

## Top 3 Current Affairs of January 2017

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### 1. PADMA AWARDS



Padma awards – 2017.

Padma awards:

- The Government of India instituted two civilian awards-Bharat Ratna & Padma Vibhushan in 1954.
- The Padma Vibhushan had three classes namely Pahela Varg, Dusra Varg and Tisra Varg. These were subsequently renamed as Padma

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Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri vide Presidential Notification issued on January 8, 1955.

- The Padma Awards are conferred on the recommendations made by the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the Prime Minister every year.
- The Padma Awards Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary and includes Home Secretary, Secretary to the President and four to six eminent persons as members.
- The recommendations of the committee are submitted to the Prime Minister and the President of India for approval.
- Since 1954, Padma awards are announce every year on the occasion of Republic day except for the interruptions in 1977-80 and 1993-97.
- These awards are conferred by the President of India at ceremonial functions which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan usually around March/ April every year.
- The Awards are given in various disciplines/ fields of activities, viz.- art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc.
  - 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service;
  - 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and
  - 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field.

### **Padma awards-2017**

**PADMA AWARDS**

Instituted in 1954

2017

Conferred by President of India

**7 PADMA VIBHUSHAN**

- K J YESUDAS
- SHARAD PAWAR
- MURULI MANOHAR JOSHI
- U R RAO
- SADHGURU JAGGI VASUDEV
- P A SANGMA
- S L PATWA

**7 PADMA BHUSHAN**

- V M BHATT
- DEVI PRASAD DWIVEDI
- T UDWADIA
- R S MAHARAJ
- N N SARASWATI
- M C SIRINDHORN
- CHO RAMASWAMY

**75 PADMA SHRI**

- KANWAL SIBAL
- T K VISWANATHAN
- KAILASH KHER
- JITENDRA HARIPAL
- VIRAT KOHLI
- SAKSHI MALIK
- DIPA KARMAKAR
- ARUNA MOHANTY AND OTHERS

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- The President of India has approved conferment of Padma Awards to 89 persons as per the list.
- The list comprises of 7 Padma Vibhushan, 7 Padma Bhushan and 75 Padma Shri Awardees.
- 19 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 5 persons from the category of foreigners, NRIs, PIOs and 6 Posthumous awardees.

## LIST OF PADMA AWARDEES OF 2017

### Padma Vibhushan

Sl. No	Name	Field	State
1.	Shri K J Yesudas	Art-Music	Kerala
2.	Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev	Others-Spiritualism	Tamil Nadu
3.	Shri Sharad Pawar	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
4.	Shri Murli Manohar Joshi	Public Affairs	Uttar Pradesh

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5.	Prof. Udipi Ramachandra Rao	Science & Engineering	Karnataka
6.	Late Shri Sunder Lal Patwa (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Madhya Pradesh
7.	Late Shri PA Sangma (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Meghalaya

## Padma Bhushan

Sl. No.	Name	Field	State
8.	Shri Vishwa Mohan Bhatt	Art-Music	Rajasthan
9.	Prof. (Dr.) Devi Prasad Dwivedi	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
10.	Shri Tehemton Udwardia	Medicine	Maharashtra
11.	Shri Ratna Sundar Maharaj	Others-Spiritualism	Gujarat
12.	Swami Niranjana Nanda Saraswati	Others-Yoga	Bihar
13.	H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn (Foreigner)	Literature & Education	Thailand
14.	Late Shri Cho Ramaswamy (Posthumous)	Literature & Education –Journalism	Tamil Nadu

## Padma Shri

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Sl. No	Name	Field	State
15.	Smt. Basanti Bisht	Art-Music	Uttarakhand
16.	Shri Chemanchery Kunhiraman Nair	Art-Dance	Kerala
17.	Smt. Aruna Mohanty	Art-Dance	Odisha
18.	Smt. Bharathi Vishnuvardhan	Art-Cinema	Karnataka
19.	Shri Sadhu Meher	Art-Cinema	Odisha
20.	Shri T K Murthy	Art-Music	Tamil Nadu
21.	Shri Laishram Birendrakumar Singh	Art-Music	Manipur
22.	Shri Krishna Ram Chaudhary	Art-Music	Uttar Pradesh
23.	Smt. Baoa Devi	Art-Painting	Bihar
24.	Shri Tilak Gitai	Art-Painting	Rajasthan
25.	Dr. Prof. Aekka Yadagiri Rao	Art-Sculpture	Telangana
26.	Shri Jitendra Haripal	Art-Music	Odisha
27.	Shri Kailash Kher	Art-Music	Maharashtra
28.	Smt. Parassala B Ponnammal	Art-Music	Kerala
29.	Smt. Sukri Bommagowda	Art-Music	Karnataka
30.	Shri Mukund Nayak	Art-Music	Jharkhand
31.	Shri Purushottam Upadhyay	Art-Music	Gujarat

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32.	Smt. Anuradha Paudwal	Art-Music	Maharashtra
33.	Shri Wareppa Naba Nil	Art-Theatre	Manipur
34.	Shri Tripuraneni Hanuman Chowdary	Civil Service	Telangana
35.	Shri T.K. Viswanathan	Civil Service	Haryana
36.	Shri Kanwal Sibal	Civil Service	Delhi
37.	Shri Birkha Bahadur Limboo Muringla	Literature & Education	Sikkim
38.	Smt. Eli Ahmed	Literature & Education	Assam
39.	Dr. Narendra Kohli	Literature & Education	Delhi
40.	Prof. G. Venkatasubbiah	Literature & Education	Karnataka
41.	Shri Akkitham Achyuthan Namboothiri	Literature & Education	Kerala
42.	Shri Kashi Nath Pandita	Literature & Education	Jammu & Kashmir
43.	Shri Chamu Krishna Shastry	Literature & Education	Delhi
44.	Shri Harihar Kripalu Tripathi	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
45.	Shri Michel Danino	Literature & Education	Tamil Nadu
46.	Shri Punam Suri	Literature & Education	Delhi
47.	Shri VG Patel	Literature & Education	Gujarat
48.	Smt. V Koteswaramma	Literature & Education	Andhra Pradesh

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49.	Shri Balbir Dutt	Literature & Education-Journalism	Jharkhand
50.	Smt. Bhawana Somaaya	Literature & Education-Journalism	Maharashtra
51.	Shri Vishnu Pandya	Literature & Education-Journalism	Gujarat
52.	Dr. Subroto Das	Medicine	Gujarat
53.	Dr. (Smt.) Bhakti Yadav	Medicine	Madhya Pradesh
54.	Dr. Mohammed Abdul Waheed	Medicine	Telangana
55.	Dr. Madan Madhav Godbole	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
56.	Dr. Devendra Dayabhai Patel	Medicine	Gujarat
57.	Prof. Harkishan Singh	Medicine	Chandigarh
58.	Dr. Mukut Minz	Medicine	Chandigarh
59.	Shri Arun Kumar Sharma	Others-Archaeology	Chhattisgarh
60.	Shri Sanjeev Kapoor	Others-Culinary	Maharashtra
61.	Smt. Meenakshi Amma	Others-Martial Art	Kerala
62.	Shri Genabhai Dargabhai Patel	Others-Agriculture	Gujarat
63.	Shri Chandrakant Pithawa	Science & Engineering	Telangana
64.	Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
65.	Shri Chintakindi Mallesham	Science & Engineering	Andhra Pradesh

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66.	Shri Jitendra Nath Goswami	Science & Engineering	Assam
67.	Shri Daripalli Ramaiah	Social Work	Telangana
68.	Shri Girish Bhardwaj	Social Work	Karnataka
69.	Shri Karimul Hak	Social Work	West Bengal
70.	Shri Bipin Ganatra	Social Work	West Bengal
71.	Smt. Nivedita Raghunath Bhide	Social work	Tamil Nadu
72.	Shri Appasaheb Dharmadhikari	Social Work	Maharashtra
73.	Baba Balbir Singh Seechewal	Social Work	Punjab
74.	Shri Virat Kohli	Sports-Cricket	Delhi
75.	Shri Shekar Naik	Sports-Cricket	Karnataka
76.	Shri Vikasa Gowda	Sports-Discus Throw	Karnataka
77.	Smt. Deepa Malik	Sports-Athletics	Haryana
78.	Shri Mariyappan Thangavelu	Sports-Athletics	Tamil Nadu
79.	Smt. Dipa Karmakar	Sports-Gymnastics	Tripura
80.	Shri P R Shreejesh	Sports-Hockey	Kerala
81.	Smt. Sakshi Malik	Sports-Wrestling	Haryana
82.	Shri Mohan Reddy Venkatrama Bodanapu	Trade & Industry	Telangana
83.	Shri Imrat Khan (NRI/PIO)	Art-Music	USA



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84.	Shri Anant Agarwal (NRI/PIO)	Literature & Education	USA
85.	Shri H.R. Shah (NRI/PIO)	Literature & Education- Journalism	USA
86.	Late (Smt.) Suniti Solomon (Posthumous)	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
87.	Shri Asoke Kumar Bhattacharyya (Posthumous)	Others-Archaeology	West Bengal
88.	Dr. Mapuskar (Posthumous)	Social Work	Maharashtra
89.	Smt. Anuradha Koirala (Foreigner)	Social Work	Nepal

## 2. JALLIKATTU



## Jallikattu – All you need to know about it

- Also known as Eruthazhuvuthal or Manju virattu, Jallikattu is a traditional bull-taming sport organised in Tamil Nadu during Pongal. According to some historical accounts, the practice dates back to as far as 2000 years ago. It was mainly active in the Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, Theni, Pudukkottai and Dindigul districts of Tamil Nadu until its ban in 2011.
- The name jallikattu is derived from the word 'salli' meaning coins and 'kattu' meaning bundle or pouch.
- Here the bull is released into the open area with crowd of people and multiple human participants attempt to grab the large hump of the bull with both arms and hang on to it while the bull is attempting to escape. Participants hold the hump for as long as possible, attempting to bring the bull to a stop. No ropes or other tools are allowed.



**JALLIKATTU**

**WHAT**  
Traditional bull-taming sport organised in Tamil Nadu during 4-day harvest festival, Pongal

**WHEN**  
This sport is played as a part of Pongal celebrations on Mattu Pongal day, third day of the four-day Pongal festival.

**HOW**  
Bull is released into the open area with crowd of people and multiple human participants attempt to grab the large hump of the bull with both arms and hang on to it while the bull is attempting to escape.

**WHY BAN ON JALLIKATTU**  
Animal rights activists challenged this sports in supreme court citing, bulls are being tortured deliberately for the pleasure of the people. SC also refers number of people died during bull taming process

**TAMILIANS PROTEST**  
Tamilians considered this sport as tradition and heritage of Tamil culture and also to protect the native breed bulls.

**WAY AHEAD**  
TN Govt passed a new law to that allows the sport which is performed during festival of Pongal. Supreme court will observe the new law of TN and other issues of Jallikattu.

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### **The controversy over Jallikattu:**

- The Ministry of Environment and Forests(MoEF) issued a notification in 2011 that banned the use of bulls as performing animals, thereby banning the sport. But the sport was continued to be conducted under Tamil Nadu Regulation of Jallikattu Act 2009.
- In May 2014, the Supreme Court of India struck down the state law and banned the sport. The SC noted that any flouting of the ban should result in penalties for cruelty to animals under The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
- The Apex court also asked the centre to amend the law on preventing cruelty to animals to bring bulls within its ambit. On 8th Jan 2016, the MoEF permitted the continuation of the tradition under certain conditions effectively ending the ban.
- The Animal Welfare Board of India challenged the permission in Supreme court and court on 12th Jan 2016 ordered a stay to sport and issued notices to the central and Tamil Nadu government.
- The Tamil Nadu government on 21st Jan 2016 promulgated an ordinance allowing jallikattu, after people organized massive protests against the Supreme Court's ban.
- On 23rd Jan 2016 Tamil Nadu Assembly unanimously passed "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tamil Nadu Amendment), Bill, 2017" to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.
- The Bill defines jallikattu as an event involving bulls conducted with a view to following tradition and culture from January to May and it includes similar events like 'manjuviratu', 'vadamadu' and 'erudhuvidum' festivals.

### **Tamilians protest on ban:**

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- The Jallikattu protests are fuelled by the view that the ban impinges on the cultural identity of the Tamilians, which is being practiced since thousands of years.
- The apex court's ban also brought down the market value of sport bulls.
- The ban on Jallikattu discourages the rearing of native breeds, which yields comparatively less milk than other cross breed cows

### **The way ahead:**

- The Tamil Nadu assembly unanimously passed the bill to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Now, the jallikattu will be conducted with the customary fervour all over the state with all necessary safeguards.
- Animal rights activists challenges this new law of government in Supreme court everything about Jallikattu will be depends on apex court's move.

### **3. OPERATION CLEAN MONEY**









**Operation Clean Money – Online verification of accounts**

## Operation Clean Money: Background

- On 8 November 2016, the Government of India announced the demonetisation of all ₹500 and ₹1,000 banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series.
- The government intention behind the demonetisation is to curtail the shadow economy and crack down on the use of illicit and counterfeit cash to fund illegal activity and terrorism.
- Government has given a time limit up to 31st December 2016 to deposit the cash holdings in bank or to exchange for new currency notes.
- In this period most of the individuals deposited their cash hoardings into their bank accounts.

**OPERATION CLEAN MONEY**

 <b>WHAT: Verification of large cash deposits</b>	 <b>WHEN: Money deposits from November 8 to December 31, 2016</b>
 <b>WHY: To find out the unaccounted money depositions in the period of demonetisation</b>	 <b>HOW: Comparing the data with ITD data by using data analytics</b>
 <b>WHO: PAN holders can view the information and can submit online explanation through ITD web portal</b>	 <b>WHAT ACTION: If fails to submit explanation for the deposits, notice will be issued and action would be taken as per laws</b>

## Operation Clean Money: Campaign

- Income Tax Department (ITD) initiated Operation Clean Money involves e-verification of large cash deposits made between November 9, 2016, and December 30, 2016..
- Data analytics has been used for comparing the demonetisation data with information in ITD databases.
- In the first batch, around 18 lakh persons have been identified in whose case, cash transactions do not appear to be in line with the tax payer's profile.

## Operation Clean Money: Process

- ITD has enabled online verification of these transactions to reduce compliance cost for the taxpayers while optimising its resources.
- The information in respect of these cases is being made available in the e-filing window of the PAN holder (after log in) at the portal <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>.
- The PAN holder can view the information using the link "Cash Transactions 2016" under "Compliance" section of the portal.
- The taxpayer will be able to submit online explanation without any need to visit Income Tax office.
- Email and SMS will also be sent to the taxpayers for submitting online response on the e-filing portal.
- Taxpayers who are not yet registered on the e-filing portal (at <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>) should register by clicking on the 'Register Yourself' link.
- Registered taxpayers should verify and update their email address and mobile number on the e-filing portal to receive electronic communication.

## Operation Clean Money: Action

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- The response of taxpayer will be assessed against available information. In case explanation of source of cash is found justified, the verification will be closed without any need to visit Income Tax Office.
- The verification will also be closed if the cash deposit is declared under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna (PMGKY).
- The taxpayers covered in this phase should submit their response on the portal within 10 days in order to avoid any notice from the ITD and enforcement actions under the Income-tax Act as also other applicable laws.

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