

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2021

NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

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| Who has been selected for the prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award? | Asha Bhosle |
| Which group of students are covered under CBSE's new competence-based assessment framework aligned with the new National Education Policy (NEP)? | Class 6 to 10 |
| Name the wildlife conservationist who authored the book - Wild and Wilful? | Neha Sinha |
| Who will take over as the 48th Chief Justice of India (CJI) from April 24, 2021? | NV Ramana |
| Which film directed by Priyadarshan won the Best Feature Film Award at the 67th National Film Awards? | Marakkar: Arabikkadilinte Simham |
| Name the senior Congress leader who was named among the 20 winners of Sahitya Akademi Awards 2020 for his epic poetry titled 'Sri Bahubali Ahimsadigvijayam' in Kannada? | M Veerappa Moily |
| Which Indian Coast Guard Ship was commissioned on March 24, 2021 at Chennai by Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat? | ICGS Vajra |
| Which is India's first Union Territory (UT) to achieve 100% Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)? | Andaman & Nicobar |
| Who has been appointed as the CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in March 2021? | Saurabh Garg |
| Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)? | Sanjeev Kumar |
| Which Hindi writer has been chosen to be honoured with Vyas Samman 2020 for his novel Patliputru ki Samragi? | Professor Sharad Pagare |
| Name the first President and former Prime Minister of Bangladesh who has been conferred with the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020? | Sheikh Muzibur Rahman |
| Name the former Sultan of Oman who has been conferred the Gandhi Peace Prize for the Year 2019? | Qaboos bin Said Al Said |

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| Who is the author of the book - Indians: A Brief History of a Civilization? | Namit Arora |
| Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy Airport was recently inaugurated by Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. Where is it located? | Andhra Pradesh |
| Name the Indian sportsperson who has become the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics 2021? | Bhavani Devi |
| In how many T20 internationals Virat Kohli has scored 3000 runs to become the first batsman ever to do so? | 87 |
| Name the Kathakali maestro and recipient of Padma Shri who passed away on March 15, 2021 at the age of 105 years? | CK Nair |
| Which bank is the first in the industry to introduce an instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform called "EMI @ Internet Banking"? | ICICI Bank |
| On which river Maitri Setu connecting Tripura with Bangladesh was recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi? | Feni |
| What was the rank of India in the World Happiness Index 2021 released by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network? | 139 |
| Against which messaging app, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) ordered an investigation into its new privacy policy for breaching The Competition Act, 2002? | WhatsApp |
| Name the renowned painter and recipient of Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri and Lalit Kala Akademi awards who passed away on March 14, 2021? | Laxman Pai |
| Which organisation acquired 26% stake in Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)? | National Stock Exchange (NSE) |
| Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand? | Tirath Singh Rawat |
| Who was appointed as the Director General of National Security Guard (NSG)? | MA Ganapathy |
| Name the cricketer who has become the first Indian woman to score 10,000 runs combined across all formats of the game? | Mithali Raj |
| Who became the first Indian table tennis player to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics 2021? | AS Kamal |
| Which film directed by Nitesh Tiwari won the Best Hindi film award at the | Chhichhore |

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| 67th National Film Awards? | |
| Who won the Best Actress award at the National Film Awards 2019? | Kangana Ranaut |
| What was the theme of 3rd Jan Ausadhi Diwas 2021 which was observed on March 07, 2021? | Seva bhi - Rozgar bhi |
| Who won the Best Actor award jointly for their films 'Bhonsle' and 'Asuran' respectively? | Manoj Bajpayee and Dhanush |
| What is the new legal drinking age in Delhi? | 21 years |
| The Centre has asked States to increase the gap between 2 doses of Covishield to up to how many weeks? | 8 weeks |
| Which State was declared as a model state for Van Dhan Vikas Yojana? | Manipur |
| Which state passed a bill to establish Yog Aayog for the promotion, regulation and training of Yoga? | Haryana |
| Name the Indian Javelin thrower who created a new national record with a 63.24m effort on March 15, 2021? | Annu Rani |
| A stone from the Sita Eliya temple will be used for the construction of the Ram Temple. Where is the temple located? | Sri Lanka |
| The Union Government will set up a Development Finance Institution (DFI) with a view to mobilise Rs 111 lakh crore required for funding of the ambitious national infrastructure pipeline. What is the total amount allocated in Union Budget 2021 for DFI? | Rs 20,000 crore |
| The Defence Ministry has signed a contract with which organisation for the procurement of 4,960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles for Rs 1,188 crore? | Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) |
| Which company build the Chenab Bridge - world's highest railway bridge? | Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd |
| What is the name of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Athagarh Forest Division who has been felicitated with United Nation's Asia Environmental Enforcement Award? She is the first Indian to receive such an award. | Sasmita Lanka |
| Which mobile application was launched by the Department of Food and Public Distribution to provide ration under the 'One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)' plan? All Indian citizens can register themselves on the app to get | Mera Ration |

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| food grains at subsidised prices. | |
| In which State or Union Territory, the festival of Herath (Shivaratri) is widely celebrated? | Jammu and Kashmir |
| Who is popularly known as India's Satellite Man on whose 89th birth anniversary Google honoured him with a doodle? | UR Rao |
| The Union Government had made e-invoices mandatory for businesses with annual revenue of over Rs ____ crore from April 1, 2021. | 50 |
| Which private sector bank has introduced wearable contactless payment devices called 'Wear N Pay' that will enable customers to pay on the go? | Axis Bank |
| Name the Indian wrestler who recently became world number one in the 65 kg category? | Bajrang Punia |
| On which day Central Industrial Security Force's (CISF) Raising Day is observed every year? | 10th March |
| Which Indian actor will be conferred with the 2021 Film Archive Award presented by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF)? | Amitabh Bachchan |
| Which insurance scheme converged with Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY (Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana) in 113 districts of 4 states - Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Karnataka? | Employee State Insurance Scheme |
| Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations (UN) for the year 2021? | GC Murmu |
| The Indian Railways has merged all railway helpline numbers into a single number for all queries, complaints, assistance and quick grievance redressal. What is this number? | 139 |
| Government of which State has ordered the removal of religious structures that have been built on public roads and pavements since 2011? | Uttar Pradesh |
| In which State, World Skill Centre (WSC), India's first and one-of-its-kind skill centre was recently inaugurated to impart advanced skills and create globally employable youth in the State? | Odisha |
| Which year has been adopted as the International Year of Millets by UN General Assembly (UNGA) based on the resolution initiated by India? | 2023 |
| Who has been appointed as the Revenue Secretary of India? | Tarun Bajaj |

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| After a gap of how many years, the Indian Navy on March 8 has deployed women officers on warships? | 23 years |
| After merger, what is the new name of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha TV? | Sansad TV |
| Which State has signed an agreement with Arcelor Mittal to invest Rs 50,000 crore to set up a 12 million tonne integrated steel plant? | Odisha |
| From which country Indian Army has leased 4-Heron TP Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for a period of 3 years? | Israel |
| On which day National Safety Day in India is observed every year with the purpose of creating awareness among people with respect to safety measures? | 4th March |

INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS

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| Which container ship (400m-long) has blocked the Suez Canal for almost a week? | Ever Given |
| Samia Suluhu Hassan has become the first female President of which country? | Tanzania |
| Which country launched 38 foreign satellites in a historic mission on March 22nd? | Russia |
| Which animal was recently listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List? | African Forest Elephant |
| Name the Dutch engineer and inventor, best known as the inventor of the cassette tape, who died recently at the age of 94? | LF Ottens |
| On which day World Tuberculosis Day was observed across the world? | 24th March |
| Which country topped the World Happiness Index 2021 released by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network? | Finland |
| Which country became the first in Europe to conduct military exercise in space named AsterX? | France |
| On which day World Water Day was observed across the world? | 22nd March |
| Who recently became the 3rd batsman in the history of international cricket to hit 6 sixes in an over? Herschelle Gibbs and Yuvraj Singh are the other two batsmen to achieve the feat. | Kieron Pollard |
| Which two teams have made it to the final of World Test Championship? | New Zealand, India |
| On which day International Women's Day was observed across the world? | 8th March |
| What was the theme of International Women's Day 2021? | Choose to Challenge |