

## Weekly Current Affairs (January 1 to January 7)

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- Cash withdrawal limit from ATM's increased to Rs. 4500 per day.
- Election Commission of India announces poll dates for 5 state assemblies namely Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa.
- An entrepreneur of Indian origin, Sheikh Rafik Mohammed, has assumed a top position in the defence department of Kyrgyzstan.
- Justice Mian Saqib Nisar on Saturday took oath as the 25th Chief Justice of Pakistan after replacing Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali who retired after serving as Chief Justice for 15 months.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared an increase in the credit guarantee for the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to Rs. 2 crore from the previous limit of Rs.1 crore.
- The government will waive off 3% interest on loans up to Rs. 2 lakh taken for construction, repair, and renovation of houses in rural areas.
- Election Commission issued limitation on cash expenses per candidate at 20-28 lakhs for campaigns.
- Sikkim has become the first state in India to go fully organic.
- Russia's Sergey Karjakin pipped Norway's Magnus Carlsen to win the World Blitz Chess Championship title in Doha, Qatar.
- World number one tennis player, Britain's Andy Murray, has been conferred the Knighthood in the New Year's honours list in Britain. British-Indian Professor Shankar Balasubramanian and Mo Farah were also awarded the same.
- India's first transgender school, Sahaj International, was inaugurated in Kochi (Kerala).
- Somdev Devvarman, one of India's best singles players in over a decade, announced his retirement from the sport after he decided to give Chennai Open a miss.
- Spanish tennis veteran Rafael Nadal defeated Belgian David Goffin 6-4, 7-6 to win the Mubadala World Tennis Championships.
- Two new Hindi writers Shraddha and Ghyansham Kumar Devansh have been chosen for Bharatiya Jnanpith Navlekhan Award for the year 2016.
- India and Singapore sign 3<sup>rd</sup> protocol for amending DTAA ( Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement).

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- State-run National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Chairman and Managing Director K M Singh has been conferred the 'Power & Energy Persona's Award for Individual Excellence' at the 10th ENERTIA Awards 2016.
- DigiDhan Mela is being organised by the central government in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- The government has allowed 12 lenders to raise nearly Rs 3,000 crore via preferential shares over and above the Rs 22,915 crore capital support committed to them in July last year.
- Air Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa took over as the Chief of the Indian Air Force after Former Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha retired from post.
- The Maritime Union of India (MUI) has launched android based mobile app named MUI.
- BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) becomes the most popular android app in India.
- David R Syiemlieh has been appointed as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) replacing Alka Sirohi.
- Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has been awarded as “Best Performing Power Distribution Utility in Power Sector” by Central Board of Irrigation & Power (CBIP).
- Karnataka Bank launches Personal Accident Insurance Scheme.
- Public sector lender Bank of Baroda BSE 0.60 % has entered into a partnership with CNX Corporation (CNX) with an objective to provide collateral management services towards the loans against warehouse receipt sanctioned to the farmers through the network of the bank's branches across the country.
- In a bid to safeguard the fingerlings fish species all purse seine nets (large fishing nets used to catch fish in bulk) were banned across Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra sanctioned 2 crore rupees for district level sports complexes.
- India ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among nations offering highest salary to expats. Switzerland topped the list.
- Odisha's World famous 11-day gala festival Bargarh Dhanua Jatra began on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.
- PM inaugurates Indian Science Congress in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched a new health scheme christened Arogya Raksha offering medical insurance to those who were not covered under any of the existing health schemes of the state government.

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- Mori in Andhra Pradesh gets smart digital village tag.
- India's first laser technology based AVMS RTO checkpoint setup in Shamlaji, Gujrat.
- Housing finance major HDFC and the State Bank of India have cut benchmark lending rates by up to 0.90 percentage point
- Paytm has received final approval of the Reserve Bank to formally launch its payments bank and it expects to start operations next month.
- The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi has partnered with digital payments firm MobiKwik.
- Solar power producer Azure Power Commissioned 150 MW solar power project in Punjab.
- Anshu Jain, the former Deutsche Bank AG co-chief executive officer, joined Cantor Fitzgerald LP as president.
- The Reserve Bank has appointed Surekha Marandi as the new Executive Director. She replaced U S Paliwal, who retired on December 31, 2016.
- After petrol and diesel, buying and paying for cooking gas (LPG) online will get consumers a discount of Rs. 5 per cylinder.
- For the benefit of voters, candidates, election staff as well as the Election Commission of India (ECI), the district administration of Ludhiana has developed a mobile application named "ECI360".
- Minister of State for Power, Coal & New and Renewable Energy and Mines, Piyush Goyal launched the web portal and a Mobile App for one of India's most talked about schemes, Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for operational and financial turnaround of state power distribution companies.
- Software major IBM India announced the appointment of Karan Bajwa as Managing Director.
- Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced a tool to allow small businesses in India to set up a free website using a smartphone in under 10 minutes.
- World's highest bridge – The Beipanjiang Bridge opens in China.
- Many new projects under Namami Gange programme in Haridwar and Varanasi have been approved by National Mission for Clean Ganga.

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- In a bid to encourage competition to improve sanitation standards, the government has kick started a survey, Swachh Survekshan to rank 500 cities across the country on cleanliness.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Assam International Agri-Horti show to begin in Guwahati.
- World Braille Day was observed on 4th January across the world to commemorate the birthday of Louis Braille who invented the Braille language which helps blind people to read as well as write. On this day the first Braille library in Guwahati was opened at the Blind High School.
- The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has approved the adoption of 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development.
- Nepal hosts Chitwan elephant festival in Kathmandu to boost tourism.
- Former Australia cricketer Arthur Morris was inducted into the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame by Steve Waugh at a ceremony on the opening day of the final Test between Australia and Pakistan in Sydney.
- Indian Tourism Festival 2017 to begin in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Jovenel Moise has been declared the new President of Haiti.
- Yes Bank entered into a tie-up with Bajaj Electricals for vendor financing using blockchain solution.
- Finland has become the first country in the world to pay a basic income to randomly picked citizens on a national level in an experiment aiming at dismissing poverty, motivating people to join work force and decreasing unemployment.
- Telengana and Assam joins the Uday scheme.
- MS Dhoni has stepped down as captain of India's limited-overs teams ahead of the ODIs and T20Is against England in January.
- Supreme court removes Anurag Thakur from the post of BCCI President.
- India's women's football team defeated Bangladesh 3-1 in Siliguri to win the South Asian Football Federation Women's Championship for the fourth consecutive time.
- Veteran actor Om Puri passed away at the age of 66 after suffering from a heart attack.
- Japanese Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu announced that Japan would be associated with the development of Chennai, Ahmedabad and Varanasi as smart cities in India.

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- Amazon wins patent to launch flying warehouse to deliver parcels via drones.
- US President-elect Donald Trump has appointed an Indian-American, Raj Shah, as the Deputy Assistant to the President, Deputy Communication Director, and Research Director.
- Kush Bhagat wins 3 Gold medals in Chess Championship held in UAE.
- As many as 956 kids showed up for a tennis training session at Chennai's SDAT Tennis Stadium setting a world record for the 'largest tennis lesson'.
- RBI allowed NRI's to exchange defunct notes upto 25,000 rupees till 30 June, 2017.
- Renowned sitar player Abdul Halim Jaffer dies at the age of 88.
- IIM Calcutta will be conducting its international business summit Intaglio 2017 from January 6 to 8.
- China launched its longest bullet train 'Shangri-la of the World' from Kunming, in Yunnan Province, to Beijing.
- The Union Cabinet has approved signing and ratifying an Agreement between India and Uruguay regarding Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched an IPR Enforcement Toolkit for Police that would help in dealing with IP crimes like Trade Marks counterfeiting and Copyrights piracy.
- India successfully test fired Intercontinental Ballistic missile AGNI-IV from the Abdul Kalam Wheeler Island off Odisha coast.
- Vice President Hamid Ansari on 4th January released a book titled 'The People's President: Dr APJ Abdul Kalam' authored by S M Khan.
- Tata Sons Ltd has nominated S Padmanabhan as the chairman for Tata Power Co Ltd with immediate effect.
- Capgemini appointed Anil Jalali as Chief Human Resources Officer for its India operation, effective January 1, 2017.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has tied up with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for augmenting capital support to enterprises in the country.

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- State Bank of India tied up with MagicBricks.com to conduct joint marketing activities and help rejuvenate the real estate sector.
- The Minister of State for AYUSH, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the International Conference on “Yoga for Diabetes” in New Delhi.
- Virat Kohli has been named India's limited-overs captain following a meeting of the selection committee to announce the squad for the England series beginning January 15.
- Table tennis Olympic champion Li Xiaoxia of China announced her retirement.
- US First Lady Michelle Obama has selected a 16-year-old Indian-American to serve in the inaugural Student Advisory Board of the 'Better Make Room' education campaign.
- Google introduced 2 tools – My Business and Digital Unlocked for the small and medium businesses in India.
- UK's government has appointed career diplomat Sir Tim Barrow as its ambassador to the EU after Ivan Rogers resigned from the post.
- The World Book Fair is being organised in Delhi from January 7-15 at Pragati Maidan.
- Norway is set to become the first nation to switch off its FM radio network, with the parliament approving a proposal to shift to Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB).
- Over 30 Indian-origin innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders have been featured in the 2017 edition of Forbes' list of super achievers under the age of 30 who seek to break the status quo and transform the world.
- Finance minister Arun Jaitley chaired the Sixteenth Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC).
- 26 crore accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) across the country.