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Important Current Affairs 24th December 2017

• India's first AC local in Mumbai

- India's first air-conditioned local will ply between Churchgate and Virar from December 25.
- o The first service of the 12-coach EMU will commence at 2:10 pm.
- The services will replace 12 existing non-air conditioned services. This will be the first train with automatic doors in the suburban system.

• India's most trusted Brand: Patanjali

- Patanjali has been ranked as India's most trusted Fast Moving Consumer
 Goods (FMCG) Brand by the Brand Trust Report India Study 2017.
- SK Tijarawala, Spokesman, HH Swami Ramdev, took to his Twitter handle to announce this news, along with the picture of the certification.
- He said Patanjali has been ranked as India's most trusted FMCG Brand in a study.



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WB approves loan for UP tourism project

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has granted a loan of worth \$ 40 million for UP Tourism.
- o It will have a 5-year grace period and maturity term of 19 years.
- The Uttar Pradesh Tourism Development Project will support the state government's priority of re-structuring tourism.
- o The project will help enhance their linkages with the tourism value chain.

• BCCI Appoints Saba Karim as GM

- Former India wicket keeper Saba Karim has been appointed as General Manager of the BCCI.
- Karim will assume office from 1st January and he will report to CEO Rahul
 Johri.
- The General Manager's post has been lying vacant since the resignation of MV Sridhar in September over the issue of conflict of interest. Sridhar passed away on October 30th, 2017.

Govt. Launches Gold Purity Standard

- India's first home-grown high purity gold reference standard the Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravya (BND-4201) was launched at the India Government Mint, Mumbai.
- BND-4201, which is the reference material for gold of '9999' fineness will ensure purity of gold.
- This will also be useful for Collection and Purity Testing Centres to certify the purity of gold.

• Vijender Singh retains his boxing titles

- Vijender Singh defended his WBO Oriental and Asia Pacific super middleweight titles against Ghana's Ernest Amuzu at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.
- The 32-year-old Haryana pugilist, who is currently sixth in WBO rankings, fought in the mega show called 'Rajasthan Rumble'.



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This was his 10th straight win in his pro boxing career.

• Trump signs Tax Overhaul Law

- US President Donald Trump has signed a sweeping overhaul of the US tax code.
- Trump this week celebrated his first major legislative victory since taking office a year ago.
- This 1.5 trillion dollars overhaul is set to impact every corner of the economy through dramatic tax cuts.

• Uttarakhand CM launches his biography

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched his biography 'Trivendra Ek Zindaginama – Khairasain ka Sooraj'.
- It has been written by Nandan Singh Bisht, a doctor.
- This biography is based on Trivendra Singh Rawat's early struggle and lesser-known aspects of his life.

Banwari Lal Joshi passes away

- o Former UP Governor Banwari Lal Joshi passed away at AIIMS due to septic shock after an infection on the valves. Joshi was 82 years old.
- He has served as governor of many states.
- He has served as lieutenant governor of Delhi, governor of Meghalaya,
 Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

NASA astronaut Bruce McCandless dies

- Former NASA astronaut Bruce McCandless, the first person to fly in space without tethers, passed away. He was 80 years old.
- Bruce McCandless performed the famous spacewalk in 1984, during which he did not use restrictive tethers and umbilicals.
- He has been honoured with numerous awards like American Expeditionary Service Medal, NASA Space Flight Medal etc.

Gravitational wave detector to be built









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- A new LIGO gravitational wave detector will be built in India by 2025 in collaboration with universities from across the world.
- o LIGO stands for Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory.
- It will help to pinpoint the origin of the gravitational waves that are detected in future.
- This will be the world's third LIGO detector, along with two already operational in the US.

• Dhirendra Pal appointed as UGC chairman

- Professor Dhirendra Pal Singh, director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council was appointed the chairperson of UGC.
- He has been serving as director of NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) since August 2015.
- He has 34 years of professional experience in various fields of education.

 He has served as vice-chancellor of Banaras Hindu University.

Ranveer appointed as Ambassador for EPL

- Actor Ranveer Singh was appointed as Ambassador for EPL (English Premier League) in India.
- Ranveer Singh will help to promote the EPL League both in India and other countries.
- As an ambassador, he will support the English Premier League's community initiatives in India and promote fan events etc.

Airtel Payments Bank CEO resigns

- Airtel Payments Bank Managing Director and CEO Shashi Arora has resigned from his position.
- His resignation comes after Bharti Airtel's eKYC licence suspension by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- The "Aadhaar linked e-KYC" service of UIDAI provides an instant, electronic, non-repudiable proof of identity.

• Henrietta Fore appointed to head UNICEF









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- UN has appointed Henrietta Fore, a former head of the USAID as the new Executive Director of United Nations Childrens' Fund.
- Henrietta Fore was the first woman to be appointed Administrator of the US Agency for International Development.
- UNICEF is a program headquartered in New York City that provides humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries.

• Naidoo becomes Sec. General Amnesty Int.

- Kumi Naidoo, a human rights activist from South Africa has been appointed as the next Secretary General of Amnesty International.
- He will assume charge in August 2018. He will take over charge as
 Secretary General of Amnesty International from Indian activist Salil Shetty.
- Indian-origin Kumi Naidoo was born in Durban, South Africa. He is the former Int. Executive Director of Greenpeace.

Air Deccan to resume flights under UDAN

- Directorate General of Civil Aviation has granted scheduled commuter operator permit to Air Deccan.
- This permit will enable Air Deccan to operate flights under the regional air connectivity scheme, 'UDAN'.
- Civil Aviation Ministry had launched Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme in October 2016. The objective of UDAN scheme is to connect Tier-II and Tier-III towns by air.

• YES Bank to raise \$1 billion

- YES Bank established a Medium Term Note (MTN) programme to raise
 USD 1 billion.
- It will be done by issuing debt securities in international capital markets to eligible investors.







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• Gujjars, 4 Others get 1% Reservation

- Rajasthan government announced 1% reservation within the 50% legal limit, for Gujjars and four other communities.
- The five communities that have been declared eligible for this reservation are: Gujjar, Banjara, Gadia-Lohar, Rebari and Gadaria.
- These 5 communities were listed in the OBC category in 1994. The additional quota is given in the 'More Backward Classes' category.

Mystic Kalinga poetry fest takes off

- Mystic Kalinga, the international festival of poetry and performances, kicked off in Bhubaneswar.
- The central theme for this year's festival is: "Aseema" Transcending Boundaries.
- Mystic Kalinga is an extension of Kalinga Literary Festival. The Kalinga Literary Festival is organized every year in the month of June by Odisha Media info Service Private Ltd and Odisha Diary Foundation.

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