



Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 01 to 07 March

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 1st week of March 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming Bank exam and other competitive exams can make use of it.

Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
March 1	Zero Discrimination Day	Act to change laws that Discriminate
March 1	World Civil Defence Day	Children's safety, our responsibility
March 3	World Wildlife Day	Life below water: for people and planet
March 3	World Hearing Day	Check your hearing!
March 4	National Safety Day	Cultivate and sustain a safety culture for building nation

Current Affairs: National

1. Cabinet has approved the 10% reservation for general category poor in J&K

USEFUL INFO	
Jammu & Kashmir Capital	Jammu & Srinagar
Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister	President Rule
Jammu & Kashmir Governor	Satya Pal Malik

2. The Union Human Resource Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the STARS scheme on National Science Day.

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Human Resource Development	Prakash Javadekar
Constituency	Madhya Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

3. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), has launched its own payment aggregator system called "IRCTC iPay"
4. PM Narendra Modi flagged off the Madurai-Chennai Egmore Tejas Express, the fastest train running between Chennai & Madurai

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Railways and Coal	Piyush Goyal
Constituency	Maharashtra Rajya Sabha

5. PM Modi launched 'ONE NATION ONE CARD' for all modes of travel
6. India's food processing ministry to be launch Gram Samridhi Yojana to bolster the unorganised food processing sector

USEFUL INFO	
Food Processing Industries Minister	Harsimrat Kaur Badal
Constituency	Bathinda, Punjab

7. Union Environment Minister launched Anthem on 'plastic-free India' in seven languages

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Harsh Vardhan



Constituency	Chandni Chowk, New Delhi
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- Government brings TMA scheme to boost agriculture exports of farm commodities
- Mahesh Sharma Inaugurated 'Azaadi Ke Diwane' Museum at Red Fort in Delhi

USEFUL INFO	
The Minister of State for Culture (Independent charge) and Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Dr. Mahesh Sharma
Constituency	Gautam Buddha Nagar

- Bharat Electronics has launched SWAGAT- Automatic Fare Collection Gating System
- Government has transferred first instalment of Rs 2000 each to over two crore farmers so far under PM-Kisan scheme

USEFUL INFO	
The Minister of Agriculture and Farming	Radha Mohan Singh
Constituency	Purvi Champaran, Bihar

- NGT imposed Rs. 500 crore fine on Volkswagen for cheating emission tests

Current Affairs: International

- Malaysia has become a 124th member of the International Criminal Court

USEFUL INFO	
International Criminal Court Headquarters	The Hague, Netherlands
International Criminal Court President	Chile Eboe-Osuji

Current Affairs: State

- West Bengal government launched 'Banglar Shiksha' portal for provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools

USEFUL INFO	
West Bengal Capital	Kolkata
West Bengal Chief Minister	Mamata Banerjee
West Bengal Governor	Keshari Nath Tripathi

- Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Rajasthan

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

- Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane laid the foundation stone of a tertiary cancer centre at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Bambolim near Panaji.

USEFUL INFO	
Goa Capital	Panaji
Goa CM	Monahar Parikar
Goa Governor	Mridhula Sinha

- Assam government launched 'Rice Knowledge Park' under Agri-business and Rural Transformation (APART)

USEFUL INFO	
Assam Capital	Dispur
Assam Chief Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal
Assam Governor	Jagdish Mukhi



5. Haryana government announced Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi Yojana 2019 for farmers

USEFUL INFO	
Haryana Capital	Chandigarh
Haryana Chief Minister	Manohar lal Kathar
Haryana Governor	Satyadev Narayan Arya

6. Karnataka Government launched 'Jal Amrutha' scheme

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

7. Delhi government launched 'One Delhi' app to track bus, metro services

USEFUL INFO	
New Delhi Chief Minister	Arvind Kejriwal
New Delhi Governor	Anil Bajjal

8. Tripura government announced 'Notun Disha' for assessing the academic level of students in classes III-VIII

USEFUL INFO	
Tripura Capital	Agartal
Tripura Chief Minister	Biplab Kumar Deb
Tripura Governor	Kaptan Singh Solanki

9. PM Modi announced that the Chennai Central railway station will be renamed after former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MG Ramachandran

USEFUL INFO	
Tamil Nadu Capital	Chennai
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister	Edappadi K. Palaniswami
Tamil Nadu Governor	Banwarilal Purohit

10. Ancient tribal language Gondi to be taught in tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh

USEFUL INFO	
Madhya Pradesh Capital	Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister	Kamal Nath
Madhya Pradesh Governor	Anandiben patel

11. SBI and Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd, launched their merchant-acquiring joint venture, SBI Payment Services Pvt Ltd (SBIPSP)

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. The RBI approved merger of Singapore-based DBS Bank's Indian unit with its wholly owned local subsidiary, DBS Bank India

USEFUL INFO	
DBS Bank Headquarters	Singapore
DBS Bank Tagline	Live more and bank less
DBS Bank CEO	Piyush Gupta

2. Reserve Bank of India and Bank of Japan have signed a Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA)

3. RBI imposed fine of Rs. 8 crore on three banks - Karnataka Bank, United Bank of India and Karur Vysya Bank - for non-compliance of directions on Swift messaging software

USEFUL INFO	
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI Governor	Shakthikanta Das
RBI Deputy Governors	B P Kanungo , Viral Acharya , N S



	Viswanathan , Mahesh Kumar Jain
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- The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) revised gross domestic product (GDP) estimate for 2018-19 to 7 per cent is at a higher base
- GST collections dropped to Rs. 97,247 crore in February from Rs. 1.02 lakh crore in the previous month
- Punjab National has been ranked first among public sector banks in the implementation of 'reforms agenda'

USEFUL INFO	
Punjab National Bank Headquarters	New Delhi
Punjab National Bank CEO	Sunil Mehta
Punjab National Bank Tagline	The name you can bank upon

- Banks will have to lend about Rs. 1 lakh crore more to meet the MUDRA scheme's target of Rs. 3 lakh crore for 2018-19
- SBI had reported frauds amounting Rs. 7,951 crore during the first nine months of fiscal 2019

USEFUL INFO	
SBI Headquarters	Mumbai
SBI Tagline	Banker to every Indian
SBI Chairman	Rajinish Kumar

- HDFC Bank plans to acquire 9% stake in CSC E-Governance for 14.6 crore

USEFUL INFO	
HDFC Headquarters	Mumbai
HDFC Tagline	We Understand Your World
HDFC CEO	Aditya Puri

- IDBI Bank receives nod to handle import, exports transactions with Iran

USEFUL INFO	
IDBI Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
IDBI Bank MD and CEO	Rakesh Sharma
IDBI Bank Tagline	Banking For All, Aao Sochein Bada

- RBI has slapped a fine of Rs. 1 crore on the bank for non-compliance of directions on Swift messaging software

USEFUL INFO	
Yes Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
Yes Bank Tagline	Experience our Expertise
Yes Bank CEO	Ravneet Singh Gill

- State-owned Bank of Baroda cut benchmark lending rate by 0.1 percentage points across all tenors up to one year

USEFUL INFO	
Bank of Baroda Headquarters	Vadodara, Gujarath
Bank of Baroda Tagline	India's International Bank
Bank of Baroda MD and CEO	P S Jayakumar

- World Bank to provide 250 Million dollar for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) in India

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



Cabinet Approval

- The Cabinet committee approved Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan –Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana.
It will provide financial support integrated Bioethanol projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock. The total financial outlay is of Rs.1969.50cr for the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24.
- Cabinet approved Rs.1450 crore for the share capital of RBI in National Housing Bank (NHB), which operate as the principal agency to promote housing finance institutions in India. The decision is the resultant of the amendments made to the NHB Act, 1987 in 2018.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved construction of four lane bridge which connects Dhubri in Assam and Phulbari in Meghalaya over Brahmaputra. It will be constructed with loan assistance from Japan International Cooperative Agency at the Civil Construction cost of Rs.3548cr and total capital cost of Rs.4997.04cr.
- Cabinet approved the proposal for setting up a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh which will be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The estimated cost of setting up the centre shall be of Rs.170.99 crore for a period of 5 years.
- Cabinet approved National Policy on Software Products 2019 with an outlay of Rs.1500cr for a period of 7 years.
- Cabinet approved draft Homeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 which looks for the extension of the period for reconstruction of the council from the existing one year to 2 years.
- Union Cabinet approved metro rail projects of Kanpur and Agra cities in Uttar Pradesh. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.8379.62cr and will be completed in 5 years.
- Union Cabinet decided to value Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas as 25th member of International Energy Agency's Technology Collaboration Programme on Bioenergy (IEA Bioenergy TCP).
- Cabinet approved the FDI proposal for Foreign Direct Investment of more than Rs.5000cr and upto Rs.25,000cr in Vodafone Idea Limited. It will be part of a proposed equity fund raise by way of Rights issue.
- Union Cabinet approved Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 which will bring the people living in remote and inaccessible areas under reservation. It will pave the way for 10% quota for the economically weaker section to be applicable in the state.
- Union Cabinet approves promulgation of an Ordinance to make amendments to the Aadhaar Act 2016, Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2005 and Indian Telegraph Act 1885.
- Cabinet approved the proposal for creation of 2 posts of commissioners in the office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD), in terms of provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disability (RPF) Act, 2016.
- Cabinet approved the creation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and associated activities for the disinvestment of Air India and its Subsidiaries/JV. It will transfer Air India's Rs.29,464cr loans, Subsidiaries to SPV.
- The proposal for implementation of scheme titled 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME India Phase II) approved by the Union Cabinet for the promotion of Electric mobility in the country. The total outlay is of Rs.10,000 crore for a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2019.
- Cabinet approved inclusion of Common Service Centre (CSC e-Governance Services India) as Enrolment Agency for Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan (PM-SYM) which will enable workers in unorganized sector to get monthly pension of Rs.3000 on attaining the age of 60 years.
- Cabinet committee has approved laying down procedure and mechanism for asset monetization of CPSEs/PSUs/other government organizations and immovable enemy properties as per section IV of section 8A of the Enemy Property Act, 1968.

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- Union Cabinet approved setting up of new AIIMS at Manethi, Haryana at a cost of Rs.1299cr. Cost of construction and running would be met by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- CCEA approved investment for transmission component of Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project (Nepal portion) by Sutlej Jal Vikas Nigam (SJVN) Limited. The project is on Arun River in Sankhuwasabha district of Eastern Nepal.

Current Affairs: Appointments

Pranay Kumar Verma	Next Ambassador of India to Vietnam
Ravneet Gill	MD & CEO of YES Bank
Air Marshal Raghunath Nambiar	New chief of Western Air Command (WAC)
Hasmukh Adhia	Non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda
Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi	Next High Commissioner of India to New Zealand
Hemant Bhargava	IDBI Bank non-executive, non-whole time chairman
Ajay Narayan Jha	Member of the 15th Finance Commission
Bhagwan Lal Sahni	Chairman - National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)
Kaushalendra Singh Patel, Sudha Yadav and Achary Talloju	Members of NCBC
Sanjeev Ranjan	Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Anil Kumble	Chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee
Ajit Kumar Mohanty	Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah	Re-elected as president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
Kaja Kallas	First female Prime Minister of Estonia

Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

1.	Tripura's Tribal Musician Thanga Darlong	AB Vajpayee Life Time Award
2.	The Central Zone Power Distribution Company (CZPDC) Bhopal West Zone Power Distribution Company (WZPDC) Indor	"Saubhagya Award" under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana
3.	Veteran Marathi writer and poet Vasant Abaji Dahake	'Janasthan' award
4.	TVS Motor Company	'Green Era Award for Sustainability'
5.	Indian Bank	Best Bank Award from the Tamil Nadu government



6.	Abhinandhan	Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar
7.	Alastair Cook (England cricket)	Knighthood Award
8.	Bharti AXA General Insurance	Non-Life Insurer of The Year Award 2019 by the Assocham

- DRDO Chairman G. Satheesh Reddy is the joint winner of the 2019 Missile Systems Award given by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in the US.
- America's Kylie Jenner has become world's youngest self-made billionaire
- Tata Steel has been recognised as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute, USA,
- New Delhi Municipal Council area gets cleanest small city award while Uttarakhand's Gauchar was adjudged Best Ganga Town in the Swachh Survekshan 2019 survey

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. Rising India Summit 2019 held in New Delhi, with the theme of, 'Beyond Politics: Defining National Priorities'.
2. Airports Authority of India organised the Startup Conclave under the Startup initiative "Innovate for Airports"

USEFUL INFO	
AAI Headquarters	New Delhi
AAI Chairman	Guruprasad Mohapatra

3. Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Smt. Anupriya Patel inaugurated the 'International Digital Health Symposium in New Delhi.
4. 7th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting held in Cambodia

USEFUL INFO	
Cambodia Capital	Phnom Penh
Cambodia Currency	Cambodian Riel

5. PM Modi to inaugurate Construction Technology India-2019 Expo-cum-Conference in New Delhi
6. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Summit on Innovation and Governance held in New Delhi

Current Affairs: Ranking

Index	Rank
'Inclusive Internet Index 2019' by the 'Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) for Facebook	India 47th

1. According to a Greenpeace report, Delhi has been ranked the most polluted capital in the world, while Gurugram is the most polluted city.
2. According to the Delta ranking report released by NITI Aayog, Assam's Hailakandi has become the top aspirational district

Current Affairs: MOU

1. NITI Aayog partners with Adobe to boost digital literacy, creativity skills

USEFUL INFO	
NITI Aayog CEO	Amitabh Kant
NITI Aayog Vice Chairman	Rajiv Kumar



2. India and Brunei signed an agreement for exchange of information in tax matters to curb tax evasion and tax avoidance

USEFUL INFO	
Brunei Capital	Bandar Seri Begawan
Brunei Currency	Brunei dollar
Brunei Prime Minister	Hassanal Bolkiah

3. Centre and ADB sign 926 million loan agreement to operationalize two lines of Mumbai Metro

USEFUL INFO	
Asian Development Bank Headquarters	Manila, Phillipines
Asian Development Bank President	Takehiko Nakao

4. AIIB to provide USD 455 million for Andhra Pradesh rural roads project

USEFUL INFO	
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank HQ	Beijing, China
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank President	Jin Liqun

5. India signs deal with Russian firm to produce 7.5 lakh AK-203 rifles

SEFUL INFO	
Russia Capital	Moscow
Russia Currency	Russian Rouble
Russia President	Vladimir Putin

6. The Government of India, the State Government of Chhattisgarh and the World Bank signed \$25.2 Million Loan Agreement to support the State's Reforms in Expenditure Management

USEFUL INFO	
Chhattisgarh Capital	Atal Nagar
Chhattisgarh Chief Minister	Bhupesh Baghel
Chhattisgarh Governor	Anandiben Patel

7. India signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for 96 Million US dollars for additional financing of Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project

USEFUL INFO	
Uttarakhand Capital	Dehradun
Uttarakhand Chief Minister	Trivendra Singh Rawat
Uttarakhand Governor	Baby Rani Maurya

Current Affairs: Mobile App and Portal

1. PM Modi launched Sports Authority of India's (SAI) 'Khelo India App' in order to create awareness about sports and fitness in the country.

USEFUL INFO	
Sports And Youth affairs Minister	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
Constituency	Jaipur, Rajasthan (LS)

2. Google unveiled new app 'Bolo' to teach kids to read English and Hindi

Current Affairs: Science and Technology

- Bengaluru-based Signalchip launched India's first semiconductor chips for 4G LTE and 5G NR modems
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has set up its first solar electric vehicle charger on the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway.

USEFUL INFO



BHEL Headquarters	New Delhi
BHEL CEO	Atul Sobti

3. ISRO launched “Yuva Vigyani Karyakram”, a “Young Scientist Programme” for the School Children to be studying in the ninth standard

USEFUL INFO	
ISRO Headquarters	Bengaluru
ISRO Director	Kailasavadivoo Sivan

Current Affairs: Books

1. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was released a book titled, 'Mann Ki Baat - A Social Revolution on Radio' in New Delhi

Author	Book
Nayantara Sahgal	The Fate Of Butterflies
Kamlesh Patel	“Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way”

Current Affairs: Defence

1. Joint exercise between BSF of India and Border Guards Bangladesh 'Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019' held in Tripura
2. US, South Korea call off Foal Eagle and Key Resolve Exercises, announced new Exercise
3. Bilateral joint exercise between India, Oman ‘Al Nagah 2019’ to begin from Mar 12 in Oman.

USEFUL INFO	
Oman Capital	Muscat
Oman Currency	Rial
Oman President	Qaboos bin Said al Said

Current Affairs: Sports

1. Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker claimed a gold medal for India in 10-metre air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi
2. Australian tennis player Nick Kyrgios beat Alexander Zverev in the final to win the Mexico Open title.
3. South African spinner Imran Tahir has announced retirement from ODI cricket after the ICC World Cup 2019.
4. Indian bowler Jhulan Goswami reclaimed the world number one position in the ICC Women's ODI bowler rankings
5. Manpreet Singh named captain of Indian hockey team for Sultan Azlan Shah Cup
6. Roger Federer has claimed the 100th ATP title of his career after beating Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas in Dubai Tennis Championships

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Andre Previn	Legendary composer and pianist
Bharat Mohan Adhikari	Former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal
Bill Playle	Former New Zealand batsman
Luke Perry	American actor



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