



## Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 08 to 14 March

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March 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
March 8	International Women's Day	"Think equal, build smart, innovate for change"
March 10	National Immunization Day	-
March 10	CISF Raising Day	-
March 12	Corporation Bank's 114th Foundation Day	-
March 13 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of March)	No Smoking Day	-
March 14	World Kidney Day	'Kidney health for everyone, everywhere'
March 14	International Pi Day	-
March 14	The 22nd annual International Day of Action for Rivers	'Celebration of the role of women in protecting and managing our rivers'
March 12 to 16	India Smart Utility Week	-

### Current Affairs: National

- The Finance Ministry has announced the rollout of a new Rs. 20 coin shaped like a "dodecagon"

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs	Arun Jaitley
Constituency	Gujarat, Rajya Sabha

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri launched e-Dharti app

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs	Hardeep Singh Puri
Constituency	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Sabha

- WHO unveils sweeping reforms in drive towards triple billion targets

USEFUL INFO	
World Health Organization Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland
World Health Organization Director General	Tedros Adhanom

- Hardeep S Puri, Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs has launched India Urban Observatory and Video Wall in New Delhi.

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Housing and Urban	Hardeep Singh Puri

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Constituency	Uttar Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)
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- India's first LGBTQ clinic and HIV treatment centre inaugurated in Mumbai
- The new visa agreement between Maldives and India has come into force.

USEFUL INFO	
Maldives Capital	Malé
Maldives Currency	Rufiyaa
Maldives President	Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

- Areca nut gets its first Geographical Indication (GI) tag for 'Sirsi Supari'
- United States to set up six nuclear power plants in India

### **Current Affairs: International**

- Kane Tanaka, a 116-year-old woman from Japan has been honored by the Guinness World Records as the oldest living person in the world.
- The Marshall Islands is to launch a digital currency called 'SOV'

USEFUL INFO	
Marshall Islands Capital	Majuro
Marshall Islands Currency	US Dollar
Marshall Islands President	Hilda Heine

### **Current Affairs: State**

- Country's first oil museum to come up in Guwahati, Assam
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated BOLD-QIT project in Assam

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Home Affairs	Rajnath Singh
Constituency	Lucknow, UP
Assam Capital	Dispur
Assam Chief Minister	Sarbanandha Sonowal
Assam Governor	Jagdish Mukhi

- Odisha government launched the scheme 'Mukhyamantri Karigar Sahayata' scheme for financial assistance to craftsmen

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

- United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance deal with private life insurer HDFC Life Insurance Company

USEFUL INFO	
United Bank of India Headquarters	Kolkata
United Bank of India Tagline	The Bank that begins with "U"
United Bank of India CEO	Ashok Kumar Pradhan

- West Bengal launched a new scheme called Yuvashree Plan II or Yuvashree Arpan scheme

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

6. Uttarakhand Government launched “Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana” a free milk scheme

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

7. Maharashtra government launched 'Atal Aahar Yojana' to provide cheap hygienic food for construction workers

USEFUL INFO	
Maharashtra Capital	Mumbai
Maharashtra Chief Minister	Devendra Fadnavis
Maharashtra Governor	C. Vidyasagar Rao

8. The Marayoor Jaggery, a traditional and homemade product manufactured at Marayoor, Idukki district of Kerala, has bagged Geographical Indication tag.

USEFUL INFO	
Kerala Capital	Thiruvananthapuram
Kerala Chief Minister	Pinarayi Vijayan
Kerala Governor	P Sathasivam

9. National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation to be set up at Sehore in Madhya Pradesh

10. Madhya Pradesh state government has issued an ordinance raising reservation for OBC to 27 per cent from the present 14 per cent.

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

11. Jammu and Kashmir government to give monthly stipend of Rs. 6000 and jobs for those who Shun militancy

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

12. Tamil Nadu's Erode Turmeric Gets GI Tag

USEFUL INFO	
Tamil Nadu Capital	Chennai
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister	E. Palanisamy
Tamil Nadu Governor	Banwarilal Purohit

## Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. NHA, IRDAI to set up working group for Ayushman Bharat implementation

USEFUL INFO	
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Headquarters	Hyderabad
Chairperson	Subhash Chandra Khuntia



2. United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance deal with private life insurer HDFC Life Insurance Company

USEFUL INFO	
United Bank of India Headquarters	Kolkata
United Bank of India Tagline	The Bank that begins with "U"
United Bank of India CEO	Ashok Kumar Pradhan

3. Reserve Bank relaxed norms for white label ATM (WLA) operators and allowed them to buy wholesale cash directly
4. Reserve Bank of India to infuse Rs. 12,500 crore via open market operations (OMOs)

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

5. State Bank of India to join SWIFT's global payment interface
6. SBI will use the repo rate as a benchmark to set the savings deposit interest rates and interest rates for short-term loans from May 01, 2019.
7. State Bank of India launched 'Doorstep Banking' for senior citizen customers over 70 years of age

USEFUL INFO	
State Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
State Bank of India Tagline	The Banker to every Indian
State Bank of India Chairperson	Rajnish Kumar

8. Punjab National Bank sanctions loans worth Rs. 689 crore to 1,600 MSMEs via 59-minute loan portal

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

9. SEBI withdrew the 20 percent limit on investments by Foreign Portfolio Investors in corporate bonds of an entity.

USEFUL INFO	
SEBI Headquarters	Mumbai
SEBI Chairman	Ajay Tyagi

10. Bank of Baroda launched creche/daycare facility for children of employees

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

11. HDFC Bank Ltd crossed the Rs. 6 trillion market capitalisation to become country's third firm to achieve the milestone

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



## Current Affairs: Cabinet Approval

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the investment sanction for construction of 624 Mega watts Kiru Hydro Electric Project in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Approved the investment for 1320 Mega Watt Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant at Bulandshahar in Uttar Pradesh.
- Investment for 1320 Mega Watt Buxar thermal Power Project in Bihar was also approved.
- Approved proposal for promulgation of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Ordinance, 2019
- The construction of a 3rd railway line between Narayangarh in West Bengal and Bhadrak in Odisha of 155 kilometres length. The total estimated cost of this project is 1866 crore rupees and will be completed by 2023-24.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has also approved additional funds to Sugar Mills amounting to 2790 crore rupees.

## Current Affairs: Appointments

Dr. Ausaf Sayeed	Next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia
Padma Lakshmi	UNDP's newest Goodwill Ambassador
Jagdish Mukhi (Assam Governor)	Interim Governor of Mizoram
Soumya Swaminathan	Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO)
Subhash Chandra Garg	Finance Secretary
Mohammad Shtayyeh	Palestinian Prime Minister
Ashu Khullar	CEO of CITI India ( from April 1)
Anup Kumar Dubey and Sushil Kumar	Special directors in the Enforcement Directorate (ED)
Zinedine Zidane	Re-appointed as the coach football club Real Madrid
C. Lalsawta	Chairman of Lokayukta in Mizoram
Rakesh Makhija	Non-executive chairman of Axis Bank
Aditya Kumar Misra	Chairman - Agricultural Scientific Recruitment Board (ASRB)
M Ravi Kanth	CMD- Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) Ltd, (6 Month extension)

## Current Affairs: Resignation

Kummanam Rajasekharan	Governor of Mizoram
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## Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

Arata Isozaki (Japanese architect)	Pritzker Architecture Prize 2019
Acko General Insurance	Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award



(Mumbai)	2019 - under the Insurance Category
Priyanka Dubey (BBC)	Chameli Devi Jain Award ( Outstanding Woman Journalist for 2018)
Ministry of Tourism	International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019 (TV cinema spot' category)
Vice President Venkaiah Naidu	Doctor Honoris Causa from University of Peace
Sona Yukti	Social Enterprise Network (SEN) sustainability award for education
Ved Rahi (Film director and novelist)	Kusumagraj national award for literature

- India awards 200 Golden Jubilee Scholarships to Nepali students
- President Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred three Kirti Chakras and fifteen Shaurya Chakras to Armed Forces Personnel

### **Current Affairs: Summit and Conference**

1. The 34th edition of AAHAR - the International Food and Hospitality fair - begins at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
2. 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships to be held in New Delhi
3. The 4th Internet of Things India Congress 2019 to be held in Bengaluru

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation	Suresh Prabhu
Constituency	Andhra Pradesh, RS

### **Current Affairs: Mobile Application**

1. Google has stopped all the services of its messaging app 'Allo' from March 12, 2019 and shut down the app.

### **Current Affairs: Ranking**

1. According to a report Price comparison site Cable.co.uk, India is home to the cheapest mobile data plans in the world
2. The Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) in Bhubaneswar has won the 2018 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award as the leading airport in size and region
3. Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru clinch the Airports Council International's Airport Service Quality Awards for both Arrivals and Departures
4. Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan to get Yashwantrao Chavan national award
5. According to Knight Frank report – Mumbai is the 16th most expensive prime residential market in the world. Globally Monaco has topped the list
6. Women in India earn 19 per cent less than men according to a report prepared by monster.com.
7. According to SIPRI's annual report 'Trends in International Arms Transfers-2018' India is the second largest importer of weapons in the world
8. As per the latest report by the World Gold Council (WGC) India ranks 11th in gold holding

### **Current Affairs: MOU**

1. India signed a loan agreement with the World Bank for 96 Million US dollars for Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project.

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2. India and ADB sign 26 million dollar loan pact for improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh, Assam.

USEFUL INFO	
Asian Development Bank Headquarters	Mandaluyong, Philippines
Asian Development Bank President	Takehiko Nakao

3. The Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) has come forward to extend a loan of Rs. 4,100 crore for the Visakhapatnam metro rail project.
4. Women and Child Development Ministry and Skill Development Ministry signed an MoU for improving women livelihood

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Women Welfare and Child Development	Maneka Gandhi
Constituency	Philibit, UP
Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Dharmendra Pradhan
Constituency	Deogarh, Odisha

5. India has signed a USD 3 billion deal with Russian Government for the lease of a nuclear-powered attack submarine for the Indian Navy for a period of 10 years

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

6. HP India signs MoU with Andhra Pradesh government to set up additive manufacturing centre
7. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has signed a Cooperation Agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC)
8. India and World Bank Signs \$137 Million Loan Agreement for the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)

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

9. The French space agency, National Centre for Space Studies (CNES), has signed an agreement with ISRO to set up a maritime surveillance centre in India

USEFUL INFO	
ISRO Headquarters	Bengaluru
ISRO Chairman	Kailasavadivoo Sivan

10. The Japanese government announced a donation of some Rs. 22 lakh (\$31,800) to the Rabindra Bharati Museum
11. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has partnered with Microsoft India to use the platform Project Sangam of Microsoft on its Swachh Bharat e-Learning Portal.
12. India extends USD 250 mn to Nepal for reconstruction of infrastructures post earthquake

USEFUL INFO	
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Nepal Capital	Kathmandu
Nepal Currency	Nepali Rupee
Nepal Prime Minister	K P Sharma Oli

### **Current Affairs: Science and Technology**

1. NASA astronauts Anne McClain and Christina Koch are scheduled to carry out the first ever all female spacewalk in history on March 29
2. China launched new communication satellite 'ChinaSat 6C', and marks 300th mission of Long March-3B carrier rocket

USEFUL INFO	
China Capital	Beijing
China Currency	Renminbi
China President	Xi Jinping

3. The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) will develop a device called 'NERO' to generate potable water from atmospheric air.
4. IIT Kharagpur students created an mobile app to detect fake currency notes

### **Current Affairs: Defence**

1. A 12-day long advanced aerial combat training exercise Red Flag 2019 begins in US
2. Defence Research and Development organisation, (DRDO) successfully test fired the PINAKA guided weapon rocket system from Pokhran range in Rajasthan

USEFUL INFO	
DRDO Headquarters	New Delhi
DRDO Chairman	G. Satheesh Reddy

3. U.S. Special Forces hold exercise with National Security Guard (NSG) in Hyderabad

### **Current Affairs: Sports**

1. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognises Kudo International Federation India as National Sport Federation
2. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognises All India Carrom Federation as National Sports Federation

USEFUL INFO	
Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports	Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
Constituency	Jaipur Lok Sabha

3. P. Iniyan, the 16-year-old boy from the Erode district of Tamil Nadu has become the 61st Grandmaster of India
4. Kavinder Singh Bisht (56kg) won gold while Shiva Thapa (60kg) claimed silver medals to end a fine Indian campaign at the 38th GeeBee Boxing Tournament in Helsinki, Finland
5. Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar was selected as Barbie role model
6. Rio Olympics race walk champion Liu Hong broke the 50km world record and became the first woman to dip under the four-hour mark at an event in Haungshan.
7. WWE Hall of Fame inductee Kurt Angle announced his retirement from wrestling
8. Special Olympics World Games 2019, begin at Abu Dhabi in UAE

USEFUL INFO	
UAE Capital	Abu Dhabi





UAE Currency	Dirham
UAE President	Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

## All England Badminton Championships

Events	Winners	Runners
Men's Singles	Kento Momota	Viktor Axelsen
Women's Singles	Chen Yufei	Tai Tzu Ying
Men's Doubles	Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan	Aaron Chia and Soh Woo Yik
Women's Doubles	Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yifan	Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara

## Current Affairs: Committee

1. Dr Alok Srivastava to head committee on Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for Advocates
2. Delhi Government established high-level committee chaired by DDC vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah to reform higher education

## Current Affairs: Books

Books	Author
Gauri- The Urge to Fly	Rhythm Wagholikar
Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas	Collection of selected speeches of Prime Minister

## Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Virendra Kataria	Former lieutenant governor of Puducherry
Daniel Rudisha (Kenya)	Olympian and Athletics coach
Kelly Catlin	American cyclist
Vinod Kashyap	Veteran Hindi Newsreader
Sir John Richardson	Eminent British art historian and critic