

Current Affairs January 11, 2025

National News:

1. India to Invest ₹50,000 Crore in National Waterways Over 5 Years



The Indian government has announced an investment of ₹50,000 crore to enhance the country's inland water transport infrastructure over the next five years.

2. PM to Inaugurate Z-Morh Tunnel, Boosting Kashmir-Ladakh Connectivity



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the Z-Morh tunnel, which will ensure year-round connectivity between Kashmir and Ladakh, boosting tourism and military logistics.

3. Union Minister Sonowal Unveils National River Traffic & Navigation System



Sarbananda Sonowal, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, launched the National River Traffic & Navigation System (NRT&NS) in Kaziranga, Assam, to improve inland waterway safety and efficiency.

International News:

4. Global Water Cycle Disruption in 2024 Caused Wayanad Landslides



The 2024 Global Water Monitor Report highlighted global disruptions in the water cycle due to climate change, with over 8,700 deaths and economic losses of \$550 billion. The Wayanad landslides in India were particularly destructive.

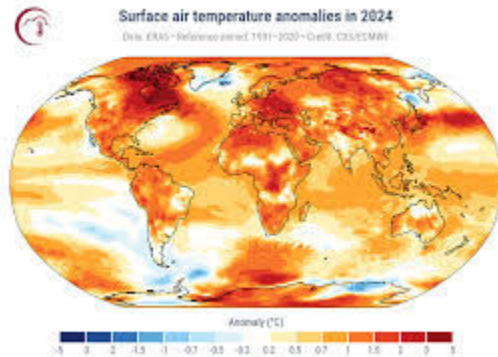
5. India and Mongolia Forge Mining Partnership



India and Mongolia have signed an MoU in the field of geology and exploration, aimed

at enhancing resource security and diversifying supply chains for copper and coking coal.

6. Earth Breaches 1.5°C Limit for the First Time in 2024



2024 marked the first year the global temperature exceeded the critical 1.5°C threshold above pre-industrial levels, signaling a dangerous path for climate change.

7. Japan Tightens Sanctions on Russia Over Ukraine War



Japan imposed new sanctions on Russian entities and individuals in response to Russia's ongoing military actions in Ukraine.

Economy News:

8. India Targets \$100B Food & Beverage Exports



India aims to achieve \$100 billion in combined exports from food & beverage, agriculture, and marine products within the next five years, driven by annual growth of 14-15%.

9. Centre Releases ₹1.73 Trillion to States to Boost Capital Spending



The Indian government disbursed ₹1.73 trillion to state governments, aiming to enhance capital expenditure and support development initiatives.

10. India's Factory Output Grows 5.2% in November



India's factory output saw a rise of 5.2% in November 2024, marking the highest growth

in six months, driven by manufacturing, capital goods, and consumer durables.

11. Rupee Hits Record Low of ₹86 Against US Dollar



The Indian rupee depreciated to a record low of ₹86 against the US dollar, reflecting significant economic challenges.

12. E-Way Bills Surge in December, Second-Highest in Two Years



The generation of e-way bills surged to its second-highest level in two years, reflecting increased economic activity.

Science & Technology News:

13. BMCRI to Set Up South India's First Infectious Disease Research Lab



Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) will establish South India's first Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory, focusing on bacterial, fungal, and parasitic diseases.