

# Current Affairs: January 13, 2025

## National News

### 1. INROAD Project: Enhancing Natural Rubber Quality in India's North-East



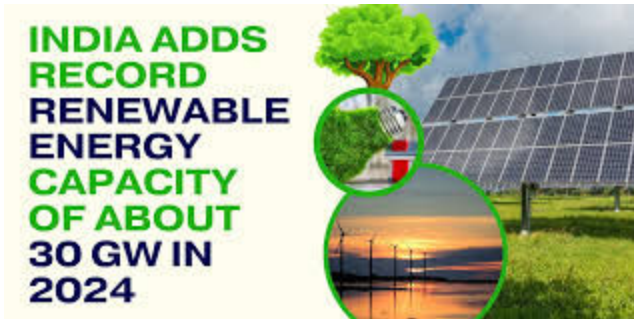
The INROAD project, with ₹100 crore backing, aims to improve the quality of natural rubber in India's North-East, focusing on skill development and model infrastructure.

### 2. Piyush Goyal Launches Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform



Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched the Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform to strengthen India's cleantech value chains in solar, wind, hydrogen, and battery storage sectors.

### 3. India Sets New Record with 30 GW Green Energy in 2024



India reached a record 30 GW renewable energy capacity in 2024, a 113% increase from 2023, marking a significant step towards the 500 GW target by 2030.

#### 4. India's Jaishankar to Join Trump's Swearing-In Ceremony



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will represent India at the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump for his second term on January 20, 2025.

### International News

#### 5. Mount Ibu Erupts in North Maluku, Indonesia



Mount Ibu erupted on January 11, 2025, sending ash clouds up to 4,000 meters and ejecting lava. Authorities have issued safety warnings for the public.

### State News

## 6. Centennial Recognition for Srinagar Meteorology Centre



The announcement of a new Regional Meteorological Centre in Jammu was made during the 150th anniversary of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

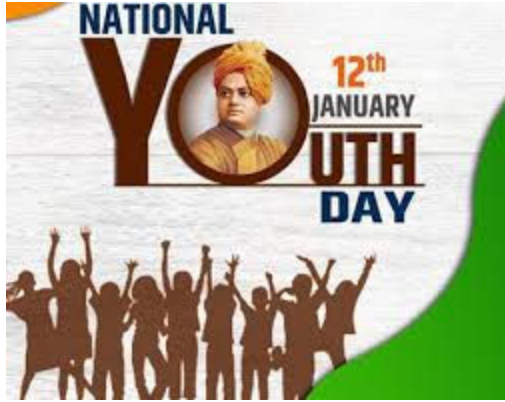
## 7. Kumbhvani FM Channel Launched for Maha Kumbh 2025



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath launched the Kumbhvani FM channel (103.5 MHz) to enhance the Maha Kumbh 2025 experience.

## Other Important News

## 8. National Youth Day January 12th



National Youth Day, celebrated on January 12, honors Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, recognizing his contributions to youth empowerment and national integration.

### 9. 150 Years of India Meteorological Department (IMD)



The IMD, founded in 1875, marks its 150th anniversary in 2025, continuing its role in weather forecasting, disaster preparedness, and atmospheric research.

### Science and Technology News

### 10. IUCN Lists Western Ghats as Key Freshwater Biodiversity Hotspot



The IUCN listed the Western Ghats as a key global hotspot for threatened freshwater

species in the first-ever multi-taxon global freshwater fauna assessment.

### 11. DRDO's HIMKAVACH: Advancing Cold Weather Military Apparel



DRDO unveiled HIMKAVACH, a multi-layer clothing system for military personnel operating in extreme cold conditions, successfully completing user trials.

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