



Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 15 to 21 Feb

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 3rd week of February 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming Bank Exams and other competitive exams can make use of it.

Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
February 20	World Day of Social Justice	If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice
February 21	International Mother Language Day	Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation

Current Affairs: National

- Government implemented new pension scheme Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PMSYM) Under the scheme workers of the unorganised sector will receive a minimum assured pension of Rs. 3000 per month after attaining the age of 60 years
- The Centre designated Dera Baba Nanak land Check post in Gurdaspur district of Punjab as an authorised immigration checkpoint
- Expert committee headed by Anoop Satpathy recommends Rs. 9,750 monthly national minimum wage
- The government has raised Rs. 10,000 crore by additional offering of Bharat-22 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)
- Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the India's first 'fulldome 3D Digital Theatre' at the Science City in Kolkata, West Bengal
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched pan-India number 112 for women safety
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the national cyber forensic lab (NCFL) and the Delhi Police's cyber crime unit Cyber Prevention, Awareness & Detection Centre (CyPAD).
- Union Minister for Agriculture and Animal Welfare Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated the 14th Agricultural Science Congress in New Delhi
- The 79th Indian History Congress (IHC) will be held at Barkatullah University in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from February 26
- Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu launched 'SWAYATT' on GeM in New Delhi
- Textiles Minister Smriti Zubin Irani launched four projects in North East for the development of Silk Sector
- PM Modi flags off world's first diesel to electric converted locomotive in Varanasi

Current Affairs: International

- J.P. Morgan becomes first U.S. Bank with a Cryptocurrency

USEFUL INFO	
JPMorgan Chase Headquarters	New York, United States
JPMorgan Chase CEO	Jamie Dimon

- Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has unveiled the first Iranian made semi-heavy submarine.

USEFUL INFO	
Iran Capital	Tehran
Iran Currency	Iranian rial
Iran President	Hassan Rouhani

- Saudi Arabia becomes 73rd nation to join international solar alliance

USEFUL INFO	
International Solar Alliance	Gurugram, Haryana



(ISA)Headquarters	
International Solar Alliance (ISA) Head	Upendra Tripathy

4. A month-long 'Festival of India' began in Kathmandu, Nepal

USEFUL INFO	
Nepal Capital	Kathmandu
Nepal Currency	Nepalese Rupee
Nepal President	Bidya Devi Bhandari

Current Affairs: State

1. India's first agromet forecast center inaugurated in Dharwad, Karnataka

USEFUL INFO	
Karnataka Capital	Bangalore
Karnataka Chief Minister	Kumarasamy
Karnataka Governor	Vajubai Rudubai Wala

2. India's first district cooling system to be built in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

USEFUL INFO	
Andhra Pradesh Capital	Hyderabad, Amaravathi
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister	Chandrababu Naidu
Andhra Pradesh Governor	ESL Narashiman

1. Drainage cleaning robot introduced in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

2. NGT imposed Rs. 100 crore fine on Tamil Nadu government for its failure to prevent pollution of the Adyar and Cooum rivers and the Buckingham Canal.

USEFUL INFO	
Tamil Nadu Capital	Chennai
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister	E. Palanisamy
Tamil Nadu Governor	Banwarilal Purohit
NGT Chairman	Adarsh Kumar Goel

3. International annual Desert festival held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

4. Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2019, and The Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2019 to remove the minimum education criterion for panchayat and civic polls candidates.

USEFUL INFO	
Rajasthan Capital	Jaipur
Rajasthan Chief Minister	Ashok Gehlot
Rajasthan Governor	Kalyan Singh

5. Union Tourism Minister K.J. Alphons inaugurated the 'Eco Circuit' Project in Kerala

USEFUL INFO	
Kerala Capital	Thiruvananthapuram
Kerala Chief Minister	Pinarayi Vijayan
Kerala Governor	P. Sadasivam

6. Odisha government launched KALIA Chhatra Bruti scholarship scheme for the children of farmers

USEFUL INFO	
Odisha Capital	Bhubaneswar
Odisha Chief Minister	Naveen Patnaik
Odisha Governor	Ganeshi Lal

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance



1. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 1.50 crore on Oriental Bank of Commerce and Rs. 1 crore each on Bank of India and Punjab National Bank
2. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted the 20% limit on investments by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in corporate bonds
3. RBI to give Rs. 28,000 crore to Government as interim dividend

USEFUL INFO	
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI Governor	Shaktikanta Das
RBI Deputy Governor	BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Viral Acharya and Mahesh Kumar Jain

4. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Launched the first-of-its-kind 'Trip Protector' Policy

USEFUL INFO	
HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company	
HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Headquarters	Mumbai
HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company MD & CEO	Ritesh Kumar

CABINET APPROVAL

- MoU between India and Morocco for setting up of a Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism
- MoU between India and Finland on Cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of outer space
- Proposal for leasing out of 1.61 acres of land at Alipur, Delhi, owned by Delhi Milk Scheme to Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium for setting up of Kisan Mandi
- Proposal for allotment of land measuring 30 acres to Pasteur Institute of India for establishment of New Viral Vaccine Manufacturing Unit at Coonoor, Tamil Nadu
- Extension of tenure of the National Commission for SafaiKarmacharis beyond 31.3.2019 for three years
- Introduction of Registration of Marriage of NRI Bill 2019
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and Argentine in tourism
- Revision in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and Saudi Arabia on establishing a mechanism for Investment Infrastructure in India
- Memorandum of Understanding between India and Saudi Arabia on cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs matters
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between India and Saudi Arabia in the field of tourism
- Continuation of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Up-gradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) beyond 12th Plan for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20
- Minimum Support Price for Raw Jute for 2019-20 season hiked to Rs.3950/- from Rs.3700/- per quintal by the Cabinet

Current Affairs: Appointments

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William Barr	US Attorney General
Sushil Chandra	Election Commissioner
SN Ghormade	Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command
Ashwani Lohani	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India
Derrick Pereira	Head coach of the Indian Under-23 football team
Pramod Chandra Mody	Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
Sandeep Mohan Bhatnagar and Ashok Kumar Pandey	CBIC members
Anirban Mukherjee	PayU India CEO

Current Affairs: Resignation

Dewan Housing Finance Corporation (DHFL) CEO	Harshil Mehta
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Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

1. Abdul Aziz Muhamat a Sudanese refugee wins international human rights award
2. India and Bengaluru FC skipper Sunil Chhetri was conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour by Football Delhi,
3. Jharkhand based NGO Yuwa won the Laureus Sport for Good award

2018 International Hockey Federation's award

- Netherlands' Eva de Goede and Arthur Van Doren of Belgium were named as the International Hockey Federation's (FIH) Players of the Year for 2018.
- De Goede, 29, was named the Female Player of the Year, world champions Belgium's Van Doren, 24, was picked up as the Male Player of the Year for a second consecutive time.

Other Awards

Person	Category
Vincent Vanash (Belgium)	Men's Goalkeeper of the Year
Maddie Hinch (England)	Female Goalkeeper of the Year
Arthur de Sloover (Belgium)	Male Rising Star of the Year
Shane McLeod (Belgium)	Male Coach of the Year
Alyson Annan (Netherland)	Female Coach of the Year
Michelle Meister (Germany)	Female Umpire of the Year
Marcin Grochal (Poland)	Male Umpire of the Year
Luciana Von Der (Argentina)	Emerging women player

Laureus World Sports Awards 2019 Monaco

- The Laureus World Sports Awards is an annual award ceremony honouring individuals and teams from the world of sports along with sporting achievements throughout the year.

Category	Winner	Country	Sports
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Sportsman of the year	Novak Djokovic	Serbia	Tennis
Sportswoman of the year	Simone Biles	USA	Gymnastics
Comeback of the year	Tiger Woods	USA	Golf
Breakthrough of the year	Naomi Osaka	Japan	Tennis
Action sportsperson of the year	Chloe Kim	USA	Snowboarding
Team of the year	France World Cup Team	France	Football
Academy exceptional achievement award	Eliud Kipchoge	Kenya	Running
Lifetime achievement award	Arsene Wenger	France	Football (Manager)
Spirit for sport award	Lindsey Vonn	USA	Skiing
Sportsperson of the year with a disability	Henrieta Farkkasova	Slovakia	Skiing

President Kovind presents Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony

- President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony at a function in New Delhi
- The award was instituted in 2012 as part of the commemoration of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary.
- The awardees were selected by a jury headed by the Prime Minister and include Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi, former Chief Election Commissioner Shri N Gopalaswami and the President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations Shri Vinay Sahasrabuddhe.
- Exponent of Manipuri dance Rajkumar Singhajit Singh was given the award for the year 2014
- Chhayanaut, a cultural organization of Bangladesh was given the award for 2015 for its role in the promotion of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's works and Bangla arts
- Renowned sculptor and scholar Ram Vanji Sutar was given the award for 2016

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. ASCEND Kerala 2019 conference held in Kochi, Kerala
2. The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) was inaugurated, by vice president Venkaiah Naidu with the Theme of 'Attaining the 2030 Agenda: delivering on our promise', at New Delhi
3. Asia's largest early Childhood Conference - Early Ed Asia 2019 held in Jaipur
4. 4th Agri Leadership Summit held at Sonipat in Haryana with the theme of "Entrepreneurship & Agri Business; Agri Allied – A Promising Sector and Agri Service- Direct Marketing
5. President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International Conference and Exhibition on Energy and Environment – Challenges and Opportunities (ENCO-2019) in New Delhi
6. Union Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, inaugurated the One Health India Conference 2019 in New Delhi
7. 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit inaugurated in New Delhi
8. Eighth World Corporate Social Responsibility Congress 2019 held in Mumbai
9. International Vision Zero Conference held in Mumbai

Current Affairs: Ranking

- According to World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2019 report released by The International Labour Organization, unemployment rates will fall to 4.9% in 2019 and remains steady in 2020

International Labour Organization Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland
International Labour Organization	Guy Ryder



Director General	
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Current Affairs: MOU

- The Government of India, Government of Himachal Pradesh and the World Bank signed a \$40 Million Loan Agreement to help bring clean and reliable drinking water to the citizens of the Greater Shimla

USEFUL INFO	
World Bank Headquarters	Washington D.C, United States
World Bank CEO	Kristalina Georgieva

- GeM and GS1 India Sign MoU to Empower Buyers to Make Informed Choice

USEFUL INFO	
GeM CEO	Radha chauhan

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has signed an annual deal worth USD 1.5 billion to import 3 million tonnes of crude oil in the fiscal year beginning April 1

Current Affairs: Defence

- Air Force's major exercise Vayushakti 2019 held in Pokharan, Rajasthan
- Hina Jaiswal from Chandigarh, became the first Indian Woman Flight Engineer of the Indian Air Force
- The Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has received clearance from the Indian Army and the Ministry of Defence for production of 114 'Dhanush' long range artillery guns

USEFUL INFO	
Ordnance Factories Board Headquarters	Kolkata
Ordnance Factories Board Chairman	Shri Saurabh Kumar

- 12th edition of Asia's premier Air show 'Aero India-2019' begins at Yelahanka air force station, Bengaluru

Current Affairs: Science and Technology

- Israel is to launch its first moon mission, sending an unmanned spacecraft to collect data to be shared with NASA

USEFUL INFO	
Israel Capital	Jerusalem
Israel Currency	Israeli new shekel
Israel President	Benjamin Netanyahu

Current Affairs: Mobile Application and Portal

- Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep S Puri launched the PMAY (U) Mobile Application
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) launched a new portal LADIS (Least Available Depth Information System) for real-time information

USEFUL INFO	
Inland Waterways Authority of India Headquarters	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Inland Waterways Authority of India Chairman	Jalaj Srivastava

- Infosys launched learning app 'InfyTQ' for engineering students

USEFUL INFO	
Infosys Headquarters	Bengaluru
Infosys CEO	Salil Parekh

- Union Minister for Law and Justice and IT Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a tele-law mobile application that is integrated with a dashboard and an application called Nyaya Bandhu.



Current Affairs: Sports

1. Prajnesh Gunneswaran 3rd Indian to reach top-100 in ATP rankings with a jump of six places to 97th Rank
2. Ranji champions Vidarbha beat Rest of India at the Jamtha Stadium in Nagpur to retain the Irani Cup
3. Elise Mertens beats Simona Halep to win the Qatar Open
4. 83rd Senior Badminton Nationals: Saina wins Women's singles Title, Sourabh Verma bags Men's singles Title
5. West Indian batsman Chris Gayle has announced retirement from One-day Internationals after the ICC World Cup 2019
6. Six-time world women boxing champion MC Mary Kom was named as a brand ambassador for global sportswear giant PUMA for a two-year period
7. Nikhat Zareen and Meena Kumari Devi became the first Indian women boxers to win gold medals at the Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria
8. Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi

Current Affairs: Books

1. Indian Politician and author, Manish Tewari launched “What Marx Left Unsaid” – Production of Skills by Means of Skills, authored by Dr. Malay Chaudhuri, Dr. Arindam Chaudhuri and Che Kabir Chaudhuri at the India International Centre, New Delhi

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Francis D'Souza	Former deputy chief minister of Goa and BJP MLA
Andrea Levy	British author
Bruno Ganz	Swiss actor
Sibghatullah Mojaddedi	Former Afghan interim president and ex-Jihadi leader
Namvar Singh	Hindi writer
William E. Butterworth III	American military veteran and novelist
Wallace Smith Broecker	Climate scientist