



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2025**

### **Awards**

The Japanese mathematician who has been awarded the 2025 Abel Prize for his fundamental contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory – **Masaki Kashiwara**

The renowned violinist who has been chosen to be conferred the 2025 Sangita Kalanidhi Award by Madras Music Academy – **RK Shrikumar**

The Hindi writer who has been named the recipient of the 59th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour – **Shri Vinod Kumar Shukla**

The Austrian hydrologist who has been awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize for his world-renowned research in flood risk reduction, water resource management, flood scaling, and regional process hydrology – **Günter Blöschl**

The sculptor of the Statue of Unity who has been honoured with the Maharashtra Bhushan Award – **Shri Ram Sutar**

### **Defence**

The 14th edition of Indian-Russian bilateral naval exercise conducted at Chennai from 28 March to 02 April 2025 was named – **INDRA 2025**

The Tri-Service, Integrated Multi-Domain Warfare Exercise held from March 25 to 27 in the high-altitude regions of Arunachal Pradesh and conducted by Indian Army's Eastern Command was named – **Prachand Prahar**

The multi-national air exercise hosted by Hellenic Air Force of Greece from 31 March 2025 to 11 April 2025 at Andravida Air Base with participation of India, United States, Israel, Italy and other countries is named – **INIOCHOS 25**

The bilateral naval exercise conducted from 19 to 22 Mar 25 by the navies of India and France was named – **Varuna 2025**

The India-Bangladesh Naval Exercise held in the Bay of Bengal with the participation of INS Ranvir from Indian Navy and BNS Abu Ubaidah from Bangladesh Navy was named – **Exercise Bongosagar 2025**

The high-intensity anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise hosted by the United States Navy from March 4 to March 19, 2025 in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Guam (US territory) and participation of India, Japan, Australia and South Korea is named – **Exercise Sea Dragon 2025**

The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise held in Kyrgyzstan from 10 March to 23 March 2025 is named – **KHANJAR-XII**

The tri-service special forces exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 24 to 28 February 2025 involving elite Para from Indian Army, Marine Commandos from Indian Navy and Garud from the Indian Air Force was named – **Exercise Desert Hunt 2025**

### **Persons**

The renowned poet of Odia language, Padma Bhushan (2006) and Sahitya Akademi Fellowship (2009) recipient, who passed away on 16 March 2025 – **Shri Ramakanta Rath**

The legendary classical devotional singer who passed away on 09 March 2025 – **Garimella Balakrishna Prasad**

The leader of the Liberal Party of Canada who has been elected as the 24th and the next Prime Minister of the country to succeed Mr. Justin Trudeau – **Mark Carney**

### **Sports**

The American professional boxer nicknamed "Big George", two-time world heavyweight champion and an Olympic gold medallist who passed away 21 March 2025 – **George Foreman**

The former Indian medium pace bowler and lower order batsman who passed away on 12 March 2025 at the age of 83 – **Syed Abid Ali**

The Russian Chess Grandmaster, World Chess Champion from 1969 to 1972 who passed away on 27 February 2025 – **Boris Spassky**

### **Miscellaneous**

The tourist submarine which sank in the Red Sea near Hurghada in Egypt killing 6 Russian tourists out of 45 tourists on board was named – **Sindbad**

The specialised medical task force launched by the Indian Army in response to the devastating earthquake in Myanmar to provide urgent humanitarian assistance is code named – **Operation Brahma**

The city of Myanmar which was severely affected by an earthquake of magnitude 7.7 on Richter scale in the Sagaing region, resulting in thousands of deaths and large scale destruction of property – **Mandalay**

The revered saint, social reformer and devotee of Lord Krishna on the occasion of whose 1009th birth anniversary, the department of posts, Government of India has released a commemorative postage stamp – **Mata Karma**

The species of flowers which were exported for the first time ever from Mizoram to Singapore, by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram – **Anthurium**

The significant milestone in annual production of coal achieved by India on 20 March 2025 was – **1 billion tonnes**

The country which has conferred its highest civilian award Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Mauritius**

The national park in Shivpuri district in Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh which has been notified as India's 58th Tiger Reserve – **Madhav National Park**

The place in Gujarat at which Vantara, large-scale animal rescue centre, care, conservation and rehabilitation centre established by Reliance Industries, was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Jamnagar**

### **2025 IIFA Awards**

- Venue: Jaipur
- Best Picture- Laapataa Ladies directed by Kiran Rao
- Best Director - Kiran Rao for Laapataa Ladies
- Best Actor - Kartik Aaryan for Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3
- Best Actress - Nitanshi Goel for Laapataa Ladies
- Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema Award - Rakesh Roshan
- Most nominations - Laapataa Ladies (9)
- Most wins - Laapataa Ladies

## 97th Academy Awards (Oscars)

- Best Picture- Anora directed by Sean Baker
- Best Director - Sean Baker for Anora
- Best Actor - Adrien Brody for The Brutalist
- Best Actress - Mikey Madison for Anora
- Best Animated Film - Flow directed by Gints Zilbalodis
- Best International Feature Film - I'm Still Here (Brazil) directed by Walter Salles
- Academy Honorary Awards - Quincy Jones and Juliet Taylor
- Most nominations - Emilia Perez (13)
- Most wins - Anora (5)
- Indian entry in the International Feature Film category - Laapata Ladies (Hindi) (Not nominated)

## Important Days of March

<p><b>Zero Discrimination Day:</b> 01 March 2025 Designated by: UNAIDS Theme: <b>We Stand Together</b> First Observed in: 2014</p>
<p><b>World Wildlife Day:</b> 03 March 2025 Designated by: United nations General Assembly Theme: <b>Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet.</b> First Observed in: 2014</p>
<p><b>World Hearing Day:</b> 03 March 2025 Designated by: W.H.O. Theme: <b>Changing mindsets: Empower Yourself!</b> First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p><b>International Women's Day:</b> 08 March 2025 Designated by: U.N.O. Theme: <b>For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment</b> First Observed by UN in: 1975</p>
<p><b>World Kidney Day:</b> 13 March 2025 (2nd Thursday of March) Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) Theme: <b>Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect early, protect kidney health</b> First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p><b>International Day of Mathematics:</b> 14 March 2025 Designated by: International Mathematical Union Theme: <b>Mathematics, Art and Creativity</b> First Observed in: 2020</p>

<p><b>World Consumer Rights Day:</b> 15 March 2025  Designated by: Consumers International  Theme: <b>A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles</b>  First Observed in: 1983</p>
<p><b>International Day of Happiness:</b> 20 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p><b>International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination:</b> 21 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 1966  Theme: <b>60th anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial of Discrimination (ICERD)</b></p>
<p><b>International Day of Forests:</b> 21 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  Theme: <b>Forests and Food</b>  First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p><b>World Poetry Day:</b> 21 March 2025  Designated by: UNESCO  First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p><b>World Down Syndrome Day:</b> 21 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2012</p>
<p><b>World Water Day:</b> 22 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  Theme: <b>Glacier Preservation</b>  First Observed in: 1993</p>
<p><b>World Tuberculosis Day:</b> 24 March 2025  Designated by: WHO  Theme: <b>Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver</b>  First Observed in: 1982</p>
<p><b>International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims:</b> 24 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p><b>International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade:</b> 25 March 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p><b>World Theatre Day:</b> 27 March 2025  Designated by: International Theatre Institute, France  First Observed in: 1961</p>

## 2024 World Happiness Index

#	Country	#	Country
1.	Finland	68.	China
2.	Denmark	109.	Pakistan
3.	Iceland	118.	India
4.	Sweden	133.	Sri Lanka
5.	Netherlands	134.	Bangladesh

## Hockey India Awards 2024

Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Women): **Savita Punia**

Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of The Year (Men): **Harmanpreet Singh**

Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award: **1975 World Cup Winning Team**

## 2025 Women's Premier League (Cricket)

Held from: 14 February to 15 March 2025

Teams: 5 ((Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, UP Warriorz

Winners: **Mumbai Indians** (2nd title)

Runners-up: Delhi Capitals

Player of the series: Nat Sciver-Brunt (Mumbai Indians)

Most Runs: Nat Sciver-Brunt (523)(Mumbai Indians)

Most wickets: Amelia Kerr and Hayley Matthews (18 wickets each) (Mumbai Indians)

## 2025 Khelo India Winter Games

Venue: Kashmir and Leh

Held from 09 to 12 March 2025

Medals Tally

#	Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Army	7	5	6	18
2.	Himachal Pradesh	6	5	7	18
3.	Ladakh	4	2	1	7

## 2025 ICC Champions Trophy

Hosted by: Pakistan and UAE

Final played at: Dubai International Cricket Stadium

Held from 19 February to 09 March 2025

Winners: **India** 3rd title

Runners-up: New Zealand

Number of teams: 8 (Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa)

Player of the series: **Rachin Ravindra** (New Zealand)

Most Runs: **Rachin Ravindra** (New Zealand)

Most wickets: **Matt Henry** (New Zealand)

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