

# Current Affairs – 15th January 2025

## 1. National News

### 1.1 Election Reforms Act 2023



The Indian government introduced the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023. This act seeks to enhance transparency and accountability in the appointment of election officials.

### 1.2 Launch of APAAR ID



The APAAR ID, or "One Nation One Student ID Card," has been launched. It will digitally track students' academic achievements and scholarships, creating a unified system for education records.

### 1.3 Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform



Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform, aimed at bolstering India's clean energy sectors, including solar, wind, hydrogen, and battery production.

#### 1.4 Establishment of National Turmeric Board



The National Turmeric Board has been set up in Nizamabad, Telangana, to strengthen India's turmeric trade globally. Palle Ganga Reddy has been appointed as its first chairperson.

#### 1.5 IMD Vision-2047 Document



On its 150th Foundation Day, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) unveiled the

Vision-2047 strategy. It focuses on "Zero Deaths, 100% Weather Detection," leveraging advanced technologies.

## 2. Defence News

### 2.1 Launch of Naval Multi-Purpose Vessel 'Utkarsh'



The Indian Navy launched 'Utkarsh,' its second Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV), at L&T Shipyard in Chennai. This addition will boost India's maritime security and indigenous shipbuilding initiatives.

## 3. State News

### 3.1 Pongal Celebration by Tamil Traditions



In Tripura, a woman physician celebrated Pongal with traditional Tamil customs, symbolizing India's cultural unity.

### 3.2 Boda Tyohar in Himachal Pradesh



Himachal Pradesh's Hatti community celebrated the Boda Tyohar festival, marking the start of their agricultural season with traditional fervor.

### 3.3 Zeliangrong Community's Gaan-Ngai Festival in Manipur



The Zeliangrong community in Manipur commenced the Gaan-Ngai festival, a five-day celebration aimed at fostering peace, prosperity, and unity.

## 4. Economy News

### 4.1 Wholesale Price Inflation Rises to 2.37%



India's wholesale price inflation climbed to 2.37% in December 2024, driven by rising costs in fuel and manufacturing, posing economic challenges.



## 4.2 CRISIL's GDP Growth Projection for FY25



CRISIL estimated India's GDP growth at 6.7% for FY25, crediting strong performances in the manufacturing and service sectors for this projection.

## 5. Summits and Conferences

### 5.1 India to Host 28th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference



India will host the 28th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in 2026, focusing on AI integration and social media in parliamentary practices, showcasing India's innovation in governance.

## 6. Sports News

### 6.1 ICC Players of the Month for December 2024



Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah and Australian cricketer Annabel Sutherland were named ICC Players of the Month for their outstanding international cricket performances.

## 7. Awards News

### 7.1 Aparna Sen Honored with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award



Renowned filmmaker Aparna Sen received the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the WBFJA Awards 2025 in Kolkata for her significant contributions to Indian cinema.

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