

WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

JANUARY 2019: WEEK III



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National Events

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the **National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC)** at Films Division of India premises in Mumbai.



The Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced the decision to induct women in Personnel Below Officer Rank, PBOR, role in Corps of Military Police. The women will be inducted in a graded manner to eventually **comprise 20% of total Corps of Military Police.**

National Events



- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off **Sanrakshan Kshmeta Mahotsav (SAKSHAM)** Vans to promote and create awareness among people on the need of oil and gas conservation for the future and the methods to do it.
- Sanrakshan Kshmeta Mahotsav (SAKSHAM) is an annual flagship event of **Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)** under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

The Union **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** is organising **Shehri Samridhi Utsav** with an aim to extend the outreach of **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** to the poorest of poor and the most vulnerable.’



National Urban Livelihoods Mission

National Events



The Union Finance Ministry has started the **Know Your Budget series on Twitter** to educate the general public about the budgetary process. It is a fortnight series which explains the importance of Union Budget and its making.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval for the capacity expansion project of **Numaligarh Refinery from 3 MMTPA** (Million Metric Tonne Per Annum) to **9 MMTPA**. Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) was set up at Numaligarh in the district of **Golaghat (Assam)**



National Events



Commerce Ministry announced that the Government e Marketplace [GeM] launched “**Womaniya on GeM**” initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and women self-help groups [WSHG] to sell handicrafts and handloom, accessories, etc. directly to various Government ministries, departments and institutions.

1st batch of UNNATI programme of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The full form of UNNATI is: **Unispace Nanosatellite Assembly and Training programme.**



State Events

Uttar Pradesh became the third state after Jharkhand and Gujarat to approve the 10 per cent reservation for economically backward among upper castes in jobs and educational institutions.



Odisha launched **Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)** with a primary objective to target small farmers, cultivators and landless agricultural labourers.

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb launched the **Sustainable Catchment Forest Management (SCATFORM)** project which is undertaken with the assistance of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).



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Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 426.60 m long Pre Stressed Concrete Box Girder type **Diffo bridge over Diffo river** on Roing – Koronu- Paya road in **Arunachal Pradesh**. The Diffo bridge will provide for uninterrupted access between Dibang Valley and Lohit valley region



“Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana” scheme was launched by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri. Kamal Nath. It is **Rs 50,000 crore farm loan waiver** scheme for farmers.

Chennai Traffic Police introduced a road safety robot named **ROADEO**, to help in traffic management and assist citizens.



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International Events

Palestine has taken over the chairmanship of G77 from Egypt. Palestine will be formally elected chair at the annual G77 ministerial meeting, scheduled to take place in mid-September. The chairmanship of the G77 is based on the system of geographical rotation. 2019 was Asia's turn and the Asian group had unanimously endorsed Palestine.



Sports

Indian female wrestler Vinesh Phogat, who hails from Haryana, became the first Indian athlete to receive a nomination in the prestigious Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award.



M C Mary Kom was named as the event ambassador for the 16th Tata Mumbai Marathon

Summits And Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **9th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Summit** at Mahatma Mandir Exhibition cum Convention Centre in Gandhinagar.



The Global Aviation Summit 2019 was organized in Mumbai with the theme 'Flying for All'.



Vice-President of India **Shri Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated the 2-days Agri-Vision 2019 conference on 'envisioning Agro-solutions for smart and Sustainable Agriculture' in Hyderabad, Telangana



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Banking And Financial Awareness



The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a capital infusion of Rs 6,000 crore in state-owned Export-Import Bank of India (Exim) to expand its business.

The Finance Ministry has asked the public sector banks to gradually reduce the government's equity to 52 per cent. Currently, some of the public sector banks have government's holding beyond 75 per cent.



Awards And Honours

Satyarup Siddhanta has set the world record of youngest to climb **7 highest volcanoes, 7 highest mountains in 7 continents in 7 years**. He is also the first Indian to conquer the seven mountain peaks and seven volcanic summits.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded first ever **Philip Kotler Presidential Award**. Philip Kotler Presidential Award aims to spread examples of individuals and companies who create an innovative culture for the economic, social and technological advancements of an industry or a country.



Yohei Sasakawa was named to receive **Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018**, who is the Goodwill Ambassador of the World Health Organization for Leprosy Elimination



Committees



The Committee headed Deputy Election Commissioner **Umesh Sinha** has submitted the report on **revisiting the section 126 of the Representation of the People Act**. Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act Prohibits public meetings during period of forty-eight hours ending with hour fixed for conclusion of the poll.

Former Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), **U.K. Sinha** will head an 11-member working group constituted by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy board of India (IBBI) to study the concept of '**Group Insolvency**' and suggest a **suitable framework**.



Appointments And Resigns

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of V Vaidyanathan as MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank for a period of three years.



Government of India has appointed Senior IPS Officer Prabhat Singh as Director General (Investigation) in the National Human Rights Commission.

Boxing Federation of India (BFI) appointed India's first Commonwealth Games gold medalist in boxing, Mohammed Ali Qamar, as chief coach for the country's women pugilists.



MoUs and Agreements

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and **Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev** held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019.
- An agreement for importing uranium from Uzbekistan was signed.
- **An agreement for a line of credit of \$200 million** from India for financing housing and social infrastructure projects in Uzbekistan.
- The agreement for the **supply of Uranium** was signed between the Department of Atomic Energy of India and the Novoi Minerals and Metallurgical Company of Uzbekistan



Index And Ranking



- The **London-based Times Higher Education (THE)** has released the **Emerging Economies University Rankings 2019**. The 2019 ranking comprises of 450 universities from 43 countries.
- The Indian Institute of Science has topped the rankings among Indian institutes with 14th rank
- The second spot among Indian Institutes was occupied by the **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay** with 27th rank.

BANK
EXAMS Today

- The **City Momentum Index of JLL** which identifies World Dynamic Cities has been released by the property consultant JLL.
- **Bengaluru** has emerged as the world's most dynamic city among 131 major established and emerging business hubs globally.
- The Second place is occupied by **Hyderabad**.

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India-Myanmar bilateral army exercise, IMBEX 2018-19, has begun at Chandimandir Military Station (Panchkula)

India celebrates Army Day on January 15. Army Day is celebrated to salute the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the country and its citizens.



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