# **10th January 2025 Current Affairs**

# National News

1. Pravasi Bharatiya Express: A Gift to Indian Diaspora



Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Pravasi Bharatiya Express on January 9, 2025, from Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This tourist train, launched under the Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana, aims to connect the Indian diaspora with India's cultural and religious heritage.

#### International News

2. Lebanon Elects General Joseph Aoun as President



Lebanon's parliament elected General Joseph

Aoun as the new president, ending a two-year political deadlock. He secured 99 out of 128 votes in the election held on January 9, 2025.

3. Wildfires Ravage Los Angeles



Southern California faces one of its most destructive wildfire crises, causing mass evacuations, loss of life, and disruptions. Climate change exacerbates these devastating events.

## State News



4. Mo Farah to Lead 20th Mumbai Marathon

Sir Mo Farah, a renowned British long-distance runner, will serve as the International Ambassador for the 20th Tata Mumbai Marathon, scheduled on January 19, 2025, with over 60,000 participants.

#### Schemes News

5. PARTH Yojana for Security Services Recruitment Training



Madhya Pradesh launched the PARTH Yojana, aiming to provide pre-recruitment training for youth entering the Indian Army, Police, and Para-Military forces. This initiative promotes discipline and patriotism.

#### Ranks & Reports News



#### 6. India Ranks 85th in the Henley Passport Index 2025

India's passport ranking dropped to 85th, compared to 80th in 2024. Singapore retained the top position, while Japan ranked second.

#### Economy News

# 7. India's Economic Growth Projections



The UN's "World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025" report predicts a 6.6% growth rate for India in 2025, driven by private consumption and investments.

#### **Banking News**

8. PhonePe and ICICI Lombard Launch Maha Kumbh Mela Insurance



Ahead of the Maha Kumbh Mela, PhonePe and ICICI Lombard introduced specialized insurance for attendees, ensuring safety and coverage for millions of devotees.

#### Business News

#### 9. Swiggy's 'Snacc' App Promises 15-Minute Delivery



Swiggy launched a new app, 'Snacc,' offering rapid delivery of snacks and beverages within 15 minutes, sparking a shift in the food delivery industry.

#### Appointments News

#### 10. Justice B.N. Srikrishna to Lead Advisory Board of Equal and OneMoney



Retired Justice B.N. Srikrishna was appointed as Chairman of the Advisory Board for Equal, emphasizing data security under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

# Agreements News



## 11. UP Govt Signs MoU with Google Cloud for AI Agri Network

The Uttar Pradesh government partnered with Google Cloud to launch the UP Open Network for Agriculture, leveraging AI to support farmers with advisory services, credit, and market connectivity.

#### Important Days News

# 12. World Hindi Day 2025



Observed on January 10, World Hindi Day celebrates Hindi's global significance and cultural richness, fostering its promotion worldwide.

# Science and Technology News

13. Blue Origin's New Glenn Rocket to Launch



Blue Origin is set to launch its New Glenn rocket on January 10, 2025, a pivotal step in its space exploration goals.