

## **20 December 2018 Current Affairs**

### **Uday Shankar elected Vice President of FICCI**

Uday Shankar is the first ever Indian media and entertainment executive to assume the leadership position in a national industry chamber - The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

### **Pranab K. Das new CBIC Chairman**

Senior bureaucrat Pranab Kumar Das has been appointed as Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes. Das, Special Secretary and Member (Customs) at CBIC, will succeed S. Ramesh, who superannuates.

### **Textiles Minister gives away Handicrafts Export awards**

Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, presented awards to handicrafts exporters for their outstanding performance in exports for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 at a function at India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida, Delhi NCR.

### **Jammu & Kashmir to come under President's rule**

President's rule will be imposed in Jammu and Kashmir from 20 December with President Ram Nath Kovind signing a proclamation to give effect to the recommendation of the state Governor Satya Pal Malik. Kovind has signed the proclamation based on the proposal sent by the ministry following a report by the state governor.

### **PM Modi releases book on renowned cartoonist R.K. Laxman**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book "Timeless Laxman", based on the life and times of legendary cartoonist, the late R.K. Laxman. The book has been penned by cartoonist's daughter-in-law Usha Srinivas Laxman. He passed away in January 2015 in Pune aged 93.

### **Pakistan activist Asma Jahangir honoured with top UN human rights award**

The top United Nations human rights prize, which was posthumously awarded to Pakistan's iconic human rights activist and lawyer Asma Jahangir, was received by her daughter, Munizae, at an impressive ceremony in the General Assembly hall of United Nations.

### **20 December: International Human Solidarity Day**

International Human Solidarity Day is organized across the world on 20th December. It is a day to celebrate our unity in diversity and also a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements.

### **Ashok Kumar appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Djibouti**

Ashok Kumar was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Djibouti. He is presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.