

WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS PDF BY D2G

- Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the LPG emergency helpline number for the cooking gas consumers across the country – **1906**
- Kochi Metro Rail Ltd has received the first set of 25 trains for Kochi Metro from - **French company Alstom**
- The country which has created three new military bodies as part of reforms to modernise its military and improve its fighting capacity – **China**
- India and Pakistan exchanged a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral agreement that bars them from attacking each other's atomic facilities through diplomatic channels simultaneously at - **New Delhi and Islamabad**
- Which company inaugurated a bio-CNG facility here to create carbon neutral ecosystem at Mahindra World City (MWC) to convert eight tonnes of food and kitchen waste generated daily at MWC, into 1,000m³ of raw biogas - **Mahindra & Mahindra**
- The currency is among best of Asian currencies in 2015 – **Rupee**
- The bank launches host of digital banking solutions - **PNB**
- Which company records 50% sales growth in 2015 - **Royal Enfield**
- The U.S.-based company and popular online streaming service is likely to launch in India next week during the trade show CES 2016 has partnered with an Indian Telecom company to leverage 4G networks – **Netflix**
- The multiple Grammy-winner, best known for the songs “Unforgettable”, “Inseparable” and “This Will Be,” has died recently - **Natalie Cole**
- Implementing an announcement made in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 2014 for farmers' welfare, Chief Minister J Jayalithaa has launched the scheme - '**Amma Seeds**'
- India's Test captain Virat Kohli named cricketer of the year award and was presented with which award at the Annual BCCI Awards Ceremony in Mumbai - **Polly Umrigar Award**
- India's biggest state owned gas importer Petronet LNG has signed a revised contract with which company to import gas at a significantly lower price - **RasGas of Qatar**
- Which renowned south Indian classical vocalists has been awarded with prestigious 2015 Sangita Kalanidhi award - **Sanjay Subrahmanyam**
- The Air Marshal who took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff - **Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria**
- The olympic champion boxer who won the 1976 gold medal and was named over US teammate Sugar Ray Leonard as the most outstanding fighter in the Montreal Games who died of cancer recently - **Howard Davis Jr**
- A Japanese team has received official credit for the discovery of which element making the group the first in Asia to have its accomplishments enshrined in the periodic table – **113**
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the of 74 km long, 14 lane Expressway - **Delhi-Dasna-Meerut**

- China's Nuclear Power Plant in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region can supply 24 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a day – **Fangchenggang**
- The Union Government has constituted a committee to examine the wage structure, service conditions of the Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) in the Department of Posts (DoP) - **Kamlesh Chandra Committee**
- The Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has constituted a committee to look into revamp the film certification nuances by Censor Board of Film Censors (CBFC) - **Noted film-maker Shyam Benegal committee**
- RBI asks banks to open more branches in rural areas has asked banks to submit a roadmap on how many branches they will be opening by - **31 March 2017**
- The government announced the launch of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for kerosene subsidy in a bid to cut down the diversion and black marketing of the fuel, the new scheme will be rolled out in 26 districts across eight states from - **1 April, 2016**
- Oasis Group is planning to invest Rs 500 crore for establishing a wheat-based ethanol plant with capacity of 5 lakh litres per day at - **Ferozpur in Punjab**
- The Ministry has asked Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to strengthen written examination for recruitment of clerical and sub-staff posts as there will be no interviews for such appointments – **Finance**
- Congress leader and former Speaker of Punjab Assembly passed away due to old-age related ailments at the age of 83 - **Harnam Dass Johar**
- Veteran Communist Party of India (CPI) leader passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra - **Ardhendu Bhushan Bardhan**
- India defeated which country to clinch the SAFF Cup for the seventh time - **Afghanistan (2-1)**
- The Drug Authentication and Verification Application (DAVA) project of The Department of Commerce has won the 2015 Award under Trade Facilitation category - **eASIA Award**
- An Indian-origin cancer research expert was honoured with a Knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for his influential work on prevention and treatment of cancer - **Harpal Singh Kumar**
- Who has taken over as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Ranchi-based Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd (CMPDI) - **Shekhar Saran**
- Electronic motor insurance policies are legally accepted by the police and transport authorities in - **Telangana**
- Public sector telecom major is working on setting up 40,000 Wi-Fi Hotspots in the country to counter its inadequacy in providing 4G data services – **BSNL**
- A strong earthquake struck northeast India early on January 4, sending panicked residents fleeing into the streets of magnitude - **6.8**
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on January 4 announced road projects worth Rs 41,000 crore for – **Telangana**
- The industry body which opposed Airtel Zero and Free Basics type platforms which it feels violate net neutrality principles by differentiating internet access for certain types of services - **Nasscom**

- The Cricket legend would be the brand ambassador for 'changing diabetes' for Novo Nordisk, world's leading diabetes care company, announced on January 4 - **Sachin Tendulkar**
- The public sector lender has raised Rs 1,900 crore through two separate Basel-III complaint tier-II bonds on private placement basis - **IDBI Bank**
- Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on an SBI associate bank, for violation of some of its instructions - **State Bank of Travancore**
- Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) has joined hands with which space centre to develop a battery for passenger cars using technology - **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)**
- Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) all the seven satellites of Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) are expected to be in the orbit by - **March 2016**
- Paytm, a mobile payment and commerce platform has acquired a Delhi-based company, a context-aware personal assistant application – **Shifu**
- India, Myanmar craftsmanship collaborate at 30th edition of the annual festival which commenced on January 1 - **Dastkari Haat**
- India's third largest software exporter Wipro has named former TCS veteran and current chief operating officer as its new chief executive - **Abidali Neemuchwala**
- Who gave nod to the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act; the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act; the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Act; - **President Pranab Mukherjee**
- The Supreme Court-appointed a committee which has recommended sweeping reforms for the controversy-ridden BCCI - **Lodha Committee**
- The Minister approves 33% women posts in Central Armed Police Forces(CAPFs) - **Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh**
- The Bill was passed by the Parliament in the recently concluded Winter Session of the Parliament - **Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015**
- The first company of Ganga Task force Battalion has been deployed at Garhmukteshwar to implement the - **Namami Gange Programme**
- The amputee mountaineer who set a record by conquering Mount Everest, has added another feather to her cap by conquering Mount Aconcagua in Argentina - **Arunima Sinha**
- Scientists have revolutionised the world's largest database for the drug discovery by adding 3D structures of faulty proteins and maps of cancer's communication networks, paving the way for more effective treatments – **Cancer**
- India-Nepal friendship bus service via Champawat in Uttarakhand resumes after gap of - **27 years**
- Country's apex development bank on Jan 4 signed a pact with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) for web-based monitoring of its projects in four states – **NABARD**

- Former defence secretary has sworn in as the eighth Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) by President Pranab Mukherjee at a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi - **RK Mathur**
- Industry body the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMI) has named the co-founder and chief executive officer of FreeCharge as the new chairman of the association - **Kunal Shah**
- BJP MLA has died at Korke district at the age of 63 - **Raghunandan Mandal**
- Former Chief Justice of India, who delivered some landmark judgements, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the age of 68 - **Sarosh Homi Kapadia**
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das on 4 January 2016 inaugurated the state's land bank web portal, that will help investors know land-related information - **jharbhoom.nic.in**
- Professional networking platform LinkedIn appointed the Country Manager for India, with immediate effect - **Akshay Kothari**
- The Supreme Court (SC) on 4 January 2016 directed the state government to make functional the Gujarat State Cooperative Tribunal by filling up the vacant posts including that of judicial members, which is the bone of contention – **Gujarat**
- Who was on 4 January 2016 elected as Chairman of General Motors (GM) Board of Directors - **Mary Barra**
- British writer on 4 January 2016 won the novel-of-the-year prize at Britain's Costa Book Awards 2015 for the second time in three years - **Kate Atkinson**
- State election commissioner (SEC) Ashok Kumar Chauhan on 4 January 2016 announced that toilets will be mandatory requirement for eligibility to contest panchayat elections in – **Bihar**
- The Union Ministry of Shipping is set to launch the system for Inland Waterways in the country - **River Information System (RIS)**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 103rd annual Indian Science Congress (ISC) at - **University of Mysore campus in Karnataka**
- A UN official who has worked in refugee and political affairs in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, began his five-year term as UN High Commissioner for Refugees - **Filippo Grandi**
- Who won the 26th Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey tournament - **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**
- The states have agreed to join the central government's electricity distribution utility (Discom) financial turnaround scheme to take the total number up to 15 - **Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Bihar**
- Wipro has announced major management changes with the elevation of the chief executive officer (CEO) as the executive vice-chairman - **T K Kurien**
- Who took charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-owned power equipment maker Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for a period of five years - **Atul Sobti**

- LIC offered a 'New Year gift' to the public in the form of a limited-premium, non-linked and with-profit endowment assurance plan - '**Jeevan Labh**'
- Kakatiya thermal plant commissioned in – **Telangana**
- World Braille Day - **4 January**
- Government of Telangana on 2 January 2016 launched a Scheme to issue motor insurance policy in digital form - **e-Vahan Bima**
- Who emerged as the biggest investor in Indian businesses in 2015 - **Tiger Global Management**
- The Indian Army has successfully completed user-assisted trials of Pinaka II, a multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) system, at Pokhran field firing range in - **Rajasthan, India**
- Mumbai teenager on 05 Jan 2016 scripted history by becoming the first batsman ever to notch up a four-figure score by smashing an unbeaten knock of 1009 in an inter-school tournament in Mumbai - **Pranav Dhanawade**
- The first state to sign an MoU with Centre for the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) reforms for state-owned power distribution companies - **Jharkhand**
- The winner of an Oscar for Steven Spielberg's Close Encounters of the Third Kind, passed away on 1 January 2016 in California, United States - **Cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond**
- Sussex fast bowler, who was regarded as one of the most talented up-and-coming players in the country, died - **Matthew Hobden**
- Saudi Arabia has cut off diplomatic ties with Iran following the storming of its embassy in – **Tehran**
- The cricketer's historical innings of 281 against Australia at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata has been rated as the greatest Test performance of the last 50 years - **VVS Laxman**
- A total of five minor planets have been named after top Chinese scientists, including the country's first Nobel laureate scientist - **Tu Youyou**
- The government of India has reduced export duty on iron ore pellets to zero from - **5 percent**
- The Indian space agency is soon opening a 100-acre Space Park in the city where private industry players would be allowed to set up facilities to make subsystems and components for satellites – **Bengaluru**
- Nepal Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli will visit India in - **February 2016**
- The combing operations are underway to sanitise the air base as all the six terrorists who attacked there on the morning of January 2nd were killed by security forces – **Pathankot**
- The Government of the country announced on January 5, 2016 that it has tested a Hydrogen bomb which is a kind of Nuclear Bomb - **North Korea**
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- Union Minister of water resources, River development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti launched the - **Ganga Gram Yojana**
- On the penultimate day of the maiden 'UP Pravasi Diwas' the state would soon make policies and schemes for the 25 million Indian diaspora to have better relations with them - **Uttar Pradesh**
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved for attractive Voluntary Retirement Scheme, VRS, and Voluntary Separation Scheme, VSS, packages for employees of HMT Watches Limited, HMT Chinar Watches Limited and HMT Bearings Limited of – **HMT**
- CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) will soon deploy how many women commandos for undertaking anti-Naxal operations in select Left-wing Extremism-affected states – **300**
- Sri Lanka has released eight Tamil fishermen who were arrested for allegedly crossing the - **international maritime boundary line**
- The Union Government is on track to extend e-tourist visa facility to how many more countries by the end of current fiscal 2015-2016 – **37**
- The bank has launched Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) across all its branches in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), capable of processing person-to-account remittances - **Andhra Bank**
- The High Court once again pulled Uttar Pradesh government on the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) and arrangements of Lokpals to check any irregularity in the scheme - **Allahabad High Court**
- Who has withdrawn from the Under-19 World Cup Cricket Tournament in Bangladesh later this month citing security reasons – **Australia**
- Who was honored with the Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award in Mumbai - Former **Cricketer Syed Kirmani**
- Astronomers have spotted two huge waves of gas by the black hole at the heart of a nearby galaxy - **NGC 5194**
- US President roll out new policy on what in USA – **Guns**
- In Bangladesh, Supreme Court today upheld the death sentence of Jamaat-e-Islami Chief and former Minister for war crimes during the 1971 Liberation War - **Motiur Rahman Nizami**
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been apprised of the protocol signed earlier between India and **Czech Republic** in the field of heavy industry, especially in industrial cooperation and facilities construction.
- **Wattan Ko Jano** is a Youth Exchange Programme under which the children of militancy-hit victims, orphanages, and weaker sections of society are identified by Jammu and Kashmir State Rehabilitation Council as beneficiaries.

- Gujarat is all set to get its first-ever solar as well as stellar observatories, with government-recognised Indian Planetary Society (IPS) selecting **Kutch district** for embarking on this project at a cumulative cost of Rs. 12 crore.
- Karnataka's Tourism and the National Academy of Sciences of India (NASI) have signed a memorandum of understanding to set up a Cauvery river gallery in **Mysuru**.
- The Global Communication Association (GCA), a not-for-profit professional organisation, will host the 11th international conference of media experts and communication specialists from around the world at **Mysuru** on January 28-29.
- A Sikh-American attorney has been appointed as the top prosecutor in the most populous county in New Jersey, becoming the first South Asian to occupy the post in the state.- **Gurbir Grewal**
- Sahitya Akademi Award winner Veteran Gujarati littérateur **Labhshankar Thakar**, also known by his pen name Punarvasu, has died after prolonged illness at the age of 80.
- Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister **Mufti Mohammad Sayeed** died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi.
- Indian shooter **Apurvi Chandela** broke the world record on way to winning gold in the women's 10 metre air rifle event at the Swedish Cup Grand Prix.
- Second indigenous stealth Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) corvette **INS Kadmatt** has been commissioned by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral RK Dhowan.
- Amidst massive protests and detentions, actor Gajendra Chauhan took charge as the Chairman of **Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)**.
- Eminent technocrat and former chairman of National Knowledge Commission Satyanarayan Gangaram Pitroda popularly known as Sam Pitroda has been appointed technology advisor to the **Odisha Government**.
- India will grow by a robust 7.8 per cent in 2016 and 7.9 per cent in the next two years, the **World Bank**
- NASA Telescope has recently found the twins of Superstar **Eta Carinae**
- In an attempt to end "discrimination" during admission in private unaided schools, the **Delhi government** ordered such schools to scrap the management quota.
- The Centre has appointed **AB Khare** as the Chairman and Managing Director of the state-run Madras Fertilizers for a five-year term.
- **Dr Achyuta Samanta** has been elected as the General President of the 105th Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) that is scheduled for 2017-18.
- Kerala's "**Sampoorna Arogya Keralam**" aims to bring all major government health services under one umbrella.
- Lieutenant General Suresh Sharma has taken over as the 24th **Director General Border Roads (DGBR)**.

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