

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2017

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the aircraft which was decommissioned by Indian Navy at INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu after 29 years of service? It would be replaced with Boeing P-8I aircraft.	TU-142M
Which tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh has become the first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot which has been named Bhoorsingh the Barasingha?	Kanha Tiger Reserve
Which state in India has become the first state in India to win all the BCCI senior trophies after winning the Deodhar Trophy on 29th March?	Tamil Nadu
The Supreme Court of India on 29th March ordered a ban on the registration and sale of vehicles compliant with the older emission norms from April 1.	Bharat Stage - III (BS-III)
Against which country India won the 4-match Test series by 2-1 margin and reclaimed the Border-Gavaskar Trophy?	Australia
Which company was barred by SEBI from trading in futures market for a year over stake sale in Reliance Petroleum (RPL)? In 2007, the company sold 4.1% stake in RPL but shares were first 'short-sold' in futures market to avoid a fall in RPL stocks.	Reliance Industries
According to the UN's Human Development Report for 2015, what is the rank of India among the 188 countries surveyed for human development?	131
Name the 2 North-Eastern states for which the Union Government approved the project to construct 403-km National Highways at the cost of Rs 6,721 crore?	Meghalaya and Mizoram
Name the Indian shooter who equalled the world record (75) in the double trap event, winning the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Mexico?	Ankur Mittal
The Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill with an amendment that allows companies to make donations to political parties without having to disclose such donations.	unlimited
Name the cellular operator which will be merged with Vodafone India? Vodafone India will own 45.1% of the merged entity and the combined group would be India's largest telecom operator with almost 35% market share.	Idea Cellular
Name the Indian female snooker player who won silver medal at the Women World Snooker Championship in Singapore?	Vidya Pillai
Name the Reliance Industries Chairman who has retained the spot of India's richest person with a net worth of \$23.2 billion according to the Forbes' 2017 Billionaires list? Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal and Wipro Chairman Azim Premji ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively.	Mukesh Ambani
Who became the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh after BJP won the majority seats in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly Election 2017?	Yogi Adityanath
Five Indian cities were included in the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Which are these cities?	Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar Delhi Jaipur and Mumbai

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) created history by commissioning the world's third-largest hypersonic wind tunnel at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). VSSC is situated at which place?	Thiruvananthapuram
The Indian Navy has successfully conducted the maiden trial firing of newly installed Barak missile system from its aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Which type of missile is it?	Surface-to-air
Which state on 26th March 2017 lifted the Santosh Trophy for the 32nd time after Manvir Singh struck in the 119th minute for a 1-0 win over Goa in the final?	West Bengal
How many medals India won in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games?	73 medals (Gold - 37, Silver - 10 and Bronze - 26)
Name the former Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) director known as the 'monsoon man' and the Father of Indian Meteorology for his role in helping scientists develop better prediction systems for India's rainy season, who died on Saturday after a heart attack? He was 85.	Dev Raj Sikka
What is India's rank in the World Happiness Report 2017 published by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network?	122
After associate banks, which bank will be merged with the State Bank of India?	Bharatiya Mahila Bank
At which place in Kerala NTPC has installed India's largest floating solar photovoltaic plant?	Kayamkulam
Recognizing the potential and possibilities in the fisheries sector, Government of India has envisaged a program named to unlock the country's latent potential through an integrated approach. Fish Fingerling production is the single most important critical input visualised to achieve fish production targets under this program.	Blue Revolution
The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 with the Maternity Benefits (Amendments) Bill, 2016 was passed by the Parliament recently. What is the period of maternity leave which has been allowed under the Act?	26 weeks
High Court of which state on 20th March 2017 accorded the status of "living human entities" to the Ganga and Yamuna, two of India's most sacred rivers?	Uttarakhand
Which State won the Vijay Hazare Trophy by defeating West Bengal by 37 runs in the final?	Tamil Nadu
Name the Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC) who resigned from his post on 15th March 2017? He was former President of the BCCI and became ICC's first independent chairman in May 2016 for a 2-year term succeeding N Srinivasan.	Shashank Manohar
Which North-Eastern state of India got its first BJP-led government after N Biren Singh took oath as the Chief Minister of the state?	Manipur
After the recent Assembly Poll results in five states how many states in India are being currently ruled by the Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)?	16 states
Name the Punjab outgoing Chief Minister who submitted his resignation to state Governor VP Singh Badnore after his party Shiromani Akali Dal lost the election?	Prakash Singh Badal
Name the Indian Golfer who became only the second Indian golfer and the third overall to successfully defend his Indian Open title?	Shiv Chawrasia

Who resigned from his post as Union Defence Minister and was appointed as the Chief Minister of Goa by the Goa Governor Mridula Sinha?	Manohar Parrikar
Who was given additional charge of the Defence Ministry after President Pranab Mukherjee accepted Manohar Parrikar's resignation from the post?	Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley
Which political party won majority seats in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly Election 2017?	Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)
Which political party won majority seats in the Punjab Assembly Election 2017?	Congress
Which political party won majority seats in the Uttarakhand Assembly Election 2017?	Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)
Which political party won majority seats in the Manipur Assembly Election 2017?	Congress
Which political party won majority seats in the Goa Pradesh Assembly Election 2017?	Congress
Name the eminent Konkani writer who has been honoured with the Saraswati Samman 2016 for his novel Hawtham? The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh and a citation.	Mahabaleshwar Sail
What is the name of Water Jet Fast Attack Craft (WJFAC) which was commissioned to Indian Navy on 09th March 2017 by Vice Admiral Girish Luthra? It is the third ship of four follow-on WJFAC built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Kolkata. The first two ships of the class, IN ships Tarmugli and Tihayu were commissioned in 2016 and are based at Vishakapatnam.	INS Tillanchang
At which place 10th edition of the International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2017) was held?	Delhi
Arvind Padmanabhan who passed away recently was related to which field?	Journalism
Government of which state launched 181 helpline number for distressed women on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2017?	Odisha
The National Archives of India was established on? It was originally established as the Imperial Record Department in 1891, in Calcutta, then capital of British India.	March 11
In which country India will organise the fifth edition of the mega cultural festival "India by the Nile" from 08 March 2017 to 27th April 2017?	Egypt
Which bank has become the first Indian bank to launch the biometric-based payment system Aadhaar Pay through its network?	IDFC Bank
The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Leaders' Summit was held for the first time in which country from 5 March 2017 to 7 March 2017 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Association?	Indonesia
Name the Eminent Malayalam author and journalist who was presented the 30th Moortidevi award by Bharatiya Jnanpith organisation on 4th March 2017? He was chosen for the prestigious award for his Malayalam travelogue Hymavathabhoovil, which dwells upon ancient trails of Indian culture, myth, literature and people strewn in the plains, valleys and mountains of India.	M P Veerendra Kumar
In which state Bhagoria festival is celebrated by Bhils and Bhilalas tribes in the month of March before Holi festival?	Madhya Pradesh
Which bank became India's first bank to launch Electronic Virtual Assistant (EVA), an artificial intelligence-driven chatbot, for customer services? It can	HDFC Bank

answer millions of customer queries across multiple channels instantly.	
In which city the 3-day festival - Destination North East 2017 was inaugurated on 6th March 2017 by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region, Dr. Jitendra Singh?	Chandigarh
Name the Senior tribal leader from Chhattisgarh and ex parliamentarian who assumed charge as the chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)?	Nand Kuamr Sai
Stung by a documentary questioning India's aggressive protection measures at Kaziranga national park in Assam, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) that governs all tiger reserves in the country imposed a ban on the network and its journalist Justin Rowlatt for five years. What is the name of this television network?	British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)
Name the renowned writer, columnist, humourist and playwright who passed away at the age of 87 after prolonged illness? He is best known for his Gujarati column 'Duniya Ne Undha Chasma'. The popular TV show 'Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah' is based on this column.	Taarak Mehta
Which state will hosts the biggest river festival 'Namami Brahmaputra' planned all along the mighty river Brahmaputra from March 31 to April 4?	Assam
Name the senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who on 01 March 2017 took charge as the chairman of markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He is the ninth chairman of the Sebi and has taken over from U.K. Sinha, who completed his six-year tenure.	Ajay Tyagi

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

Name the Microsoft co-founder who has been ranked first on Forbes' 2017 Billionaires list with a fortune of \$86 billion and has been the world's richest person for 18 out of past 23 years? Investor Warren Buffet and Amazon's Jeff Bezos ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively.	Bill Gates
Earth Hour 2017 was observed across the world on? The aim of Earth Hour is to unite people to protect the planet by reducing pollution and adopting clean energy for future. During this day Lights go off in over 7,000 cities across the globe for one hour.	25th March
World Tuberculosis Day 2017 was observed across the world on?	24th March
In a world-first a New Zealand river has been granted the same legal rights as a human being. What is the name of this river?	Whanganui
World Meteorological Day 2017 was observed across the world on?	23rd March
Which country ranked No. 1 in the World Happiness Report published recently by United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network?	Norway
Name the Malaysian player who won the All England Open Badminton Championships Men's Singles title?	Lee Chong Wei
Name the Taiwanese badminton player who won the All England Open Badminton Championship Women's Singles title?	Tai Tzu-ying

Commonwealth Day 2017 was celebrated with the theme "A peace-building Commonwealth" on?	2nd Monday in March every year
On which day World Water Day 2017 was held annually as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources?	22nd March
On which day World Poetry Day 2017 is observed to appreciate and support poets and poetry around the world?	21st March
International Day of Happiness was observed across the world on?	20th March
Name the South African city which has been stripped of its right to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games after it failed to meet the eligibility criteria due to financial constraints?	Durban
Which country passed the Brexit Bill paving the way for the government to trigger Article 50 so that it can leave the European Union?	United Kingdom
Which country became the first country in the world to force companies to prove they pay all employees the same, regardless of gender, sexuality or nationality?	Iceland
World Kidney Day 2017 with the theme Kidney Disease & Obesity was observed across the world on?	9th March
Who has been re-elected as President of the European Council for a second term of two and a half years, from 1 June 2017 to 30 November 2019? He was also re-appointed as President of the Euro Summit for the same period. He is the second full-time President of the European Council, following the creation of the post on 1 December 2009 under the Treaty of Lisbon.	Donald Tusk
In which country the Mobile World Congress 2017 will be held?	Spain
International Women's Day 2017 with the theme "Be Bold for Change" was observed across the world on?	8th March
Banking system of which country has surpassed that of the Eurozone to become the world's largest by assets?	China
World Wildlife Day 2017 with the theme "Listen to the Young Voices" was celebrated across the world on?	3rd March
Name the Pakistani diplomat who was elected to the post of Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) replacing Nepal's Arjun Bahadur Thapa? He will be the 13th secretary general of the regional bloc which was established in 1985.	Amjad Hussein B Sial