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Polity & Governance

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)

ACC has approved new chiefs for the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Border Security Force (BSF), and National Investigation Agency (NIA).

- It formed by a two-member committee.
- **Headed by** - Prime Minister as the Chairperson, with the Minister of Home Affairs as the only other member.
- **Established under** - Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961.
- **Objective** - To selects, appoints, and approves key positions to ensure efficient administration and policy implementation.

Snap Election

Japan's PM Sanae Takaichi intends to dissolve Parliament for a snap election, leveraging her high approval ratings.

- An election held ahead of schedule (earlier than constitutionally or conventionally required), usually initiated by the ruling government to benefit from favourable conditions.

Economy

Update to India's CPI Base Year

- **Current CPI** - Base year 2012
- **New CPI** - Base year 2024, to be released on 12th February.
- **Reason for Update** -
 - The 2012 CPI weightages are outdated and fail to capture current consumption trends.
 - Official inflation in December 2025 was 1.33%, but households perceived it at 6.6% according to the RBI survey.
- **Source of new weights** - Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023 - 24.

Consumer Price Index or CPI

- It measures the overall change in the prices of goods and services that people typically buy over time.
- The goods and services that are included in the basket are determined from the Household Budget Survey (HBS), which is conducted every 5 years.

Base Year

- A base year serves as the starting point for tracking numbers over time.
- These are used in financial analysis to track growth in sales, revenue growth, and other metrics.
- It is revised periodically to better capture the structural changes happening in the economy by updating the methodology of compilation and incorporation of new data sources.
- **Proposed new base year for -**
 - GDP and IIP is 2022-23, and
 - CPI is 2024.

Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023 - 24

- **Conducted by** - National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- **Objectives -**
 - To collect information on consumption and expenditure of the households on goods and services.
 - To provide data required to assess trends in economic well-being,
 - To determine and update the basket of consumer goods and services and weights used for the *calculation of the Consumer Price Index*.

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Global Unemployment Rate & Poverty

- **Reported by** - International Labour Organization's 2026 report.
- **Key points -**
 - **Global unemployment** - In 2026 is expected to stay low at 4.9% (186 million people).
 - Around 284 million workers earn *less than \$3 a day*, living in extreme poverty.
 - Between 2015 and 2025, extreme working poverty *fell by only 3.1 percentage points*, compared to a 15-point drop in the previous decade.
 - Over 2 billion workers worldwide are still engaged in informal employment.
- **Key challenges** - It includes rising poverty among workers in low-income countries, persistent gender inequality, and trade uncertainties.

UN Report on Sri Lanka Conflict & Tamil Rights

- **Focus** - The report examines sexual violence committed by Sri Lankan security forces against Tamil civilians during the civil war, which ended 17 years ago.
- **Key finding** - Sexual abuses remain unaddressed.
- **Recommendations**
 - The UN recommends ensuring accountability for past violations.
 - It urges Sri Lanka to formally acknowledge the abuses.
 - Survivors should be supported through appropriate measures.
 - Reforms must be implemented to end impunity and deliver justice.

Miscellaneous

National Voters' Day 2026

- **Observed on** - 25th January.
- **Theme** - *"My India, My Vote"* with a tagline of Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy.
- **Commemoration to** - The foundation of the Election Commission of India (ECI), which was established on January 25, 1950, under *Article 324* of the Indian Constitution.
- **Objective** - To honour voters, encourage youth participation, and strengthen democratic values, and promote universal adult suffrage.

National Army Day 2026

- **Observed annually on** - 15th January.
- **Theme** - *Year of Networking and Data Centricity*, focuses on digital transformation within the Indian Army.
- **Recognition of** - *Field Marshal Kodandera M Cariappa* (then a Lieutenant General) taking over as the 1st Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from *General Fransis Bucher*, the last British Commander-in-Chief of India, on 15 January 1949.