



Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 15 to 21 March 2019

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 3rd 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 15	World Consumer Rights Day	'Trusted Smart Products'
March 15	World Sleep Day	Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging
March 16	National Immunization Day	-
March 18	National Ordnance Factories Day	-
March 18	Global Recycling Day	Recycling Into The Future
March 20	International Day of Happiness	Happier Together
March 20	World Sparrow Day	-
March 21	World Forestry Day	Learn To Love Forests!
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day	Leave No One Behind
March 21	World Poetry Day	-

Current Affairs: National

- India and Pakistan have agreed to work on operationalizing the Kartapur corridor.
- 12 States in India have banned Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- GI Registry has granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Coorg Arabica Coffee
- Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated FINE 2019, the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Current Affairs: International

- Tropical Cyclone Idai hits Mozambique

USEFUL INFO	
Mozambique Capital	Maputo
Mozambique Currency	Mozambican metical
Mozambique President	Filipe Nyusi

- Kazakhstan renames capital Astana as Nursultan after ex-President

USEFUL INFO	
Kazakhstan Capital	Astana
Kazakhstan Currency	Kazakhstani tenge
Kazakhstan Prime Minister	Askar Mamin

Current Affairs: State

- Assam launched 'i-help' initiative to promote digital electoral literacy

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

- Department of Post has released Special Stamp on Ice Stupa (Artificial Glacier) in Leh, Jammu and Kashmir.

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

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has re-categorised IDBI Bank as a private sector lender

USEFUL INFO	
IDBI Headquarters	Mumbai
IDBI Tagline	Banking For All
IDBI CEO	Rakesh Sharma

2. RBI identifies SBI, ICICI and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
3. RBI to infuse long term liquidity worth \$5 billion into the system through Foreign Exchange swap arrangement with banks for 3 years
4. RBI to reform Ways And Means Advance system for states

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

5. Paytm Payments Bank launches mobile banking app for its bank's customers to provide wide range of banking services
6. State-owned Bank of India (BoI) has raised Rs. 660.80 crore by issuing shares to employees under Employee Share Purchase Scheme (ESPS).

USEFUL INFO	
Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
Bank of India Tagline	Relationship Beyond Banking
Bank of India CEO	Dinabandhu Mohapatra

7. Karur Vysya Bank raises Rs. 487 crore through private placement of Tier II bonds

USEFUL INFO	
Karur Vysya Bank Headquarters	Karur, Tamil Nadu
Karur Vysya Bank MD & CEO	P. R. Seshadri
Karur Vysya Bank Tagline	Smart Way to Bank

8. SBI has launched the YONO Cash service for its customers which will allow them to withdraw cash from ATMs without their debit cards

USEFUL INFO	
State Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
State Bank of India Tagline	Banker to every Indian
State Bank of India CEO	Rajinish Kumar

9. Bandhan Bank gets RBI approval for acquisition of Gruh Finance

USEFUL INFO	
Bandhan Bank Headquarters	Kolkata
Bandhan Bank Tagline	Aapka Bhalai Sabki Bhalai
Bandhan Bank CEO	Chandra Sekar Ghosh



10. Metropolitan Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (MCCIL) recognised as a Third-Country Central Counterparty (TC – CCP) by Bank of England
11. ICICI Lombard has partners with Mobikwik for Cyber Insurance Cover

Current Affairs: Business

1. Hyundai Motor Group and Kia Motors Corporation to invest 300 million dollars in Ola
2. Tata Communications partners with China Telecom for Internet of Things (IoT) service

Current Affairs: Appointments

M R Kumar	Chairman of LIC
T C Suseel Kumar	Zonal Manager (in-charge), LIC South Central Zone
Vipin Anand	Zonal Manager (in-charge), Western Zone
P S Narasimha	Mediator to BCCI
Anurag Bhushan	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malawi
Padmaja	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji
Santosh Jha	Ambassador of India to republic of Uzbekistan
KVS Manian and Gaurang Shah	Kotak Mahindra Bank board directors
Former SC Judge Justice PC Ghose	India's first Lokpal
BJP leader Pramod Sawant	Chief Minister of Goa
Gauri Sawant	First transgender election ambassador
Shailendra Handa	ECI - Special Expenditure Observers for Maharashtra
Madhu Mahajan	ECI - Special Expenditure Observers for Tamil Nadu

Current Affairs: Resignation

Rahul Bajaj	Bajaj Finserv chairman
Nursultan Nazarbayev	Kazakhstan President

Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

Padmanaban Gopalan	Commonwealth Youth Award
Kent RO Systems Pvt. Ltd	Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2018-19
Swati Shingade	DD Mahila Kisan Award
Sociologist and political psychoanalyst Ashis Nandy	Hans Kilian Award 2019
Brazilian physicist Marcelo Gleiser	Templeton Prize 2019
Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagudi	Vyas Samman 2018

1. The World Economic Forum has recognized six Indians in its 2019 list of the Forum of Young Global Leaders under the age of 40
 - Nara Lokesh – Andhra Pradesh IT minister
 - Poonam Mahajan – BJP MP
 - Manu Kumar Jain – Xiaomi India head
 - Phanindra Sama – Telangana government's Chief Innovation Officer



- Piyush Tewari – Founder of SaveLife Foundation
 - Sucharita Mukherjee – Kaleidofin’s co-Founder
2. Journalist and writer Raghu Karnad won the prestigious award for his debut book ‘The Farthest Field: An Indian Story of the Second World War’ in the non-fiction category
 3. An American professor Karen Uhlenbeck has become the first woman to win the Abel Prize for her work in the fields of gauge theory and geometric analysis

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. 3rd edition of Namaste Thailand festival held in New Delhi
2. First BRICS Sherpa meeting under Presidency of Brazil held in Curitiba, Brazil

Current Affairs: Ranking

1. India was ranked 16th in the world in terms of highest number of impacted species in biodiversity-rich zones (hotspots)
2. Vienna to top spot in List of Most Liveable Cities for 10th consecutive year
3. Climate Vulnerability Index Assam topped the chart
4. Tata, Reliance and Airtel emerged as the top three Indian brands of 2019 published by Interbrand
5. Mukesh Ambani tops Forbes’s The World’s Richest Sports Team Owners 2019 ranking
6. According to the latest Economist survey report, Bengaluru (129th rank) has the lowest cost of living among the 133 cities
7. Spice Jet becomes first Indian low- cost airline to join IATA

Current Affairs: Schemes and Programme

1. Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant will head the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage
2. Aviva Life Insurance launched Wings program to empower women at the workplace

Current Affairs: MoU

1. PFC to lend Rs. 30,000 crore to Telangana for irrigation schemes
2. FeFA Girls Initiative - a new collaborative project with ICRISAT partnered with Telangana government
3. IIT Roorkee collaborates with ISRO to set up Space Technology Cell

USEFUL INFO	
ISRO Headquarters	Bengaluru
Chairman	K Shivan

4. India and Afghanistan signed a MoU on digital education initiatives

USEFUL INFO	
Afghanistan Capital	Kabul
Afghanistan Currency	Afghani
Afghanistan President	Ashraf Ghani

5. Maldives has signed an agreement with India’s EXIM Bank for line of credit (LOC) of 800 million US dollars to finance infrastructure projects

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

6. Ola signs MoU with Telangana government to implement smart traffic solutions in Hyderabad
7. IBBI signs memorandum of understanding (MoU) with SEBI for better implementation of IBC

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IBBI Headquarters	New Delhi
IBBI Chairman	M S Sahoo
SEBI Headquarters	Mumbai
SEBI Chairman	Ajay Tyagi

- WhatsApp partners with NASSCOM to Impart Digital Literacy
- SBI inks pact with Bank of China for business opportunities

Bank of China Headquarters	Beijing, China
Bank of China Chairman	Chen Siqing

- Export-Import Bank of India Bank gives \$83 mn line of credit to Congo

Current Affairs: Defence

- DRDO Successfully tested Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile' (MPATGM)

USEFUL INFO	
DRDO Headquarters	New Delhi
Chairman	Satheesh Reddy

- Indo-Bangladesh joint military exercise Sampriti – 2019 held in Tangail, Bangladesh
- India – Africa Joint Field Training Exercise AFINDEX-19 to be held in Pune
- 'Vijit' becomes the first Indian Coast Guard ship to visit Indonesia
- SCO members to hold joint anti-terrorism exercise 'Sary-Arka-Antiterror 2019'
- 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) will be held from 19th March to 4th April 2019
- Indo-Sri Lanka joint Exercise Mitra shakti-VI to be held in Sri Lanka

Current Affairs: Science and Technology

- IIT KGP is getting India's first-of-its-kind supercomputer
- IBM creates Blockchain-based global payment network
- Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) has launched smart garbage bins made of stainless steel.

USEFUL INFO	
Steel Authority of India Limited Headquarters	New Delhi
Steel Authority of India Limited CEO	Anil Kumar Chaudhary

Current Affairs: Mobile Application and Portal

- Election Commission introduced 'Observer App' for observers to submit reports
- Mobile Application 'Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior launched to reduce the exam pressure for the student
- Xiaomi launched Mi Pay wallet in India with ICICI Bank

Current Affairs: Sports

- GoDaddy partners with ICC as official sponsor for Cricket World Cup 2019
- Karnataka defeated Maharashtra to win their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Holkar Cricket Stadium in Indore
- India will host the Under-17 Women's Football World Cup in 2020
- South African all-rounder JP Duminy announced that he would retire from ODIs after the ICC World Cup in England
- Kamalpreet Kaur wins gold medal in the women's discus throw event.
- K T Irfan becomes first Indian athlete to qualify for Tokyo Olympics

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7. India's B Sai Praneeth Finished with silver at Swiss Open
8. Finland's Valtteri Bottas wins Australian Grand Prix
9. Diksha Dagar becomes second Indian to win Ladies European Tour title
10. Indian Tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran rises to career-best 84th position
11. Bengaluru FC clinched their maiden Indian Super League title
12. Indian shuttlers Lakshya Sen and Riya Mookerjee broke into the top-100 among Men's and Women's singles players in the latest World Badminton Rankings
13. India secures second position in the medal tally in Asian Youth Athletics Championships
14. India loses hosting rights for the Junior Asian Championship 2019
15. Abu Dhabi to host T10 League for next five years

YONEX Swiss Open 2019 badminton tournament

- The YONEX Swiss Open 2019 badminton tournament was held at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland from 12 to 17 March 2019.

Event Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Single	Shi Yuqi (China)	Sai Praneeth (India)
Women's Single	Chen Yufei (China)	Saena Kawakami (Japan)
Men's Double	Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin (Taiwan)	Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)
Women's Double	Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida (Japan)	Chang Ye-na and Jung Kyung-eun (South Korea)
Mixed Double	Mathias Bay-Smidt and Rikke Soby Hansen (Denmark)	Rinov Rivaldy and Pitha Haningtyas Mentari (Indonesia)

Indian Wells Masters Tennis tournament winners complete list

- The Indian Wells Masters Tennis tournament held in California United States has come to an end. The list of winners is given below. Indian Wells Masters Tennis tournament is also known by the name BNP Paribas Open.

Event Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Dominic Thiem (Austria)	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
Women's singles	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	Angelique Kerber (Germany)
Men's Doubles	Nikola Pietrangeli and Horacio Zeballos	Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo
Women's Doubles	Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka	Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova

Current Affairs: Books

Books	Author
Indian Fiscal Federalism	Dr. Y.V. Reddy and G.R. Reddy

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Maate Mahadevi	First woman Lingayat 'jagadguru'

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Darryl D'Monte	Senior journalist and environmental activist
Manohar Parrikar	Goa Chief Minister
Chinmoy Roy	Veteran Bengali Actor
Alan Krueger	Former White House economist
S B Sinha	Former SC Judge Justice