

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2016

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

13th India-EU Summit was held in?	Brussels
Name the European Bank, the world's largest multilateral public bank, which recently announced to invest 33 billion rupees (450 million Euros) for the first metro line in Lucknow?	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Name the venue of 8th BRICS Summit to be held from 15 to 16 October 2016?	Goa
Name the vaccine which has been recently launched by the Health Minister Shri JP Nadda as a part of Universal Immunisation Programme to reduce child mortality?	Rotavirus Vaccine
Name the place in Uttarakhand where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel on 30 March 2016 remotely launched Asia's biggest telescope, the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)?	Devasthal
Name the legendary playback singer of South Indian languages who has entered the Guinness World Records for recording highest number of songs in several languages in a career spanning over half a century?	P Susheela
Who was appointed as CEO of AirAsia India succeeding Mittu Chandilya?	Amar Abrol
Which telecom company recently announced that it will acquire Videocon Telecom's spectrum in six circles for Rs 4,428 crore through a bandwidth trading deal?	Bharti Airtel
Name the shehnai exponent who died recently in Kolkata at the age of 77? (He gave Doordarshan's signature tune at the inauguration ceremony of Doordarshan in 1973. He was also felicitated with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2009 for his contribution to Hindustani instrumental music.)	Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan
Which team retained the Santosh Trophy National Football Championships title after beating hosts Maharashtra 2-1 in the final?	Services
Which authority ruled on 13th March 2016 that the Cabinet Ministers in the States and the Union are public powers under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005?	Central Information Commission (CIC)
Name the Aditya Birla Group Chairman who was declared the CEO	Kumar Mangalam

of the Year at the fourth edition of the International Advertising Association (IAA) Awards?	Birla
What is the name of first-ever joint exercise being conducted by the border-guarding forces of India and Bangladesh, Border Security Force (BSF) and the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) respectively, in the riverine borders of the Sundarbans to enhance bilateral cooperation?	Sundarbans Maithri
Name the University which has won the annual Visitor's Award for the 'Best University'? (President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee will present Visitor's Awards for the year 2016 at a function to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on March 14, 2016, as part of the 'Festival of Innovations'. Visitor's Award were instituted with the aim of promoting healthy competition amongst Central Universities and motivating them to adopt best practices from across the world.)	Tezpur University
Name the bill which was recently approved by the Rajya Sabha and is a pioneering initiative to protect the interest of consumers, promote fair play in real estate transactions and to ensure timely execution of projects? (The Bill will go to the Lok Sabha and then for presidential assent before becoming law.)	Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill
Name the new service launched by the Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu on 11.03.2016 which is in line with the Indian Railways Cleanliness Drive "Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat" and as per the scheme, for any cleaning requirement in the coach, passenger will have to send an SMS on a mobile number 58888?	Clean My Coach
With which international finance body India recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to set up the South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) for member countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka? (The SARTTAC is expected to become the focal point for planning, coordinating, and implementing the capacity development activities of this finance body in the region on a wide range of areas, including macroeconomic and fiscal management, monetary operations, financial sector regulation and supervision, and macroeconomic statistics.)	International Monetary Fund (IMF)
What is the name of the sixth navigation satellite of the seven-satellite constellation which was successfully launched by Indian Space agency ISRO? (The IRNSS-1F or Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System is aimed at providing navigation accurately on par with the US-based Global Positioning System.)	Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS-1F)
Which team won the Irani Cup title by defeating Ranji Trophy	Rest of India

champions Mumbai by 4 wickets reaching a mammoth victory target of 480 runs in Mumbai? (It was also the best-ever run-chase in the Irani Cup history.)	
Name the ex-judge of Supreme Court who was appointed as the chairperson of the 21st Law Commission?	Balbir Singh Chauhan
In which state India's first solar powered ferry will be started?	Kerala
On which day National Safety Day is observed in India every year?	March 4
India won the Asia Cricket Cup title for record Sixth time. Which country was defeated by India by 8 wickets in the final? (This is the first time the Asia Cup was held in T20 format. Participating countries in 2016 Asia Cup were India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates (UAE).)	Bangladesh
Who will be conferred with the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2015?	Manoj Kumar
Name the Multinational Field Training Exercise (FTX) involving ASEAN Plus countries which commenced at Pune on 02.03.2016 displaying true jointmanship and team spirit? (This is the largest Ground Forces Exercise ever conducted on Indian soil and would be conducted from 02 to 08 March 2016 with themes based on 'Humanitarian Mine Action' and 'Peacekeeping Operations'.)	Exercise FORCE 18
Name the four states and the Union Territory for which the Election Commission has announced the poll schedule to be held between 4 April and 16 May 2016?	Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry.
Name the Indian shooter who won gold in 50m Air Pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in Bangkok?	Jitu Rai
Name the Hockey India national-level umpire who has been promoted to the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?	Napoleon Singh
What is the deadline set by the Indian Government to digitally connect all 1,29,323 gram in dak sewak post offices in rural areas across the country?	March 2017
In which Indian State the Chapchar Kut Festival (an annual harvest festival) is celebrated every year in the month of March?	Mizoram
Name the founder and former director of the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune who died recently at the age of 82?	Paramesh Krishnan Nair

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

World Meteorological Day 2016 was observed across the world with the theme 'Hotter, Drier, Wetter. Face the Future' on?	March 23
9th International Abilympics was held in?	France
World Tuberculosis Day 2016 was observed across the world with the theme 'Unite to End TB' on?	March 24
Name the Australian cricketer who recently announced retirement from international cricket recently?	Shane Watson
Who won men's singles title of All England Open Badminton Championships 2016?	Lin Dan (China)
Who won women's singles title of All England Open Badminton Championships 2016?	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
In which city 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves was held from March 14 to March 17? (The main objective of this Congress is to review implementation of the Madrid Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves 2008-2013, the Seville Strategy and the Statutory Framework of 1995. The Congress will assess lessons learned and new challenges faced by the World Network of Biosphere Reserves, and will develop and launch an Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves for 2016-2025.)	Lima (Peru)

National Film Awards Highlights

Sl. No.	Name of the Award	Name of the Film	Awardees
1.	Best Feature Film	Baahubali	Producer: Shobu Yarlagadda and Arka Mediaworks Director: SS Rajamouli
2.	Best Popular Film	Bajrangi Bhaijaan	Producer: Salma Khan, Salman Khan, Rockline Venkatesh Director: Kabir Khan
3.	Best Direction	Bajirao Mastani	Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali
4.	Best Actor	Piku	Amitabh Bachchan
5.	Best Actress	Tanu Weds Manu Returns	Kangana Ranaut
6.	Best Supporting Actor	Visaaranai	Samuthirakani
7.	Best Supporting Actress	Bajirao Mastani	Tanvi Azmi
8.	Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director	Masaan	Director: Neeraj Ghaywan
9.	Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration	Nanak Shah Fakir	Producer: Gurbani Media Pvt Ltd
10.	Best Film on Social Issues	Nirnayakam	Director: VK Prakash
11.	Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation	Valiya Chirakulla Pakshikal	Director: Dr. Biju
12.	Best Children's Film	Duronto	Director: Soumendra Padhi
13.	Best Child Artist	Ben	Gaurav Menon
14.	Best Male Playback Singer	Katyar Kalijat Ghusli	Mahesh Kale
15.	Best Female Playback Singer	Dum Laga Ke Haisa	Monali Thakur
16.	Best Book on Cinema	Dr. Rajakumar Samagra Charithre	Author: Doddahulluru Rukkoji