



Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 22 to 31 January 2019

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 4th week of January 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming competitive exams can make use of it.

Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
January 24	National Girl Child Day	-
January 24	Uttar Pradesh foundation day	-
January 25	National Voters Day	No Voter to be left behind
January 26	Republic Day	-
January 26	International Customs Day	SMART borders for seamless Trade
January 29	Data privacy day	-

Current Affairs: National

- India is considering a plan to transfer cash to farmers to ease their financial burden instead of offering subsidies. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had budgeted 701 billion rupees for farm subsidies in the year ending March 31.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Subhash Chandra Bose museum at the iconic Red Fort in New Delhi to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary
- The government has reportedly revived plans to change the fiscal year to January-December from the April-March period.
- Minister of State for Ayush Shripad Naik inaugurated the 2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019 in Panaji, Goa.

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Theme of the forum	Regulation of Homeopathic Medical Products; Advancing Global Collaboration
Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy	Shripad Naik
Constituency	North Goa

- Central government jobs and services which come up from February onwards will have to implement the 10% quota for economically weaker sections (EWS), the Union ministry of personnel, grievances and pensions has notified.
- Lieutenant Bhavana Kasturi has become the first woman to lead an all-men Army contingent in Republic Day parade by leading the Indian Army Service Corps contingent.
- I&B Ministry to increase advertisement rates by 11% to private TV channels

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Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
Constituency	Jaipur Rural, Rajasthan

- GST on Haj has been reduced from 18 per cent to 5 per cent and this will significantly lower the air fare thus saving Haj pilgrims' 113 crore rupees this year



- Union Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurated India's 1st Geographical Indication (GI) Store at Goa International Airport in Dabolim
- Western Railway provides segways to RPF personnel to enable stricter patrolling

USEFUL INFO	
Western Railway Headquarter	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Western Railway General Manager	Anil Kumar Gupta

- India's first indigenously built engineless semi high speed train, Train 18, has been named Vande Bharat Express
- National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) to organize the first edition of Night at the Museum
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) to attract talent and strengthen higher agricultural education in the country

USEFUL INFO	
ICAR Headquarters	New Delhi
ICAR Director	Trilochan Mohapatra

- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has been renamed as the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

USEFUL INFO	
Minister for Commerce and Industry	Suresh Prabhu
Constituency	Andhra Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the National Salt Satyagraha memorial monument to recall the historic Dandi Yatra on Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary

Current Affairs: International

- The Israel and US countries have successfully tested ballistic missile interceptors deployed at Israeli airbases.

USEFUL INFO	
Israel Capital	Jerusalem
Israel Currency	New Shekel
Israel President	Reuven Rivlin
USA Capital	Washington, D.C.
USA Currency	US Dollar
USA President	Donald Trump

- Saudi Arabia builds its 1st ballistic missile factory

USEFUL INFO	
Saudi Arabia Capital	Riyadh
Saudi Arabia Currency	Riyal
Saudi Arabia King	Salman of Saudi Arabia

- Pakistan government declared sugarcane juice as the "national drink" of the country
- Suman Kumari has become the first Hindu woman in Pakistan to be appointed as a civil judge

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

- Dubai International Airport has retained its position as the world's busiest airport for the fifth consecutive year in a row in 2018
- The Trump administration imposed sweeping sanctions on Venezuelan state owned oil firm PDVSA

USEFUL INFO	
USA Capital	Washington DC



USA Currency	Dollar
USA President	Donald Trump

7. India and China have signed the protocol for exports of Indian tobacco leaves to China

USEFUL INFO	
China Capital	Beijing
China Currency	Renminbi, Yuan
China President	Xi Jinping

8. Syria signed long-term economic cooperation deal with Iran

USEFUL INFO	
Iran Capital	Tehran
Iran Currency	Iranian rial
Iran President	Hassan Rouhani
Syria Capital	Damascus
Syria Currency	Syrian pound
Syria President	Bashar al-Assad

9. The central banks of the UAE and Saudi Arabia have launched a common digital currency called "Aber" which will be used in financial settlements between the two countries through Blockchains and Distributed Ledgers technologies

Current Affairs: State

1. An all-woman political party was launched in Mumbai under the banner of National Women's Party (NWP).

2. Maharashtra government launched special scheme to curb infant deaths

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

3. Rajasthan government to issue 1Lakh power connections to farmers by June 2019

4. 12th Jaipur literature festival held in Jaipur.

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

5. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched nursery classes in government schools

6. Deals worth Rs. 3 lakh crore signed at Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet

7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for All India Institutes of Medical Sciences, AIIMS at Madurai in Tamil Nadu

USEFUL INFO	
Tamil Nadu Capital	Chennai
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister	Edappadi K. Palaniswami
Tamil Nadu Governor	Banwarilal Purohit

8. Assam approves 10% quota for economically weaker sections of general class

USEFUL INFO	
Assam Capital	Dispur
Assam Chief Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal
Assam Governor	Jagdish Mukhi

9. Goa Cabinet approves Rs. 2,000 fine for drinking in public

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10. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated four-lane, 5.1 kilometre long “Atal Setu”, the third Cable Bridge across river Mandovi in Panaji, Goa

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

11. Punjab government to set up development authority for Anandpur Sahib

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

12. Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik gave his assent to the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2014, granting reservation to people belonging to the Pahari community in government jobs.

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

13. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Integrated Refinery Expansion Complex of BPCL in Kochi to the nation

14. The Kerala government will soon launch a 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme' to provide regular pension to Non Resident Keralites on a onetime payment of Rs 5 lakh

15. Operation Olympics', an expert programme to train **athletes in 11 disciplines** has commenced in Kerala

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

16. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath announced the launch of the 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' for youths from the economically weaker sections in urban areas

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

17. Andhra Pradesh government will provide 100 units free power to the Most Backward Classes (MBCs)

USEFUL INFO	
Andhra Pradesh Capital	Hyderabad, Amaravathi
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister	Chandrababu Naidu
Andhra Pradesh Governor	ESL Narashiman

18. Uttarakhand's first tulip garden will come up over 50 hectares of forest land in Pithoragarh district at a cost of Rs 50 crore

USEFUL INFO	
Uttarakhand Capital	Dehradun
Uttarakhand Chief Minister	Trivendra Singh Rawat
Uttarakhand Governor	Baby Rani Maurya

19. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced "Jiban Sampark" project



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

20. Uttar Pradesh state cabinet approved construction of a four lane Ganga Expressway connecting Prayagraj to Western Uttar Pradesh which would cost about 36,000 crore rupees. Ganga Expressway will be 600 kilometres long and can be expanded to six-lane in future

USEFUL INFO	
Uttar Pradesh Capital	Lucknow
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister	Yogi Adithyanath
Uttar Pradesh Governor	Ram Naik

21. First Swadesh Darshan project inaugurated in Sikkim

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

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. ICICI Bank has launched a new premium savings account for upwardly-mobile male customers, named 'The ONE'. It is available in two variants - Magnum and Titanium.
2. ICICI Bank has become the top arranger of bond issues for the period between April and December 2018.

USEFUL INFO	
ICICI Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
ICICI Bank MD and CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi
ICICI Bank Tagline	Hum Hain Na!

3. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved Bharti Airtel's acquisition of Tata Teleservices' (TTSL) mobility business.

USEFUL INFO	
Bhart Airtel Headquarters	New Delhi
Bhart Airtel CEO	Gopal Vittal
Tata Teleservices' Headquarters	Mumbai
Tata Teleservices' CEO	Srinath Narasimhan

4. The Maharashtra government has partnered with private sector lender YES Bank, under its e-PDS State programme, to onboard fair price shops (FPS) as Business Correspondent Agents.

USEFUL INFO	
Yes Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
Yes Bank MD and CEO	Rana Kapoor
Yes Bank Tagline	Experience our Expertise

5. SBI Card and Etihad Guest, the loyalty programme of Etihad Airways, have joined hands to launch a travel specific Visa credit card for members and Indian travellers.

USEFUL INFO	
State Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
State Bank of India Tagline	With you all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation's banks on us.
State Bank of India MD and CEO	Rajnish Kumar



6. LIC completes 51% controlling acquisition in IDBI Bank

USEFUL INFO	
IDBI Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
IDBI Bank MD and CEO	Rakesh Sharma
IDBI Bank Tagline	Banking For All, "Aao Sochein Bada".
LIC Headquarters	Mumbai
LIC Chirman	Hemant Bhargav
LIC Tagline	Zindagi ke Saath bhi, zindagi ke baad bhi

7. The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, headed by NITI Aayog Member Bibek Debroy stated that India's economic growth is expected to remain in the range 7-7.5 per cent in the next few years
8. Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd has raised Rs. 1,375 crore from funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management

USEFUL INFO	
DHFL Headquarters	Mumbai
DHFL Chairman and Managing Director	Kapil Wadhawan

9. Kia Motors, the South Korean global automotive major, is all set to commence trial run of its \$1 billion greenfield plant in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh
10. Reserve Bank of India will inject Rs 37,500 crore into the system through purchase of government securities in February to increase liquidity
11. According to RBI data on 'Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Indian Direct Investment Companies, 2017-18', foreign direct investment (FDI) during the previous fiscal grew 18 per cent to Rs 28.25 lakh crore

USEFUL INFO	
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI Governor	Shaktikant Das
RBI Deputy Governor	BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Viral Acharya and Mahesh Kumar Jain

12. State Bank of India set to own 15% in Jet Airways

USEFUL INFO	
State Bank of India Chairman	Rajnish Kumar
State Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
State Bank of India Tagline	The Banker to every Indian

13. IndiaFirst Life Insurance buys 9 percent stake in CSC e-Governance Services

USEFUL INFO	
IndiaFirst Life Insurance Headquarters	Mumbai
IndiaFirst Life Insurance CEO	R. M. Vishakha
CSC e-Governance Services CEO	Dinesh Tyagi

14. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has fixed the total priority sector credit potential for Telangana at Rs. 1,01,378.60 crore for 2019-20

USEFUL INFO	
NABARD Headquarters	Mumbai
NABARD Chairman	Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

15. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a new framework for REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts) and InvITs (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) in order to provide flexibility to the issuers in terms of fund raising and increasing the access of these investment vehicles to investors

USEFUL INFO	
SEBI Headquarters	Mumbai



SEBI Chairman	Ajay Tyagi
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Current Affairs: Appointments

Agyey Kumar Azad	Punjab National Bank has a new Executive Director
Piyush Goyal	Interim Finance Minister and Minister of Corporate
Ravneet Gill	MD and CEO of Yes Bank
Ronojoy Dutta	IndiGo CEO
Parthasarathi Mukherjee	Lakshmi Vilas Bank MD and CEO (Reappoint)
Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar	Vice Chief of Navy Staff (VCNS)
Dilip Sadarangani	part time Chairman of Federal Bank
Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Nayan Choubey	Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah	Malaysia's new king
Poonam Khetrapal Singh	Regional Director of World Health Organization South-East Asia
Sunjay Sudhir	India's Ambassador to the Maldives

Current Affairs: Resignation

BK Divakara	Executive Director (ED) of Central Bank of India
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Current Affairs: Committee

- Insurance regulator IRDAI set up a panel to identify domestically systemically important insurers (SII) and put in place an enhanced regulatory framework for them. The committee headed by Pravin Kutumbe, Member Finance & Investment, Irdai, has been asked to submit report in six months

USEFUL INFO	
IRDAI Headquarters	Hyderabad
IRDAI Chairperson	Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

Rishabh Pant	ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of 2018
Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh, Bhupen Hazarika	Bharat Ratna

- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded India's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna to ex-President Pranab Mukherjee, late social activist Nanaji Deshmukh and late music maestro Bhupen Hazarika.
- Nari Shakti (women empowerment) has been chosen as the Hindi word of the year 2018 by Oxford Dictionaries
- Assam government has conferred the Republic Day Journalism Award 2019 to veteran journalist and former editor Dharendra Nath Chakraborty
- The Tamil translation of Andrei Makine's "La vie d'un homme inconnu" (The Life of an Unknown Man) was awarded the second Romain Rolland Prize for literary translation at the Jaipur Literature Festival

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- India received the Award of Excellence for 'Best in Show' at the recently concluded New York Times Travel Show 2019, It is the largest travel show in North America which held in New York
- Tamil Nadu was declared as the 'Best State Overall' for exemplary participation in the Swasth Bharat Yatra, Madurai and Sivakasi won the awards for the best performing districts in the state

SAG - Screen Actors Guild Awards 2019

- "Black Panther" took home the top award for best performance by a cast in a motion picture at the 2019 Screen Actors Guild Awards
- On the TV front, "This Is Us" nabbed the ensemble award for drama,
- While "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" won the comedy prize.

S. No	Category	Winner
1.	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role	Rami Malek, "Bohemian Rhapsody"
2.	Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role	Glenn Close, "The Wife"
3.	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role	Mahershala Ali, "Green Book"
4.	Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role	Emily Blunt, "A Quiet Place"
5.	Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture	"Black Panther"
6.	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries	Darren Criss, "Assassination of Gianni Versace"
7.	Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries	Patricia Arquette, "Escape at Dannemora"
8.	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series	Jason Bateman, "Ozark"
9.	Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Drama Series	Sandra Oh, "Killing Eve"
10.	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series	Tony Shalhoub, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
11.	Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series	Rachel Brosnahan, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
12.	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series	"This Is Us"
13.	Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series	"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
14.	Outstanding Action Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Comedy or Drama Series:	"Glow"
15.	Outstanding Action Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture	"Black Panther"

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

- The annual meet of World Economic Forum (WEF) begin in Davos.

USEFUL INFO	
Theme	'Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution'
Switzerland Capital	Bern
Switzerland Currency	Franc
Switzerland President	Alain Berset

- The two-day Global Investors Summit, being organised by Tamil Nadu government, held in Chennai.

USEFUL INFO	
Tamil Nadu Capital	Chennai
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister	Edappadi K. Palaniswami
Tamil Nadu Governor	Banwarilal Purohit

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3. Maharashtra cabinet approved Rs. 25 crore for Divyangs

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

Current affairs: Science and technology

1. The world's longest 3D-printed concrete pedestrian bridge, which is 26.3 metre-long and 3.6-metre-wide, opened in China's Shanghai.
2. ISRO launched student-made satellite KalamSat-V2 into space
3. ISRO becomes first agency to use fourth stage of rocket as orbital platform

USEFUL INFO	
ISRO Headquarters	Bangalore
ISRO Director	Kailasavadivoo Sivan

4. Roshni an Android Mobile app developed by IIT Ropar helps the visually impaired recognise Indian currency notes

Current affairs: Mou

1. Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and Kuwait for cooperation on the recruitment of domestic workers.

USEFUL INFO	
Kuwait Capital	Kuwait City
Kuwait Currency	Dinar
Kuwait Emir	Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Current Affairs: Ranking

1. The Southern Railway has bagged the number one position for cleanliness in the country

USEFUL INFO	
Southern Railway Headquarter	Chennai
Southern Railway General Manager	R.K. Kulshrestha

2. According to Cisco's 'Data Privacy Benchmark Study' for 2019, India ranks sixth in General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) readiness index
3. According to World Steel Association (world steel) India has replaced Japan as world's second largest steel producing country
4. According to the annual index by global watchdog Transparency International India has improved its ranking on a global corruption index in 2018 by three points and moved to 78th position with a score of 41

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

5. As per the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO's) periodic labour force survey (PLFS) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, India's unemployment rate hit a 45 year high of 6.1 per cent in 2017-18. its highest level since 1972-73
6. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has become India's only port to get listed among the top 30 global container ports.



Current Affairs: Defence

- The Indian Army is planning to purchase over 3,000 Milan 2T anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM) from France in a deal worth over Rs. 1,000 crore.

USEFUL INFO	
France Capital	Paris
France Currency	Euro, CFP Franc
France President	Emmanuel Macron
Chief of Indian Army	Bipin Rawat
Vice Chief of Indian Army	Devraj Anbu

- Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba commissioned the new Naval Air Base 'INS Kohassa' at Diglipur in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

USEFUL INFO	
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Sunil Lanba
Vice Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Ajit Kumar

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired Barak 8 LRSAM (Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile) from naval warship INS Chennai off the coast of Odisha.

USEFUL INFO	
DRDO Headquarters	New Delhi
DRDO Chairman	G. Satheesh Reddy

Current Affairs: Sports

- Virat Kohli has become the first player to win all three major annual ICC awards in a single year for his performances in 2018. Kohli was named Men's Test Player of the Year for the first time, while he also won Cricketer and ODI Player of Year awards.
- Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to claim 100 ODI wickets, during the first one-dayer against New Zealand at Napier.
- India's opening batsman Shikhar Dhawan became the second fastest Indian to 5000 ODI runs in the first ODI between India and New Zealand at McLean Park in Napier.
- Wasim Jaffer becomes 1st player to score 1,000 runs in a Ranji season twice
- Windies captain Jason Holder slammed 202*(229) in the second innings of the first Test against England, becoming only the third batsman in Test cricket history to score a double ton batting at number eight.
- Former US Open women's singles winner Sam Stosur teamed up with Zhang Shuai to overcome defending champions Timea Babos and Kristina Mladenovic to claim the Australian Open women's doubles title.
- Novak Djokovic defeated Rafael Nadal to win his 7th Australian Open Men's Singles title at Melbourne. In Women's Singles, Japan's Naomi Osaka clinched her maiden Australian Open Grand Slam Singles title in Melbourne
- Ace shuttler Saina Nehwal won her first Indonesia Masters title after three-time world champion Carolina Marin limped out of the final due to a leg injury.
- India's Kartik Sharma won the New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship in Australia
- Frenchman Jean-Luc van den Heede won the round-the-world Golden Globe race without the help of modern technology after 211 days at sea

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Raghubir Singh Bhola	Former India hockey player
Bhanu Prakash Singh	Former Union minister, ex-Goa Governor
Krishna Sobti	Hindi writer



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