

MARCH 2025 CURRENT AFFAIRS

Important Days in March 2025

- 1 March: Zero Discrimination Day, World Civil Defence Day
- 3 March: World Wildlife Day (Theme: Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation), World Hearing Day
- 4–10 March: National Safety Week
- 4 March: National Safety Day
- 8 March: International Women's Day (Theme: For All Women & Girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment)
- 10 March: CISF Raising Day (Central Industrial Security Force, 56th Raising Day in 2025)
- 12 March: Start of Dandi March (1930)
- 14 March: Pi Day, International Day of Actions for Rivers
- 15 March: World Consumer Rights Day (Theme: Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles)
- 16 March: National Vaccination Day (Immunization for All – It's Humanly Possible)
- 18 March: Ordinance Factory Day
- 20 March: World Sparrow Day, World Oral Health Day, International Day of Happiness, French Language Day
- 21 March: World Puppetry Day, World Down Syndrome Day, International Day of Forests, World Day for Glaciers
- 22 March: Bihar Day, World Water Day (Theme: Water for Peace)
- 23 March: Shaheed Diwas (Martyr's Day), World Meteorological Day
- 24 March: World Tuberculosis Day
- 26 March: Chipko Movement Anniversary
- 27 March: World Theatre Day
- 30 March: Rajasthan Day
- 30 March: International Day of Zero Waste (Theme: Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles)

Major Appointments

- C.S. Setty appointed Chairman of Indian Banks Association (IBA)
- Rahul Bhave appointed Managing Director & CEO of Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
- Justice Harish Tandon sworn in as Chief Justice of Orissa High Court
- Ajay Seth appointed Finance Secretary of India
- Ajay Bhadoo appointed CEO of Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
- Manan Kumar Mishra re-elected Chair of the Bar Council of India
- Dr. Mayank Sharma appointed Controller General of Defence Accounts
- Vikas Kaushal appointed CMD of HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd)
- Arun Mammen appointed Chairman of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA)

- Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman appointed to head a foundation (related to science/education)
- Permender Chopra given additional charge as CMD of REC Limited
- Amitabh Mukherjee appointed CMD of NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation)
- First female assigned to a Permanent Fighter Squadron in IAF: Flying Officer Tanushka Singh

Awards

- Maharashtra Bhushan 2025: Ram Sutar (Sculptor of Statue of Unity, etc.)
- Stockholm Water Prize 2025: Hydrologist G. Amblesch (Swedish scientist, major contributions to water sustainability)
- 59th Jnanpith Award (2024): Vinod Kumar Shukla (Hindi Literature)
- 2025 Abel Prize (Mathematics): Masaki Kashiwara (Japan)
- 2024 ACM Turing Award: Andrew Barto & Richard Sutton (for Reinforcement Learning in Computing)
- Oscars 2025: Best Picture – "Anora", Best Director – Sean Baker, Best Actor – Adrian Brody ("The Brutal"), Best Actress – Mikey Madison ("Anora")
- IIFA Awards 2025: Best Picture – Lapata Ladies, Best Director – Kiran Rao, Best Actress – Nitanshi Goyal, Best Actor – Kartik Aaryan
- IIFA Digital Awards: Best Series – Panchayat, Best Director – Deepak Kumar Mishra ("Panchayat")
- Prizker Architecture Prize 2025: Liu Jiakun (China)
- Holberg Prize (Humanities): Gayatri Spivak
- Sangeet Kalanidhi (Carnatic Music): R.K. Sriram Kumar
- Nitya Kalanidhi (Classical Dance): Urmila Satyanarayan
- Entrepreneur of the Year (EY): Nithin Kamath (ZeroDha)
- Balbir Singh Senior Player of The Year (Hockey): Harmanpreet Singh (men), Savita Punia (women)
- Laureus World Sports Award 2025 (Comeback of the Year): Rishabh Pant

Obituaries (Notable Losses)

- Padmakar Shivalkar (Indian cricketer, Mumbai Ranji star)
- George Foreman (Legendary US boxer)
- Gopalakrishna Kurup (Yakshagana Scholar)
- Arvind Singh Mewar (Descendant of Maharana Pratap)
- Dr. Devendra Pradhan (Former Union Minister)
- Padma Bhushan Ramakanta Rath (Odia poet)
- K. K. Choudhury (Dalit thinker and social activist)
- Himmat Shah (Modern Indian artist)
- Fred Stolle (Australian tennis player)

Books & Authors

- "Diyaslai" (Autobiography of Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi)
- "March of Glory" by K. Arumugam and Errol D'Cruz (On 1975 Hockey World Cup Win)
- "Leod: The Untold Story" – Chennai Super Kings, by P.S. Raman
- "Ripples of Change: Gender Transformative Rural WASH in India"

State News

- First Shivaji Maharaj Temple inaugurated in Thane, Maharashtra
- Assam to launch first state-owned satellite with ISRO & IN-SPACe help
- Delhi: Mahila Samridhi Yojana approved (Rs. 500 per month for eligible women)
- Uttar Pradesh: RAISE-P platform to monitor children's vaccinations
- IIT Hyderabad & Coal India tie-up for Centre for Clean Energy & Net Zero (CLEANZ)
- Jhajjar-Bacholi Wildlife Sanctuary to become Punjab's first leopard safari destination
- New Pamban Rail Bridge (world's first vertical lift railway sea bridge) in Tamil Nadu
- Mizoram: World's first Vegan Silk (Eri Silk from Assam) certified by Oeko-Tex, Germany

National News

- Operation Brahma: India provided humanitarian aid to Myanmar after 7.7 magnitude earthquake (March 2025) using IAF transport.
- First Indigenously Developed MRI Machine: AIIMS New Delhi begins trials
- Indore to set up India's first PPP-based Green Waste Processing Plant
- Delhi Police: Shishtachar Squad for women's safety
- NHRC and Law Commission news, key bills and amendments (Disaster Management, Bank Account Nominee rules etc.)
- Parliament passed the Disaster Management Amendment Bill 2024 (strengthens roles of NDMA, SDMA, District authorities)
- National Vaccination Drive, National Strategies on Clean Energy, MSME new limits notification

Science, Technology & Environment

- Chandrayaan-5: Approved, with Japan's participation, aiming for sample return from Moon.

- Blue Ghost Lunar Mission: NASA's historic private lunar lander successfully landed upright, delivered payloads.
- NASA's SPHEREx mission: Telescope to map the cosmos in 1022 colors.
- Nokia to deploy first cellular network on the Moon with NASA.
- Discovery: LoboThorax Bharat (new marine isopod species, Zoological Survey of India)
- Rishikonda Beach in Vishakhapatnam temporarily lost Blue Flag status (Foundation for Environmental Education, Denmark)
- Aditya-L1 Solar Mission: First captured image of solar flare "Kernel".
- Widescale river dolphin census (2021-23): Estimated over 6,324 dolphins (UP had the highest state-wise count).
- India's first World Peace Centre established at Gurugram, Haryana.

Defense

- Indian Armed Forces conducted "Prachand Prahar" Tri-Services Exercise in Arunachal Pradesh.
- "Varunastra" heavy weight torpedo for submarines cleared for military procurement.
- Indian Navy inducted its fourth 25-ton Bollard Pull Tug "Yuvan".
- Exercise Desert Hunt, Varuna (India-France Naval Exercise), security exercises with Africa (EKAM), and others held.
- MOUs for Nag missile tracked version, various new contracts for fighter jets, tanks, engines.

International Affairs

- PM Narendra Modi received the highest civilian honor of Mauritius: Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean.
- Armenia and Azerbaijan peace agreement over Nagorno-Karabakh region.
- Yamandu Orsi sworn in as President of Uruguay.
- Indonesia set to become 9th member of BRICS New Development Bank.
- UN launched the "UN 2.0" reform initiative for efficiency.
- Major earthquakes in Myanmar-Thailand region.
- Papua New Guinea banned Facebook.
- International dialogues: Raisina Dialogue, new sustainability and ocean initiatives (ADB's Frontier Seed Fund).
- Latest SPERI reports: Ukraine now largest global arms importer (2020-24).

Sports

- Khelo India Para Games 2025, Delhi: Haryana topped with 34 golds, followed by Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
- Bakhshi Cup 2025 (Inter-services sports): Held in Kerala, won by Indian Naval Academy.
- ICC Champions Trophy 2025: India won final vs New Zealand in UAE, Rachin Ravindra (Player of the Tournament), Rohit Sharma (Player of the Final).
- World Kabaddi: India (men & women) crowned champions in 5th Asian Women's Cup and Men's World Cup.
- Novak Djokovic becomes oldest man to reach ATP Masters 1000 Miami Open final.
- Rithvik Bollipalli/Nicolás Barrientos won Chile Open doubles title.
- Major achievements in chess, tennis, table tennis, and athletics.
- Mumbai Indians won 2nd Women's Premier League title.
- S. Bank highest rated Indian bank in S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Ranking (2024).

Indexes, Rankings, Reports

- India ranked 118th in World Happiness Report 2025 (top: Finland, Denmark; bottom: Afghanistan)
- India ranked 14th most-impacted in Global Terrorism Index (Institute for Economics and Peace)
- Ukraine named leading arms importer (SIPRI data), India second
- Gujarat leads India in mangrove plantation under MISHTI scheme
- Surat (Gujarat) top city in housing, Birnihat (Meghalaya) highest pollution per IQAir report
- SWISS IQAir air quality data: Meghalaya's Birnihat world's most polluted city in March 2025
- USA now largest source of remittance to India, overtaking UAE