

Weekly Current Affairs (Feb 5 to Feb 11)

- 5.8 magnitude earthquake hits Uttarakhand.
- President Pranab Mukherjee opened the annual 'Udyanotsav' of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Alibaba made app helps find 611 missing Chinese children
- The Centre has formed a six-member committee to give a report on ways to improve India's Haj policy and also look into issue of subsidy to the pilgrimage in light of 2012 Supreme Court order on gradually reducing and abolishing it by 2022.
- Government appointed noted economist Sanjeev Sanyal as Principal Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance.
- For the first time since the Supreme Court recognised transgender people as a third gender in 2014, as many as 18 students in Bihar have been allowed to appear for the Board exams conducted by the Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) under the third-gender category.
- Anand Kumar Gupta has taken over the charge as director commercial at NTPC.
- Health Ministry launches Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign.
- Iran banned US wrestlers from participating in the Freestyle World Cup competition this month in response to President Donald Trump's executive order forbidding visas for Iranians.
- Tata Motors has introduced TAMO, a sub-brand that will act as an incubator to develop new range of technology-heavy mobility solutions for the Indian and global markets, as part of its transformation journey.
- Leading stock exchange National Stock Exchange selected IDFC chief Vikram Limaye as its new CEO and Managing Director, two months after the sudden exit of Chitra Ramkrishna from the top post.
- Virat Kohli featured in Latest cover star of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- Achamkulangare Gopinathan, a top Indian diplomat, has been re-appointed by the UN General Assembly to the Joint Inspection Unit, the only independent external oversight body of the UN system.
- Madhurika Patkar won the women's singles crown for the first time, while veteran A. Sharath Kamal bagged his seventh national crown in the 78th 11Even Sports Table Tennis Senior National Championships.
- India will host FIBA Women's Asia Cup basketball tournament in July, Basketball Federation of India announced.
- CESC wins Bikaner distribution franchise
- Sports Minister Vijay Goel laid the foundation stone of the Center of Excellence for Para Sports Gandhinagar, which will be the first ever training facility in the country dedicated to para athletes.

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- Alphabet Inc's Google would sell its satellite imaging business, Terra Bella, to Planet Labs, a San Francisco-based private satellite operator founded by former Nasa scientists.
- Corporation bank Pact with Religare.
- KPMG in India has a new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in Arun M. Kumar.
- India plans to allow non-state mining companies to mine and sell coal for the first time in more than four decades
- The England Test captain Alastair Cook was honored with the Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace, London on February 4, 2017.
- Alistair Cook resigns as England Test Captain.
- Qatar Airways launched the world's longest scheduled commercial service with its inaugural flight from Doha to Auckland.
- The Supreme Court on Monday directed Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government to register details of identity of every mobile user within a year.
- Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MSGUY) launched in Assam.
- Public sector lender Bank of Maharashtra BSE 0.86 % has partnered with insurance company Cigna TTK Health to market the insurer's products in the bank's branches across the entire country.
- Union Human Resource Development Ministry will set up a department – National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct examinations for higher and secondary education.
- Iran lifts ban on American wrestling team.
- Andhra Pradesh's first Smart Police Station, having look and feel of a corporate-style office, equipped with a "custody" room and under watch of CCTV network, is set to start functioning.
- A 240-KM broad-gauge railway line connecting two major islands, with bridges and stations along the coast, will be part of an ambitious rail link connecting Port Blair with Diglipur on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands — a first in the country that will bring the archipelago on the rail map.
- A Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for implementation of Tourism projects in Jammu and Kashmir was signed among Ministry of Tourism, NPCC & NBCC and Government of J&K.
- Indian Coast Guard to have joint exercise with UAE Coast Guard.
- India's third largest private bank, Axis Bank BSE 0.20 %, has tied up with Earthport Plc, a cross-border payment network, to enable faster outbound cross-border payments for its customers through Earthport's state-of-the-art global payments network.

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- Ujjivan Financial Services commenced operations as a small finance bank (SFB) with launch of five pilot branches of in Bengaluru.
- Global taxi-hailing platform Uber announced it has launched a new category UberHIRE that allows customers to hire a taxi for the day, to cover several destinations, and is targeting senior citizens, business travellers and tourists.
- Well known Indian-origin British sculptor Anish Kapoor was named on Monday the winner of a prestigious USD 1 million Genesis prize by Israel for his commitment to Jewish values.
- Queen Elizabeth II marks Sapphire Jubilee.
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has renamed Dalhousie Road as Dara Shikoh Road.
- HDFC and KMB go live with Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).
- Member (Finance) in Prasar Bharati Rajiv Singh took over as the acting CEO of the countrys public service broadcaster.
- Russia has been barred from international competition since November 2015 following a damaging report alleging that state-sponsored doping was rife in the country.
- Shaikha Mozah Al Maktoum, one of the female members of Dubai's ruling family, is claimed to have become the first woman commercial pilot.
- China has become the world's largest producer of solar energy, according to a new report from the country's energy administration.
- RBI keeps policy rates unchanged at the 6th bimonthly monetary policy.
- Helium, considered being a chemically inert and unreactive gas due to its extremely stable and closed-shell electronic configuration, has been confirmed to form a stable compound (Na₂He) with sodium under high pressure.
- Sourabh Verma clinches men's singles title at the National Badminton Championship.
- 4th BIMSTEC Summit to be held in Nepal
- The Arunachal Pradesh government it has implemented a paperless system to cut down on the time taken to hold a cabinet meeting.
- China becomes world's largest producer of solar power
- Twenty-one-year-old Delhi batsman Mohit Ahlawat has become the first batsman to score a triple hundred in a T20 match at any level.
- RBI lifts cash withdrawal limits from current accounts.
- IAAF bans Russia from 2017 London World Athletics Championships.

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- The Telangana government has launched India's first social innovation centre -- The 'Kakatiya Hub for Social Innovation' in Nizamabad.
- India and Austria agreed to amend their existing bilateral taxation treaty to prevent tax evasion as well as enable mutual assistance.
- The 23rd edition of International Conference and Exhibition on Terrestrial & Satellite Broadcasting was held in New Delhi.
- Israel's parliament has passed a controversial law retroactively legalising almost 4,000 settler homes built on privately-owned Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has entered into four more unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs)
- Chief Minister Pema Khandu has introduced the 'Arunachal Civil Service Awards' for excellence in public administration.
- Freedom fighter Racharla Samrajyam has passed away
- In a bid to strengthen cyber security system, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to set up an inter-disciplinary panel on cyber security to examine various threats and suggest measures to deal with it.
- The Reserve Bank of India will set up enforcement department to effectively monitor banks in case they violate regulations.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was apprised of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of cooperation between Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Bpifrance- which is a Public Investment Bank in France.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' (PMGDISHA) to make 6 crore rural households digitally literate.
- The Ministry of External Affairs in coordination with the Department of Atomic Energy hosted the Implementation and Assessment Group Meeting of the Global Initiative to combat Nuclear Terrorism on February 8-10, 2017 at the Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra.
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das launched energy efficient fans and LED tube lights under the 'Unnat Jeevan by Affordable LEDs and Appliances for All' (UJALA) scheme in the state.
- Gujarat has become the first state in the country for establishing cashless system in its public distribution system (PDS) of food grains.

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- The Lok Sabha passed the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017 which allows for digital payment of salaries or through cheque.
- The commerce ministry has approved the pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops for protecting the growers from the risks such as yield loss, pest attacks and income decline caused by fall in prices.
- In the first move of its kind, the Supreme Court has issued a contempt notice to a sitting judge of the Calcutta High Court and taken away all his judicial and administrative powers.
- Kohli record for most Test 150s by an Indian Captain.
- The Union HRD Ministry has constituted a sub-committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) under Chairmanship of Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister to look into issues of girl's education.
- Private sector lender Federal Bank Limited has partnered with Commodity Online, a leading online data and information portal for the distribution of loans against warehouse receipts and collateral management services across the country.
- In a novel initiative that would push digitalisation and cashless economy, Bank of Baroda (BOB) has tied up with IFFCO, a cooperative, to provide co-branded debit cards with inbuilt overdraft facilities to the farmers.
- Dr P Raghu Ram, president of Association of Breast Surgeons of India, has won the prestigious Dr B C Roy national award for outstanding service in the field of socio medical relief for 2016.
- Official mascot of FIFA U-17 World Cup 'Kheleao' unveiled.
- LIC's MD appointed: Hemant Bhargava
- In a first, the Ministry of Science and Technology has come up with a comprehensive Braille atlas for nearly 50 lakh visually challenged people in the country, especially students.
- As a step in the direction of fulfilling PM Narendra Modi's vision of making football the sport of choice in India, Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel launched the Mission XI Million.
- Virat Kohli breaks another record as he becomes first to score four double tons in four consecutive Test series.
- Nilambur teak will soon become the first forest resource from India to get GI (geographical indication) tag of World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- Power, Coal and mining minister Piyush Goyal will launch TAMRA (Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation) portal and Mobile Application.

- A Nobel laureate who failed his school exams before going on to pioneer body scanning technology has died aged 83.
- Nokia is acquiring Finland-based telecommunications software company Comptel in a cash deal worth €347 million (\$371 million).
- China has released the theme- 'Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future' and the cooperation priorities of the 2017 BRICS Summit which is scheduled to begin in September.
- India made a presentation to World Trade Organisation (WTO) Director General Roberto Azevedo and India Inc. on New Delhi's proposal for a global pact to boost services trade.
- India and the United Kingdom signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to ease restrictions on the number of scheduled flights between the two countries.
- Enthused by success of two pilot projects on utilising the head post offices as Passport Seva Kendra, the government has now decided to scale up this programme by opening 56 such facilities across the country.
- Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Ananthkumar inaugurated and presided over the orientation programme for the district conveners of National Yuva Cooperative Society (NYCS) here today, for launching of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in the country.
- The Andhra Pradesh Government is drawing up plans to make the most of Sagarmala project, identifying 90 projects entailing investment of Rs 1,30,762 crores
- After cooking gas LPG, the government made Aadhaar mandatory for availing subsidised foodgrains from the ration shops with a view to better target Rs.1.4 lakh crore subsidies under the food security law.
- Government of India appoints IAS officer Ajay Tyagi as SEBI chief for 5 years.
- Sudarshan Patnaik creates Guinness World Record by creating a 48.8 feet tall sand castle at Puri beach in Odisha.