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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- The 2012 CPI weightages are outdated and fail to capture current consumption trends.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.

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