# **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF DECEMBER 2018**

## NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

| Who was appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of                                                                                                                                       | 0 11 1 - 11                        |
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| India succeeding Shri RK Mathur?                                                                                                                                                                           | Sudhir Bhargava                    |
| Under which former Governor, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an Expert Committee on Economic Capital Framework to decide the appropriate level of reserves that the regulator should hold? | Bimal Jalan                        |
| To mark the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, his Samadhi was dedicated to the nation.                                                                                                            | Sadaiv Atal                        |
| Three islands of which Union Territory have been renamed after freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?                                                                                                 | Andaman and<br>Nicobar Islands     |
| Name the veteran filmmaker and Dada Saheb Phalke Awardee who passed away on December 30, 2018?                                                                                                             | Mrinal Sen                         |
| Which House of the Parliament passed the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018 on December 27, 2018?                                                                                  | House of the People<br>(Lok Sabha) |
| Which state will get its own High Court from January 2019?                                                                                                                                                 | Andhra Pradesh                     |
| With the creation of this new high court, India will have 25 High Courts.                                                                                                                                  |                                    |
| 26th edition of National Children's Science Congress was held at?                                                                                                                                          | Bhubaneshwar<br>(Odisha)           |
| At which place International Gita Mahotsav 2018 was held from 07 to 23 December 2018?                                                                                                                      | Kurukshetra<br>(Haryana)           |
| Asia's second longest rail-cum-road bridge (Bogibeel Bridge) was inaugurated recently in which state of India?                                                                                             | Assam                              |
| The bridge is constructed over river Brahmaputra.                                                                                                                                                          |                                    |
| Name the noted Sitar player who has been chosen for the Tansen Samman Award by the Madhya Pradesh Government for her outstanding contribution to music?                                                    | Manju Mehta                        |
| Name the denomination in which the Union Government has released commemorative coin in the honour of former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee?                                                                  | Rs. 100                            |
| Which train has officially become the fastest train of India?                                                                                                                                              | Train 18                           |
| On which day National Consumers Day is observed across India?                                                                                                                                              | 24th December                      |
| On this day the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 had received the assent of the President.                                                                                                                    |                                    |
| What is the theme of National Consumers Day 2018?                                                                                                                                                          | Timely Disposal of                 |

|                                                                                                                                                                                          | Consumer<br>Complaints   |
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| The Indian Railways has decided to give how much concession in passenger fares to Transgender senior citizens?                                                                           | 40 percent               |
| Who was appointed as India's new chief boxing coach?                                                                                                                                     | C A Kuttappa             |
| The 39-year-old is credited with shaping some of the country's most successful boxers such as Vijender Singh, M Suranjoy Singh and Shiva Thapa among others.                             |                          |
| Which Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) merged with IDFC Bank to create IDFC First Bank?                                                                                              | Capital First            |
| The new merged entity IDFC First Bank will have a combined loan asset book of Rs 1.03 lakh crore.                                                                                        |                          |
| On which day India observed the Good Governance Day to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee who passed away on August 16, 2018.                      | December 25, 2018        |
| Which Indian Zoo has been closed for an indefinite period following the confirmation of H5NI virus killing six peacocks in the zoo?                                                      | Patna Zoo                |
| Which Indian cricketer surpassed Rahul Dravid's record of scoring most overseas runs in a calendar year?                                                                                 | Virat Kohli              |
| Name the Bollywood actress who has been named the PETA Person of the Year 2018?                                                                                                          | Sonam Kapoor             |
| On which day the National Mathematics Day was observed across India?                                                                                                                     | 22nd December            |
| At which place in Gujarat, India's first Railway University was dedicated to the nation by Railway Minister Shri Piyush Goyal?                                                           | Vadodara                 |
| Name the former Indian cricketer who has been appointed as the new coach of Indian women's cricket team?                                                                                 | W V Raman                |
| Veteran politician Nirupam Sen passed away on December 24, 2018. He belonged to which political party?                                                                                   | CPI (M)                  |
| Name the English novelist who has become the first English writer to be conferred with 54th Jnanpith Award?                                                                              | Amitav Ghosh             |
| As per the NITI Aayog's 'Strategy for New India @75', the Union Government aim to accelerate growth to 8 per cent and propel the country towards a USD 5-trillion economy by which year? | 2030                     |
| At which places in Telangana and Tamil Nadu respectively, the Union Cabinet has approved setting up AIIMS under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)?                         | Bibinagar and<br>Madurai |
| Mining activities within 10 km radius of which Tiger Reserve has been banned by the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?                                                                       | Sariska Tiger<br>Reserve |

| Which state was ranked as the "Best Performer" in the States' Start-up Ranking 2018?  The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) announced results of                               | S                           |
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| the first ever States' Start-up Ranking 2018 at an event in New Delhi. DIPP began this exercise from January, 2016.                                                                               |                             |
| Who had sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh?                                                                                                                                    | Kamal Nath                  |
| Who had sworn in as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan?                                                                                                                                              | Ashok Gehlot                |
| Name the 20-year-old Indian who has become the fastest Asian to cycle the globe?                                                                                                                  | Vedangi Kulkarni            |
| She completed the 29,000 kilometers' distance required to qualify as bicycling across the globe on December 23, 2018.                                                                             |                             |
| Name the nuclear-capable long-range Inter Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) which was successfully tested from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Dr Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha coast?      | Agni-IV                     |
| Which Indian film was shortlisted for the 91st Oscar in the Documentary Short Subject category?                                                                                                   | Period. End of<br>Sentence  |
| In which state, President's rule was imposed on December 20, 2018 following the expiry of the six-month-long governor's rule?                                                                     | Jammu and<br>Kashmir        |
| Which geostationary communication satellite was successfully launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on December 19, 2018 onboard Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle GSLV-F11? | GSAT-7A                     |
| To mark which historical event India Post released Postage Stamp on Rajkumar Shukla?                                                                                                              | Champaran<br>Satyagraha     |
| Which Indian state became the first one to have a law against sextortion?                                                                                                                         | Jammu and                   |
| Sextortion is a type of sexual exploitation that creates non-physical pressures for gaining sexual pleasure.                                                                                      | Kashmir                     |
| Which country has banned the use of Indian currency notes of Rs 2000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations in the country?                                                                             | Nepal                       |
| Who had sworn in as the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh?                                                                                                                                           | Bhupesh Baghel              |
| Who had sworn in as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan?                                                                                                                                              | Ashok Gehlot                |
| Sachin Pilot sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan.                                                                                                                                  |                             |
| Which political party won the Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2018?                                                                                                                                  | Indian National<br>Congress |
| Which party claimed majority in Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018?                                                                                                                             | Indian National<br>Congress |
| Which political party won the Telangana Assembly Elections 2018?                                                                                                                                  | Telangana Rashtra           |

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| By how much percentage the Central Government raised its contribution in National Pension Scheme (NPS)?                       | 14 per cent            |
| Who is the first RBI Governor since 1990 to resign before completion of term?                                                 | Urjit Patel            |
| Shaktikanta Das succeeded Urjit Patel as the 25th Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).                                    |                        |
| The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) included which currency in the list of exchange rate in December 2018? | Korean Won             |
| Who had sworn in as the Chief Minister of Telangana?                                                                          | K Chandrasekhar<br>Rao |
| Name the Twitter handle launched by the Union Government to spread awareness about cyber crimes?                              | @CyberDost             |
| Which is the first Indian state to have four international airports?                                                          | Kerala                 |
| The four international airports are located in Kannur, Kozhikode, Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram.                               |                        |
| Who won the Sahitya Academy Award 2018 in Hindi Language in Novels category?                                                  | Chitra Mudgal          |
| Who had sworn in as the Chief Minister of Mizoram?                                                                            | Zoramthanga            |
| Who is the author of the book Changing India?                                                                                 | Dr. Manmohan<br>Singh  |

### INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

| Which party emerged victorious in the Bangladesh national elections 2018?  Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina secured her third consecutive term and fourth overall with a landslide victory in the nation's general elections. | Bangladesh Awami<br>League |
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| Which country has successfully tested a new hypersonic nuclear weapon delivery system 'Avangard'?                                                                                                                                      | Russia                     |
| Name the volcano in Sunda Strait which recently erupted and triggered tsunami in Indonesia resulting in huge loss of life and property?                                                                                                | Anak Krakatau              |
| Which country has become the first one in Southeast Asia to legalise the use of marijuana for medical use and research?                                                                                                                | Thailand                   |
| Which nation ended the year 2018 as Number One in FIFA global rankings ahead of world champion France?                                                                                                                                 | Belgium                    |
| Who was crowned Miss Universe 2018 at the event held in Bangkok on 17                                                                                                                                                                  | Miss Philippines           |

| December 2018?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Catriona Gray                  |
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| Who on December 18, 2018 announced its plans to slash carbon dioxide emissions from new cars and vans by 2030?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | European Union (EU)            |
| On which day International Migrants Day was observed across the world?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | December 18                    |
| Name the Saudi journalist who was murdered in October at his country's Istanbul consulate and who has been named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" alongside other persecuted journalists?  The other journalists who wil receive the honour include Philippines journalist Maria Ressa, Reuters' reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who are currently imprisoned in Myanmar. | Jamal Khashoggi                |
| On which day Human Rights Day was observed across the world?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10th December                  |
| Who had sworn in as 58th President of Mexico?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Andres Manuel Lopez<br>Obrador |
| Which footballer has won the 2018 Ballon d'Or honour?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Luka Modric                    |
| On which day International Anti Corruption Day was observed across the world?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9th December                   |
| On which day International Civil Aviation Day was observed across the world?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7th December                   |
| On which day World Soil Day was observed across the world?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5th December                   |
| Which country has decided to leave the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) from January 2019?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Qatar                          |