

Weekly Current Affairs January 2018: Week IV

Banking and Financial Awareness:

- Indian Overseas Bank and NHB tie up for Rural Housing Interest Subsidy Scheme.
- Small Finance and Payments Banks to Offer Atal Pension Yojana.
- The government has announced 88,139 crores rupees' capital infusion in 20 public sector banks

Appointments

- Om Prakash Rawat appointed new Chief Election Commissioner.
- S Somnath appointed Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.
- Usha Ananthasubramanian, MD and CEO, Allahabad Bank, has been elected the first woman chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA).
- FICCI Appoints Dilip Chenoy as Director General.
- Sudeep Lakhtakia Appointed New DG of National Security Guard.

Honour and Awards

- 'Hindi Medium' bagged honours in the categories of Best Film and Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male) for Irrfan Khan's impeccable performance.
- Vidya Balan won her 6th Filmfare award when she was awarded her 4th Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) award for Tumhari Sulu.
- Padma Awards 2018 were announced on 25th January 2018. Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian awards of the country.
- Gallantry Award to Army on 69th Republic Day.
- Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards 2017 Given to 44 people.
- Shah Rukh Khan Honoured with Crystal Award at World Economic Forum.

MOU's and Agreement

- India and Vietnam Release First-Ever Commemorative Stamps.
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways Signs MoU with IL&FS for Construction of Zojila Tunnel.
- India and Cambodia Ink 4 Agreements.
- National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed an MoU with SME Corporation Malaysia.
- Andhra Pradesh-Zurich Sign Sister State Agreement.

Important News- World

- The World Economic Forum summit at Davos, Switzerland commenced on 22nd January 2018. themed "Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World".
- Valletta, the capital of Malta, was officially named European Capital of Culture 2018.

Important Dates

- 24th January- National Girl Child Day
theme for this year was “A girl is flower, not a thorn”.
- National Voters' Day 2018 in India: 25 January
The theme of this year's National Voters' day is 'Accessible Elections'.
- Nation Celebrates 69th Republic Day.
- Uttar Pradesh Diwas- 24 January.

Obituaries

- Veteran Bengali Actress Supriya Devi Passes Away.
- Ursula K. Le Guin, Best-Selling Science Fiction Author Passes Away.
- Hugh Masekela, 'Father of South African Jazz' Passes Away.

Important News- India

- The Housing & Urban Affairs Minister announced the commencement of the Liveability Index Programme in 116 cities.
- National CSR Data Portal & Corporate Data Portal launched
- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) Crosses One Crore Mark
- India formally became the 43rd member of the Australia Group (AG).
- India Ranks 62nd on WEF's Inclusive Development Index.
- India's to Launch Automated Ocean Pollution Observation System
- IMF: India to Grow at 7.4% in 2018.
- India will host a two days International Conference on dam safety at Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram.
- India Signs \$120 Million Loan Agreement with World Bank to improve access to water supply in peri-urban areas in Uttarakhand.
- India Ranks 81st On Global Talent Competitiveness Index.
- India, 5th Most Attractive Market for Investments: PwC Survey.
- India will host the 16th International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting that is going to be held in New Delhi
- Book by Sheila Dixit “Dilli Meri Dilli: Before and After 1998” released.
- Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI)- India Ranks 81st
- A one-day International Conference on ‘Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Election Process’ was hosted by the Election Commission of India in New Delhi.
- India Ranks 177 In Environmental Performance Index.
- India to host informal WTO Ministerial gathering in March 2018.

Business, Science and Technology

- MeitY Launches Cyber Surakshit Bharat to Strengthen Cybersecurity
- Vodafone India has partnered with e-commerce marketplace Flipkart to provide a range of entry-level smartphones at an effective price of Rs 999.
- 4 Schemes to Promote Young Scientists Announced by the Centre.
- Reliance Industries (RIL) become the first Indian company to cross the Rs6-lakh crore mark in market capitalisation.
- NIIF has partnered with DP World.

- ONGC Acquires 51.11% Stake in HPCL.

Defence

- Alpha Design Technologies wins firing simulator order from India Army.

Important News- States

- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs along with the Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Manohar Parrikar launched the 'Protocol for Star Rating of Garbage-Free Cities' in Goa.
- Fourth Edition of India International Science Festival to be held in Lucknow
- India's 1st Garbage Festival Organised in Chhattisgarh.
- A replica of the iconic Qutub Minar made out of municipal waste, costing Rs 16 lakh, has been erected in a newly-created street roundabout near the Delhi international airport.
- Telangana, Tokyo Body Sign MoU for Municipal Waste Incineration.
- Delhi Declaration of the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.
- GoI, Uttarakhand, And World Bank Sign \$120 Million Loan Agreement for Water Supply.
- 7th Asia Steel International Conference to Be Held in Bhubaneswar.
- Himachal CM Launches 'Shakti' App for Women's Safety.
- Kolkata Becomes 1st Indian Metro to Get a Floating Market.
- AYUSH Minister Lays Foundation Stone for Homeopathy Research Institute in Jaipur.
- Punjab Government Launches Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana.

Sports News

- The Indian cricket team won the blind world cup 2018 by beating arch-rivals Pakistan by 2 wickets in the final.
- West Indies to Host 2018 Women's World T20.
- Lifter Rakhi Halder Creates New National Record.
- Shuttler Siddharth Singh Wins Swedish Open Junior Badminton Title.