

## **Important Current Affairs January 2018**

### **1st January 2018**

- Major contracts for Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga awarded by - GAIL
- Kiran Mazumdar Shaw hails Real-time Governance module of Chandra Babu Naidu on - 29th December 2017
- 2 new ginger species discovered in northeast by - Indian Scientists
- Arunachal Pradesh declared Open defecation-free State by - Northeast State Government

### **2nd January 2018**

- Anushka Sharma named PETA's Person of the Year 2017 award bagged by - Anushka Sharma
  - India and Pakistan exchange list of nuclear sites for 27th consecutive year on - 1st January 2018
  - Allied Health Professionals Database Portal launched by - Union Government
  - Saudi Arabia and UAE introduced VAT for First Time from - 1st January 2018
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- Indian Golfer Shiv Kapur won Royal Cup at Pattaya on - 31st December 2017
- India Hosting 10 ASEAN Leaders on - 26th January 2018

### **3rd January 2018**

- Assamese and Manipuri Versions of PM Narendra Modi Official Website Launched on - 1st January 2018
- Women and Child Development Ministry Inaugurated Online Portal NARI on - 2nd January 2018
- Solo Climbing on Mount Everest banned by - Nepal
- Parliament passes NABARD (Amendment) Bill, 2017 on - 2nd January 2018

### **4th January 2018**

- India's Highest-Ranked Player in Latest ITTF Rankings - G Sathiyan
  - Former RAW chief Rajinder Khanna appointed Deputy NSA on - 2nd January 2017
  - MoU signed between India and Sri Lanka on - Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy
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- Establishment of new AIIMS at Bilaspur approved by - The Union Ministry
- MHA exempts cruise tourists with e-visa till 2020 from - Biometric enrolment

### **5th January 2018**

- Nation-wide cleanliness survey SwachhSurvekshan launched on - 4th January 2018
- CCEA approves Construction of bi-directional Zojila Tunnel in J&K approved by - CCEA
- Extension of norms for mandatory packaging in Jute Materials approved by - CCEA
- Four new balsam species in Arunachal Pradesh discovered by - Scientists
- 7.75% Savings (Taxable) Bonds, 2018 launched by - GOI
- Union Health Ministry, Tata Memorial Centre jointly launch first digital Online Oncology Tutorial on-v 4th January 2018

### **6th January 2018**

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- RBI introduces Rs 10 banknote in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series on - 5th January 2018
- Rs.2420 Crore worth contracts for Navy and Army cleared by - Defence Ministry
- Railways, HRD and S&T Ministry ink MoU on Technology Mission for Indian Railways on - 4th January 2018

### **7th January 2018**

- Aadhaar misuse traceable, system is secure, stated by UIDAI on - 5th January 2018
- NASA to launch GOLD, ICON Missions to explore nearest space announced on - 4th January 2018

### **8th January 2018**

- WHO prequalifies breakthrough vaccine Typbar-TCV for typhoid
  - Forex Reserves scale record high of \$409.366 billion on - 29th December 2017
  - Vibrant Khelo India logo launched by - Ministry of State Youth and Sports
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- Secret Zuma Mission for US Government launched by - SpaceX

## **9th January 2018**

- 18th All India Whips' Conference initiated on - 8th January 2018
- Norms for MAT on firms facing insolvency relaxed by - CBDT
- AIIB plans to issue first US dollar bonds by - June 2018
- India and Saudi Arabia signed bilateral annual Haj 2018 Agreement on - 7th January 2018
- New scheme for free treatment of Hepatitis C to be launched by - Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- India's fastest supercomputer unveiled at - Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune

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## **10th January 2018**

- Dilip Asbe appointed as MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India on - 8th January 2018
- Territorial Army battalion of ex- Armymen to clean Ganga to be raised by - Union Defence Ministry
- MPLAD Scheme beyond 12th Plan approved by - Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- National anthem not mandatory in cinema halls by - Supreme Court

## **11th January 2018**

- Who has been appointed as new chairman of ISRO?- Rocket expert K. Sivan
  - MoU between India and Canada for cooperation in field of S&T approved by - Union Cabinet
  - 2017 deadline for Kala Azar elimination missed by - India
  - Harjinder Singh appointed as Chef de Mission for 23rd Winter Olympic Games on - 10th January 2018
  - Virtual ID, limited KYC to address privacy concerns introduced by - UIDAI
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- Free education for girls up to PG level recommended by - CAGE sub-committee
- India begins countdown to launch 31 satellites stated by ISRO on - 11th January 2018

### **12th January 2018**

- Cabinet approved amendments to FDI Policy on - 10th January 2018
- 31 satellites along with Cartosat-2 launched by ISRO on - 12th January 2018
- First woman lawyer to be directly promoted as SC judge - Indu Malhotra
- Election Commission constitutes Umesh Sinha Committee to suggest changes to RP Act, 1951 on - 11th January 2018

### **13th January 2018**

- 4th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference held in Nalanda on - 11th January 2018

### **14th January 2018**

- Two navigation satellites launched into space by - China
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## **15th January 2018**

- China commissioned new missile frigate named - Rizhao
- India's first-ever FDI in fertiliser sector: Yara acquires Tata Chemicals urea plant acquired by - Yara International
- Nepal ending India's monopoly by getting internet connection from - China
- India, UK sign MoU on illegal migrants return on - 11th January 2018
- UIDAI to introduce face recognition for Aadhaar authentication, initiated on - 15th January 2018
- India, Israel sign 9 MoUs for cooperation in cyber security, space, oil and gas sector on - 15th January 2018

## **16th January 2018**

- \$50,000 to UN Youth Envoy's office contributed by - India
  - New moth species 'Elcysma Ziroensis' discovered in - Arunachal Pradesh
  - India INX lists 1st debt security at - IFSC
  - India, Sri Lanka sign four agreements for collaboration in ICT sector on - 15th January 2018
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## **17th January 2018**

- Vice Admiral AB Singh appointed as Chief of Staff of Western Naval Command on - 15th January 2018
- Indo-US joint military exercise to be held in Seattle in - Third week of January 2018
- Coast Guards of India, Japan undertake joint naval exercise on - 16th January 2018
- Defence Acquisition Council clears procurement of small arms worth Rs 3,547 Crore on - 16th January 2018
- Haj subsidy ended by - Union Government
- Five Indian tech companies feature in 'Top 100 Global Tech Leaders List' on - 17th January 2018
- Khap Panchayats can't interfere in marriages of adults verdict given by - Supreme Court

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## **18th January 2018**

- MoU signed between Department of Commerce and CII for - Development of Logistics sector
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- Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2016 conferred by - President of India
- 10th Global Forum for Food & Agriculture held Berlin starting from - 18th January 2018

### **19th January 2018**

- Cyber Warrior Police Force is planned to set up by - The Ministry of Home Affairs
- Virat Kohli named ICC cricketer of the year on - 18th January 2018
- World's largest air purifier manufactured by - China
- Agni-5 ballistic missile successfully test-fired from - Abdul Kalam Wheeler Island, Odisha
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Benjamin Netanyahu inaugurate iCreate on - 17th January 2018

### **20th January 2018**

- India became member of which group - Australia Group
  - Archaeologists discovered world's biggest flooded cave in - Mexico
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- Which Indian state became first state to unveil public cloud policy - Maharashtra

### **21st January 2018**

- With rainbow feathers researchers discovered - Tiny bird like dinosaur

### **22nd January 2018**

- GST Council cuts rates on how many goods and services - 82
- Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative launched by - Union Government
- India to surpass which country as fastest growing large economy in 2018 - China
- Who has been appointed as new Chief Election Commissioner - Om Prakash Rawat

### **23rd January 2018**

- 112 first ladies felicitated by - President Ram Nath Kovind
  - Name of 2nd Made in India Offshore Patrol Vessel of Indian Coast Guard - Vijaya
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- India inked loan agreement with World Bank to improve Water Supply Services in Uttarakhand with - USD 120 million
- ONGC to acquire Government's entire 51.11% stake in - HPCL

### **24th January 2018**

- Anandiben Patel sworn in as Governor of Madhya Pradesh on - 23rd January 2018
- Global Centre for Cybersecurity launched by WEF on - 24th January 2018
- US Senate confirmed Jerome H Powell as Chairman of Federal Reserve on - 24th January 2018

### **25th January 2018**

- UNESCO Award received by - Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palanichamy
  - India Ranked 177 in Environmental Performance Index for - 2018
  - Rank of India on Global Talent Competitiveness Index - 81
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- S Somanath took charge as VSSC Director on - 22nd January 2018
- 73 new airport and helipads to be connected under Phase-2 of regional connectivity scheme UDAN on - 24th January 2018
- Smart solar windows that could produce electricity discovered by - Scientists

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### **26th January 2018**

- India, Vietnam signed MoU for cooperation in I&B sector and space on - 24th January 2018
- National Voters Day 2018 observed in India on - 25th January 2018

### **27th January 2018**

- New group of walking fish found in Tasmania by - Scientists
  - MoU for construction of Zojila tunnel signed between NHIDCL and - IL & FS
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- Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks to offer Atal Pension Yojana, permitted by - Union Government
- First India-designed vaccine to pass WHO test - Rotavac

## **28th January 2018**

- Padma Awards 2018 announced on - 25th January 2018
- India, ASEAN member states release joint statement 'Delhi Declaration' on- 25th January 2018
- 'Shakti' app for women's safety launched by - Himachal CM

## **29th January 2018**

- Pulse Polio programme for 2018 launched by - President Ram Nath Kovind
  - Fifth Yash Chopra Memorial Award will be awarded to - Asha Bhosle
  - Vijay Keshav Gokhale to take charge as new Foreign Secretary on - 29th January 2018
  - Stree Swabhiman Initiative for Women Health and Hygiene launched by - MeITY
  - World Leprosy Day 2018 observed on - 28th January 2018
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### **30th January 2018**

- Roger Federer wins Men's Singles title in- Australian Open 2018
- NASA interested in India-made thermal spray coating technology for - Gas turbine Engine
- Mission One Click for 30 types of scholarship distribution launched by - MP state government
- Khelo India Pledge Launched at Khelo India School Games Carnival starting from - 31st January 2018
- Indian, Vietnam holding first military exercise in Jabalpur from - 29th January 2018 to 3rd February 2018

### **31st January 2018**

- US lifts ban on refugees from 11 'high risk' nations on - 29th January 2018
  - India becomes third largest producer of crude steel reported by - World Steel Association
  - Total Lunar eclipse, Super Blue Blood Moon seen around the world on - 31st January 2018
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- Rural women in Maharashtra to get sanitary pads for just Rs 5 , declared by Govt on - 30th January 2018

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