Trade Talks (Lutnick Visit)

A. Core Idea: US Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick visited Delhi to discuss trade after a major US court ruling against tariffs.

B. Why in News: The visit aimed to stabilize trade relations following the striking down of President Trump's global tariffs.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **US Secretary of Commerce:** Howard Lutnick.

- **Indian Counterpart:** Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal. D. Important Terms: * **Tariffs:** Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods. E. Institutions Involved: Ministry of Commerce and Industry (India), US Department of Commerce.

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- The US Supreme Court recently struck down broad global tariffs.
- The International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) was a key legal point in the US court ruling.
- Discussions focused on expanding the "trade and economic partnership". **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Factual: Who is the current US Secretary of Commerce?
- Match-the-following: Ministers and their respective portfolios.



5. Maharashtra's Anti-Conversion Bill

A. Core Idea: The Maharashtra government is drafting a law to prevent forced religious conversions, often referred to as "Love Jihad".

B. Why in News: The first draft of the Bill has been sent to the Law and Judiciary Department for vetting.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **State:** Maharashtra.

- **Proposed Passage:** Within the year 2026. D. Important Terms: * **Vetting:** The process of examining a document or law carefully for errors or legal issues. E. Institutions Involved: Maharashtra Home Department, Law and Judiciary Department.

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- Gujarat recently amended its marriage laws to make parental consent mandatory.
- The law aims to address "forced religious conversions".
- The current CM of Maharashtra mentioned is Devendra Fadnavis. **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Factual: Which state recently moved a draft for an anti-conversion law?
- Factual: Which state recently made parental consent mandatory for marriage registration? (Answer: Gujarat).

6. "Romeo and Juliet" Clause in POCSO Act

A. Core Idea: The Supreme Court is considering an exception in the child protection law for consensual relationships between teenagers close in age.

B. Why in News: The court urged the government to introduce this clause to prevent the "weaponization" of the law by families.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Current Age of Consent:** 18 years.

- **Year POCSO was enacted:** 2012. D. Important Terms: * **Statutory Rape:** Sexual activity with a person below the legal age of consent, regardless of their agreement. E. Institutions Involved: Ministry of Women and Child Development, Supreme Court of India.

F. Government Acts: * **POCSO Act, 2012:** Protection of Children from Sexual Offences.

- **Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013:** Raised consent age from 16 to 18. **G. Direct Exam Takeaways:**
- A 2022 study found that 24.3% of POCSO cases involved "romantic" relationships.
- The minimum sentence under POCSO is currently seven years.
- The "Romeo and Juliet" clause would exempt consensual acts between adolescents close in age. **H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Full Form: POCSO Act.
- Factual: What is the current legal age of consent in India?



7. AI in Mathematics: The "Gauss" Tool

A. Core Idea: An AI tool named "Gauss" has successfully helped formalize complex mathematical proofs, saving months of human effort.

B. Why in News: Gauss translated a proof by mathematician Timothy Gowers into a computer-verifiable language.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **AI Tool Name:** Gauss.

- **Programming Language used:** Lean. D. Important Terms: * **Formalization:** Translating human math proofs into a language that a computer can check for errors.
- **Kernel:** The part of a computer program that verifies if the logic of a proof is correct. E. Institutions Involved: Carnegie Mellon University, Google DeepMind (AlphaProof).

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- "Lean" is a specialized programming language for mathematicians.
- In 2025, AI models from OpenAI and Google achieved gold-medal scores in Math Olympiads.
- The tool "AlphaProof" was developed by DeepMind. **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Factual: What is "Gauss" in the context of recent science news? (Answer: An AI tool for math).
- Factual: Name the programming language used for computer-verifiable math proofs. (Answer: Lean).

8. India-Canada Educational & Diaspora Ties

A. Core Idea: Despite political tensions, India remains the largest source of international students for Canada, with deep community links.

B. Why in News: Data shows over 3.92 lakh Indian students were in Canada as of late 2024, highlighting the strength of people-to-people ties.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Indian Students in Canada:** 3.92 lakh (as of Dec 2024).

- **Indo-Canadian Population:** Over 1.5 million. D. Important Terms: * **Diaspora:** People of a specific national/ethnic identity living outside their homeland. E. Institutions Involved: Ministry of External Affairs (India), Canadian Immigration Department.

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- Indian students are the largest group of international students in Canada.
- Energy cooperation (Oil, Gas, LNG) is a key pillar of the bilateral relationship.
- Only a tiny minority (est. 1%) of the Canadian Sikh community is involved in radical politics. **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Factual: Which country has the largest number of Indian international students?
- Factual: What is the approximate size of the Indian diaspora in Canada?



9. New Methodology for India's GDP Calculation

A. Core Idea: The government is shifting to a new data series for calculating GDP to more accurately reflect the economy using GST and banking data.

B. Why in News: The Sub-Committee on New Data Sources recommended using actual financial data instead of proxies.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **New Data Source:** GST (Goods and Services Tax) data.

- **Banking Data Source:** Statistical Table Related to Banks in India (STRBI).

D. Important Terms: * **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):** The total value of all goods and services produced in a country.

- **GVA (Gross Value Added):** GDP minus taxes and plus subsidies on products.

E. Institutions Involved: Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- GST data will be used to track private corporations better.
- Actual financial data will replace "proxy-based" estimates for NBFCs.
- State-level data reporting from local bodies has been enhanced.

G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles: * Factual: Which new tax data will now be used to improve GDP accuracy?

- Full Form: STRBI (Statistical Table Related to Banks in India).

10. Decolonisation of Rashtrapati Bhavan

A. Core Idea: India is replacing colonial-era symbols with national icons at the President's House as part of a decolonisation effort.

B. Why in News: The bust of British architect Edward Lutyens was recently replaced by that of C. Rajagopalachari in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **New Icon:** C. Rajagopalachari (Nationalist icon).

- **Location:** Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. **D. Important Terms:** * **Central Vista:** The main ceremonial avenue in New Delhi.
- **Lutyens' Delhi:** The area of New Delhi designed by British architect Edwin Lutyens. **E. Institutions Involved:** Government of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan.

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- The original plan of New Delhi was designed to reflect Indian traditions.
- The Central Vista connects Viceroy's House (now Rashtrapati Bhavan) to Purana Qila.
- The capital was moved from Calcutta to Delhi in 1911. **G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles:** * Factual: Whose bust was recently installed in Rashtrapati Bhavan to replace Lutyens'?



- History: Who was the first Indian Governor-General of independent India? (Answer: C. Rajagopalachari).

11. PSLV Rocket Anomalies Committee

A. Core Idea: ISRO has formed a new committee to investigate recent failures of its "workhorse" rocket, the PSLV.

B. Why in News: The PSLV failed twice recently (May 2025 and January 2026) due to issues in its third stage.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Rocket Type:** PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle).

- **Anomalies found in:** Third stage of the rocket. D. Important Terms: * **Workhorse:** A term used for the PSLV because of its high success rate and frequency of use.
- **Anomaly:** A deviation from what is standard or expected. E. Institutions Involved: ISRO, Ministry of State for Space.

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- The failures in 2025 and 2026 are reportedly due to "unrelated reasons".
- The PSLV is primarily used to launch satellites into Sun-Synchronous Polar Orbits.

G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles: * Factual: Which stage of the PSLV rocket showed anomalies in recent 2026 launches?

- Full Form: PSLV.

12. "PRAHAAR" Counter-Terror Strategy

A. Core Idea: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has released a new comprehensive strategy document to fight terrorism.

B. Why in News: The "PRAHAAR" document outlines a seven-pillar approach to internal security.

C. Key Facts & Figures: * **Strategy Name:** PRAHAAR.

- **Number of Pillars:** 7.

D. Important Terms: * **ATS (Anti-Terrorism Squad):** Special police units at the state level.

- **Deradicalisation:** The process of changing a person's extremist beliefs to reintegrate them into society.

E. Institutions Involved: MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs), NIA (National Investigation Agency), NSG (National Security Guard).

F. Direct Exam Takeaways:

- The strategy emphasizes prison management and community engagement.
- It calls for better coordination between the NIA and state police.
- States like Telangana and Maharashtra are noted for their good work in deradicalisation.



G. PYQ / Expected Question Angles: * Factual: What is "PRAHAAR" in the context of Indian security?

- Factual: Which ministry released the PRAHAAR strategy? (Answer: Ministry of Home Affairs).

DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS FROM STATIC PART

1. Ancient History

Q1. The earliest Indian inscriptional evidence using the term "Bharata" to denote the subcontinent occurs in:

- A. Hathigumpha inscription
- B. Junagadh inscription
- C. Nasik inscription
- D. Allahabad pillar inscription

Answer: D

Explanation: Allahabad Pillar (Samudragupta) refers to "Bharata-varsha" politically.

2. Medieval History

Q2. The iqta system under the Delhi Sultanate primarily implied:

- A. Hereditary land ownership
- B. Tax-free religious grant
- C. Revenue assignment in lieu of salary
- D. Military fief independent of state

Answer: C

Explanation: Iqta = revenue collection rights given instead of cash salary.

3. Modern History

Q3. The Charter Act that ended East India Company's trade monopoly with India but not with China was:

- A. 1793
- B. 1813
- C. 1833
- D. 1853

Answer: B

Explanation: Charter Act 1813 ended India trade monopoly; China trade ended 1833.

4. Art & Culture

Q4. The earliest surviving structural temple architecture in India is represented by:

- A. Brihadeeswara Temple
- B. Dashavatara Temple, Deogarh
- C. Lomas Rishi Cave
- D. Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram



Answer: B

Explanation: Gupta-period Dashavatara (6th c.) earliest structural Hindu temple.

5. World Geography

Q5. The only ocean current flowing completely within the Southern Hemisphere westerlies is:

- A. Humboldt Current
- B. Agulhas Current
- C. West Wind Drift
- D. Benguela Current

Answer: C

Explanation: West Wind Drift (Antarctic Circumpolar Current) encircles Antarctica.

6. Indian Geography

Q6. The only major Himalayan river that cuts across the Pir Panjal range through a deep gorge is:

- A. Ravi
- B. Chenab
- C. Jhelum
- D. Sutlej

Answer: D

Explanation: Sutlej cuts Pir Panjal at Shipki La region forming deep gorge.

7. Economy

Q7. In India's national income accounting, the "mixed income of self-employed" is included under:

- A. Compensation of employees
- B. Operating surplus
- C. Factor income from abroad
- D. Net indirect taxes

Answer: B

Explanation: Mixed income (self-employed) counted with operating surplus.

8. Polity

Q8. The only constitutional amendment passed without ratification by half of the states despite affecting federal provisions was:

- A. 42nd Amendment
- B. 44th Amendment
- C. 73rd Amendment
- D. 86th Amendment

Answer: D

Explanation: 86th (Right to Education) didn't alter federal structure → no ratification.



9. Environment & Ecology

Q9. The biome with highest primary productivity per unit area among the following is:

- A. Temperate grassland
- B. Tropical rainforest
- C. Coral reef
- D. Taiga

Answer: C

Explanation: Coral reefs highest productivity per area (marine ecosystems).

10. Science & Tech

Q10. The semiconductor property that enables p-type material formation is due to:

- A. Pentavalent doping
- B. Electron excess
- C. Trivalent impurity
- D. Lattice vacancy

Answer: C

Explanation: Trivalent dopant → holes → p-type semiconductor.

DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT AFFAIRS PART

Q1. The Parliament of Israel, addressed by the Prime Minister of India, is known as:

- A. Duma
- B. Knesset
- C. Bundestag
- D. Majlis

Answer: B

Explanation: Knesset is the unicameral legislature of Israel.

Q2. The Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN was launched under which policy framework?

- A. National Transport Policy 2015
- B. National Civil Aviation Policy 2016
- C. Aviation Modernization Plan 2014
- D. Airport Development Act 2017

Answer: B

Explanation: UDAN (2016) is part of National Civil Aviation Policy 2016.

Q3. The term “Urals” frequently seen in global energy news refers to:

- A. Iranian natural gas pipeline
- B. Russian crude oil grade
- C. Chinese refinery technology
- D. European oil storage system



Answer: B

Explanation: Urals is Russia's main export crude oil grade.

Q4. The Indian scientist associated with the discovery commemorated on National Science Day is:

- A. S.N. Bose
- B. H.J. Bhabha
- C. C.V. Raman
- D. Meghnad Saha

Answer: C

Explanation: National Science Day (28 Feb) marks Raman Effect discovery.

Q5. The two-child norm recently removed for contesting local elections was originally introduced in Rajasthan in:

- A. 1991
- B. 1995
- C. 2001
- D. 2009

Answer: B

Explanation: Rajasthan introduced the two-child disqualification in 1995.

Q6. The HIV treatment method that reduces viral load but does not cure infection is called:

- A. Immunotherapy
- B. Antiretroviral Therapy
- C. Chemoprophylaxis
- D. Serotherapy

Answer: B

Explanation: ART controls HIV replication and prolongs life.

Q7. The rare migratory duck "Smew," recently recorded in Kaziranga, primarily breeds in:

- A. Sahara Desert
- B. Eurasian Taiga
- C. Tibetan Plateau
- D. Amazon Basin

Answer: B

Explanation: Smew breeds in boreal forests (taiga) of Eurasia.

Q8. The traditional cattle race "Maramadi," associated with Kakkur Kalavayal, belongs to:

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: C

Explanation: Maramadi is a Kerala rural cattle race tradition.



Q9. The legal term “suo motu,” used by courts, literally means:

- A. By written petition
- B. On its own motion
- C. By executive order
- D. By legislative mandate

Answer: B

Explanation: Suo motu = court acts on its own initiative.

Q10. The Supreme Court judgment allowing entry of women of all ages into Sabarimala Temple was delivered in:

- A. 2015
- B. 2016
- C. 2018
- D. 2019

Answer: C

Explanation: 2018 Sabarimala verdict removed age restriction.

Q11. Microplastics commonly reported in bottled water are defined as plastic particles smaller than:

- A. 10 mm
- B. 5 mm
- C. 1 mm
- D. 0.1 mm

Answer: B

Explanation: Microplastics = particles <5 mm.

Q12. India’s Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) push is directly linked to achieving Net-Zero emissions by:

- A. 2050
- B. 2060
- C. 2070
- D. 2080

Answer: C

Explanation: India’s Net-Zero target year is 2070.