

## 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?	<b>Om Prakash Rawat</b>
Government of which state has announced jobs to dependants of martyred jawans?	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
Name the former Chief Minister of Gujarat who has been appointed as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh?	<b>Smt Anandiben Patel</b>
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?	<b>INS Vikramaditya</b>
Who designed the theme of the official emblem of West Bengal, Biswa Bangla?	<b>Mamata Banerjee</b>
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>	<b>Maharashtra</b>
A Super Moon, Blue Moon and a total lunar eclipse was observed on?	<b>31st January 2018</b>
In which state 7th edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav-2018 was held from 14th to 20th January, 2018?	<b>Karnataka</b>
Who became the first Indian to win an international medal in skiing? <i>She won Bronze medal in the slalom race category.</i>	<b>Aanchal Thakur</b>
Name the Oscar winning music director who was appointed by the Government of Sikkim as the brand ambassador of the State?	<b>AR Rahman</b>
On which day the Anti-Leprosy Day was observed in India?	<b>30th January</b>
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 Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to achieve this milestone.</i>	<b>HDFC Bank</b>
Name the Member of Parliament who was awarded the Outstanding Parliamentarian award for the year 2017?	<b>Bhartruhari Mahatab</b>
Every year National Voters Day is celebrated on?	<b>25th January</b>

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?	<b>Unesco Award of Merit</b>
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>	<b>177</b>
What is the rank of India in the list of world's wealthiest countries of 2017 with total wealth of \$8,230 billion? <i>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).</i>	<b>Sixth</b>
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>	<b>Jairampur</b>
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>	<b>Smart Freight Operation Optimisation &amp; Real Time Information (SFOORTI)</b>
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>	<b>Punjab</b>
Which Indian cricketer has been nominated for the Padma Bhushan award for the year 2018?	<b>Mahendra Singh Dhoni</b>
Government of which state banned manufacturing, distribution, sale, purchase, display and advertisement of electronic cigarettes? <i>Online purchase of e-cigarettes has been prohibited, too.</i>	<b>Bihar</b>
Which state will host the Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters from 2nd to 4th February 2018?	<b>Kerala</b>
Who was appointed as the Director General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)?	<b>Dilip Chenoy</b>
Who has been conferred with 1st Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Award for Probity in Politics and Public Life?	<b>Nitish Kumar</b>
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>	<b>Dr Gurcharan Singh Kalkat</b>
Who took charge as the Election Commissioner of India succeeding Om Prakash Rawat who was elevated as the Chief Election Commissioner of India?	<b>Ashok Lavasa</b>

Which Indian metropolitan city has become the first one to get a floating market?	<b>Kolkata</b>
The World Economic Forum has ranked India at which position on the Inclusive Development Index 2018?	<b>62nd</b>
Government of which state has launched Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) project to promote organic farming among farmers of the state?	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>
On which day the National Girl Child Day is observed?	<b>24th January</b>
India's first garbage festival Kachra Mahotsav 2018 was organised by which state?	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>
Which film won the Best Film Award at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	<b>Hindi Medium</b>
Who won the award for Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female) at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	<b>Vidya Balan for 'Tumhari Sulu'</b>
Who won the award for Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male) at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	<b>Irrfan Khan for 'Hindi Medium'</b>
Who won the award for Best Director at the 63rd Jio Filmfare Awards 2018?	<b>Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'</b>
Who is the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)?	<b>S Somanath</b>
The severely-polluted Bellandur lake which caught fire recently is in which state?	<b>Bengaluru</b>
Who was appointed as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG)?	<b>Sudeep Lakhtakia</b>
Who won the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2016 for Bharatanatyam?	<b>Geeta Chandran</b>
Who has been appointed as the chairman of the newly-constituted Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission (UPSSSC)?	<b>Chandra Bhushan Paliwal</b>
In which state Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated state's first oil refinery?	<b>Rajasthan</b>
Which country has become the first one to be connected to India's National Knowledge Network?	<b>Sri Lanka</b>
Who has been appointed as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh?	<b>Anandiben Patel</b>
Former Union minister Raghunath Jha passed away on 14th January 2018. He was a senior member of which political party?	<b>Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)</b>
Teen Murti, the historical war memorial in India has been renamed as Teen Murti-Hafia. The city Hafia is in which country?	<b>Israel</b>
155th birth anniversary of which spiritual leader was celebrated in India on 12th January?	<b>Swami Vivekananda</b>
Which Indian cricketer was named ICC Cricketer of the Year 2017?	<b>Virat Kohli</b>
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?	<b>Face Authentication</b>
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?	<b>Matunga</b>

According to the World Bank what will be India's growth rate in the year 2018?	<b>7.3 per cent</b>
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>	<b>Kapil Mohan</b>
Name the IPS officer who has taken charge as the new chief of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)?	<b>Abhay</b>
World Champion Saksham Yadav recently passed away in a road accident. In which sporting category he had won the 2017 world championships?	<b>Powerlifting</b>
What is the name of the third state-of-art Scorpene class submarines launched by the Indian Navy?	<b>INS Karanj</b>
What is the name of India's new fastest supercomputer?	<b>Pratyush</b>
What is the name of initiative started by Union Sports Ministry to scout for talent at the grassroot level and provide it substantial long-term scholarship?	<b>Khelo India</b>
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>	<b>16 (random) digits</b>