

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY 2018

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the new Chief Election Commissioner of India who will replace Shri Achal Kumar Joti?	Om Prakash Rawat
Government of which state has announced jobs to dependants of martyred jawans?	Uttar Pradesh
Name the former Chief Minister of Gujarat who has been appointed as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh?	Smt Anandiben Patel
Name the Indian Naval Ship, the largest ship in the Navy and the country's only aircraft carrier which was formally affiliated to The Bihar Regiment, a highly decorated and battle hardened Infantry Unit of the Indian Army and the No. 6 Squadron of the Indian Air Force that specializes in maritime strike operations and operates the Jaguar fighter aircraft?	INS Vikramaditya
Who designed the theme of the official emblem of West Bengal, Biswa Bangla?	Mamata Banerjee
Which State has decided to provide 1% parallel reservation for orphans in government jobs? <i>The reservation, termed parallel reservation, will be provided under the general category, which means the government won't need to increase its caste reservation quota that has already reached 52%. Parallel reservation means, of the total jobs available under the general category, 1% will be reserved only for orphans.</i>	Maharashtra
A Super Moon, Blue Moon and a total lunar eclipse was observed on?	31st January 2018
In which state 7th edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav-2018 was held from 14th to 20th January, 2018?	Karnataka
Who became the first Indian to win an international medal in skiing? <i>She won Bronze medal in the slalom race category.</i>	Aanchal Thakur
Name the Oscar winning music director who was appointed by the Government of Sikkim as the brand ambassador of the State?	AR Rahman
On which day the Anti-Leprosy Day was observed in India?	30th January
The private sector bank which has become the first Indian bank to cross Rs. 5 trillion in market capitalisation at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)? <i>The bank became the third firm after Reliance Industries (RIL) and</i>	HDFC Bank

<i>Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to achieve this milestone.</i>	
Name the Member of Parliament who was awarded the Outstanding Parliamentarian award for the year 2017?	Bhartruhari Mahatab
Every year National Voters Day is celebrated on?	25th January
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palanichamy was presented with which award for the cultural heritage conservation activities taken up at the iconic Ranganathaswamy temple in Srirangam (Tiruchy) without altering its original splendour?	Unesco Award of Merit
What was India's overall rank in the Environmental Performance Index 2018 according to a biennial report by Yale and Columbia Universities along with the World Economic Forum? <i>Its overall low ranking, 177 among 180 countries, was linked to poor performance in the environment health policy and deaths due to air pollution categories.</i>	177
What is the rank of India in the list of world's wealthiest countries of 2017 with total wealth of \$8,230 billion? According to a report by New World Wealth, the US is the wealthiest country with total wealth of \$64,584 billion, followed by China (\$24,803 billion) and Japan (\$19,522 billion).	Sixth
Name the place in Arunachal Pradesh where World War II Memorial Museum was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pema Khandu? <i>It was built by the Union Culture Ministry at the cost of Rs 2.25 crore museum in memory of those who laid down their lives in World War II.</i>	Jairampur
Which application was launched by Ministry of Railway to track both passenger and freight trains over Zones/Divisions/Section? <i>The application provides features for monitoring and managing freight business using Geographic Information System (GIS) Views and Dashboard.</i>	Smart Freight Operation Optimisation & Real Time Information (SFOORTI)
Government of which state has launched Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana (MGSVY)? <i>The objective of the scheme is to identify the poor and distressed households which have been deprived of the benefits of the various welfare schemes launched by the state government.</i>	Punjab
Which Indian cricketer has been nominated for the Padma Bhushan award for the year 2018?	Mahendra Singh Dhoni
Government of which state banned manufacturing, distribution, sale, purchase, display and advertisement of electronic cigarettes?	Bihar

<i>Online purchase of e-cigarettes has been prohibited, too.</i>	
Which state will host the Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters from 2nd to 4th February 2018?	Kerala
Who was appointed as the Director General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)?	Dilip Chenoy
Who has been conferred with 1st Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Award for Probity in Politics and Public Life?	Nitish Kumar
Name the former agricultural commissioner of India who passed away on 27th January 2018? <i>He was one of the major pioneers and veteran who powered the Green Revolution in India.</i>	Dr Gurcharan Singh Kalkat
Who took charge as the Election Commissioner of India succeeding Om Prakash Rawat who was elevated as the Chief Election Commissioner of India?	Ashok Lavasa
Which Indian metropolitan city has become the first one to get a floating market?	Kolkata
The World Economic Forum has ranked India at which position on the Inclusive Development Index 2018?	62nd
Government of which state has launched Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) project to promote organic farming among farmers of the state?	Himachal Pradesh
On which day the National Girl Child Day is observed?	24th January
India's first garbage festival Kachra Mahotsav 2018 was organised by which state?	Chhattisgarh
Which film won the Best Film Award at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	Hindi Medium
Who won the award for Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female) at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	Vidya Balan for 'Tumhari Sulu'
Who won the award for Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male) at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	Irrfan Khan for 'Hindi Medium'
Who won the award for Best Director at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
Who is the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)?	S Somanath
The severely-polluted Bellandur lake which caught fire recently is in which state?	Bengaluru

Who was appointed as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG)?	Sudeep Lakhtakia
Who won the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2016 for Bharatanatyam?	Geeta Chandran
Who has been appointed as the chairman of the newly-constituted Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission (UPSSSC)?	Chandra Bhushan Paliwal
In which state Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated state's first oil refinery?	Rajasthan
Which country has become the first one to be connected to India's National Knowledge Network?	Sri Lanka
Who has been appointed as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh?	Anandiben Patel
Former Union minister Raghunath Jha passed away on 14th January 2018. He was a senior member of which political party?	Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)
Ten Murti, the historical war memorial in India has been renamed as Ten Murti-Hafia. The city Hafia is in which country?	Israel
155th birth anniversary of which spiritual leader was celebrated in India on 12th January?	Swami Vivekananda
Which Indian cricketer was named ICC Cricketer of the Year 2017?	Virat Kohli
In order to provide more choice to citizens authenticating using Aadhaar, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDA) has introduced a new authentication method along with fingerprints and iris. What is this method?	Face Authentication
Which railway station on Central Railway (CR) manned by a staff of 41 women has entered the Limca Book of Records for being first all-women railway station in India?	Matunga
According to the World Bank what will be India's growth rate in the year 2018?	7.3 per cent
Name the creator of iconic Old Monk rum who died recently at the age of 88? <i>Launched in 1954, Old Monk was for a long time the largest selling dark rum in the world.</i>	Kapil Mohan
Name the IPS officer who has taken charge as the new chief of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)?	Abhay
World Champion Saksham Yadav recently passed away in a road accident. In which sporting category he had won the 2017 world championships?	Powerlifting

What is the name of the third state-of-art Scorpene class submarines launched by the Indian Navy?	INS Karanj
What is the name of India's new fastest supercomputer?	Pratyush
What is the name of initiative started by Union Sports Ministry to scout for talent at the grassroots level and provide it substantial long-term scholarship?	Khelo India
How many digits are there in Virtual ID for Aadhar? <i>The Virtual ID can be generated as many time as possible and the older ID gets automatically cancelled once a fresh one is generated.</i>	16 (random) digits

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

The 48th World Economic Forum annual meeting was held in which country? <i>The 48th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) was held in city Davos with the theme 'Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World'.</i>	Switzerland
Which country will host the ministerial meeting of International Energy Forum 2018 from 10th to 12th April 2018?	India
The New Zealand cricketer who has become the first in the world to score 3 centuries in international T20 matches? <i>He scored the centuries against India, Bangladesh and West Indies.</i>	Colin Munro
The World Leprosy Day was observed on? <i>The day is observed internationally every year on the last Sunday of January month to raise global awareness of Leprosy.</i>	28th January
Who won the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2018?	Roger Federer
Who won the Women's Singles title at the Australian Open 2018?	Caroline Wozniacki
Which country won the 5th edition of Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 by defeating Pakistan in the final by two wickets at Sharjah in UAE?	India
Which country will host the 6th edition of ICC Women's World Twenty20 2018 from 9th to 24th November 2018?	West Indies
Who was named as the captain of both ICC Test and ODI teams of the year 2017? <i>He also won the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year award.</i>	Virat Kohli

To combat air pollution which country has built world's biggest air purifier - a 328 feet high tower?	China
Who won the ICC Test Cricketer of the Year award?	Steve Smith
Which country has granted citizenship to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange?	Ecuador
Name the Singapore-based Indian-origin businessman who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Geneva-based World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)?	Sunny Verghese
On which date the World Hindi Day (WHD) is observed every year to mark the first anniversary of World Hindi Conference (WHC) which was held in 1975?	10th January
Which country has become the first country in the world to make equal pay for men and women?	Iceland