

GK & Current Affairs

DECEMBER 2024

Complete Monthly Update for CLAT Aspirants

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Why This PDF is Important

This comprehensive compilation covers all major national and international events, appointments, awards, sports achievements, economic updates, and government schemes from December 2024. These topics are crucial for CLAT General Knowledge section.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



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HIGHLY IMPORTANT

PM Modi's Historic Visit to Kuwait

December 21-22, 2024

Significance: First visit by an Indian PM in 43 years

Key Points:

- Bilateral trade: \$10.47 billion in FY 2023-24
- Kuwait supplies 3% of India's crude oil needs (6th largest supplier)
- 1 million Indians form the largest expatriate group in Kuwait
- Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) valued at \$924 billion
- India-Kuwait diplomatic ties established in 1961

Vitul Kumar Appointed Acting DG of CRPF

December 2024

Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs

Context: Following retirement of previous DG Anish Dayal Singh

INS Arighaat Commissioned

December 2024

Type: Second indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN)

Significance:

- Enhances India's nuclear deterrence capabilities
- Features advanced sonar and propulsion systems
- Higher indigenous content compared to INS Arihant
- Part of India's undersea warfare advancement



Defence Submarine Contracts Signed

December 2024

Value: ₹2,867 crore

Purpose: Enhance Indian Navy capabilities through two submarine projects

Ministry: Ministry of Defence



NPS Vatsalya Scheme

Launched September 2024, Active in December

Regulator: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

Key Features:

- Designed for Indian minors (under 18 years)
- Interest rate: 9.5% to 10%
- Parents/guardians can invest on behalf of children
- Account in child's name, managed by guardian
- Promotes early saving habits





INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

US Support to Ukraine

December 2024

Amount: Nearly \$6 billion

Purpose: Military capabilities and humanitarian support amid ongoing conflict

24th BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting

December 20, 2024

Host: Thailand (Virtual)

Indian Representative: Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary (East), MEA

Focus Areas:

- Sustainable development
- Regional connectivity
- Security cooperation
- People-to-people exchanges
- Preparations for 6th BIMSTEC Summit



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PROBA-3 Mission Launch

December 4, 2024

Launch Site: Sriharikota, India

Space Agency: European Space Agency (ESA)

Launch Vehicle: PSLV-XL (ISRO)

Purpose:

- Demonstrate high-precision formation flying in space
- Study Sun's corona and space weather
- Create artificial solar eclipses on demand
- Precision formation flying down to millimeter accuracy



ECONOMY & BUSINESS



Key Economic Indicators - December 2024

Indicator	Value/Rate
GDP Growth (Q3 FY 2024-25)	6.2% (up from 5.6% in Q2)
Annual GDP Projection FY25	6.4% - 6.6%
RBI Inflation Target	4% (with 2%-6% tolerance band)
Fiscal Deficit Target (RE 2024-25)	4.8% of GDP
Current Account Deficit (Q2 FY25)	1.2% of GDP

RBI Monetary Policy - December 2024

December 2024

Key Decisions:

- GDP growth projection for FY25: 6.6%
- Expected Q4 growth: 7.2%
- Inflation expected to remain within $4\pm 2\%$ band
- Foreign exchange reserves: \$640.3 billion (end of December)
- Import cover: 11 months (as of November 2024)

Windfall Tax Withdrawn

December 2024

Action: Government withdrew windfall gains tax

Impact on:

- Domestic crude oil production
- Exports of diesel, petrol, and ATF

Note: Tax was introduced in July 2022 amid high global oil prices

ADB Loan to India

December 2024

Amount: \$350 million

Type: Policy-based loan (Second Subprogram)

Purpose: Support economic reforms and development initiatives





APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position	Organization/Ministry
Vitul Kumar	Acting Director General	CRPF
Sanjay Malhotra	26th Governor	Reserve Bank of India
Tuhin Kanta Pandey	Chairman	SEBI



AWARDS & HONOURS

58th Jnanpith Award (2023)

Announced 2024

Winners:

- **Gulzar** - For Urdu literature
- **Jagadguru Rambhadracharya** - For Sanskrit literature

International Day for Abolition of Slavery

December 2, 2024

Purpose: Raise awareness about modern slavery and human trafficking

Historical Note: Marks adoption of UN Convention to suppress trafficking (1949)



Hockey India Awards 2024

March 2025 (for 2024 achievements)

Key Winners:

- **Harmanpreet Singh** - Player of the Year (Men)
- **Savita Punia** - Player of the Year (Women) & Best Goalkeeper
- **PR Sreejesh** - FIH Men's Goalkeeper of the Year (retired)



CLAT RELEVANT

2025 Para Athletics World Championships

Announced December 2024

Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi

Dates: September 26 - October 5, 2025

Significance:

- First time hosted in India
- 12th edition of the championship
- Fourth time in Asia
- Part of India's strategy to host 2029 World Athletics Championships
- Supports bid for 2036 Olympics



Hockey India League

Started December 28, 2024

Format: Professional hockey league

Significance: Revived after several years

Pro Kabaddi League Season 11

Continued through December 2024

Stage: Playoffs at end of December



Lakshya Sen - King Cup International

December 31, 2024

Event: Inaugural King Cup International Badminton Open

Achievement: Career milestone for emerging badminton talent



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

63rd ISAM Conference

December 5-7, 2024

Full Name: Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine

Venue: Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bengaluru

Theme: "Collaborate for Research"

Attendees: 300+ experts from DRDO, ISRO, aerospace medicine professionals

Note: ISAM established in 1952, India's only registered society for aerospace medicine

IN-SPACE Recognized by NCVET

December 2024

Full Form: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center

Recognition: As an awarding body by National Council for Vocational Education and Training

Significance: Bridges space sector with vocational training ecosystem



New Feather Mite Species Discovered

December 2024

Location: Meghalaya's subtropical forests

Species:

- **Trouessartia thalassina** - Found on Verditer Flycatcher
- **Proterothrix sibillae**

Red-Breasted Flycatcher Spotted

December 2024

Location: Ameenpur Lake, Hyderabad

Scientific Name: Ficedula parva

Conservation Status: Least Concern (IUCN)

Migration: From Eastern Europe to South Asia (October-March)





GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

FSSAI Categorizes Water as High-Risk Food

December 2024

Products: Packaged drinking water and mineral water

Organization: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

Impact: Enhanced safety measures and stricter monitoring

World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES)

Announced for 2025

Dates: February 5-9, 2025

Purpose: Showcase India's creative industries

Significance: First major global AV summit hosted by India

Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit

December 9-11, 2024

Location: Jaipur

Theme: "Replete, Responsible, Ready"

Summit Partner: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Goal: Double Rajasthan's economy to USD 350 billion in 5 years

Inaugurated by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi





IMPORTANT DAYS IN DECEMBER 2024

Date	Day/Event	Significance
December 2	International Day for Abolition of Slavery	Awareness about modern slavery
December 5	World Soil Day	Soil conservation awareness
December 10	Human Rights Day	Universal Declaration of Human Rights





LEGAL & POLICY UPDATES

NCVET Framework

Operational since August 2020

Full Form: National Council for Vocational Education and Training

Founded: December 5, 2018

Ministry: Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Functions:

- Regulate vocational education and training
- Recognize and monitor awarding bodies
- Establish qualification guidelines
- Quality assurance in vocational training

Kafala System Concerns



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Ongoing Issue - December 2024

Context: 40 Indian workers died in Kuwait fire (June 2024)

System: Binds workers to specific employers in Gulf countries

Impact: Strips basic labor rights, creates exploitative conditions

Statistics: 13 million Indians work abroad, remittances: \$129 billion (2024)





Agricultural Challenges Highlighted

December 2024

Key Issues:

- 0.7°C temperature rise, 6% reduction in monsoon since 1951
- Soil degradation due to urea overuse
- R&D investment less than 0.5% of agricultural GDP
- Farmers earn only 1/3 of consumer price in fruits/vegetables

Proposed Solutions:

- Dedicated board for fruits and vegetables
- Replicate dairy sector model (farmers earn 75-80% of consumer price)
- Enhanced R&D investment





FACTS & FIGURES TO REMEMBER

Quick Revision Points

Economic Data:

- India's GDP growth Q3 FY25: 6.2%
- FY25 projected growth: 6.4-6.6%
- RBI inflation target: 4% (2-6% band)
- Forex reserves: \$640.3 billion
- Fiscal deficit target: 4.8% of GDP

International Relations:

- India-Kuwait bilateral trade: \$10.47 billion
- Indians in Kuwait: 1 million (largest expat group)
- US aid to Ukraine: \$6 billion

Defence:



- INS Arighaat: 2nd indigenous nuclear submarine
- Submarine contracts: ₹2,867 crore

Sports:

- 2025 Para Athletics World Championships: New Delhi (Sept 26-Oct 5)
- Hockey India League started: December 28, 2024





EXAM PREPARATION TIPS

How to Use This PDF Effectively

- **Read Daily:** Spend 20-30 minutes reviewing events
- **Make Connections:** Link events to relevant legal/constitutional provisions
- **Focus on Numbers:** Economic data, dates, and statistics are frequently tested
- **Current + Static:** Connect current affairs with static GK (e.g., ministries, organizations)
- **Practice MCQs:** Create your own questions from each section
- **Revision:** Review this PDF at least 3 times before exam

CLAT GK Section Strategy

Weightage: Current Affairs constitute 30-40% of GK section

Focus Areas for December 2024:

- PM's Kuwait visit - bilateral relations
- Economic indicators - GDP, inflation, RBI policy
- Defence developments - INS Arighaat
- Government schemes - NPS Vatsalya
- International events - BIMSTEC, PROBA-3
- Awards and appointments

