



## Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 15 to 21 January

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming exams and other competitive exams can make use of it.

### Current Affairs: Important Days

January 15	Army Day	-
January 21	Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura statehood day	-

### Current Affairs: National

- The Union Government launched the 'Womaniya on Government e Marketplace (GeM)', an initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) to sell handicrafts, handloom, accessories, and other products directly to Government departments and institutions.

USEFUL INFO	
Government e Marketplace (GeM) CEO	Radha Chauhan

- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) along with Doordarshan (DD), Prasar Bharati launched two science communication initiatives, DD Science and India Science
- The Madras High Court has set up an expert committee to find a solution to root out invasive species of plants from the Western Ghats. Committee will be headed by Cherukuri Raghavendra Babu, chairman of Expert Committee on Invasive Species, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

USEFUL INFO	
Madras High Court Chief justice	Vijaya Tahilramani

- World Orange Festival held in Nagpur

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

- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo 2019 in Mumbai

Chairman of India Rubber Expo 2019	Vikram Makar
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- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has approved induction of women as jawans in the Army's Corps of Military Police

USEFUL INFO	
Union Minister of Defence	Nirmala Sitharaman
Member of Rajya Sabha	Karnataka
Chief of Indian Army	Bipin Rawat
Vice Chief of Indian Army	Devraj Anbu

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai.

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



- Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H) launched a full fledged bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology from the new academic session, a first for the country and only the third globally

USEFUL INFO	
Telangana Capital	Hyderabad
Telangana Chief Minister	K. Chandrashekar Rao
Telangana Governor	E. S. L. Narasimhan

- The 2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019 on the Regulation of Homeopathic Medical Products will be held in Goa

USEFUL INFO	
Goa Capital	Panaji
Goa Chief Minister	Manohar Parrikar
Goa Governor	Mridula Sinha

- Indians over 65 and under 15 can now visit Nepal and Bhutan with Aadhaar

USEFUL INFO	
Nepal Capital	Kathmandu
Nepal Currency	Nepalese Rupee
Nepal President	Bidhya Devi Bhandari

### Current Affairs: International

- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency has launched Tokyo-based startup Star-ALE's mini-satellite aimed to deliver the world's first artificial meteor shower
- Government signs agreements for Development Assistance Loans of Rs 3420 crore with Japan-India cooperative actions (JICA)

USEFUL INFO	
Japan Capital	Tokyo
Japan Currency	Yen
Japan President	Shinzō Abe

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has announced that the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro will be the World Capital of Architecture for 2020

USEFUL INFO	
Brazil Capital	Brasília
Brazil Currency	Real
Brazil President	Jair Bolsonaro

### Current Affairs: State

- India's largest startup ecosystem inaugurated in Kerala

USEFUL INFO	
Kerala Capital	Thiruvananthapuram
Kerala Chief Minister	Pinarayi Vijayan
Kerala Governor	P. Sadasivam

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath launched his government's Rs 50,000 crore farm debt waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana' in Bhopal

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



3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 13-km Kollam bypass of National Highway 66 to the nation, Kollam Bypass will reduce ravel time between Alappuzha and Thiruvananthapuram

USEFUL INFO	
Kerala Capital	Thiruvananthapuram
Kerala Chief Minister	Pinarayi Vijayan
Kerala Governor	P. Sadasivam

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 9th edition of Vibrant Gujarat global investors' summit- 2019 at Mahatma Mandir Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Theme	Shaping a new India
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USEFUL INFO	
Gujarat Capital	Gandhinagar
Gujarat Chief Minister	Vijay Rupani
Gujarat Governor	Om Prakash Kohli

5. Uttar Pradesh becomes 3rd state to approve 10% general category quota  
 6. Uttar Pradesh cabinet renames Mughalsarai tehsil as DeendayalUpadhyay  
 7. Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,

Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Theme 2019	Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India
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USEFUL INFO	
Uttar Pradesh Capital	Lucknow, Allahabad (Judiciary)
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister	Yogi Adityanath
Uttar Pradesh Governor	Ram Naik

8. Bhopal to become India's first city to have crematorium for cows

USEFUL INFO	
Madhya Pradesh Capital	Bhopal, Jabalpur (Judiciary)
Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister	Kamal Nath
Madhya Pradesh Governor	Anandiben Patel

9. Gujarat government signs around 130 MoUs with investment commitments worth over Rs 56,000 crore in various sectors

USEFUL INFO	
Gujarat Capital	Gandhinagar
Gujarat Chief Minister	Vijay Rupani
Gujarat Governor	Om Prakash Kohli

10. Jammu and Kashmir government to provide cattle to BPL families  
 11. The Jammu and Kashmir's administration has set up a panel for implementation of saturation of toilets, drinking water and electricity in government schools in the state

USEFUL INFO	
Jammu and Kashmir Capital	Jammu (Winter), Kashmir (Summer)
Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister	President Rule
Jammu and Kashmir Governor	Satya Pal Malik

12. Himachal Pradesh has approved 10% reservation in jobs and educational institutions for economically weaker sections in the general category, becoming the fourth state to do so



USEFUL INFO	
Himachal Pradesh Capital	Shimla
Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Jai Ram Thakur
Himachal Pradesh Governor	Kaptan Singh Solanki

## **Current Affairs: Banking and Finance**

1. ICICI Bank appointed, B Sriram, Rama Bijapurkar as independent directors

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

2. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the recapitalization of EXIM Bank, The Cabinet also approved an increase in the authorized capital of Exim Bank from Rs. 10,000 crore to Rs. 20,000 crore. The recapitalisation bonds will be on the lines issued to Public Sector Banks.

USEFUL INFO	
EXIM Bank Managing Director	David Rasquinha
EXIM Bank Headquarters	Mumbai

3. The Reserve Bank of India imposed a Rs. 1 crore penalty on state owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) for non-compliance of Know Your Customer guidelines and fraud classification norms.

Bank of Maharashtra Headquarters	Pune
Bank of Maharashtra Tagline	One family one bank
Bank of Maharashtra MD & CEO	AS Rajeev

4. SoftBank to acquire 40% stake in FirstCry for \$400mn

USEFUL INFO	
SoftBank Headquarters	Minato, Tokyo, Japan
SoftBank CEO	Masayoshi Son
FirstCry CEO	SupamMaheshwari

5. India is likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019, to become world's fifth largest economy, according to a report by global consultancy firm PwC

USEFUL INFO	
PWC Headquarters	London, United Kingdom
PWC Chairman	Robert Moritz

## **Current Affairs: Appointments**

Manu Sawhney	ICC CEO
Mohammed Ali Qamar	Women's Boxing Team Coach
AndryRajoelina	President of Madagascar

## **Current Affairs: Resignation**

Stephen Constantine	Indian football team's head coach
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## **Current Affairs: Committee**

1. Government has constituted a seven member Group of Ministers (GoM) to boost the real estate sector under the GST regime, Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat Nitin Patel will be the convener of the GoM
2. A ministerial panel headed by Maharashtra Finance Minister SudhirMungantiwar will examine uniformity of taxation on lottery under GST or other issues arising out of it.

## **Current Affairs: Awards and Honours**

PM Narendra Modi	Philip Kotler Presidential award
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Chinese lawyer Yu Wensheng	Franco German human rights award
Wrestler VineshPhogat	Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award
India born, Dr. Rattan Lal	2019 Japan Prize

## Government conferred Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015-2018

- 2015 - Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari won the award for rural development and education
- 2016 - The award has been jointly given to AkshayaPatra Foundation for providing mid-day meals to children across the country and Sulabh International for its work towards emancipation of manual scavengers
- 2017 - The award will be given to EkaiAbhiyan Trust for its contribution to education for rural and tribal children
- 2018 - The award will be given to Nippon Foundation chairman YoheiSasakawa for his role in leprosy eradication.

## Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. 9th International Micro irrigation conference inaugurated in Aurangabad, the theme of the conference is “Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture”

USEFUL INFO	
International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)Headquarters	New Delhi

2. The Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the Global Aviation Summit 2019 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Civil Aviation	Suresh Prabhu
Constituency	Andhra Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

3. Information and Broadcasting Secretary AmitKhare and TRAI Chairman RS Sharma inaugurated the 25th International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, BES EXPO 2019 in New Delhi

Theme	Gen Broadcasting in the IT World
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4. Minister of State in Department of Space Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated UNNATI programme of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bengaluru

## Current Affairs: Schemes and Program

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USEFUL INFO	
ISRO Chairman	Kailasavadivoo Sivan
ISRO Headquarters	Bengaluru

## Current Affairs: Ranking

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
India Ratings	7.2	7.5

## Current Affairs: Defence

1. The second edition of the India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, commenced at Chandimandir Military Station, headquarters of the Western Command



## **Current Affairs: Sports**

1. Gurgaon's 8-year-old Kartik Singh has won the under 8 category at the Kids' Golf World Championship organised by US kids Golf in Malaysia, which makes him the youngest Indian to win the title
2. Asian Cup Gold medallist ShakilAmed set up a world record in indoor rowing by completing 1,00,000 (one lakh) metres in above 40 years category
3. The 1st National Level Sports Meet for the students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) was inaugurated by Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs at G.M.C Balayogi Stadium, Hyderabad
4. Bengal's SatyarupSidhhanta Becomes World's Youngest Mountaineer to Climb 7 Peaks, 7 Volcano Summits
5. Former captain Sardar Singh has been included in a 13-member Hockey India selection committee.
6. India's AnkitaRaina has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.

## **Current Affairs: Obituaries**

Sir Michael Atiyah	British mathematician
Lenin Rajendran	Malayalam filmmaker