



## Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 01 to 07 January

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### Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
January 1	Global Family Day	-
January 4	World Braille Day	-

### Current Affairs: National

1. The Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for Middle Income Group (MIG) Scheme has been extended by another 12 months till 31.03.2020.
2. ISRO Launched Samwad with Students Programme, through this Programme Space agency will engage youngsters across the country in activities concerning space science.
3. All Houses in 25 States Electrified under SaubhagyaYojana
4. Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post

USEFUL INFO	
Andaman And Nicobar Capital	Port Blair
Governor	Admiral D K Joshi

5. The Indian Parliament passed the National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018,
6. Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's biggest oil firm stated that, it will commission its first Rs. 5,151 crore worth liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal at Ennore in Tamil Nadu.
7. Parliament has passed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018
8. The National Green Tribunal has imposed a fine of 100 crore rupees on Meghalaya government for its failure to curb illegal coal mining in the state.
9. A 10-day long Indian Panorama Film Festival began at Siri Fort Auditorium in New Delhi. Indian Panorama Film Festival, being organized by Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of I&B
10. The 27th New Delhi World Book Fair inaugurated at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the 9-day annual event. All India Radio is the radio partner for the fair.



11. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri, launched the 'SwachhSurvekshan 2019', the fourth edition of the annual nationwide cleanliness survey of urban India in New Delhi.
12. The Government of India launched a Global Environment Facility (GEF) assisted project, namely Green-Ag, in partnership with FAO.
13. The Ministry of Culture announced that ArchaeologicalSurveyofIndia(ASI) declared 6 monuments as 'protected and of national importance' under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
14. The Union Government has allocated 10,900 crore rupees for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next four years.
15. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the restructuring of existing National Health Agency as "National Health Authority" for better implementation of PradhanMantri Jan ArogyaYojana (PM-JAY).
16. Government had notified the High Level Committee (HLC) for implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord. Retired IAS officer M.P. Bezbaruah is chairman of the 9 member Committee.
17. Farm cooperative major NAFED announced setting up 100 bio-CNG manufacturing facilities using agri waste such as stubble through public private partnership (PPP) with an estimated investment of Rs 5,000 crore.
18. Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg has arrived inNewDelhi on a three-day state visit to India. She was accompanied by senior officials from her government and a large business delegation. She will participate in the Indo-Norwegian Business Conference.

USEFUL INFO	
Norway Capital	Oslo
Currency	Norwegian krone
Prime Minister	Erna Solberg

19. The Union Cabinet approved a 10 per cent reservation for 'economically backward' upper castes in government jobs. The government has announced reservation in jobs for those belonging to the upper castes and earning less than Rs 8 lakh per year.

### Current Affairs: International

1. The United States and Israel officially quit the U.N.'s educational, scientific and cultural agency, UNESCO

UNESCO Headquarters	Paris, France
Director-General	Audrey Azoulay



- China is building the first of four 'most advanced' naval frigates for Pakistan as part of a major bilateral arms deal to ensure 'balance of power' in the Indian Ocean.
- Storm Usman hit the Bicol region in Manila. The tropical depression, locally named Usman, brought heavy rains, causing catastrophic flooding and triggering deadly landslides.
- U.S. President Donald J. Trump signed into law the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act (ARIA),

USEFUL INFO	
US Capital	Washington DC
Currency	Dollar
President	Donald Trump

### Current Affairs: State

- Madhya Pradesh Government announced that it is going to create an Adhyatmik Vibhag (spiritual department) by merging several existing department.

USEFUL INFO	
Madhya Pradesh Capital	Bhopal
CM	Kamal Nath
Governor	Anandibenpatel

- The West Bengal government announced two welfare initiatives for farmers, Both initiatives, which are part of the 'Krishi Krishak Bondhu' scheme.

USEFUL INFO	
West Bengal Capital	Kolkata
CM	Mamata Banerjee
Governor	Keshari Nath Tripathi

- Madhya Pradesh Government bans purchase of new vehicles, ACs by the government departments

USEFUL INFO	
Madhya Pradesh Capital	Bhopal
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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated six irrigation projects, including the Rs. 2,391.36 crore Mandal dam that will provide irrigation to 19,604 hectare in Palamau and Garhwa districts in Jharkhand.

USEFUL INFO	
Jharkhand Capital	Ranchi



CM	Raghubar Das
Governor	Draupadi Murmu

5. Nine day long international kite festival was inaugurated at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, by the Governor OP Kohli.

USEFUL INFO	
Gujarat Capital	Gandhinagar
CM	Vijay Rupani
Governor	Om Prakash Kohli

6. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced interest free loans of up to Rs.3 lakh for women self help groups (WSHG) in the state.

USEFUL INFO	
Orissa Capital	Bhubaneswar
CM	Naveen Patnaik
Governor	Ganeshi Lal

### Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. State-owned Allahabad Bank has tied up with SBI Life Insurance to sell the policies of the insurer from over 3,200 branches.

SBI Life Headquarters	Mumbai
MD & CEO	SanjeevNautiyal

2. Reserve Bank of India allowed a one-time restructuring of existing debt up to Rs. 25 crore for the companies which have defaulted on payment but the loans given to them have continued to be classified as standard assets.
3. Reserve Bank of India has issued fresh guidelines on limiting the customer liability for unauthorised electronic payments involving Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs).
4. The MSME ministry has established an export promotion cell to create a sustainable ecosystem for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs),

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of MSME	Shri Giriraj Singh

5. Paytm Payments Bank has received the green light from the Reserve Bank of India to restart opening accounts for its customers

Managing Director and CEO	Satish Kumar Gupta
Headquarters	Noida



- The number of complaints registered at banking ombudsman offices have seen a 25% increase in the fiscal year 2018.
- Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has allowed custodial services in the commodity derivatives market.
- HDFC Mutual Fund has piped ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund to become the country's largest asset management company (AMC) after a gap of over two years.

USEFUL INFO	
HDFC Bank CEO	Aditya Puri
Headquarters	Mumbai

- Private sector insurer Bharti AXA Life Insurance has started delivering policies and renewal premium receipt to customers via instant messaging platform WhatsApp

Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Ishita Mukherjee
MD & CEO	Vikas Seth

- Syndicate Bank and SBI Life Insurance have signed a pact to offer a comprehensive financial planning solution to its customers.

Syndicate Bank Headquarters	Manipal, Karnataka,
Tagline	Faithful and Friendly.
MD & CEO	MrutyunjayMahapatra

SBI Life Headquarters	Mumbai
MD & CEO	SanjeevNautiyal

- Private lender ICICI Bank has joined hands with Small Business FinCredit (SBFC) to jointly offer loans worth Rs 1 crore to the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), for tenure of 15 years per customer.

ICICI Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
Tagline	Hum Hain Na!
MD & CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi

- Payment solutions provider AGS Transact Technologies has initiated cardless cash withdrawals, based on quick response (QR) code on its white-label ATMs (WLAs).
- United Bank of India and Srei Equipment Finance has entered into an agreement for financing the MSME and agriculture sectors.

UBI Bank Headquarters	Kolkata
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Tagline	The Bank that begins with "U"
MD & CEO	Ashok Kumar Pradhan

- The Centre has amalgamated three Regional Rural Banks (RRB) Punjab Gramin Bank, Malwa Gramin Bank and Sutlej Gramin Bank into a single RRB with effect from January 1.
- IRDAI slapped a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on United India Insurance Company for violating norms regarding the settlement of motor claims.

## Current Affairs: Appointments

PK Singh	Competition Commission of India secretary
Vinod K. Yadav,	Railway Board Chairman
Justice AK Sikri	Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority
Jair Bolsonaro	Brazil President
Saurabh Kumar took	Chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board
Hemant Bhargava	Interim Chairman of LIC
Pankaj Sharma	RBL Bank Chief Operations Officer
Justice T B N Radhakrishnan	First Chief justice of Telangana High Court
David Norquist	US deputy defence secretary
Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa	Chief Justice of Pakistan

## Current Affairs: Resignation

Justice Madan B Lokur	Supreme Court judge
Kevin Sweeney	US Department of Defence chief of staff

## Current Affairs: Committee

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set up an expert committee under former Sebi chairman U.K. Sinha to suggest long-term solutions for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSME sector.

## Current Affairs: Awards and Honours



1. The Indian Society for Remote Sensing conferred the National Geospatial Award for Excellence to IIT professor Jayanta Kumar Ghosh for his contribution towards the development of geospatial science and applications.
2. Arunima Sinha, the first female amputee to have conquered Mt Everest, created another record as she became world's first woman amputee to climb highest peak of Antarctica.
3. Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister Devineni Umamaheswar Rao has received the 'Central Board of Irrigation and Power Award' for better planning and construction of Polavaram Irrigation Project in the state.

### Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. PM Modi will inaugurate the 106th Indian Science Congress at Lovely Professional University in Phagwara near Jalandhar, Punjab. The theme of this event is 'Future India: Science and Technology'.
2. The International Advertising Association (IAA) will host the IAA World Congress at will be held at the Lulu International Convention Centre in Kochi from February 20 to 22, 2019

Theme of the summit	BrandDharma'
IAA world president	SrinivasanSwamy.

### Current Affairs: Ranking

1. Andhra Pradesh has topped the survey of Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Singapore's 2018 Ease of Doing Business (EDB) Index.

Organisation	2019
Confederation of Indian Industry	7.5%

### Current Affairs: Schemes and Programs

1. The interest rate on 1 year post office time deposits, a small savings scheme, has been increased by 10 basis points (bps) for the January March, 2019 quarter.

### Current Affairs: MOU

1. IIT Bombay and public sector oil companies inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for setting up Centre of Excellence in Oil, Gas and Energy.



2. Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed MoU with Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) for joint research programs in the field of Communication Navigation and Surveillance (CNS).

## Current Affairs: Defence

1. Minister of State for Commerce and Industry C R Chaudhary stated that, FDI equity inflow of Rs 12,146,180 has been reported in the sector namely 'Defence Industries' during the period 2014-2018.

## Current Affairs: Sports

1. India pacer Jasprit Bumrah finished 2018 as the highest wicket-taker across all formats in the calendar year, He has picked up 78 wickets across all formats in 2018.
2. The 80th National Table Tennis Championship began at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha.
3. Switzerland's Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic secured a 2-1 victory over Germany's Angelique Kerber and Alexander Zverev to win the Hopman Cup for the second year in a row.

## Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Kader Khan	Afghan born Indian film actor
Larry Roberts	Architects of the internet
C H Loknath	Kannada actor
Ramakant Achrekar	Cricket coach
Dibyendu Palit	Bengali writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee