

Weekly Current Affairs (Jan 29 to Feb 4)

- Nation pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 69th death anniversary on January 30.
- The Tokyo Olympic Committee has now announced that Son Goku, a cult anime character from Dragonball Z, will serve as one of its brand ambassadors.
- Denmark to appoint world's first digital ambassador.
- Aeries Financial Technologies Pvt. Ltd announced that CASHe, India's fastest loan giving app for young salaried professionals, has partnered with Paytm, India's largest mobile payments and commerce firm to allow its users to deposit cash transfers from CASHe to their Paytm wallets.
- Roger Federer win Australian Open Men's title by beating Rafael Nadal.
- The Observer Research Foundation (ORF) has emerged as the top ranked think tank in India in the China, India, Japan and the Republic of Korea category, according to the latest Global Go To Think Tank Index Report
- The Central Water Commission (CWC) under the Ministry of Water Resources River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation signed two separate MoUs with IIT Madras and IIS Bengaluru in New Delhi.
- Alibaba's financial arm acquires MoneyGram.
- The three-day long Brahmaputra Literary festival took place in Guwahati.
- GAAR (General Anti Avoidance Rule) will be effective from April 1, 2017.
- Vijay Pandurang Bhatkar has been appointed the new Vice-Chancellor of Nalanda University, Rajgir, in Bihar.
- Dr Gullapalli N Rao has been selected as one of two inductees for the prestigious 2017 Ophthalmology Hall of Fame instituted by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS).
- The Telangana government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with French Aero campus Aquitaine to set up a world-class aero skills academy in the city in collaboration with academia and industry.
- Siliguri lad Abul Hossain won the Kolkata Marathon today as amateur runners from north Bengal and Northeast India dominated the first edition of the meet.
- India's largest startup incubator to be built at Hubballi.
- The Indian Navy has launched a Request for Information to procure 57 multi-role combat aircraft for its carrier.
- The Deshpande Foundation will launch the country's largest start-up incubation centre here (earlier Hubli), alongside the new campus of information technology giant Infosys.
- Hollywood legend and Harry Potter actor John Hurt dies at 77.
- India Post has received payments bank licence from the Reserve Bank of India to start rollout of banking operations commercially under the permit.
- Abu Dhabi will set up a court for non-Muslims to strengthen the culture of tolerance and acceptance of other communities and ensure access to services for all segments of the society.
- Serena Williams beats sister Venus in straight sets to win her seventh Australian Open and an Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam singles title.
- Martyrs day in India was celebrated all over the country on 30th of January.
- Uber MOTO launches services in Hyderabad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that his government would set up a task force to create a strategy to help sportspersons prepare for the next three Olympics.
- India's first dedicated space observatory, ASTROSAT, has captured the rare phenomenon of a small, 6-billion-year-old "vampire" star "preying" on a bigger celestial body.
- RBI lifts ATM withdrawal limits for current accounts.
- Ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu defeated Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska to clinch her maiden Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold women's singles title.

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- The Supreme Court appointed a four-member committee headed by former comptroller and auditor general of India Vinod Rai to manage the Indian cricket board, pressing ahead with its efforts to reform the country's richest sporting body.
- First edition of the North East Investors Summit held in Shillong.
- INSAT-3DR has opened new frontiers in India's weather forecasting and is set to equip the country with the ability to detect farm fires, which intensifies air pollution in the northern region seasonally, leaving Delhi gasping for breath.
- Amulya Kumar Patnaik, a 1985-batch IPS officer, was appointed the next Delhi Police Commissioner.
- Ashok Amritraj has been appointed the United Nations in India Goodwill Ambassador for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- A new set of office-bearers, led by president Dushyant Chautala, today took charge of affairs at the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI).
- Iris Mittenaere, a 23-year-old dental student from France, won the Miss Universe crown in Manila, the Philippines, where it was held this year.
- Reliance Defence and Engineering Ltd (RDEL) has signed Rs 916 crore contract with Defence Ministry for design and construction of 14 fast patrol vessels for Indian Coast Guard.
- Future Generali India Insurance Company (FGI) has entered into a corporate agency tie-up with Bank of Maharashtra BSE 1.08 %.
- American President Donald Trump has signed an executive order on January 27, 2017 to temporarily ban visas for refugees belonging to seven Muslim-majority countries namely Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.
- India gets its own multi sports museum in Kolkata.
- Income Tax Department (ITD) initiated Operation Clean Money.
- Ireland has voted to be the world's first country to fully divest public money from fossil fuels.
- E-paathshala launches technology backed services for higher education institutions in India.
- SAARC programming committee meeting begins in Kathmandu.
- Union minister for textiles Smriti Zubin Irani inaugurated the first-ever apparel and garment making centre in the state in the presence of Union MoS for home Kiren Rijju and chief minister Mukul Sangma near Ampati in South West Garo Hills.
- A legislation has been introduced in the US House of Representatives which among other things calls for more than doubling the minimum salary of H-1B visa holders to \$130,000, making it difficult for firms to use the programme to replace American employees with foreign workers, including from India.
- Railway Ministry requests separate fund for Rashtriya Safety Fund.
- Union finance minister Arun Jaitley tabled the Economic Survey 2016-17 in Parliament budget session.
- Lakshmi Vilas Bank has tied up with Fisdom, a Bangalore-based fin-tech startup, to launch financial planning and wealth management services based on robo-advisory platform.
- Former minister E Ahamed Dies after suffering cardiac arrest.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) on kicked off its operations by rolling out pilot services in Raipur and Ranchi.
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh presented the First National Entrepreneurship awards 2016 in New Delhi.
- The 12th Raising Day of National Disaster Response Force(NDRF) was celebrated on January 31, 2017 to commended the NDRF for its efforts during disaster response.
- Alok Verma takes charge as new CBI Director.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has urged the Finance ministry to retain the differential excise duty regime and tax exemptions granted for the manufacture of mobile handsets and

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tablets, under the impending Goods and Services Tax regime, to prop up domestic manufacturing of electronic products.

- Moussa Faki Mahamat appointed as new African Union(AU) head.
- Taxpayers who do not file their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) on time will have to shell out a penalty of upto Rs 10,000, but from the 2018-19 Assessment Year (AY).
- INSEAD is the best B-school in the world for the second consecutive year in the Financial Times Global MBA Ranking of the best 100 programmes for 2017.
- Amit Mishra, after picking up his 201st T20 wicket in the Bengaluru T20I, became India's highest wicket taker in T20 cricket, overtaking Ravichandran Ashwin's record of 200 wickets.
- It was a clean sweep for India's favourite airline -SpiceJet at the Asia One Awards, Singapore - as it walked away with top recognition in three prime categories.
- Delhi Minister for Tourism, Culture and Languages Kapil Mishra Monday announced that the Delhi government has decided to set up a 'Punjabi chair' in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) to promote research into the Punjabi language.
- Olympic and Paralympic medals for the Tokyo 2020 Games will be made from recycled mobile phones.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in his budget speech said income tax for small companies with annual turnover of up to Rs. 50 crore will be reduced to 25% from 30% earlier.
- Opener Rishabh Pant, who made his international debut in the T20I against England at Bengaluru on Wednesday, has become India's youngest T20I debutant.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during Parliament Budget Session on Wednesday announced scrapping of Foreign Investment Promotion Board to ease the inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- Indian government has proposed to launch an online education platform SWAYAM by leveraging information technology, finance minister Arun Jaitley said while presenting the union budget for the year 2017-18.
- In the Union Budget 2017 finance minister Arun Jaitley said railways will no longer levy service charge on train tickets booked online through the IRCTC website.
- Rs 10,000 cr allocated for PSB recapitalization.
- Yuzvendra Chahal first became the first Indian bowler to record a five-wicket haul and then went on write his name in history by finishing with figures of 6 for 25.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia, scheduled from June 1 to 3, as the 'Guest of Honour'.
- Budget speech, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Wednesday announced that cash transactions above Rs. 3 lakh will not be allowed.
- British PM Theresa May Receives UK Parliament's Approval to begin Brexit Process.
- Amitabh Kant launches India innovation index A joint initiative of NITI Aayog, DIPP and CII.
- 31st Surajkund Crafts Fair (Mela) is one of the most famous fairs, organized every year in Surajkund, Haryana, by Haryana Tourism Department to promote handicrafts items.
- Noted singer Neeti Mohan has become the first Indian female singer to collaborate with UN for women empowerment.
- India and Sri Lanka signed an agreement to construct a multi-ethnic tri-lingual school in a north central district of the island nation that would provide opportunities to Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim students to learn in a multi-cultural environment.
- Kuwait has suspended the issuance of visas for nationals of Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.
- Sanjeev Sanyal appointed Principal Economic Adviser.
- Financing Agreement for IDA credit of USD 201.50 Million was signed with World Bank for the 'Third Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme' (TEQIP III).

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- Godrej Properties BSE 0.01 %, the real estate development arm of Godrej Group, has made changes to its leadership team with Chairman Adi Godrej assuming the Chairman Emeritus position.
- Young shuttler Lakshya Sen from Uttarakhand on achieved the World No. 1 ranking in the latest BWF World junior ranking.
- India records highest domestic air passenger growth in 2016.
- 4 February was celebrated as cancer day.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Friday introduced a Bill on demonetisation in the Lok Sabha to formally make the banning of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes a law.
- India and Norway have founded a Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) to accelerate life-saving research and development for epidemics.
- Offering a potpourri of plays from India as well as other countries, the 19th edition of National School of Drama's Bharat Rang Mahotsav began in Delhi with much fanfare.
- On the eve of World Cancer Day, a Centre of Integrative Oncology was inaugurated in Noida.
- Ministry of Railways and Ferrovie Dello Stato Italiane Group (FS Group) a Government Company of Italy managing the Italian railway sector have signed a MoU for technical cooperation in rail sector especially in the areas safety in train operations.
- UIDAI clamps down on 50 fraud sites offering Aadhar services
- The Right to Information (RTI) Act came into force in Sri Lanka, a piece of legislation aimed at restoring transparency and good governance in a country that has been plagued by corruption and misrule.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed non-resident Indians (NRIs) to invest in exchange-traded currency derivatives (ETCD).
- LIQVD ASIA, a digital marketing agency, launched India's First Ever Online Exhibition gateway - ExFirst.com in collaboration with iKarmik.com.
- Former Deputy CAG Suman Saxena and two others have been appointed as whole-time members in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).
- Former CBI chief Joginder Sharma passes away.
- Indian Squash Team outclassed Rival Pakistan 2-0 in the second round match of Pool A at the 18th Asian Junior Team Squash Championship 2017 in Hong-Kong on February 2, 2017.
- Former Exxon Mobil Chief Executive Rex Tillerson(64) has taken the oath of office as US secretary of state by Vice President Mike Pence in the presence of President Donald Trump in the White House's Oval Office.
- Champion cueist Pankaj Advani won the Indian National Snooker Championship with a 6-0 win over Pandurangaiah of Railways in a one-sided final
- IDFC MD Vikram Limaye the new CEO of NSE.
- Rail museum celebrates 40th anniversary.