



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2026

Persons

The former chairman and managing director of the Raymond Group and holder of the world record for highest altitude gained in a hot air balloon and endurance record in a microlight who passed away on 28 March 2026 – **Mr. Vijaypat Singhania**

The political leader of the Rashtriya Swatantra Party who has taken over the new Prime Minister, (also the youngest) of Nepal who has taken over on 27 March 2026 – **Shri Balendra Shah**

The American martial artist, actor, screenwriter and author who passed away on March 19, 2026 – **Chuck Norris**

The renowned German historian and indologist and recipient of Padma Shri who passed away on 10 March 2026 – **Hermann Kulke**

Places

The airport in Tamil Nadu which has been declared as an international airport by the Union Cabinet – **Madurai**

The place in West Bengal at which the President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the 9th International Santal Conference on March 7, 2026 – **Darjeeling**

Sports

The place at which India's first-ever National Indoor Athletics Championships 2026 have been held from 24 to 25 March 2026, – **Bhubaneshwar (Kalinga Stadium)**

The badminton player from Chinese Taipei who has won the Men's Singles title at the 2026 All England Open Badminton championships defeating India's Lakshya Sen in the finals – **Lin Chun-Yi**

Defence

The US Navy led multilateral naval exercise with the participation of Australia, Japan, New Zealand and India held at Guam (USA) was named – **Sea Dragon 2026**

The joint military exercise conducted by the armed forces of the USA and South Korea from 09 to 19 March 2026 was named – **Operation Freedom Shield**

The eleventh edition of joint military exercise between the Indian Armed Forces and the Seychelles Defence Forces conducted at Seychelles from 09 to 20 March 2026 is named – **LAMITIYE**

The code name given to the joint military operations launched by the USA and Israel against Iran on 28 February 2026 – **Operation Epic Fury**

Miscellaneous

The rank of India in the World of Happiness Report 2026 released by Oxford Wellbeing Research Centre with Finland being ranked at the topmost position – **116**

BCCI Awards 2026

Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award – Men: **Rahul Dravid, Roger Binny**

BCCI Lifetime achievement award for Women: **Mithali Raj**

Polly Umrigar Award – Best International Cricketer – Men: **Shubman Gill**

Best International Cricketer – Women: **Smriti Mandhana**

Best International Debut – Men: **Harshit Rana**

Best International Debut – Women: **N. Shree Charani**

2026 Men's T20 World Cup

Held from: 07 February to 08 March 2026

Hosts: India and Sri Lanka

Total teams: 20

Winners: **India** (3rd title)

Runners-up: New Zealand

Player of the Series: **Sanju Samson** (India)

Most Runs: **Sahibzada Farman** (Pakistan) (383 runs)

Most Wickets: **Jasprit Bumrah and Varun Chakravarty** (India) (14 each)

Venue of the final match: **Narendra Modi Stadium**, Ahmedabad

Finn Allen ((New Zealand) scored the fastest T20 World Cup century by doing it in 33 balls.

Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025

#	Language	Work	Author
1.	Assamese	Karhi Khelar Sadhu (Novel)	Devabrat Das
2.	Bengali	Shrestha Kabita (Poetry)	Prasun Bandyopadhyay
3.	Bodo	Dwngnwi Lama Mwense Gathwn (Novel)	Sahaisuli Brahma

4.	Dogri	Thakur Satsayie (Poetry, Couplets)	Khajur Singh Thakur
5.	English	Crimson Spring (Novel)	Navtej Sarna
6.	Gujarati	Bhattkhadaki (Poetry)	Yogesh Vaidya
7.	Hindi	Jeete Jee Allahabad (Memoir)	Mamta Kalia
8.	Kannada	Dada Seerisu Tande (Short Stories)	Amaresh Nugadoni
9.	Kashmiri	Najdavanek'y Pot Aalav (Poetry)	Ali Shaida
10.	Konkani	Konkani Kavyem Rupani Ani Rupakam (Essays)	Henry Mendonca (HM Pernal)
11.	Maithili	Dhatri Paat San Gaam (Memoir)	Mehendra
12.	Malayalam	Maayaamanushyar (Novel)	N. Prabhakaran
13.	Manipuri	Kanglamdriba Eephut (Short Stories)	Haobam Nalini
14.	Marathi	Kalyanilya Resha (Autobiography)	Raju Baviskar
15.	Nepali	Nepali Paramparik Sanskriti Ra Sabhyata Ko Dukuti (Essays)	Prakash Bhattarai
16.	Odia	Padapurana (Poetry)	Girijakumar Baliyar Singh
17.	Punjabi	Safety Kit (Stories)	Jinder
18.	Rajasthani	Bharkhama (Stories)	Jitender Kumar Soni
19.	Sanskrit	Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghosah (Poetry)	Mahamahopadhyaya Sadhu Bhadreshdas
20.	Santali	Mid Birna Chenne Saon Inag Sagai (Short Stories)	Sumitra Soren
21.	Sindhi	Waghoo (Stories)	Bhagwan Atlani
22.	Tamil	Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangal (Literary Criticism)	Sa. Tamilselvan
23.	Telugu	Animesha (Poetry)	Nandini Sidha Reddy
24.	Urdu	Safar Jaari Hai (Poetry)	Pritpal Singh Betab

Important Days of March

Zero Discrimination Day: 01 March 2025

Designated by: UNAIDS

Theme: **People First**

First Observed in: 2014

World Wildlife Day: 03 March 2025

Designated by: United nations General Assembly

Theme: **Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods.**

First Observed in: 2014

World Hearing Day: 03 March 2025

Designated by: W.H.O.

Theme: **From communities to classrooms: hearing care for all children.**

First Observed in: 2007

International Women's Day: 08 March 2025

Designated by: U.N.O.

Theme: **Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls**

First Observed by UN in: 1975

World Kidney Day: 12 March 2025 (2nd Thursday of March)

Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF)

Theme: **Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet**

First Observed in: 2006

International Day of Mathematics: 14 March 2025

Designated by: International Mathematical Union

Theme: **Mathematics and Hope**

First Observed in: 2020

World Consumer Rights Day: 15 March 2025

Designated by: Consumers International

Theme: **Safe Products, Confident Consumers**

First Observed in: 1983

International Day of Happiness: 20 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2013

International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination: 21 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 1966

International Day of Forests: 21 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

Theme: **Forests and Economies**

First Observed in: 2013

World Poetry Day: 21 March 2025

Designated by: UNESCO

First Observed in: 2000

World Down Syndrome Day: 21 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2012

Theme: **Together Against Loneliness**

World Water Day: 22 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

Theme: **Water and Gender**

First Observed in: 1993

World Tuberculosis Day: 24 March 2025

Designated by: WHO

Theme: **Yes! We can end TB!**

First Observed in: 1982

International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims: 24 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2011

International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade: 25 March 2025

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2008

Theme: Justice in Action

World Theatre Day: 27 March 2025

Designated by: International Theatre Institute, France

First Observed in: 1961

98th Academy Awards (Oscars)

- Best Picture – **One Battle After Another** directed by Adam Somner (posth), Sara Murphy and Paul Thomas Anderson
- Best Director – Paul Thomas Anderson for One Battle After Another
- Best Actor – Michael B. Jordan for Sinners
- Best Actress – Jessie Buckley for Hamnet
- Best Animated Film – Kpop Demon Hunters directed by Maggie Kang, Chris Appelhans and Michelle L.M. Wong
- Best International Feature Film – Sentimental Value (Norway)
- Academy Honorary Awards – Debbie Allen, Tom Cruise and Wynn Thomas
- Most nominations – Sinners (16)
- Most wins – One Battle After Another (6)
- Indian entry in the International Feature Film category – Homebound (Hindi) (Not nominated)

New Governors/Lt Governors

The following have been appointed as Governor/Lt Governor of State/UT by the President recently

- Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla: **Telangana**
- Shri Jishnu Dev Varma: **Maharashtra**
- Shri Nand Kishore Yadav: **Nagaland**
- Lt. General (Retd.) Syed Ata Hasnain: **Bihar**
- Shri R.N. Ravi: **West Bengal**
- Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar: **Tamil Nadu**
- Shri Kavinder Gupta: **Himachal Pradesh**
- Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena: **Ladakh**
- Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu: **Delhi**