

Current Affairs: 7th Jan. 2025

1. Appointment of New ISRO Chairman



V Narayanan was appointed as the next Chairman of ISRO, succeeding S Somanath on January 14, 2025. Narayanan, currently the Director of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, brings nearly four decades of space technology experience.

2. Launch of India's 2025 Calendar



The Government of India unveiled its 2025 calendar with the theme "Janbhagidari se Jankalyan." Released by I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the calendar emphasizes public participation in initiatives like Swachh Bharat and Ayushman Bharat.

3. Nepal-Tibet Earthquake



A devastating 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck near the Nepal-Tibet border, causing 126 fatalities and injuring 188. Tremors were felt in Indian states, including Bihar, West Bengal, and Sikkim.

4. Approval of India's First Ayurvedic Medical Device



The AI-based Nadi Tarangini, developed by Atreya Innovations, became India's first Ayurvedic medical device approved by CDSCO. This pulse diagnostic device, with 85% accuracy, is used in over 1,250 clinics worldwide.

5. Sikkim's Organic Fisheries Cluster Initiative



Sikkim launched India's first organic fisheries cluster in Soreng District under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana. The project focuses on chemical-free fish farming to promote sustainable aquaculture.

6. India Ranks Second in Cyberattacks in 2024



According to CloudSEK, India faced 95 major cyberattacks in 2024, primarily targeting the finance, banking, and government sectors. Significant breaches included data leaks from Star Health.

7. Eruption of Mount Ibu in Indonesia



Indonesia's Mount Ibu erupted, sending ash columns up to 3 km high. Authorities have set up a danger zone of 4-5.5 km around the crater, as the region remains highly active geologically due to the Pacific 'Ring of Fire.'