

# CURRENT AFFAIRS

**04 JAN  
2025**

▷ **World Braille Day**

January 4

- Braille Day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, who invented the Braille script or Braille system, a writing system that enabled blind people to read and write.



▷ **Newly elected President of Moldova**

Maia Sandu



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▷ **Eminent botanist who passed away in January 2025**

Dr. K.S. Manilal

- Dr. K.S. Manilal is a botanist who translated the ancient book Hortus Malabaricus on the plant wealth of Kerala into English and Malayalam.
- In recognition of his contributions to the field of science, he was honored with the Padma Shri award by the nation in 2020.



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▷ **The organization which had developed Needle-free shock syringes for painless injections**

IIT Bombay

▷ **Country that introduced the prototype of the world's fastest bullet train CR450**

China



▷ **Country that recently reported the presence of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV)**

China

- Human metapneumovirus is a virus that usually causes symptoms similar to the common cold. The main symptoms are cough or shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat.

▷ **Venue of 63rd Kerala School Kalolsavam**

Thiruvananthapuram

