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Current Affairs for CLAT 2027; Important Topis

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Current Affairs for CLAT 2027: What Actually Matters

Every year, aspirants drown in daily news and then blank on the questions that count. CLAT's current affairs section rewards a narrow, legally flavoured slice of the news, not everything. Here is what to focus on in the final stretch.

1. Law and the judiciary (highest priority)

CLAT loves anything where law meets news. Know the *issue*, the *court*, and the *constitutional provision involved*.

Development	What to remember

Sabarimala Reference	A nine-judge Constitution Bench began hearing arguments in the Sabarimala Reference in the summer session. Parties were dissatisfied with the essential religious practices doctrine but disagreed on an alternative. Link it to Articles 25 and 26.
Governors and state bills	In an advisory opinion, a five-judge Bench dealt with Governors' assent to state bills. Link it to Articles 143, 200 and 201.
Bihar SIR upheld	The Court held that an exercise is not unconstitutional merely because it follows a different procedure. Link it to Article 324 and electoral rolls.
Stray dogs	In May 2026, the Court issued fresh directions on the Animal Birth Control Framework and upheld the AWBI's SOP.
Bail and prolonged incarceration	The Court relied on the larger-bench *K.A. Najeeb* ruling that long incarceration without trial warrants constitutional intervention. This is a UAPA bail theme under Article 21.
Right to menstrual health	A January 2026 ruling is among the cases covering the right to menstrual health and the right to education. Link it to Article 21.
DPDP Act challenge	The Digital Personal Data Protection Act faces a constitutional challenge before the Supreme Court. Link it to *Puttaswamy* and the right to privacy.
Judicial service seniority	In *All India Judges Association*, a five-judge Bench framed binding seniority guidelines for the Higher Judicial Service.

Also revise:

- The three criminal codes (BNS, BNSS, BSA), which replaced the IPC, CrPC and Evidence Act. Learn the headline changes.
- The current Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, and the basics of how CJIs are appointed.
- Any fresh Constitution Bench references or notable judgments between now and December.

Tip: **For every case, write one line in this format: Court → issue → Article → outcome.** That is exactly how CLAT frames its questions.

2. Polity and governance

Expect questions that connect a recent event to a static concept:

- **Electoral reforms and voter-roll revisions:** the Election Commission's powers under Article 324, and the role of the Representation of the People Act.
- **Delimitation and women's reservation:** the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act and when it takes effect.
- **Labour codes:** the four consolidated labour codes and what each replaces.
- **Data protection and digital law:** DPDP Act basics, the Data Protection Board, and the rights of data principals.
- **Federal tensions:** Governor-state disputes, Centre-state fund sharing and the Finance Commission cycle.

3. International affairs

CLAT's international questions lean towards organisations, summits, treaties and India's role in them, not day-to-day diplomacy.

Theme	Why it matters for CLAT
US tariffs and the US Supreme Court	The US Supreme Court rejected the Trump tariffs in a 6–3 ruling on February 20, 2026. This is a good case study in separation of powers and in trade impact on India.
West Asia conflict	Know its effect on India's oil, shipping and diaspora. Commentators have noted that the impact of the Iran-Israel war on India goes beyond West Asia.
India-US trade negotiations	Learn the key terms: tariffs, bilateral trade agreement, WTO.
BRICS, G20, SCO, Quad	Know the current chairs, host countries and headquarters. These are classic fact questions.
UN and international courts	Revise the ICJ versus ICC distinction, and the UN Security Council's structure.

4. Economy, environment and science (light but scoring)

- **Economy:** the latest RBI repo rate decision, GDP growth trend, GST developments and the Union Budget's headline announcements.
- **Environment:** COP outcomes, India's climate commitments, and Supreme Court environment rulings. Environmental law is a favourite crossover.
- **Science and tech:** AI regulation debates, space missions (ISRO), and the use of AI in courts. The Court's engagement with artificial intelligence in courts was highlighted in recent roundups.

5. Awards, appointments and "static-linked" facts

These are quick marks if you keep a running list:

Category	What to track
Nobel Prizes (announced in October)	Peace, Literature, Economics, plus any Indian connection
National awards	Bharat Ratna, Padma awards, Jnanpith, Sahitya Akademi
Sports	Olympic and Asian Games results, major cricket and chess wins
Appointments	Chief Justice, Attorney General, Election Commissioners, RBI Governor
Days and themes	UN observance themes for the year
Books and authors	Booker Prize and other major literary awards

Since the Nobel announcements come this month, check them as soon as they are declared.

A realistic 60-day plan

1. **Weeks 1–2:** Build a one-page tracker per topic above. Don't read everything; read selectively from a quality newspaper's editorial and legal pages.
2. **Weeks 3–5:** Revise by theme, not by date. Cluster all Article 21 cases together, all federalism items together, and so on.

3. **Weeks 6–7:** Take full mocks and review every current affairs question you missed. Note *why* you missed it: wrong fact, or misread passage?
4. **Final week:** Revise only your tracker sheets. Don't start new sources.

Two mistakes to avoid:

- Memorising statistics. CLAT asks for context and reasoning far more often than for exact figures.
- Ignoring the penalty. With -0.25 for wrong answers, guess only when you can eliminate at least two options.