



Current Affairs - December 2017 to February 2018

Month Type



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Days



- ▶ Dec 04, 2017 - 46th Indian Navy Day. On this day in 1971, Indian Navy carried out Operation Trident, which was a devastating attack on Pakistan's Naval Headquarters of Karachi.
- ▶ Dec 1 - Formation day of Nagaland (Formed in 1963). It also marks beginning of 10 days Hornbill Premier festival of Nagaland. Dec 1 is also raising day of Paramilitary Force BSF (Border Security Force).
- ▶ Dec 1 - World AIDS Day. 2017 Theme is Right to health.
 - ▶ To increase Reach of Free ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) services provided by Government to People affected by HIV Virus, Government launched National Strategic Plan 2017-24 and Mission *SAMPARK*. It aims at eradicating HIV / AIDS completely by 2030.
- ▶ Dec 10 - Human Rights Day. 2017 Theme is *Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity*.
- ▶ Dec 11 - International Mountain Day. 2017 theme is *Mountains under pressure: climate, hunger and migration*.
- ▶ Dec 12 - UN International Day of Neutrality. It was declared in Feb 2017 by UN after being recommended by Turkmenistan.
- ▶ Dec 12 - Universal Health Coverage Day.
 - ▶ On this Occasion, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched *LaQshya* Initiative and mHealth: Safe Delivery Application. Operational Guidelines for Obstetric High Dependency Units and Intensive Care Units were also released.
 - ▶ Laqshya - A Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative. It is safe delivery mobile application for health workers who manage normal and complicated deliveries in the peripheral area.
 - ▶ mHealth - Its a Safe Delivery Application for health workers who manage normal and complicated deliveries in peripheral areas.
- ▶ Dec 14 - National Energy Conservation Day.
 - ▶ On this Occasion, President Ram Nath Kovind unveiled interactive online portal, *ECO-NIWAS* (Energy Conservation – New Indian Way for Affordable & Sustainable homes) for increasing awareness to build sustainable and energy efficient homes in country.
- ▶ Dec 16 is observed as Vijay Diwas, marking India's military victory over Pakistan in 1971 during Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.
- ▶ Dec 18 - International Migrants Day. 2017 theme is *Safe Migration in a World on the Move*. Dec 18 is also observed as National Minority Rights Day in India. On This Occasion, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) released International Migration Report 2017 -
 - ▶ Approx 25 crore people are living in a country other than their country of birth, Increase of 49 % in number of migrants since 2000.
 - ▶ India has largest Diaspora in with over 1.7 crore Indians living overseas. Russia, China, Bangladesh, Syria, Pakistan and Ukraine have large migrant populations living abroad, ranging from 6 to 11 million each.
 - ▶ Largest number of international migrants reside in USA with over 2 crore international migrants in USA. Saudi Arabia, Germany and Russia are at next 4 places respectively.
- ▶ Dec 19 is observed as Liberation Day of Goa. It was liberated on 19th December in 1961 from Portuguese control after almost 450 years of colonial rule.
- ▶ Dec 2 - International Day for Abolition of Slavery. December 2 is also observed as computer literacy day.
- ▶ Dec 20 - International Human Solidarity Day.
- ▶ Dec 22 - National Mathematics Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of Noted Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. In 1918, he became a Fellow of Royal Society, becoming youngest person to achieve this feat.

15. ▶ Dec 23 - Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day) in India, observed to mark birth anniversary of 5th prime minister of India - Chaudhary Charan Singh.
 - ✎ He worked distinctively for welfare of farmers, also he never visited Lok Sabha during his term as PM of India (28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980).
16. ▶ Dec 25 - Good Governance Day in India. It marks Birth Anniversary of Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It was announced by Central Govt. in 2014.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions launched electronic-Human Resource Management System (e-HRMS), as a step towards the ease of governance and is in lines with Government's goal of minimum government, maximum governance.
 - ✎ On this occasion, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) launched 'Atal Jan Aahar Yojana' for poor people to provide them meal at Rs 10.
17. ▶ Dec 3 - Birth Anniversary of first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
18. ▶ Dec 3 - International Day of Persons With Disabilities. 2017 Theme is *Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all*.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Telangana Government signed agreement with Vindhya E-Infomedia, to set up world's first Information and Technology (IT) Campus for differently-abled persons (divyangs), in capital Hyderabad.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Noted communication expert Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari is appointed as President of Para-Sports Foundation (PSF).
 - ✎ On this occasion, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched Deen Dayal Divyangajan Sahajya Scheme in Guwahati, Assam. Under which, every differently abled person in Assam would be entitled to a one-time grant of Rs 5000 for their treatment.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Disability Empowerment Awards was presented by President Ram Nath Kovind on this occasion in 14 categories to 52 individuals and institutions. Some important awards -
 - ✎ Best State in Promoting Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities - Chhattisgarh
 - ✎ Best District in Providing Rehabilitation Service - Madurai
 - ✎ Best Braille Press Award - Mumbai-based National Association for the Blind.
19. ▶ Dec 5 - International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development.
20. ▶ Dec 5 - World Soil Day. 2017 theme is *Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground*.
21. ▶ Dec 6 is Known as Mahiparinirvan Diwas in India, marking Passing away of Dr B R Ambedkar On Dec 6, 1956.
22. ▶ Dec 7 - Indian Armed Forces Flag Day.
23. ▶ Dec 7 - International Civil Aviation Day. 2017 theme is *Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind*.
24. ▶ Dec 9 - International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD). 2017 Theme is *United against corruption for development, peace and security*.
25. ▶ Feb 02 - World Wetlands Day. It marks adoption of Convention on Wetlands (also called as Ramsar Convention) in 1971 in Ramsar (Iran). Theme for 2018 is *Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future*.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Floating Treatment Wetland (FTW) was inaugurated in Nekkampur Lake in Hyderabad to purify polluted lake. Plants planted on FTW can clean lake by absorbing nitrates and other pollutants in water.
26. ▶ Feb 04 - World Cancer Day. 2018 Theme is *We can. I can*.
 - ✎ Feb 4, 2018 is also 70th Independence Day of Neighboring Nation *Sri Lanka*. On Feb 4 in 1948, Sri Lanka achieved freedom from British rule.
27. ▶ Feb 06 - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.
28. ▶ Feb 1 - Foundation day of Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
29. ▶ Feb 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
30. ▶ Feb 13 - World Radio Day. 2018 theme is *Radio and Sports*.
 - ✎ India's 1st Online Radio Station *Radio Umang* Has been launched, accessible through web / app.
 - ✎ India's first radio festival held in New Delhi to mark World Radio Day, organized by International Association of Women in Radio and Television AND UNESCO.
31. ▶ Feb 20 - World Day of Social Justice. 2018 theme is *Workers on the Move: the Quest for Social Justice*.
32. ▶ Feb 21 - International Mother Language Day (IMLD). 2018 Theme is *Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development*.
33. ▶ Feb 24 - Central Excise Day.
34. ▶ Feb 28 - National Science Day. It marks discovery of Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928. For this, he was awarded Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Department of Science and Technology awarded Raghbir Singh Khandpur for his contribution to science and his efforts to make Science City in Punjab's Kapurthala into an international-level facility.

35. ▶ Feb 28 - World Rare Disease Day. It is observed annually on Last day of February.
36. ▶ Google launched ‘#SecurityCheckKiya’ campaign in India to create awareness around Internet safety. It was launched on occasion of Safer Internet Day (6 February).
- ✎ On this occasion, Google and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed a pact to integrate a course on ‘Digital Citizenship and Safety’ in information and communication technology (ICT) curriculum.
37. ▶ Jan 01, 2018 - 125th Birth Anniversary of Noted Indian Scientist Satyendra Nath Bose.
- ✎ He is best known for his work on quantum mechanics in early 1920s, providing foundation for Bose–Einstein statistics and theory of Bose–Einstein condensate. He was A Fellow of Royal Society (UK) and was awarded India's second highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan in 1954.
38. ▶ Jan 04 - World Braille Day. It commemorates contribution of Louis Braille who invented reading and writing system that helped blind people across world.
39. ▶ Jan 09 - Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in India, marking return of M K Gandhi to India from south africa on Jan 9, 1915. It was first celebrated by NDA Government in 2003.
- ✎ This year marks 25th anniversary of India's partnership with ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Nations and theme was *Ancient Route, New Journey: Diaspora in Dynamic ASEAN INDIA Partnership*.
 - ✎ On this occasion, first ever Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) Parliamentary Conference held in Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra (PBK) in New Delhi.
40. ▶ Jan 10 - World Hindi Day. It marks holding first *World Hindi Conference* on 10 January, 1975. Jan 10, 2018 also marks 25th Raising Day of Army Air Defence.
41. ▶ Jan 12 - National Youth Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of legendary social reformer Swami Vivekananda.
- ✎ On this occasion, 22nd National Youth Festival (NYF) organised in New Delhi by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports at Gautam Buddha University (Greater Noida).
 - ✎ On this occasion, Jharkhand Govt organized Skill Summit and Provided Employment to 27852 Youth in Private Sector.
42. ▶ Jan 15, 2018 - 70th Indian Army Day. It commemorates the day when K.M Carriappa took over command of Indian Army from F.R.R Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949.
43. ▶ Jan 21 - Statehood Day for North Eastern States of Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya.
- ✎ On this occasion, Manipur Government launched *Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT)*, a health assurance scheme for the poor and disabled people. It will provide cashless treatment to poor at government hospitals, health centres and other empanelled selected private hospitals.
44. ▶ Jan 24 - National Girl Child Day.
- ✎ Delhi Govt held *Girl Child Week programme* to celebrate girl child and spread awareness on gender equality.
45. ▶ Jan 24 - Uttar Pradesh Diwas. On this occasion, UP Government approved *one district, one product* scheme to promote products indigenous to every district. Under this, one product indigenous to every district of Uttar Pradesh would be showcased at 3 day UP Diwas event.
46. ▶ Jan 25 - National Voters' Day. 2018 Theme is *Accessible Elections*.
47. ▶ Jan 25 - Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh.
48. ▶ Jan 26 - International Customs Day. 2018 theme is *A secure business environment for economic development*.
49. ▶ Jan 26, 2018 - 69th Republic Day of India.
- ✎ As part of Republic Day celebrations, 6 days *Bharat Parv* event began at Red Fort (Delhi).
 - ✎ This year, Government heads of 10 ASEAN countries were Chief Guests at Republic Day Parade. Participating Guests are -

Name	Nation
Hassanal Bolkiah	Brunei
Hun Sen	Cambodia
Joko Widodo	Indonesia
Thongloun Sisoulith	Laos
Najib Razak	Malaysia
Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	Myanmar
Rodrigo Roa Duterte	Philippines
Lee Hsien Loong	Singapore
Prayuth Chan-ocha	Thailand
Nguyn Xuan Phuc	Vietnam

 Government advised not to use a national flag made of plastic and asked all states and UTs to ensure strict compliance of Flag Code in view of Republic Day celebrations.

50. ▶ Jan 27 - International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Holocaust means *destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, especially caused by fire or nuclear war*.
51. ▶ Jan 28, 2018 - World Leprosy Day 2018. It is observed internationally every year on last Sunday of January.
52. ▶ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched National Deworming Initiative on National Deworming Day (10 February). It aims to reach over 32 crore children aged between 1 to 19 years to combat parasitic worm infections.
-  National Deworming Day was launched in 2015 and is a single fixed-day approach to treating intestinal worm infections in all children aged 1- 19 years. It is held on 10 February and 10 August each year.
53. ▶ National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrated its 13th Raising Day on Jan 19, 2018.
54. ▶ National Institute of Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission named Dec 14 as Atal Tinkering Lab's Community Day.
-  It marks Community Drive Initiative in which 25 young Mentors engaged with over 200 students who are not enrolled in formal education.
55. ▶ On 16th January, Goa celebrated Opinion Poll Day as Asmitai Dis (Identity Day). It marks historic poll in 1967, when people of Goa voted not to merge with Maharashtra.
56. ▶ UN Chosen India to host World Environment Day to be held on June 5 with theme *Beat Plastic Pollution*.

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