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Important Current Affairs 12th December 2018

- **HAL's Helicopter clears 6-km flight test**
 - The multi-purpose Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) that is under development has achieved an important milestone of flying at 6 km altitude on 10 December 2018.
 - LUH has been created by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
 - The LUH is being designed and developed by HAL's Rotary Wing Research and Design Centre to replace the aged Cheetah and Chetak helicopters of the Armed Forces.

Source Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/hals-light-utility-helicopter-clears-6-km-flight-test/article25711156.ece>





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- **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence inaugurated**

- India's first 'Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence' established by the European Union, was inaugurated at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) in Karnataka.
- The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in India aims to strengthen and enhance the educational connect between India and EU.
- Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to India and Bhutan, Mr Tomasz Kozlowski inaugurated the Centre at MAHE.

Source Link: <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/politics/101218/eus-centre-of-excellence-opens-at-mahe.html>

- **'Journalism AI' Project announced by Google**



- Google has announced a partnership with Polis, the international journalism think-tank at London School of Economics and Political Science, to create 'Journalism Artificial Intelligence (AI)' project.
- The 'Journalism AI' project will focus on research and training for newsrooms on the intersection of AI and journalism.
- The project is the part of Google News Initiative (GNI).

Source Link: <https://www.news18.com/news/tech/google-announces-journalism-ai-project-1967279.html>

- **'2018 Arctic Report Card' released**

- The '2018 Arctic Report Card' was released by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- According to the report, the Arctic region experienced the second lowest overall sea-ice coverage in 2018, due to global warming.

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- The report is a peer-reviewed report that provides an annual status update on the Arctic region and compares these observations to the long-term record.

Source Link: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/environment/arctic-had-second-lowest-sea-ice-coverage-this-year-3281801.html>

- **DSRVs inducted by the Indian Navy**

- The Indian Navy inducted its first Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) System at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on 11 December 2018.
- DSRV is used to rescue crew members stranded in submarines that get disabled.
- The Indian Navy joins a select group of naval forces in the world that boasts of DSRVs.
- The DSRV can be operated at a depth of 650 meters and can hold around 15 people.

Source Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/indian-navy-inducts-its-first-deep-submergence-rescue-vehicle/article25724530.ece?homepage=true>

- **Home Ministry launches Twitter account**

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has launched a Twitter handle '@CyberDost' on 11 December 2018.
- The aim of the twitter account is to enhance people's basic knowledge about cybercrimes and precautions to be taken for prevention.
- The twitter handle will also mitigate possibilities of disruption in normal business activities or losses due to cyber crimes.





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- **Exhibition of Ethnic Ornaments inaugurated**

- The exhibition titled 'Uncrowned Glory – An exhibition of Ethnic Ornaments of Himachal Pradesh' was inaugurated in New Delhi on 11 December 2018.
- The exhibition aims to showcase an exquisite collection of silver and gold ornaments from different communities and regions of Himachal Pradesh.
- The exhibition will conclude on 31 December 2018.

Source Link: <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1555543>

- **'RISE 2018' released by the World Bank**

- The report titled 'Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE) 2018' was released by the World Bank on 10 December 2018.
- The report praised India's success in renewable energy auctions that delivered record-setting low prices for solar power.
- The report was released on the sidelines of the 24th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Poland.

Source Link: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/world-bank-praises-indias-renewable-energy-success-1960662>

- **'Operation Minimum wage' launched in Delhi**

- Delhi Government launched 'Operation Minimum Wages' on 10 December 2018.
- Under the operation, an employer who does not pay minimum wages may be fined or can face three years of jail.

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- The Delhi government has fixed the minimum wage for the unskilled labourers is Rs 14,000 per month while that for semi-skilled is Rs 15,400 per month and for the skilled, it is Rs 16,962 per month.

Source Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/delhi-government-launches-operation-minimum-wage-to-check-violations-118121100055_1.html

- **Mary Kom honoured with highest civilian title**

- Manipur Government honoured MC Mary Kom with the title 'Meethoileima' (par excellent queen) in Imphal on 11 December 2018.
- She was honoured with the title 'Meethoileima' for winning the sixth gold medal in the World Boxing Championship 2018.
- On the occasion, State Chief Minister N. Biren Singh handed over a cheque of ten lakh rupees to her.

Source Link: <http://www.nagalandpost.com/mary-kom-honoured-with-highest-civilian-title/186881.html>

- **Govt to declare ESZs around 21 National Parks**

- The Supreme Court directed the Union Environment Ministry to declare 10 km area around 21 national parks and wildlife sanctuaries as 'Eco-Sensitive Zones' (ESZs) on 11 December 2018.
- The 21 national parks & wildlife sanctuaries are in Assam, J&K, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, & West Bengal.
- ESZs are notified by Union Environment Ministry.





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Source Link: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/area-in-10-km-radius-around-national-parks-to-be-eco-sensitive-zone-1961205>

- **Sascha Bajin named WTA 'Coach of the Year'**

- Tennis coach Sascha Bajin was chosen as the first winner of the Women's Tennis Association's (WTA) 'Coach of the Year' award on 10 December 2018.
- Sascha Bajin is the coach of tennis player Naomi Osaka.
- According to the WTA, the award is given to the coach with not only success on the court, but also one who serves as an ambassador of the sport.

Source Link: <https://www.foxsportsasia.com/tennis/wta-tour/995219/man-behind-naomi-osakas-rise-wins-wta-coach-of-the-year/>

- **Universal Health Coverage Day: 12 December**

- International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed on 12 December.
- The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners.
- The theme for 2018: 'Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action'.

Source Link: <http://www.un.org/en/events/universal-health-coverage/>

- **Time magazine's 'Person of the Year' announced**

- Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi has been named Time magazine's 'Person of the Year' on 11 December 2018.
- This is the first time that a 'Person of the Year' is a deceased person.
- Jamal Khashoggi was murdered in October 2018.



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- The magazine has also honoured Philippine journalist Maria Ressa and Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo who are currently imprisoned in Myanmar.

Source Link: <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/12/11/media/time-person-of-the-year-2018/index.html>

- **Rajiv is Vice-Chair of UN Panel of Auditors**

- Comptroller and Auditor General Rajiv Mehrishi has become the Vice-Chair of the United Nation's Panel of Auditors on 11 December 2018.
- The panel consists of 11 countries: India, Germany, Chile, Canada, France, Italy, the Philippines, Ghana, Indonesia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.
- Currently, the panel is chaired by the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom.

Source Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/cag-rajiv-mehrishi-appointed-as-vice-chair-of-un-panel-of-auditors-118121101011_1.html

- **International Day of Neutrality: 12 December**

- International Day of Neutrality is observed every year on 12 December.
- The aim of the day is to raise public awareness of the value of neutrality in international relations.
- It was officially declared by a UN General Assembly resolution adopted in February 2017 and first observed on 12 December 2017.

Source Link: <http://www.un.org/en/events/neutralityday/background.shtml>

- **Online portal 'Ensure' launched**





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- The Agriculture Ministry launched the online portal 'Ensure' to connect with direct benefit transfer and provide a simple, useful and transparent system to the beneficiary on 12 December 2018.
- The portal has been developed by NABARD.
- It is operated under the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries.
- Through this portal, the flow of information/funds will be quicker.

Source Link: <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1555521>

- **'Kala Utsav' national competition inaugurated**

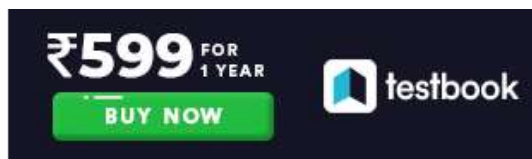
- 'Kala Utsav' was inaugurated by Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi on 12 December 2018.
- Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- The aim of the festival is to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talents of school students.

Source Link: <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1555533>

- **Indian Ports Association launched 'PCS 1x'**

- Indian Ports Association under the guidance of the Ministry of Shipping launched the Port Community System 'PCS1x' on 11 December 2018.
- This system will enable trade to have an improved communication with the customs.
- It is a cloud-based technology with a user-friendly interface.
- The platform offers services such as notification engine, workflow, mobile application, track, and trace.

Source Link: <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1555546>



- **Shaktikanta Das is the new RBI governor**

- The government of India appointed Shaktikanta Das as the governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 11 December 2018.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet cleared Shaktikanta Das's appointment for a period of three years.
- He is currently the Member of the Finance Commission.
- He was the secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Ministry.

Source

Link: <https://www.livemint.com/Industry/mqqkVZgURWChvJbxq45E4H/Shaktikanta-Das-appointed-new-RBI-governor.html>

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