

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2022

Defence

The 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise between Indian and French Navies conducted in the Arabian Sea from 30 Mar – 03 Apr 22 is named – **VARUNA**

The 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, to be conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from 22 to 31 March 2022 – **EX-DUSTLIK**

The 9th Joint Military Exercise between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) to be conducted at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA), Seychelles from 22 March to 31 March 22 is named – **LAMITIYE-2022**

The ninth edition of India - Sri Lanka Bilateral Maritime Exercise conducted at Visakhapatnam from 07 Mar to 10 Mar 2022 – **SLINEX**

The annual exercise between Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Force held at Belgaum from 27.02.2022 to 10.03.2022 was named – **EX Dharma Guardian-2022**

Sports

The team which has won the Obaidullah Khan Heritage Hockey Cup by defeating Army XI in the finals at Bhopal – Indian Railways

The Indian badminton player who has won the Women's Singles title by defeating Busanan Ongbamrunphan of Thailand in the finals at the 2022 Swiss Open championship in Basel, Switzerland – **P.V. Sindhu**

The Australian professional tennis player (the reigning champion of Wimbledon and Australian Open) who has announced her retirement at the age of 25 – **Ashleigh Barty**

The Danish badminton player who has won the 2022 All England Open badminton championship defeating Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen in the finals – **Viktor Axelsen**

The Indian cricketer who has created a new record for scoring the fastest 50 (off 28 balls) in Test cricket breaking Kapil Dev's previous record (off 30 deliveries against Pakistan in 1982) – **Rishabh Pant**

The Indian cricketer who has become the first player in the world to take 250 wickets in women's ODIs – **Jhulan Goswami**

The Indian bowler who has become the second highest Indian wicket taker in test cricket (and 9th in the world) after taking his 435th wicket against Sri Lanka (1st position is held by Anil Kumble) – **R. Ashwin**

The former Australian cricketer, (right-arm leg spinner) considered one of the greatest bowlers, who passed away on 04 Mar 2022 – **Shane Warne**

The sports organisations which have banned teams and clubs from Russia from participating in their competitions – **FIFA and UEFA**

Persons

The contestant from Poland who has been crowned Miss World 2021 at the beauty pageant at San Juan, Puerto Rico – **Ms Karolina Bielawaska**

The Aam Aadmi Party candidate from Dhuri assembly constituency who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Punjab – **Shri Bhagwant Mann**

The South Korean politician, former public prosecutor and lawyer who has won the 2022 Presidential elections to become the next President of the country in May 2022 – **Mr Yoon Suk-Yeol**

The former Chief of Army Staff (1990 to 1993) and Governor of Punjab (2004 to 2010) who passed away on 04 Mar 2022 – **General SF Rodrigues**

Places

The place at which the 11th edition of Khel Mahakumbh was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad**

The place in Gujarat where the setting up of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Jamnagar**

The stations between which the indigenous Automatic Train Protection System, Kavach was successfully tested – **Gullaguda and Chitgidda**

Miscellaneous

The theme of World Tuberculosis Day observed on 24 March 2022 – **Invest to End TB. Save Lives**

The theme of Wings India 2022, Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation, organised at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India (MoCA) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) jointly – **India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry**

The partner nation of the 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 being held in Haryana from 20 March 2022 – **Uzbekistan**

The theme state of the 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 being held in Haryana from 20 March 2022 – **Jammu and Kashmir**

94th Academy Awards (Oscars)

Best Picture – **CODA** directed by Sian Heder

Best Director – **Jane Campion** for The Power of the Dog

Best Actor – **Will Smith** for King Richard

Best Actress – **Jessica Chastain** for The Eyes of Tammy Faye

Best Animated Film – **Encanto**

Best International Feature Film – **Drive my Car** (Japanese) directed by Ryusuke Hamaguchi

Most nominations – **The Power of the Dog** (12)

Indian entry in the International Feature Film category – **Koozhangal** (Tamil) (Not nominated)

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Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Finland	72	China
2.	Denmark	84	Nepal
3.	Iceland	94	Bangladesh
4.	Switzerland	122	Pakistan
5.	Netherlands	136	India

KAVACH

- The KAVACH is an indigenously developed ATP system by Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) in collaboration with Indian industry and trials facilitated by South Central Railway.
- KAVACH is meant to provide protection by preventing trains to pass the signal at Danger (Red) and avoid collision.
- It activates the train braking system automatically if the driver fails to control the train as per the speed restrictions.
- In addition, it prevents collision between two Locomotives equipped with functional KAVACH system.
- The probability of error is 1 in 10,000 years.

Features of KAVACH

1. Prevention of Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD)
2. Continuous update of Movement Authority with display of signal aspects in Driver Machine Interface (DMI) / Loco Pilot operation cum Indication Panel (LPOCIP)
3. Automatic Braking for Prevention of Over Speeding
4. Auto Whistling while approaching Level Crossing Gates
5. Prevention of collision between two Locomotives equipped with functional KAVACH
6. SoS Messages during emergency situations
7. Centralized live monitoring of Train movements through Network Monitor System.

Important Days of March

<p>Zero Discrimination Day: 01 March 2022 Designated by: UNAIDS First Observed in: 2014</p>
<p>World Wildlife Day: 03 March 2022 Designated by: United nations General Assembly Theme: Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration First Observed in: 2014</p>
<p>World Hearing Day: 03 March 2022 Designated by: W.H.O. Theme: To hear for life, listen with care! First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>International Women's Day: 08 March 2022 Designated by: U.N.O. Theme: Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow First Observed by UN in: 1975</p>
<p>World Kidney Day: 10 March 2022 (2nd Thursday of March) Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) Theme: Kidney Health for All – Bridge the gap to better kidney care First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p>International Day of Mathematics: 14 March 2022 Designated by: International Mathematical Union Theme: Mathematics Unites First Observed in: 2020</p>
<p>World Consumer Rights Day: 15 March 2022 Designated by: Consumers International Theme: Fair Digital Finance First Observed in: 1983</p>
<p>International Day of Happiness: 20 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Build Back Happier First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination: 21 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1966 Theme: Voices for Action against Racism</p>
<p>International Day of Forests: 21 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Forests and sustainable production and consumption First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p>World Poetry Day: 21 March 2022 Designated by: UNESCO First Observed in: 2000</p>

<p>World Down Syndrome Day: 21 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2012</p>
<p>World Water Day: 22 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Groundwater - Making the invisible visible First Observed in: 1993</p>
<p>World Tuberculosis Day: 24 March 2022 Designated by: WHO Theme: Invest to End TB. Save Lives First Observed in: 1982</p>
<p>International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims: 24 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p>International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade: 25 March 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p>World Theatre Day: 27 March 2022 Designated by: International Theatre Institute, France First Observed in: 1961</p>

BAFTA AWARDS 2022

Best Film: **The Power of the Dog**

Best Director: **Jane Campion** for The Power of the Dog

Best Actor: **Will Smith** for King Richard

Best Actress: **Joanna Scanlan** for After Love

NARI SHAKTI PURASKAR 2020

#	Awardee	State
1.	Anita Gupta	Bhojpur, Bihar
2.	Arti Rana	Kheri, Uttar Pradesh
3.	Dr Ila Lodh (Posthumous)	West Tripura, Tripura
4.	Jaya Muthu and Tejamma	Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu
5.	Jodhaiya Bai Baiga	Umaria, Madhya Pradesh
6.	Meera Thakur	S.A.S Nagar, Punjab
7.	Nasira Akhter	Kulgam, Jammu and Kashmir
8.	Nivruti Rai	Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka
9.	Padma Yangchan	Leh, Ladakh
10.	Sandhya Dhar	Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir
11.	Saylee Nandkishor Agavane	Pune, Maharashtra
12.	Tiffany Brar	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
13.	Ushaben Dineshbhai Vasava	Narmada, Gujarat
14.	Vanita Jagdeo Borade	Buldhana, Maharashtra

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#	Awardee	State
1.	Anshul Malhotra	Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
2.	Batool Begam	Jaipur, Rajasthan
3.	Kamal Kumbhar	Osamanabad, Maharashtra
4.	Madhulika Ramteke	Rajnandgaon , Chhattisgarh
5.	Neena Gupta	Kolkata, West Bengal
6.	Neerja Madhav	Uttar Pradesh
7.	Niranjanaben Mukulbhai	Kalarthi, Surat, Gujarat
8.	Pooja Sharma	Gurugram, Haryana
9.	Radhika Menon	Dharwad, Karnataka
10.	Sathupati Prasanna Sree	Visakhapatanam, Andhra Pradesh
11.	Shobha Gasti	Belagavi, Karnataka
12.	Sruti Mohapatra	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
13.	Tage Rita Takhe	Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh
14.	Thara Rangaswamy	Chennai, Tamil Nadu