

Current Affairs – March 2015

National Current Affairs and Events

Who was awarded Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award of Hockey India?	Balbir Singh Senior
Name the navigational satellite successfully launched by ISRO recently?	IRNSS 1-D
Who won the fbb Femina Miss India 2015 title?	Aditi Arya
Who was awarded Bharat Ratna by the President of India?	Madan Mohan Malaviya (posthumously) and Atal Behari Vajpayee
Government of which state launched India's first e-ration card service?	Delhi
High Court of which state became the first in India to launch commercial courts for speedy disposal of cases?	Delhi
Who won Gandhi Peace Prize 2014?	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
What is the name of platform launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for addressing grievances of people and also monitoring Union Government Programmes and Projects?	PRAGATI
Who became the youngest Archer to enter India Book of Records?	Dolly Shivani Cherukuri
Who won the National Award for Best Actress for the film Queen?	Kangana Ranaut
What is the name of pre-paid debit card which was recently launched by IRCTC in collaboration with the Union Bank of India?	RuPay
Name the section of Information Technology Act, 2000 which has been declared by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional?	Section 66A
Name the veteran Bollywood actor who was awarded the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2014?	Shashi Kapoor
What is the name of the scheme approved by the Union Cabinet for imparting skill training to youth?	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)

What percentage of reservation in police forces of all Union Territories had been approved by the Union Cabinet?	33%
Name the captain of Indian cricket team who became the first Indian captain to win 100 match in One Day Internationals (ODIs)?	Mahendra Singh Dhoni
What is the name of air-to-air missile which was successfully test fired from ITR Chandipur, Odisha?	Astra
Government of which state has decided to announce UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) like numbers for cows?	Haryana
What is the name of mobile application recently launched by HDFC Bank to transfer money instantly to any person in India?	Chillr
Name the former Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission who resigned recently from the post of Chairman of Board of Governors of IIT Bombay?	Anil Kakodkar
Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of North East region of India by the Union Ministry of DoNER?	Mary Kom
As per ruling of Supreme Court of India, Development Officers of which insurance company are not workmen under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947?	Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
Supreme Court recently quashed the Union Government's decision to include in the Central Other Backward Class (OBC) list?	Jats
Who was appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CRISIL?	Ashu Suyash
Assembly of which state passed the Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Bill, 2015 prohibiting slaughter of cows?	Haryana
Who won the 69th edition of Santosh Trophy of Football defeating Punjab 5-4?	Services
Who won the Ranji title defeating Tamil Nadu by an innings and 217 runs?	Defending champion Karnataka
Indian Railways signed MoU with LIC for implementing different Railway projects. In this respect how much financial assistance LIC will provide to Indian Railways?	Rs 1,50,000 crore
First Kisan Call Centre in North-East India was opened in?	Agartala (Tripura)
Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first indigenously developed rotavirus vaccine. What is the name of this vaccine?	Rotavac

Who was selected for Saraswati Samman 2014 for his famous Kannada poem 'Ramayana Mahanveshanam'?	Veerappa Moily
Name the documentary film based on the Delhi gang rape and murder of Delhi girl Nirbhaya and which was released by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) recently?	India's Daughter
Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2015 was passed by the Lok Sabha recently. This bill hiked the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) cap in the insurance sector from 26 percent to?	49 percent
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reduced Repo rate by?	25 basis point
Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2015 was passed from? (This Bill seeks to amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to bring e-rickshaws and e-carts into the ambit of the Act.)	Lok Sabha
Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 was passed from?	Lok Sabha
World's largest and tallest Indian flag was unfurled in?	Faridabad
Name the Indian female boxing star who has announced recently to retire from boxing after Rio Olympics in 2016?	Mary Kom
Who was appointed as the chairman of National Book Trust?	Baldev Sharma
Who was unanimously elected as the President of BCCI?	Jagmohan Dalmiya
Who sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir?	Mufti Mohammed Sayeed

International Current Affairs

Name the New Zealand cricketer who retired from all forms of International Cricket?	Daniel Vettori
Name the captain of Australian cricket team who retired from ODI cricket after winning the ICC Cricket World Cup?	Michael Clarke
Who won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 for the fifth time by defeating New Zealand in the final?	Australia
World Tuberculosis Day 2015 was observed across the world on?	24th March
What is the name of founding father and first Prime Minister of Singapore who	Lee Kuan Yew

died recently?	
Name the cricketer of New Zealand who scored highest-ever score of 237 runs (against West Indies) in the history of World Cup Cricket?	Martin Guptill
Name the Pakistani cricketers who announced their retirement from ODI after loosing their world cup quarter final match against Australia?	Shahid Afridi and Misbah-ul-Haq
Name the veteran Sri Lankan cricketers who announced their retirement from ODI after loosing their world cup quarter final match against South Africa?	Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara
Who won the Formula One Australian Grand Prix?	Lewis Hamilton of Britain
What is the theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2015?	Helping consumers choose healthy diets
World Kidney Day 2015 was observed across the world. What is its theme?	Kidney Health for All
Name the Sri Lankan Cricketer who created history by scoring four successive centuries in a Cricket World Cup?	Kumar Sangakkara
Name the Sri Lankan cricketer who announced retirement from Test cricket recently?	Kumar Sangakkara
What is the theme for the 2015 International Women's Day?	Make it Happen
Which country created the world record for highest ever score of 417 in a Cricket World Cup?	Australia
World Wildlife Day was observed across the world on?	4th March

Main Highlights of ICC Cricket World Cup 2015

1. This was the 11th Cricket World Cup jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand from 14 February 2015 to 29 March 2015
2. 14 teams participated in this world cup. The teams were Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, South Africa, England, New Zealand, West Indies, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Scotland, Ireland, Afghanistan and United Arab Emirates (UAE).
3. Sachin Tendulkar was the brand ambassador of ICC Cricket World Cup 2015.
4. 1st Semi-final: New Zealand beat South Africa by 4 wickets (D/L method).
5. 2nd Semi-final: Australia beat India by 95 runs.
6. Final: Australia defeated New Zealand by 7 wickets to win their fifth ICC Cricket World Cup.

7. Man of the Match (final): James Faulkner (Australia).
8. Man of the tournament: Mitchell Starc (Australia).
9. Top scorer of the World Cup: 547 runs by Martin Guptill (New Zealand).
10. Top wicket taker of the World Cup: 22 wickets each by Mitchell Starc (Australia) and Trent Boult (New Zealand).
11. 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in England.

62nd National Film Award

Sl. No.	Name of Award	Name of Film	Awardee (s)
1.	Best Feature Film	Court (Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati, English)	Producer - Vivek Gumber Director - Chaitanya Tamhane
2.	Best Popular Film providing wholesome entertainment	Mary Kom (Hindi)	Producer: Sanjay Leela Bhansali Director - Omung Kumar
3.	Best Children's Film	Kaakkaa Muttai (Tamil) Elizabeth Ekadashi (Marathi)	Director - M. Manikandan Director - Paresh Mokashi
4.	Best Direction	Chotushkone (Bengali)	Srijit Mukherji
5.	Best Actor	Nanu Avanalla Avalu (Kannada)	Sanchari Vijay
6.	Best Actress	Queen (Hindi)	Kangana Ranaut
7.	Best Male Playback Singer	Haider (Hindi)	Sukhwinder Singh for "Bismil" song.
8.	Best Female Playback Singer	Saivam (Tamil)	Uttara Unnikrishanan for "Azhagu" song.
10.	Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director	Asha Jaoar Majhe (Bengali)	Producer: Sanjay Shah, Aditya Vikram Sengupta Director - Aditya Vikram Sengupta

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11.	Special Jury Award	Khwada (Marathi)	Director - Bhaurao Karhade
12.	Best Film on Social Issues	Chotoder Chobi (Marathi)	Producer: Shree Venkatesh Films Director - Kaushik Ganguly

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