

# Current Affairs – January 2014

## National Current Affairs and Events

Chief Editor of Malayala Manorma who has been chosen for prestigious journalism Lokmanya Tilak National Award -	<b>Mammen Mathew</b>
Delhi Government ordered an audit of the three private power distribution companies in the city by -	<b>Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India</b>
India scrapped the 3600 crore rupees deal to supply 12 VVIP chopper deal with -	<b>AgustaWestland</b>
Who took charge as Chief of Staff Committee Chairman? -	<b>Chief of Army Staff Bikram Singh</b>
Centre Government has sanctioned 1080 buses to thirteen cities of seven states under its scheme -	<b>Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM)</b>
Which Indian Super Computer is ranked no 1 in India and 44th in the world? -	<b>PARAM Yuva-II</b>
Which Indian credit-rating agency launched a Financial Inclusix Index 2013? -	<b>CRISIL</b>
Who was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)? -	<b>Shri S.K. Sharma</b>
In which state total E-literacy project was launched -	<b>Kerala</b>
This communication satellite was successfully launched by ISRO -	<b>GSAT-14</b>
Tigers, red pandas and lions are perishing in different parts of India due to infection caused by -	<b>Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)</b>
Which Indian player became world no. 1 junior badminton player? -	<b>Aditya Joshi</b>
Who was appointed as President of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)? -	<b>R. Chandrashekar</b>
Who has resigned as the Chairman of the West Bengal Human Rights Commission (WBHRC)? -	<b>Former Supreme Court Judge, Justice A K Ganguly</b>

This nuclear capable Surface-to-Surface missile with a strike range of 350 km was successfully test-fired -	<b>Prithvi II</b>
Which country won the Under-19 Asia Cricket Cup? -	<b>India</b>
Which programme was introduced by The Government of India for young persons of Overseas Indians? -	<b>Know India</b>
7th Global Insurance Summit was held at -	<b>Hyderabad</b>
With which global company Election Commission called off its ties to register new voters? -	<b>Google</b>
Which South Korean company received environment clearance from MoEF for setting up a steel plant in Odisha? -	<b>POSCO</b>
Which railway station entered Limca Book of Records as world's longest platform? -	<b>Gorakhpur</b>
India has registered an increase in the average life expectancy rate by -	<b>five years (63.9 years in 2004 to 69.6 years in 2014)</b>
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued new 5 rupees and 10 rupees coins bearing images of -	<b>Goddess Vaishno Devi</b>
Wife of Union Minister Shashi Tharoor found dead in a hotel in New Delhi -	<b>Sunanda Puskar</b>
Who was the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations 2014? -	<b>Mr. Shinzo Abe (P.M. of Japan)</b>
Reserve Bank of India has decided to withdraw all pre-2005 currency notes including Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 denominations from circulation with effect from -	<b>01.04.2014</b>
Which community has been granted minority status by the Union Cabinet to avail benefit of Government schemes and programmes? -	<b>Jain Community</b>
This nuclear-capable surface-to-surface missile with a range of 4000 kilometers was successfully test fired from Wheeler Island of Odisha Coast -	<b>Agni-IV</b>
Which country won the inaugural Hero Hockey World League Final by defeating New Zealand -	<b>Netherlands</b>

Chilika lagoon in Odisha was named Destination Flyways by -	<b>United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)</b>
First woman to be appointed chief of National Police Academy -	<b>Aruna Bahuguna</b>
Advanced Light Helicopter of Geological Survey of India launched -	<b>Garuda Vasudha</b>
A private information stealing virus which was detected by Computer Emergency Response Team – India (CERT-In) in online banking transaction space -	<b>Dexter</b>
Which team won the 35th Football Federation Cup by beating Sporting Club de Goa in the final? -	<b>Churchill Brothers</b>
In which state National Waterway-four (NW-4) was launched by the Union Government? -	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 59th FILMFARE AWARDS 2014:

Best Film -	<b>Bhaag Milkha Bhaag</b>
Best Director -	<b>Omprakash Mehra</b>
Best Actor -	<b>Farhaan Akhtar</b>
Best Actress -	<b>Deepika Padukone</b>
Best Debut (Director) -	<b>Ritesh Batra (The Lunchbox)</b>
Best Debut (Male) -	<b>Dhanush (Raanjhanaa)</b>
Best Debut (Female) -	<b>Vaani Kapoor (Shuddh Desi Romance)</b>
Best Film (Critics) -	<b>Rajkummar Rao (Shahid)</b>
Lifetime Achievement Award -	<b>Tanuja</b>

**International Current Affairs and Events**

Which country became the 18th member of the Euro Zone? -	<b>Latvia</b>
Who has been awarded France's highest honour, the Legion of Honor? -	<b>Danielle Steel</b>
To commemorate the birthday of Louis Braille, World Braille Day is observed on -	<b>4 January</b>
Who has hit the fastest century in 36 balls in One Day International breaking Shahid Afridi's record? -	<b>Corey Anderson of New Zealand</b>
All the fifty states of United States experienced record low temperatures due to -	<b>Polar Vortex</b>
Which famous footballer won the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for the year 2013? -	<b>Cristiano Ronaldo</b>
As per report of WHO which country is the only polio-endemic country in the world? -	<b>Pakistan</b>
This person became world's youngest person (16 years) to reach South Pole -	<b>Lewis Clarke (UK)</b>
Who won the Australian Open men's singles title by defeating Rafael Nadal	<b>Stanislas Wawrinka</b>

**HIGHLIGHTS OF AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2014**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
Men's Singles	Stanislas Wawrinka (Switzerland)	Rafael Nadal (Spain)
Women's Singles	Li Na (China)	Dominika Cibulkova (Slovakia)
Men's Doubles	L Kubot (Poland) R Lindstedt (Sweden)	E Butorac (USA) R Klaasen (RSA)
Women's Doubles	S Errani (Italy) R Vinci (Italy)	E Makarova (Russia) E Vesnina (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	K Mladenovic (France) D Nestor(Canada)	H Techau (Romania) Sania Mirza (India)