

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY 2019

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the veteran Bollywood actor and screenwriter who passed away on 31st December 2018?	Kader Khan
Which ministry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Council of Applied Economic Research for improving the official statistical system in the country?	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Name the former Defence Minister of India who passed away on January 29, 2019? <i>He served under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government?</i>	George Fernandes
As per the revised Goods and Services Tax (GST) norms, the GST on Haj and Kailash Mansarovar Yatra has been reduced from 18 per cent to how much per cent?	5 per cent
Name the Hindi writer, a recipient of 2017 Jnanpith Award and author of novels such as Zindaginama, Mitro Marjani, etc. who passed away on 25th January 2019?	Krishna Sobti
What was the theme of National Girl Child Day observed by the Women and Child Development Ministry on 24th January 2019?	Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow
Who were conferred the 2019 Bharat Ratna Award on 25th January 2019, India's highest civilian honour, by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind?	Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh and Bhupen Hazarika
Gautam Gambhir, Prabhu Deva, and Late Kader Khan were conferred with which civilian awards?	Padma Shri
On which day India celebrated the 9th National Voters Day for enhanced participation of citizens in the electoral process?	25th January
What was the theme of 9th National Voters Day?	No voter to be left behind
Name the nanosatellite (measuring 10 x 10 x 10 cm) which was developed by Indian students and Chennai-based Space Kidz India for HAM radio services? <i>It was launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on PSLV C44 rocket.</i>	Kalamsat
Which word was declared as the 'Hindi Word of the Year 2018' by the Oxford Dictionary?	Nari Shakti
What is the name of India's first made-in-India engineless train which was recently named as the 'Vande Bharat Express' by the Railways Ministry?	Train 18
Which is the only Indian port to be listed amongst the world's top 30 container ports as per the latest Lloyds Report?	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)
Who was named the captain of the ICC's Test and ODI teams of the year 2018?	Virat Kohli

Which cricketer was named ICC Test Player, ODI Player and Cricketer of the year 2018?	Virat Kohli
Who is the only cricketer besides Virat Kohli to be named in both ICC Test teams and ODI teams of the year 2018?	Jasprit Bumrah
Which company launched a new e-commerce platform 're-weave.in' for handloom weavers under the Project ReWeave, as part of its philanthropic initiatives?	Microsoft (India)
India will surpass which country to become the second largest oil demand growth centre globally in 2019 on back of buoyant auto fuel and LPG consumption?	China
Ten years after 26/11, the Indian Navy coordinated the largest-ever coastal defence exercise off the Indian coast on 22-23 January 2019. What is the name of this exercise?	Sea Vigil
Name the historical monument in Delhi in which four museum relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the Yaad-e-Jallian Museum based on the Jallianwala Bagh and World War I, museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence and Drishyakala museum- exhibition of Indian art was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?	Red Fort
Which cricketer won ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year award for the year 2018?	Rishabh Pant
To visit which countries, Indians over the age of 65 years and under the age of 15 years can now use Aadhaar Card as a valid travel document?	Nepal and Bhutan
The 15th edition of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) was held in which city on 21st January 2019?	Varanasi
Which Indian athlete has become the first to be nominated for the Laureus World Comeback of Year Award?	Vinesh Phogat
To enhance the operational capability of which command, Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur will be commissioned as INS Kohassa?	Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)
Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY), the flagship scheme of the Central Government for employment generation has crossed the milestone of ___ crore beneficiaries as on January 14, 2019. <i>PMRPY was announced on August 07, 2016 and is being implemented by Ministry of Labour and Employment through the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).</i>	one
Name the media professional who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?	Manu Sawhney
On which day, Army Day is celebrated to salute the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the country and its citizens?	15th January
The Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019 which came into effect on January 14, 2019 provides what percentage of reservation quota for the economically weaker sections in the general category?	10 percent
The world's largest religious and cultural human congregation, 'Kumbh 2019' began in which city of Uttar Pradesh?	Prayagraj (erstwhile Allahabad)
Which Indian leader recently received the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award for his "outstanding leadership"?	Narendra Modi

<p><i>The Philip Kotler award focuses on three aspects - people, profit and planet. The award, will hereon, be annually given to the leader of a nation.</i></p>	
<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a Rs 350 denomination commemorative silver coin and stamp on Guru Gobind Singh to mark the 350th birth anniversary. Guru Gobind Singh was the ___ Sikh Guru.</p>	10th
<p>Which Indian state has become the first one to implement 10 per cent quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in general category?</p>	Gujarat
<p>Which organisation launched the UNNATI Programme on 17th January 2019 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first United Nations conference on the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space (UNISPACE 50)?</p>	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
<p>In which bank the Union Cabinet approved capital infusion of Rs 6,000 crore through recapitalisation bonds to boost the bank's capacity in export financing?</p>	Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
<p>Name the 35-year-old Indian from Kolkata who became world's youngest to climb 7 highest volcanoes and 7 highest mountains in 7 continents?</p>	Satyarup Siddhanta
<p>From which academic year the Union Human Resource Ministry is planning to introduce 10 per cent Economically Weaker Section (EWS) reservation quota across 40,000 colleges and 900 Universities in the country?</p>	2019-20
<p>Which Indian boxer fetched number one position in the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) latest world rankings?</p>	Mary Kom
<p>India's first rail and transportation university has started functioning in which city?</p>	Vadodara (Gujarat)
<p>Name the Multipurpose Project for which an agreement was signed on 11th January 2019 among the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand?</p>	Renukaji Dam
<p>By which date the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has asked food businesses to comply with the new packaging regulations that bar use of recycled plastics and newspapers to wrap food articles?</p>	1st July 2019
<p>The second edition of Khelo India Youth Games was inaugurated in which city on 9th January?</p>	Pune
<p>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted a high-level committee headed by former chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to set up a robust digital payments ecosystem in the country. Name the former chairman of UIDAI who will head this committee?</p>	Nandan Nilekani
<p>Name the irrigation project which has entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for pouring 32,100 cubic meters of concrete in 24 hours?</p>	Polavaram project
<p>Who was removed as the coach of Indian national men's hockey team?</p>	Harendra Singh
<p>Name the chairman of National Solar Energy Federation who has taken over as the president of Global Solar Council (GSC) from 1st January 2019?</p> <p><i>The GSC has its headquarters in Washington D.C., USA.</i></p>	Pranav R Mehta
<p>What was India's rank in the global index for the world's most powerful</p>	79th

passport in 2019?	
India recently took over the operations of a part of Chabahar Port. In which country Chabahar Port is located?	Iran
Name the organisation which has been awarded the Exhibitor of the Year Award at the 106th Indian Science Congress held at Lovely Professional University?	DRDO
Government of which Indian state was fined Rs 100 crore by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for its failure to curb illegal coal mining in the state?	Meghalaya
Name the Indian mountaineer who has become the first woman amputee to climb Mt Vinson, the highest peak in Antarctica?	Arunima Sinha
Who was appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India?	Sudhir Bhargava
Name the Indian cricketer (female) who was named Best Player of the Year, ODI Player of the Year and included in ICC Women's Team of the Year 2018?	Smriti Mandhana
Which city hosted the 106th Indian Science Congress?	Jalandhar (Punjab)
Which Indian cricketer has been suspended from bowling in international cricket by the International Cricket Council (ICC) terming his bowling action as illegal?	Ambati Rayudu
Name the Indian badminton player (female) who won the Indonesia Masters Women's Singles title defeating Carolina Marin of Spain in the finals?	Saina Nehwal
Name the place in Tamil Nadu where foundation stone for setting up All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) was laid by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi?	Madurai
Name the noted Gujarati poet who has been awarded the Saraswati Samman 2017 by the KK Birla Foundation for his collection named Vakhar?	Sitanshu Yashashchandra
Name the Indian cricketer who has become the fastest Indian bowler to claim 100 wickets in 56 ODIs breaking Irfan Pathan's record of 59 ODIs?	Mohammad Shami
Which North-Eastern State has declared the Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival to be its State Festival?	Arunachal Pradesh
Name the Indian chess player who has become the youngest Indian and 2nd youngest in the world to become a Grandmaster at the age of 12 years 7 months and 17 days?	D Gukesh
Which State has become the first in the country to launch One Family One Job programme for the people of its state?	Sikkim
Who was appointed as the new Chairman of Railway Board succeeding Ashwani Lohani?	Vinod K Yadav
Name the coach of Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and Vinod Kambli and also a recipient of Dronacharya Award (1990) and Padma Shri (2010) who passed away on 2nd January 2019?	Ramakant Achrekar

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Which Asian country recently declared sugarcane juice as the 'national drink' of the country?	Pakistan
Which country topped the Corruption Perceptions Index 2018? <i>India improved its ranking on the 2018 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) by three points and moved to 78th position with a score of 41.</i>	Denmark
Who became the first Hindu woman to be appointed as a civil judge in Pakistan?	Suman Kumari
Who won the 2019 Australian Open Men's Singles title by defeating Rafael Nadal in the final?	Novak Djokovic
Who won the 2019 Australian Open Women's Singles title by defeating Petra Kvitová in the final?	Naomi Osaka
Which nation has broken off all diplomatic ties with the United States after its President Donald Trump recognised Opposition leader Juan Guaido as the South American country's interim President?	Venezuela
World Economic Forum (WEF) 2019 annual meet was held in which city?	Davos (Switzerland)
Who has won the 'Laureus Sportsman of the Year award' the maximum number of times?	Roger Federer (6 times)
Which film won the 2019 Golden Globe Award (76th Edition) for Best Motion Picture: Drama?	Bohemian Rhapsody
Who won the Best Actor in Motion Picture-Drama award at the 76th Golden Globe Awards?	Rami Malek
Who won the Best Actress in Motion Picture-Drama award at the 76th Golden Globe Awards?	Glenn Close
Jim Yong Kim is going to step down on February 1, 2019 as the President of which international organisation much before the end of his term in 2022?	World Bank
Who was appointed as the Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?	Gita Gopinath
On which day World Hindi Day was observed across the world to mark the anniversary of first World Hindi Conference which was held in 1975?	10th January
Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Taiwan?	Su Tseng-chang
Which nation will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations replacing the original hosts Cameroon?	Egypt
On which day World Braille Day was observed across the world?	4th January
Name the currency which was launched by the central banks of the UAE and Saudi Arabia which will be used in financial settlements between the two countries through Blockchains and Distributed Ledgers technologies?	Aber
Name the President of Venezuela who sworn in for the second term?	Nicolas Maduro