

Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF Download 22 to 31 March 2019

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 4th week of March 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming LIC/SBI Exam 2019 and other competitive exams can make use of it.

Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
March 22	World Water Day	Leaving No One Behind
March 23	World Meteorological Day	The Sun, the Earth and the Weather
March 23	Marty's Day (Shaheed Diwas)	-
March 24	World TB Day	It's Time
March 24	International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	-
March 25	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	'Remember Slavery: The Power of the Arts for Justice'
March 25	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	-
March 26	Epilepsy Awareness Day or Purple Day	-
March 27	World Theatre Day	-

Current Affairs: National

- India achieved 84 % reduction in TB deaths among HIV patients
- According to the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2018, India reduced its poverty rate from 55 % to 28 % between 2005-06 and 2015-16.
- The Home Ministry announced that the next census of India will be carried out in 2021 with March 1 of that year.
- The Commerce Ministry launched a blockchain-based coffee e-marketplace in New Delhi.
- NTPC to set up 25 MW floating solar power plant at Simhadri, Andhra Pradesh

Current Affairs: International

- High-Level Dialogue on Indo-Pacific cooperation held at Indonesia

USEFUL INFO	
Indonesia Capital	Jakarta
Indonesia Currency	Indonesian rupiah
Indonesia President	Joko Widodo

- India-funded educational campus inaugurated in Nepal

USEFUL INFO	
Nepal Capital	Kathmandu
Nepal Currency	Nepalese rupee

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Nepal President	Bidya Devi Bhandari
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3. Italy becomes first G7 nation to join China's 'Belt and Road' Initiative

USEFUL INFO	
Italy Capital	Rome
Italy Currency	Euro
Italy Prime Minister	Giuseppe Conte

4. The world's largest e-waste recycling facility has opened at the Dubai Industrial Park

USEFUL INFO	
Norway Capital	Oslo
Norway Currency	Norwegian Krone
Norway Prime Minister	Erna Solberg

5. The Pakistan government has approved a proposal to establish Sharada Peeth corridor

USEFUL INFO	
Pakistan Capital	Islamabad
Pakistan Currency	Rupee
Pakistan Prime Minister	Imran Khan

6. EU parliament approved ban on single use plastics

7. Israeli researchers have discovered the world's longest salt cave near the desert site

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

8. Shanghai's Hongkou has become the world's first district with 5G coverage

9. According to IUCN report the hump-backed mahseer is now 'critically endangered'

USEFUL INFO	
IUCN Headquarters	Inger Andersen
IUCN CEO	Gland, Switzerland

Current Affairs: State

1. India's deepest shaft cave Krem Um Ladaw was recently discovered in East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya

USEFUL INFO	
Meghalaya Capital	Shillong
Meghalaya CM	Conrad Sangma
Meghalaya Governor	Tathagata Roy

2. EC comes up with PWD app for over two lakhs Divyang voters in Maharashtra

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

3. Silver Medalist in Paralympic high jump, Girish Gowda has been appointed as ambassador of Karnataka Lok Sabha Elections 2019

4. A yarn bank has been set up at the Mysore Powerloom Silk Manufacturers Cooperative Society to benefit the state's weavers

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

5. Telangana government launched digital portal GlobalLinker (ts-msme.globallinker.com) for MSMEs

USEFUL INFO	
Telangana Capital	Hyderabad
Telangana Chief Minister	Chandrasekhar Rao
Telangana Governor	ESL Narashiman

6. Tashigang in Himachal Pradesh is world's highest polling station

USEFUL INFO	
Himachal Pradesh Capital	Shimla
Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Jai Ram Thakur
Himachal Pradesh Governor	Acharya Dev Vrat

7. Assam Chief Electoral Officer Mukesh Sahu launched the Enajori initiative in Guwahati

8. Bongaigaon district administration of Assam has developed a mobile app 'Sankalp' to particularly reach out to the first-time voters.

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

9. Tripura ranks second position with respect to the highest number of child marriage among girls aged 15 years to 19 years

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

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. Deutsche Bank is to set up bad-loan buying unit in India

USEFUL INFO	
Deutsche Bank CEO	Christian Sewing
Deutsche Bank Headquarters	Frankfurt, Germany

2. The country's largest lender SBI has raised Rs. 1,251.30 crore by issuing Basel III-compliant additional tier-I bonds

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

3. India's foreign exchange (FOREX) reserves surged by \$3.602 billion to \$405.638 billion in week to March 15, 2019

4. RBI has appointed 5-member committee under the chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani to further deepen digital payments

5. RBI has slapped a penalty of Rs. 2 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance of regulatory directions with regard to SWIFT operations

6. RBI raised the investment limit for FY2019-20 for FPI in G-Secs to 6 % from 5.5% in FY2018-19

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

7. Bank of Baroda will develop an agri-digital platform called 'Baroda Kisan' in order to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements

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

8. ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund launches Bharat Consumption Scheme
 9. PNB sell its stake in PNB Housing Finance to General Atlantic and Varde Partners for Rs. 1,851.60 crore

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

10. India's April-February fiscal deficit at 134% of FY target

Current Affairs: Business

1. NSEIT, the IT-services focused subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange has acquired Aujas Networks Ltd

USEFUL INFO	
NSE Headquarters	Mumbai
NSE CEO	Vikram Limaye

Current Affairs: Cabinet Approval

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) in February with various countries in the field of Housing, Youth Affairs and earth sciences.
- Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi approved MoU between India and Indonesia on combating illicit trafficking on narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors. The MoU will help both the countries in mutual cooperation in regulation of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and also in combating drug trafficking.
- Union Cabinet was Cabinet apprised about the MoU signed between India and Morocco for cooperation on youth matters. The MoU will strengthen and encourage cooperation between the two countries on youth matters.
- MoU signed between India and Morocco to promote exchange of information and technical cooperation in the field of Housing and Human Settlement.
- The Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Argentina in February 2019 on Antarctic Cooperation to help Scientific Cooperation on projects in the field of Earth Sciences. It will also help in the protection and conservation of Antarctica and Southern Oceans.
- MOU signed between India and Saudi Arabia for cooperation in the field of Housing. It will promote technical cooperation between both the countries including affordable / low income housing and will also enhance participation of authorities and companies in the housing and infrastructure projects.
- Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for the MoU signed in February between India and Republic of Korea on Startup Cooperation. It will facilitate and promote bilateral cooperation between the startups of both countries.
- The Union cabinet also approved acquiring land of Central Water Commission at Nallagandla, Hyderabad by Telangana State Government for road widening.
- Creation of additional posts of three Judicial Members and three Technical Members in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

Current Affairs: Ranking

1. Finland has topped a global happiness ranking for the second year in a row
2. Piyush Goyal, Harsh Vardhan in 'World's 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy for 2019'
3. India ranked 76th on WEF's global Energy Transition index
4. Samsung, Tata Motors, Apple, Hero MotoCorp and Nike are the top-five consumer-focused brands in the country, according to TRA
5. Adani became first Indian port operator to record 200 MMT cargo movement
6. According to the Skytrax World Airport Awards Singapore's Changi Airport has been crowned the world's best aviation hub for the seventh time in a row
7. Vijaywada Railway Station Gets 'Gold Rating' For Green Measures

Current Affairs: Appointments

Chacko Purackal Thomas	Tata Coffee MD and CEO
Benedict Cumberbatch	Brand ambassador of MG Motor India
Tim Stone	CFO of Ford
Vice Admiral Karambir Singh	Next Chief of Naval Staff
Aamir Khan	PhonePe's Brand Ambassador
Former India hockey captain Sardar Singh	Athletes Standing Committee of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
Sudarshan Ballal	The healthcare industry's apex body NATHEALTH president
Mohamed Moustahsane (head of African Boxing Confederation)	Interim President of AIBA
K. Govindaraj	Re-elected as president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI)
Chander Mukhi Sharma	Re-elected secretary-general as the BFI
N S Srinath	Non-executive chairman of Karur Vysya Bank
Azali Assoumani	Re elected as Comoros President
Shri Shambhu S. Kumaran	Next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Morocco
Veselin Matic	Head coach of the Indian men's basketball team
Justice DK Jain	BCCI's Ethics Officer
Goa Tourism Minister Manohar Ajaonkar	Deputy CM of Goa
Shri Abhay Thakur	Ambassador of India to Republic of Benin
Cricketer Virender Sehwag	Brand Ambassador of PolicyX.com
Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi	Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)
Zuzana Caputova	Slovakia's first female president

Current Affairs: Resignation

Gafur Rahimov	AIBA President
Conor McGregor	Irish Mixed Martial Art (MMA) fighter

Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

Kenyan science teacher Peter Tabichi	\$1m global teacher award
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President Ram Nath Kovind	Croatia's highest civilian award - the Grand Order of the King of Tomislav
Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton, and Yann LeCun	Turing Award 2018 (Nobel prize for computing)
Amartya Sen And Novelist Kazuo Ishiguro	Oxford University's Bodley Medal
Dr Rajendra Joshi	Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award
Alemba Yimchunger (forest guard of Nagaland)	Earth Day Network Star Award
Actress Rita Moreno	2019 Peabody career achievement award
Vijay Chandok	MD and CEO of ICICI Securities

64th Vimal Elaichi Filmfare Awards 2019: Complete winners' list

- Members from all quarters of Bollywood got together to honour the best of Hindi cinema in 2018 at Jio Garden, Mumbai for the 64th Vimal Elaichi Filmfare Awards 2019.

Category	Winner
Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male)	Ranbir Kapoor for 'Sanju'
Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt for 'Raazi'
Critics Best Actor in Leading Role (Male)	Ranveer Singh for 'Padmaavat' tied with Ayushmann Khurrana for 'Andhadhun'
Critics Best Actor in Leading Role (Female)	Neena Gupta for 'Badhaai Ho'
Best Director	Meghna Gulzar for 'Raazi'
Best Film (Popular)	'Raazi'
Critics Best Film	'Andhadhun'
Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Male)	Gajraj Rao for 'Badhaai Ho' tied with Vicky Kaushal for 'Sanju'
Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Female)	Surekha Sikhri for 'Badhaai Ho'
Best Screenplay	Sriram Raghavan, Arijit Biswas, Pooja Ladha Surti, Yogesh Chandekar, Hemanth Rao for 'Andhadhun'
Best Dialogue	Akshat Ghildial for 'Badhaai Ho'
Best Original Story	Anubhav Sinha for 'Mulk'
Best Debut Actor (Male)	Ishaan Khatter
Best Debut Actor (Female)	Sara Ali Khan
Best Debut Director	Amar Kaushik for 'Stree'
Best Short Film (Popular Choice)	'Plus Minus'
Best Actor (Male) for Short Film	Hussain Dalal for 'Shameless'
Best Actor (Female) for Short Film	Kirti Kulhari for 'Maya'
Best Short Film (Fiction)	'Rogan Josh'
Best Short Film (Non-Fiction)	'The Soccer City'
Gulshan Kumar Award for Best Music Album	Sanjay Leela Bhansali for 'Padmaavat'
Best Lyrics	Gulzar for 'Ae Watan' from 'Raazi'
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh for 'Ae Watan' from 'Raazi'
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shreya Ghoshal for 'Ghoomar' from 'Padmaavat'
RD Burman Award for New Music Talent	Niladri Kumar
Best Cinematography	Pankaj Kumar for 'Tumbbad'
Best VFX	Red Chillies VFX for 'Zero'
Best Background Score	Daniel B. George for 'Andhadhun'
Best Action	Vikram Dahiya and Sunil Rodriguez for

'Mukkabaaz'

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. NITI Aayog has organised one day FinTech Conclave at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi

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

2. International seminar on 'Sanskrit: a common treasure for India & Nepal' held in Kathmandu
3. Nepal Investment Summit to be organised on March 29-30 in Kathmandu

Current Affairs: Science and Technology

1. Flipkart has introduced a robot-based sortation technology at its Soukya sortation center in Bengaluru
2. Italy's new Earth-observation satellite named PRISMA (Precursore Iperspettrale della Missione Applicativa) launched from the Guiana Space Centre
3. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch 29 satellites including the primary payload EMISAT, on the first of April
4. India successfully conducts A-SAT missile test under 'Mission Shakti'

USEFUL INFO	
ISRO Headquarters	Bengaluru
ISRO Chairman	Kailasavadivoo Sivan

5. Facebook launched two new India-specific tools 'Candidate Connect' and 'Share You Voted' to boost civic engagement on its platform during the general elections
6. ISRO launched the 'Young Scientist Programme' YUVIKA for school children
7. IIT-Delhi researchers developed AI-based detector for malaria, TB, cervical cancer
8. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has successfully converted petroleum waste-product toluene into benzoic acid
9. Tesla has developed its 'largest power storage system in Asia' at Osaka train station in Japan to reduce energy demand

Current Affairs: Mobile Application

1. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched a new podcast app 'Shiksha Vani'
2. Hyper local connectivity app 'Bhonga' launched by Linkus Infratech

Current Affairs: MOU

1. ADB has inked an agreement to invest USD 50 million in solar energy project developer Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd

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

2. Pakistan will receive a loan worth 15 billion yuan (\$ 2.1 billion) from China by next week

USEFUL INFO	
Pakistan Capital	Islamabad
Pakistan Currency	Rupee
Pakistan Prime Minister	Imran Khan
China Capital	Beijing
China Currency	Renminbi, Yuan
China President	Xi Jinping

3. Japan has donated 69 million dollars to the United Nations World Food Programme

USEFUL INFO	
UNFP Headquarters	Rome, Italy
Executive Director	David Beasley

4. Oman signs agreement allowing United States military to use its ports

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

5. eBay announced adding Google Pay to its suite of payment options as part of its move to intermediate end-to-end payments
6. Apple partners with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard for Apple Card
7. India-African Union sign MoU on strengthening cooperation in healthcare sector

USEFUL INFO	
African Union Headquarters	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
African Union Chairman	Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

8. India and the US signed an agreement for exchange of country-by-country (CbC) report to check tax evasion by MNCs

USEFUL INFO	
USA Capital	Washington DC
USA Currency	Dollar
USA President	Donald Trump

9. Infosys and Roland-Garros Grand Slam tennis tournament, also called the French Open, announced a three-year strategic technology partnership
10. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) completed the acquisition of majority stake in (REC) Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd by transferring Rs. 14,500 crore to the government
11. IIT-Kharagpur partnered with Wipro for advanced research in 5G and AI

Current Affairs: Defence

- Indian and Myanmar armies carried out a military operation named 'Operation Sunrise' to wipe out insurgent camps
- Three Indian Naval Ships namely INS Sujatha, INS Shardul & INS Sarathi have reached the port city of Beira in Mozambique to provide immediate Humanitarian Assistance
- Ministry of Defence has cleared the proposal to procure 10 lakh hand grenades for the Indian Army under its Make in India programme
- Indian Air Force will participate in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA 2019) to be held in Langkawi, Malaysia
- Indian Air Force (IAF) formally inducted the four heavy-lift Chinook helicopters.
- The Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF) was inaugurated at INS Shivaji in Lonavala
- India and Australia will conduct AUSINDEX 2019 bilateral naval exercise off the coast of Vishakhapatnam
- First Indian Army mountaineering expedition to Mt Makalu flagged off
- Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division (SED) has bagged a Rs. 1,200 crore contract from the defence ministry
- The second joint logistics node of tri-services has become operational at Naval base in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Indian Navy has received Combat Management System (CMS) for first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.

12. Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) became the 'first Indian shipyard' to build and deliver 100 warships.

Current Affairs: Book

Authors	Books
Salman Anees Soz	The Great Disappointment: How Narendra Modi Squandered A Unique Opportunity to Transform the Indian Economy'
Navin Chawla (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India)	'Every Vote Counts -The Story of India's Elections'
Chetan Bhagat	India Positive

Current Affairs: Sports

- India returned with 368 medals, including 85 gold, at the Special Olympics World Summer Games, held at Abu Dhabi, UAE
- India defeats Nepal to win SAFF Women's Championship for fifth time
- Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga will retire from international cricket after next year's Twenty20 World Cup to be held in Australia
- China defeated Japan 3-2 to win the 2019 Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships
- Manu Bhaker-Saurabh Chaudhary wins senior gold in Asian Airgun C'ship
- 31-year-old Hopman Cup replaced by new ATP Cup
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recommended adding breakdancing, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games

USEFUL INFO	
International Olympic Committee Headquarters	Lausanne, Switzerland
International Olympic Committee President	Thomas Bach

- Australian Graham Reid is set to be named as the Indian men's hockey team chief coach till the 2022 World Cup
- Australia legend Tim Cahill retires from all forms of football

India Open 2019 Winners List

- The 2019 India Open was held at K. D. Jadhav Indoor Hall in India.

Events	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Single	Viktor Axelsen	Srikanth Kidambi
Women's Single	Ratchanok Intanon	He Bingjiao
Men's Doubles	Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin	Ricky Karanda Suwardi and Angga Pratama
Women's Doubles	Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu	Chow Mei Kuan and Lee Meng Yean
Mixed Doubles	Wang Yiliu and Huang Dongping	Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktavianti

Lingshui China Masters Badminton Tournament 2019 – Complete winner list

- The 2019 Lingshui China Masters was a badminton tournament held at Agile Stadium in China from 12 to 17 March 2019
- The tournament was the first Super 100 tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour.

Events	Winners	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Weng Hongyang (China)	Liu Haichao (China)
Women Singles	Kim Ga-eun (South Korea)	Zhang Yiman (China)
Men's Doubles	Lee Jhe-huei and Yang Po-hsuan (Chinese Taipei)	Ou Xuanyi and Ren Xiangyu (China)
Women's Doubles	Baek Ha-na and Kim Hye-rin (South Korea)	Liu Xuanxuan and Xiayuting (China)
Mixed Doubles	Tang Chun Man and Ng Tsz Yau (Hong Kong)	Guo Xinwaa and Liu Xuanxuan (China)

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
Captain M N Samant	Veteran commander of Indian submarine in 1971 Bangladesh war
Haku Shah	Renowned Indian artist
C S Shivalli	Karnataka Minister
L V Sharada Rao	Veteran Kannada actress
Larry Cohen	Cult-horror writer
Vinjamuri Anasuya	Noted folk artist
Ghulam Nabi Rather	Social activist
Shahnaz Rahmatullah	Bangladeshi singer
Scott Walker	Songwriter and producer
Ashita	Malayalam writer and poet
Bruce Yardley	Former Australian cricketer, coach and commentator
Valery Bykovsky	Russian cosmonaut
Prafulla Rajguru	Veteran Journalist