

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 3rd week of April 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming SBI PO/Clerk, LIC AAO and other competitive exams can make use of it.

Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
April 17	World Haemophilia Day	“Outreach and Identification”
April 18	World Heritage Day	“Rural Landscapes”
April 19	World Liver Day	-
April 21	National Civil Service Day	-
April 21	World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID)	-
April 22	World Earth day	Protect Our Species

Current Affairs: National

1. CBDT sets June 30 as deadline to dispose of demonetisation cases

Current Affairs: International

1. Google opens first Africa Artificial Intelligence lab in Ghana

USEFUL INFO	
Ghana Capital	Accra
Ghana Currency	Cedi
Ghana President	Nana Akufo-Addo

2. Singapore's Changi Airport touts the world's tallest indoor waterfall

USEFUL INFO	
Singapore Capital	Singapore City
Singapore Currency	Dollar
Singapore President	Halima Yacob

3. Saudi government raises India's Haj quota to 2 lakhs

USEFUL INFO	
Saudi Arabia Capital	Riyadh
Saudi Arabia Currency	Saudi riyal
Saudi Arabia Crown Prince	Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Current Affairs: Cabinet Approval

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the creation of 1 post of Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General (Coordination, Communication and Information System).
- The Cabinet has given the approval for ongoing GSLV continuation programme Phase-4 that consists of 5 GSLV rocket flights during 2021-2024. The total fund requirement for the phase 4 programme is Rs 2,729.13 crore. This amount includes the cost of 5 Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicles (GSLVs), addition of essential facility, programme management, launch campaign and extra funds required to meet the scope of the programme.
- They given approval for the proposal of the Department of fertilizers for extension of the duration of New Urea Policy-2015 for existing gas-based area unit from April 1, 2019 until further orders.
- Cabinet approves pact between India and Denmark in the field of Renewable Energy

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- Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of India and The Ministry of Science and ICT (Korea Post), Government of the Republic of Korea have mutually collaborated to issue Postage Stamps on the theme “Queen Hur Hwang-ok of Korea”.
- To enhance the ties between India and Brazil to work out the future agenda for the amalgamation for innovation in Science & Technology diplomacy to develop a concrete deliberated plan in the area of biotechnology education, training and research.
- Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bolivia on collaboration in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources.
- To strengthen bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding between India and Cambodia in the field of communications.
- Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bolivia in the Field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy. The pact was signed in March 2019 in Bolivia.

Current Affairs: State

1. India’s first exotic Bird Park ‘Essel World Bird Park’ was launched in Mumbai

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

2. Project Kannamma, is the initiative of the Rotary Club of Madras North, was launched

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

3. Rongali Bihu (Bohag Bihu) festival celebrated in Assam

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

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. ADB committed to provide USD 3 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2018

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

2. The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) has launched a 5G Use Cases Lab for banking and financial sector
3. IDBI Bank has launched paperless account facility for NRIs

USEFUL INFO	
IDBI Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
IDBI Bank MD & CEO	Rakesh Sharma
IDBI Bank Tagline	Aao Sochein Bada

4. Canara Bank becomes the first public sector bank in India to meet RBI’s EMV mandate

USEFUL INFO	
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Canara Bank Headquarters	Bengaluru
Canara Bank CEO	Sankara Narayanan
Canara Bank Tagline	Together We Can

5. The IMF and World Bank launched 'Learning Coin' to explore blockchain technologies

USEFUL INFO	
World Bank Headquarters	Washington, D.C., United States
President	David Malpass
International Monetary Fund CEO	Christine Lagarde

6. RBI issued banknotes of Rs. 50 denomination bearing the signature of Governor Shaktikanta Das

7. The RBI has signed a Statement of Commitment (SoC) to the FX Global Code

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

8. ETMONEY becomes India's first comprehensive financial services app to integrate UPI

9. Bandhan Bank gets Competition Commission of India (CCI) nod for merger with Gruh Finance

USEFUL INFO	
Bandhan Bank Headquarters	Kolkata
Bandhan Bank CEO	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

10. CRISIL board gives nod for transfer of ratings business to new subsidiary

11. Bank of Baroda and Srei Equipment Finance tie up for infra equipment loans

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

12. Exim Bank funds projects worth USD 267 million to Rwanda

USEFUL INFO	
Export-Import Bank of India	
EXIM Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
EXIM Bank CEO	David Rasquinha
Rwanda Capital	Kigali
Rwanda Currency	Rwandan franc
Rwanda President	Paul Kagame

13. Cholamandalam MS General Insurance gets ISO 31000:2018 certification

Current Affairs: Appointments

R. Mohan	City Union Bank part-time chairman
Mike Budenholzer	National Basketball Coaches Association's 2019 Coach of the Year
Rajesh Yaduvanshi	Executive Director of Punjab National Bank
Padmaja Alaganandan	Chief people officer of PwC
Mithali Raj	Goodwill ambassador at the Street Child Cricket World Cup

Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Brand ambassador of Redbus
Sanjay kumar (Indian)	Geospatial advisory committee
JaideepSarkar	India's next High Commissioner to South Africa
KaushikShaparia	Deutsche Bank India CEO
SuhelAjaz Khan	Next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon
SaireeChahal	Paytm Payments Bank board of director
Gagandeep Kang	First Indian woman to be elected Royal Society Fellow

Current Affairs: Resignation

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Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

Fincare Small Finance Bank	Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in the category of Financial Inclusion
Paytm Payments Bank	Celent Model Bank 2019 Award under Beyond Banking category
Yusuf Hamied (Cipla chairman)	UK Royal Society honour
SreeSreenath (Indian-American Professor)	Cleveland International Hall of Fame
IPR cell of Kerala Agricultural University (KAU)	National Intellectual Property Award 2019
Malayalam film Bhayanakam	Best cinematography at 2019 Beijing International Film Festival

1. A total of 150 Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) have received medals of honour

Pulitzer Prize: 2019 Winners List

- Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States.
- It was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of American (Hungarian-born) Joseph Pulitzer who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher, and is administered by Columbia University in New York City
- Prizes are awarded yearly in twenty-one categories. In twenty of the categories, each winner receives a certificate and a US\$15,000 cash award
- The winner in the public service category of the journalism competition is awarded a gold medal

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1.	Public service	South Florida Sun-Sentinel
2.	Criticism	Carlos Lozada of The Washington Post
3.	Editorial Writing	Brent Staples of The New York Times
4.	Breaking News Reporting	staff of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
5.	Investigative Reporting	Harriet Ryan, Matt Hamilton and Paul Pringle
6.	Explanatory Reporting	David Barstow, Susanne Craig and Russ Buettner of The New York Times
7.	Local Reporting	staff of The Advocate of Baton Rouge, Louisiana
8.	National Reporting	staff of The Wall Street Journal
9.	International Reporting	1. Maggie Michael, Maad al-Zikry and Nariman El-Mofty 2. Wa Lone, KyawSoeOo and a team from Reuters
10.	Feature Writing	Hannah Dreier of ProPublica
11.	Commentary	Tony Messenger
12.	Editorial Cartoons	Darrin Bell
13.	Breaking News Photography	The photography staff of Reuters
14.	Feature Photography	Lorenzo Tugnoli of The Washington Post
BOOKS, DRAMA, AND MUSIC		
15.	Fiction	The Overstory by Richard Powers
16.	Drama	Fairview by Jackie Sibblies Drury
17.	General Nonfiction	Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America by Eliza Griswold
18.	Drama	Fairview by Jackie Sibblies Drury
19.	History	Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W. Blight
20.	Autobiography or Biography	The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke by Jeffrey C. Stewart
21.	Poetry	Be With by Forrest Gander
22.	Special Citation	Aretha Franklin

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific (RCAP) congress 2019 inaugurated in New Delhi
2. Home Expo India 2019 begins in Greater Noida

Current Affairs: Ranking

1. Mukesh Ambani, Arundhati Katju and Menaka Guruswamy are named TIME's list of 100 most influential people
2. India ranked 140 in World Press Freedom Index 2019 report released by Reporters Without Borders
3. India Rises to 17th Spot from 37th in StartupBlink's Startup Ecosystem Ranking

Current Affairs: MoU

1. India to partner with Japan and UAE to set up two projects in Africa
2. Bank of Maharashtra has partnered with M1Xchange Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform for MSME bill discounting

USEFUL INFO	
Bank of Maharashtra Headquarters	Pune
Bank of Maharashtra CEO	A. S. Rajeev
Bank of Maharashtra Tagline	One family one bank

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- IIT Hyderabad has signed a MoU with Japanese firm Terra Drone Corporation to set up drone development centre for India
- Airtel Payments Bank has tied up with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer two-wheeler insurance to its customers across India

Current Affairs: Defence

- China has successfully tested the world's first armed amphibious drone boat

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

- Indian Coast Guard Ship Veera, the third in the series of 98 metre Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) was commissioned at Visakhapatnam
- Second Edition of Indian Navy-Vietnam Peoples' Navy Bilateral Exercise (IN – VPN BILAT EX) Concluded in Vietnam
- India and France will conduct their largest ever naval exercise 'Varuna' in May 2019
- Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lanba launched a guided missile destroyer Imphal, at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai

Current Affairs: Science and Technology

- India's sub-sonic cruise missile 'Nirbhay' successfully test fired from Odisha
- Nepal successfully launched its first satellite NepaliSat-1 into space from Virginia

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

- Sri Lanka's first satellite 'Raavana-1' was launched into space from NASA's Flight Facility on Virginia's east shore

USEFUL INFO	
Sri Lanka Capital	Colombo, Jayawardenepura Kotte
Sri Lanka Currency	Sri Lankan rupee
Sri Lanka President	Maithripala Sirisena

- NASA astronaut Christina Koch to set record for longest spaceflight by a woman

Current Affairs: Mobile Application and Portal

- The Election Commission of India has launched Voter Turnout app for the voters

Current Affairs: Sports

- American professional golfer Tiger Woods clinched his fifth Master title
- India's Harsheel Dani clinched Dutch International badminton title
- Chilean professional tennis player Christian Garin won his first ATP title in the final of the US Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston
- Ethiopian runners Gelete Burka and Abreham Birhanu win 2019 Paris Marathon race
- ICC partners with UNICEF to deliver 'One Day for Children' at Men's Cricket World Cup 2019

USEFUL INFO	
ICC Headquarters	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
ICC Chairperson	Shashank Manohar
ICC CEO	Manu Sawhney

6. Former Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Jose Maria Marin has been banned for life from all football activities by FIFA

USEFUL INFO	
FIFA Headquarters	Zurich, Switzerland
FIFA President	Gianni Infantino

7. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a hefty fine of one lakh seventy-six thousand Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation
8. India's Bajrang Punia has regained the world number one spot in the men's 65-kilogram freestyle category
9. Chandigarh to host Asian Billiards, Snooker Championships
10. Services won their sixth Santosh Trophy title with a 1-0 victory over home side Punjab

Current Affairs: Books

Author	Books
Salman Rushdie	Quichotte

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Dr SK Shivakumar	Space scientist and Padma-Shri awardee
Jerrie Cobb	America's first female astronaut candidate
Alan Garcia	Ex-president of Peru
Con de Lange	Scotland all-rounder
Rama Sengupta Paul	Mountaineer
Amar Pal	Bengali folk singer