



Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 01 to 07 Feb

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Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
February 2	World Wetlands Day	-
February 4	World Cancer Day	I Am and I Will

Current Affairs: National

- The agriculture ministry released the final estimates for 2017-18 and the first estimates for 2018-19 of area and production of horticulture crops. As per the final estimates of 2017-18, horticulture production stood at record 311.7 MT

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare	Radha Mohan Singh
Constituency	Purvi Champaran, Bihar

- The country's tourism sector fetched 234 billion US Dollar revenue last year, registering a growth of over 19%

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Tourism (State) (I\C)	Alphons Kannanthanam
Constituency	Kanjirappally

- Department of post will soon set up its own insurance company which will deal with its business of two products Postal life insurance and Rural Postal Life Insurance.
- Minister of Railways & Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal launched the report "The Future of Rail" of International Energy Agency (IEA)

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Railways & Coal	Piyush Goyal
Constituency	Maharashtra, Rajya Sabha
International Energy Agency Headquarters	Paris, France
International Energy Agency Executive Director	Fatih Birol

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Railway electrification of 294-km long Andal-Sainthia-Pakur-Malda and Khana-Sainthia sections in West Bengal
- India-Monaco Business forum held in New Delhi

USEFUL INFO	
Monaco Capital	Monte Carlo
Monaco Currency	Euro
Monaco Prince	Albert Alexandre Louis Pierre Grimaldi

- The total steel production in the country has increased from 88.98 MT in 2014-15 to 103.13 MT in 2017-18

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Steel	Birender Singh
Constituency	Haryana, Rajya Sabha
Minister of State for Steel and Mines	Vishnudeo Sai

- The National Green Tribunal imposed a cost of Rs. 25 lakh on the Uttar Pradesh government for failing to stop dumping of sewage and untreated water in the Upper Ganga Canal.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation launched Shehri Samridhi Utsav initiative

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USEFUL INFO	
Minister of State (I\C) Housing and Urban Affairs	Hardeep Singh Puri
Constituency	Rajya Sabha (Uttar Pradesh)

10. India and Germany join hands on water and waste management

USEFUL INFO	
Germany Capital	Berlin
Germany Currency	Euro
Germany Prime Minister	Angela Merkel

11. Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen launched 'Darwaza Band - Part 2' campaign in Mumbai

Current Affairs: International

1. Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has opened a new centre, set up by the government in partnership with the UN to fight climate change and boost sustainable development in Africa. The new centre is located near the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome

USEFUL INFO	
Italy Capital	Rome
Italy Currency	Euro
Italy Prime Minister	Giuseppe Conte

2. The United Nations announced 2019 as the International Year of the Periodic Table of the Chemical Elements

USEFUL INFO	
United Nations	
Headquarters	New York, United States
Secretary General	António Guterres

3. Sri Lanka celebrating its 71st Independence Day on 4 February

USEFUL INFO	
Sri Lanka Capital	Colombo, Jayawardenepura Kotte
Sri Lanka Currency	Sri Lankan rupee
Sri Lanka President	Maithripala Sirisena

4. Pakistan Army successfully test-fired the short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile "Nasr" with a strike range of about 70 km

USEFUL INFO	
Pakistan Capital	Islamabad
Pakistan Currency	Rupee
Pakistan Prime Minister	Imran Khan

5. Thailand makes Siamese fighting fish national aquatic animal

USEFUL INFO	
Thailand Capital	Bangkok
Thailand Currency	Thai baht
Thailand Prime Minister	Prayut Chan-o-cha

6. Macedonia signed an accord to join NATO to become the 30th member of the US-led alliance

USEFUL INFO	
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Secretary General	Jens Stoltenberg
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters	Brussels, Belgium
Macedonia Capital	Skopje



Macedonia Currency	Macedonian Denar
Macedonia President	Gjorge Ivanov

Current Affairs: State

1. Union Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated a Passport Service Centre at Kotputli in Rajasthan.
2. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot announced the monthly allowance scheme for educated, unemployed youth.

USEFUL INFO	
Rajasthan Capital	Jaipur
Rajasthan Chief Minister	Ashok Gehlot
Rajasthan Governor	Kalyan Singh

3. Mizoram government has banned import of pigs and piglets

USEFUL INFO	
Mizoram Capital	Aizawl
Mizoram Chief Minister	Zoramthanga
Mizoram Governor	Kummanam Rajasekharan

4. Indus River Dolphin declared Punjab's State aquatic animal

USEFUL INFO	
Punjab Capital	Chandigarh
Punjab Chief Minister	Amarinder Singh
Punjab Governor	V P Singh Badnore

5. Sikkim state government signed MoU with Microsoft for digital learning

USEFUL INFO	
Sikkim Capital	Gangtok
Sikkim Chief Minister	Pawan Kumar Chamling
Sikkim Governor	Ganga Prasad

6. Kerala has become the first State to set up a price monitoring and research unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices

USEFUL INFO	
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority Headquarters	New Delhi
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority Chairman	Bhupendra Singh
Kerala Capital	Thiruvananthapuram
Kerala Chief Minister	Pinarayi Vijayan
Kerala Governor	P. Sadasivam

7. "Sopan 2019" The Festival of Young Musicians and Dancers held in New Delhi

8. Haryana government approved new MSME, Pharma policies to boost development

USEFUL INFO	
Haryana Capital	Chandigarh
Haryana Chief Minister	Manohar Lal Khattar
Haryana Governor	Satyadev Narayan Arya

9. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for three highway projects worth over Rs. 2345 crore rupees

USEFUL INFO	
Odisha Capital	Bhubaneswar
Odisha Chief Minister	Naveen Patnaik
Odisha Governor	Ganeshi Lal

10. Madhya Pradesh government makes it mandatory for industries to hire 70% locals



USEFUL INFO	
Madhya Pradesh Capital	Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister	Kamal Nath
Madhya Pradesh Governor	Anandiben patel

11. 'Boori Boot Yullom' festival begins in Arunachal Pradesh

USEFUL INFO	
Arunachal Pradesh Capital	Itanagar
Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Pema Khandu
Arunachal Pradesh Governor	BD Mishra

12. Maharashtra government sets up panel to review welfare schemes for tribals, the 17-member committee, headed by former MLA Vivek Pandit

USEFUL INFO	
Maharashtra Capital	Mumbai
Maharashtra Chief Minister	Devendra Fadnavis
Maharashtra Governor	Chinamani Vidyasagar Rao

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

- RBI lifted lending curbs on three public sector banks (PSBs), Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra and Oriental Bank of Commerce to exit the PCA framework
- The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 2 crore each on UCO Bank and Axis Bank, and Rs. 1 crore on Syndicate Bank.
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 1 crore fine on Union Bank of India

USEFUL INFO	
Union Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
Union Bank of India Tagline	Good people to bank with
Union Bank of India MD and CEO	Rajkiran Rai G

4. Sixth Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement

USEFUL INFO	
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI Governor	Shaktikant Das
RBI Deputy Governor	BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Viral Acharya and Mahesh Kumar Jain
Repo Rate	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	6.00%
MSF Rate	6.50%
Bank Rate	6.50%
CRR	4%
SLR	19.25%

5. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) launched Ujjivan Bank Kisan Suvidha loan to offer financial credit services to small and marginal farmers

USEFUL INFO	
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Headquarters	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank MD & CEO	Samit Ghosh

- The government revised its forecast for GDP growth for 2017-18 to 7.2% from the earlier estimate of 6.7%. It also revised the actual growth rate in 2016-17 to 8.2% from the 7.1% estimated earlier
- Delhi based P2P Lending platform, Lendbox has received its NBFC Peer-to-Peer (P2P) certification from the RBI.



8. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has bought a 14% stake in micro-financier Annapurna Finance for Rs. 137 crore

USEFUL INFO	
Asian Development Bank Headquarters	Mandaluyong, Philippines
Asian Development Bank President	Takehiko Nakao

9. The Ministry of Finance has announced the amalgamation of two regional rural banks in Tamilnadu- Pallavan Grama Bank, sponsored by Indian Bank and Pandyan Grama Bank, sponsored by Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) into a single regional rural bank in the state and name the new entity as Tamil Nadu Grama Bank
10. Fitch Solutions, the research arm of Fitch Group, projected the government's fiscal deficit to overshoot the budgeted target by 0.2 per cent to 3.6 per cent of GDP in 2019-20 fiscal.
11. FDI declines 11% to \$22.66 billion during April-September
12. Fino Payments Bank introduced sweep account facility in association with Suryoday Small Finance Bank

USEFUL INFO	
Fino Payments Bank Headquarters	Navi Mumbai
Fino Payments Bank MD & CEO	Rishi Gupta
Suryoday Small Finance Bank Headquarters	Navi Mumbai
Suryoday Small Finance Bank MD & CEO	R Baskar Babu

13. The Indian Banking Association (IBA) issued advisory guidelines requesting banks to waive off the various fees to Kisan Credit Card

Current Affairs: Business

1. Indian payments conglomerate Paytm Acquired hotel booking platform Nightstay, launching the domestic hotel bookings on its platform for an undisclosed amount

USEFUL INFO	
Headquarters	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Paytm CEO	Renu Satti

2. The Punjab National Bank associated life insurance company, PNB MetLife has introduced the ace shuttler PV Sindhu as its brand ambassador.

USEFUL INFO	
PNB MetLife MD & CEO	AK Srivastava
Headquarters	Mumbai

3. Indostar Capital Finance to buy India Infoline Finance's (IIFL Finance) Commercial Vehicle Finance Business
4. Swiggy acqui-hires Bengaluru-based AI startup Kint.io, an artificial intelligence (AI) startup, for an undisclosed sum.

Current Affairs: Appointments

Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra	Director General of NCC (DGNCC)
Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P	Western Naval Command Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief
Ajai Kumar	Interim MD-CEO of YES bank
Sanjiv Ranjan	India's Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia
Rishi Kumar Shukla	CBI director
Nilambar Acharya	Nepal's ambassador to India



Current Affairs: Cabinet Approvals

1. MoU between India and Malaysia for Mutual Cooperation in the field of Company Secretaryship
2. MoU between India and Election Management Bodies of Namibia and Panama
3. MoU between India and Norway on India-Norway Ocean Dialogue
4. MoU between India and Brazil on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy
5. MoU between India and Maldives for Establishing Mutual Cooperation to Improve the Ecosystems for Agribusiness
6. MoU between India and the UAE on Development cooperation in Africa
7. Signing of Agreement between India and Ukraine for cooperation in Agriculture and Food Industry
8. MoU between India and Finland in the field of Biotechnology
9. MoU between India and Uzbekistan for promoting Bilateral cooperation in the area of e-Governance
10. Establishment of Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri
11. Introduction of National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2019 in the Parliament
12. Establishment of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog for Conservation protection and development of cows and their progeny
13. Proposal for Official Amendments to the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2018
14. Abolition of Institution of Income-Tax Ombudsman and Indirect Tax Ombudsman
15. Framework Agreement between India and Indonesia on cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes

Current Affairs: Committee

1. The government has constituted a committee under the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), On the recommendation of Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha, to explore prepaid payments by state electricity distribution companies to power plants
2. Punjab government sets up committee to boost dairy sector

Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

1. The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has been named a winner under the 'miniratna' category by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

USEFUL INFO	
National Film Development Corporation of India Headquarters	Mumbai
National Film Development Corporation of India Chairpersons	Ramesh Sippy

2. SBI UK chief Sanjiv Chadha honoured with 'Freedom of the City of London' award

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference



1. PETROTECH-2019, the 13th International Oil & Gas Conference & Exhibition, being organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India, is all set to be inaugurated on February 10, 2019

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Dharmendra Pradhan
Constituency	Deogarh, odisha

2. 37th edition of 'ICT Academy Bridge 2019' conference inaugurated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Theme of the event - "Fostering India for Industry 4.0",
3. International Spice Conference 2019 held in Hyderabad. Theme of the conference is "Challenges of Change: Redefining the Value Chain"
4. 67th Annual Armed Forces Medical Conference organised by AFMC, Pune
5. WLPGA 2019 ASIA LPG summit held in New Delhi
6. BPRD organized 2nd National Conference of Micro Missions of National Police Mission in New Delhi

Current Affairs: Mobile Application

1. National Testing Agency (NTA) launched mobile application for mock tests
2. Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana App launched on Google play store

Current Affairs: Ranking

1. According to Transparency International, Assam occupied the top slot in the ranking of best practices followed by states in Budget formulation,

USEFUL INFO	
Transparency International Headquarters	Berlin, Germany
Transparency International Managing Director	Patricia Moreira

Current Affairs: MOU

1. Ministry of Coal entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Energy, Republic of Poland.

USEFUL INFO	
Poland Capital	Warsaw
Poland Currency	Polish złoty
Poland President	Andrzej Duda

2. Indian Coast Guard signed MoU with AAI for maritime search and rescue

USEFUL INFO	
Indian Coast Guard Headquarters	New Delhi
Indian Coast Guard Director General	Rajendra Singh
AAI Headquarters	New Delhi
AAI Chairman	Guruprasad Mohapatra

Current Affairs: Defence

1. The Defence Acquisitions Council, DAC chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved indigenous construction of six submarines worth 40,000 crore rupees.
2. Israel Aerospace Industries announced entering into agreements worth \$93 million for providing Naval MRSAM (Medium Range Surface to Air Missile) systems to India. The contracts for the air defence system were entered with the Indian Navy and the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)



3. The Defence Ministry has cleared a long-pending proposal of the Army to procure around 73,000 assault rifles from the US under fast track mode

USEFUL INFO	
Defence Minister	Nirmala Sitharaman
Constituency	Rajya Sabha, Karnataka

Current Affairs: Science and Technology

1. Scientists have created an artificial intelligence (AI) based system that directly translates thoughts into intelligible, recognisable speech. The technology developed by researchers from Columbia University in the United States

Current Affairs: Sports

1. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced a five year global partnership deal with beverage manufacturer Coca-Cola Company. Coca-Cola the exclusive non-alcoholic beverage partners of the ICC until 2023.

USEFUL INFO	
ICC Headquarters	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
ICC Chairperson	Shashank Manohar
ICC CEO	Dave Richardson

2. Mithali Raj, India's One-day International (ODI) captain becoming the first female cricketer to play 200 ODIs.
3. Qatar won its first soccer title by beating four-time champion Japan 3-1 in the Asian Cup final
4. Vani Kapoor became the first Indian to earn a card for the Australian Ladies PGA Tour (LPGA) after coming through its first-ever Qualifying Tournament at the Ballarat Golf Club in Ballarat, Australia
5. INS Dronacharya wins Kochi area boat pulling regatta trophy
6. India's Smriti Mandhana becomes number 1 in latest ICC women's ODI rankings
7. Haryana Hammers beat defending champions Punjab Royals to lift (Pro Wrestling League) PWL 4 title
8. Pakistan's Sana Mir becomes first Asian woman to play hundred T20Is
9. Indian squash player Ramit Tandon defeated Egyptian Mohamed El Sherbini in the finals to win the Seattle Open

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Hiten Bhaya	Former Planning Commission member and ex-director of IIMC
Ramesh Bhatkar	Marathi actor
Priyanath Dey	freedom fighter and former Odisha MLA
Harihar Karan	Senior Congress leader and former minister of Odisha
Ladu Kishore Swain	Odisha MP