

# Current Affairs of March 2014

## National and International Current Affairs & Events for the Month - March 2014

### National Current Affairs and Events

Union Cabinet gave approval for setting up a new rail coach manufacturing unit at -	<b>Kolar, Karnataka</b>
National Food Security Act came into force in this State -	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
Government of India raised the number of workdays under MNREGA from 100 days to -	<b>150</b>
Union Cabinet cleared reservation for this community under the central list of OBC category in nine northern states -	<b>Jat</b>
President of India signed the proclamation to impose President Rule in -	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>
Indian Navy on 1 March 2014 successfully completed one of its largest war drills spread over Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal region. -	<b>Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX)</b>
To carved out Telengana state (with 10 districts) out of Andhra Pradesh, President of India signed the -	<b>Telangana Bill</b>
282 mortal remains of Indian soldiers of 1857 mutiny were exhumed from the well at -	<b>Ajnala in Amritsar district of Punjab</b>
RBI has extended date for exchange of pre-2005 banknotes from 01.04.2014 to -	<b>01.01.2015</b>
Who wrote the book 'India at Risk – Mistakes, Misconceptions and Misadventures of security policy' -	<b>Jaswant Singh of BJP</b>
Former Delhi Chief Minister appointed as new Governor of Kerala -	<b>Sheila Dikshit</b>
Which State became first State in India to celebrate Child Protection Day -	<b>Assam</b>
Indian acid attack victim, Laxmi who started the movement to end acid attacks in India was awarded International Women of Courage Award by -	<b>United States</b>
Election Commission of India announced that the 16th Lok Sabha elections will be held from -	<b>7 April 2014 to 12 May 2014</b>
3rd BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic	<b>Myanmar</b>

Cooperation) Summit was held in -	
Assembly elections in these 3 States will be held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha polls -	<b>Sikkim, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh</b>
Who won 2 Gold and 1 Silver at 16th Asian Youth Weightlifting Championships? -	<b>Ragala Venkat Rahul</b>
International Women Day observed across the world on -	<b>8 March</b>
Mizoram won 68th Santosh Trophy in Football by defeating -	<b>Railways</b>
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced to set up a committee under the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) to assist banking sector to apply -	<b>Basel III norms</b>
Which Indian writer won Windham Campbell Literature Prize in non-fiction category? -	<b>Pankaj Mishra</b>
Which Indian shooter won the gold medal in women's air rifle event at the 7th Asian Championship in Kuwait? -	<b>Pooja Ghatkar</b>
Which Indian-American student won the National Spelling Bee Competition in the US? -	<b>Kush Sharma</b>
Sheila Dikshit took oath as Governor of which State? -	<b>Kerala</b>
Government of India (GOI) announced to provide 5000 crore rupees development assistance to which country? -	<b>Bhutan</b>
IPL 2014 to be held in 3 phases at India, Bangladesh and -	<b>UAE</b>
Who was appointed as the first women director of NALCO -	<b>Soma Mondal</b>
Name the two States which will be first states in India to get Plastic Photo Identity Card for elections. -	<b>Nagaland and Assam</b>
Who resigned as chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)? -	<b>Nandan Nilekani</b>
Which country decided to honour the Indian soldiers who participated in World War I? -	<b>UK</b>
As per Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report which country is the world's largest importer of arms? -	<b>India</b>

Which state won the Vijay Hazare Cricket Trophy 2013-14 by defeating Railways? -	<b>Karnataka</b>
Which scheme was extended by RBI to import gold to five private banks(HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank and Yes Bank)? -	<b>80:20 scheme</b>
This renowned author and journalist died on 20 March 2014 -	<b>Khushwant Singh</b>
First women President of Indian Journalist's Association -	<b>Aditi Khanna</b>
Winner of digital Activism Award 2014 -	<b>Shubranshu Choudhary</b>
Sarawasti Samman for the year 2013 for the book Dhool Paudho Par was given to -	<b>Govind Mishra</b>
Which bank launched Instant Money Transfer (IMT) Scheme -	<b>Bank of India</b>
EPFO announced to provide Universal Account Number (UAN) to its subscribers from -	<b>01 October 2014</b>

### International Current Affairs and Events

This country won the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup by defeating Pakistan -	<b>South Africa</b>
Who is the World's top richest Billionaire according to Forbes magazine's annual World billionaires list? -	<b>Bill Gates</b>
This South African cricketer announces retirement from Cricket -	<b>Graeme Smith</b>
Crimea voted to accelerate secession from Ukraine and become a part of the -	<b>Russian Federation</b>
Which country declared Muslim Brotherhood a Terrorist Organisation? -	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>
Plane of which airline with 239 aboard disappeared on South China Sea? -	<b>Malaysian Airlines</b>
Which country hold referendum on changing the National Flag? -	<b>New Zealand</b>
What is the name of the world's longest aircraft which has been unveiled in Britain? -	<b>Airlander</b>
Who sworn-in as President of Chile for second term? -	<b>Michelle Bachelet</b>

World Kidney Day was observed across the world on -	<b>13 March</b>
The Czech priest who won the Templeton Prize for 2014 -	<b>Tomas Halik</b>
On which country United States, Japan and the European Union (EU) imposed sanctions over Crimea annexation? -	<b>Russia</b>
World Poetry Day observed across the world on -	<b>21 March 2014</b>

### 86th Annual Academy Oscar Awards 2014

<b>Highlights of 86th Annual Academy Oscar Awards 2014:</b>	
Best Picture:	<b>12 Years a Slave</b>
Best Actor:	<b>Matthew McConaughey (Dallas Buyers Club)</b>
Best Actress:	<b>Cate Blanchett (Blue Jasmine)</b>
Best Director:	<b>Alfonso Cuaron (Gravity)</b>
Best Supporting Actor:	<b>Jared Leto (Dallas Buyers Club)</b>
Best Supporting Actress:	<b>Lupita Nyong'o (12 Years a Slave)</b>
Best Foreign Language Film:	<b>The Great Beauty</b>
Best Animated Feature Film:	<b>Frozen</b>
Best Costume Design:	<b>Gatsby</b>
Best Makeup and Hairstyling:	<b>Dallas Buyers Club</b>
Best Animated Short Film:	<b>Mr. Hublot</b>
Best Visual Effects:	<b>Gravity</b>
Best Documentary Feature:	<b>20 Feet From Stardom</b>
Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award:	<b>Angelina Jolie</b>

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