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# WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS DECEMBER: WEEK 4

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## BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

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- State-Run Banks' NPAs Touched Rs 7.34 Lakh Crore- RBI Data.
- KKR gets RBI Nod to Start India's 1st Foreign-owned ARC.
- Lok Sabha passes Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code Amendment Bill, 2017.
- SBI Gets Board Approval to Raise Rs 8,000 crore to Comply Basel III.
- Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM) Ties up with HDFC, IndusInd bank for Post Harvest Credit.
- Bank of Baroda Enters into MoU with POORTI Agri Services Pvt. Ltd.
- SEBI Caps Cross-Shareholding in Rating Agencies at 10%.
- Small Savings Schemes' Interest Rates Cut by 20 bps.

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## APPOINTMENTS

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- Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres has appointed Henrietta H Fore as the new Executive Director of UNICEF.
- IPS officer Abhay appointed DG of Narcotics Control Bureau.
- Amardeep Singh Bhatia was appointed as new director of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).
- Sumita Misra appointed as joint secretary in PM's Economic Advisory Council.
- Vinay Sahasrabudde as President of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- George Weah Elected Liberian President.

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## OBITUARIES

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- Bengali Film Actor Partha Mukhopadhyay Passes Away.
- Music Legend Robbie Malinga Passes Away.
- The creator of Bugs Bunny, Bob Givens, Passes Away at 99.
- Veteran Sports administrator Ashok Mattoo Passes away.

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## HONOUR AND AWARDS

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- Anushka Sharma Named PETA's Person of the Year.
- Veteran singer K S Chitra has been selected for prestigious 'Harivarasanam' award 2017.

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## IMPORTANT DAYS

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- Good Governance Day: 25 December 2017  
The day is celebrated annually since 2014 to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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## MOUS AND PARTNERSHIPS:

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- Kabul and Mumbai Linked with Second Air Corridor.
- India, World Bank Ink \$40 Million Loan Agreement for UP Tourism.
- UP inks MoU with South Korea in field of tourism, skill development, culture and farming.
- Government, World Bank ink loan agreement for Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project.
- Amazon Acquires Connected Security Camera Maker 'Blink'.
- IRDAI Norms Allow Insurers to Begin Offshore Business From GIFT IFSC.
- Bilateral Meeting Between External Affairs Minister of India and Jordan Held in New Delhi.

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## IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

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- Belgium-First Country to Appoint Female Envoy to Saudi Arabia.
- AG600, world's largest amphibious aircraft that is China's home-grown took off from the southern city of Zhuhai.
- India and Afghanistan launch 2nd air cargo route linking Kabul with Mumbai.
- China Launches World's Largest Human Genome Research Project.
- WHO to classify Gaming Disorder as mental health condition.
- World's Longest Glass Bridge Opens in China.
- Modi to be First PM to Attend World Economic Forum in 20 years.

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## IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

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- IACS Developed Hydrogel to Remove Toxic Dyes and Metal Ions.
- Govt Mint Launches High Purity Gold Reference Standard.
- UP launches Prakash Hai to Vikas Hai Scheme.
- Blue Flag Pilot Project Launched for Beach Clean-up.
- President Kovind Inaugurates AP Fibre Grid Project.
- Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill 2017 Passed in Lok Sabha.
- India's first-ever broad gauge air-conditioned AC EMU suburban train flagged off in Mumbai.
- Government launches e-HRMS (electronic-Human Resource Management System).
- Blue Flag pilot project launched for beach clean-up and development.
- India to become fifth largest economy in 2018: Report.
- India's first pod taxi to follow US safety norms.
- Lok Sabha passes GST (Compensation to States) Amendment Bill, 2017.
- Parliament passes Indian Institute of Petroleum & Energy Bill, 2017.
- Parliament passes Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Amendment Bill, 2017.

- Government launches Livestock Disease Forewarning–Mobile Application.
- Environment Ministry launches Regional Project to Tackle Stubble Burning.
- President Inaugurated 100th Indian Economic Association Conference.

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## BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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- China has successfully launched its Land Surveying Satellite LKW-2.
- US scientist developed Reservoir computing system developed to help machines to think just like humans.
- China successfully launches remote sensing satellites of Yaogan-30 project.
- 25<sup>th</sup> National Children Science Congress held in Gujarat.

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## DEFENCE

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- India Successfully Test-fires Supersonic Interceptor Missile.
- Prithvi supersonic interceptor missile successfully test fired from Odisha.
- ISRO to launch 31 satellites in single mission in January 2018.
- Indo-Maldives Joint Exercise 'Ekuverin' Concludes in Karnataka.

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## IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

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- Jairam Thakur Is the New Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.
- Bengaluru Becomes First City to Get its Own Logo.
- Gujarat is hosting the 25th edition of National Children Science Congress (NCSC) from December 27 to December 31, 2017.
- Maharashtra & UP top in GST collection in first five months.
- Vijay Rupani sworn in as Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- President inaugurates Andhra Pradesh Fiber Grid Project.

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## SPORTS NEWS

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- BCCI Appoints Saba Karim as General Manager.
- Jitu Rai Shoots 50m Pistol Gold With Record Score.
- Viswanathan Anand wins World Rapid Chess Championship.
- Globe Soccer Awards 2017: Winners List
  - I. Best Player of The Year - Portugal Cristiano Ronaldo
  - II. Best Club of the Year - Spain Real Madrid.
- Saudi Arabia is hosting a world chess tournament for the first time.