

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2023

Awards

The Argentine-American mathematician who has been awarded 2023 Abel Prize – **Luis Caffarelli**

The Tamil writer who has been chosen to be awarded the Saraswati Samman 2022 by the KK Birla Foundation for her 2019 memoir Surya Vamsam – **Ms. Sivasankari**

The RBI Governor who has been awarded the Governor of the Year in the Central Banking Awards 2023 – **Shri Shaktikanta Das**

The noted Hindi writer whose satirical novel Pagalkhana has been selected for the 2022 Vyas Samman by the KK Birla Foundation – **Shri Gyan Chaturvedi**

The Hindi short story writer, novelist and poet who has been awarded the 2023 PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature – **Vinod Kumar Shukla**

Defence

The 2nd edition of joint military exercise held at Aundh in Pune from 16 to 29 Mar 2023 with participation of 25 nations of the African continent and India was named – **Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-2023)**

The multi-domain exercise conducted by the Indian Army and Indian Air Force in the North-Eastern Sector in the second week of March was named – **Vayu Prahar**

The annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy, held from 20 to 22 Mar 23 off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea was named – **Konkan 2023**

The third edition of the coordinated multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise for long-range maritime reconnaissance (MR) ASW aircraft conducted by the US Navy from 15 to 30 March with participation of India, Japan, Canada and South Korea is named – **Ex. Sea Dragon 2023**

The multilateral air exercise involving Air Forces from Finland, Sweden, South Africa, United States of America, UK, Singapore and India conducted from 06 Mar to 24 March at Waddington in UK is named – **Ex. Cobra Warrior**

The bilateral armour exercise conducted from 06-13 March 2023 at Jodhpur Military Station by Singapore Army and Indian Army was named – **Exercise Bold Kurukshetra**

The multilateral maritime exercise conducted by the French Navy in the Indian Ocean from 13 to 14 March 23 with participation of Australia, India, Japan, UK and USA is named – **Ex La Perouse 2023**

The maiden joint military exercise between Indian Army and French Army conducted at Pangode Military Station, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 07th and 08th March 2023 is named – **Ex. FRINJEX-23**

The multilateral maritime exercise conducted by U.S. Africa Command from 26 Feb to 16 Mar 23 in the East African coastal regions and the West Indian Ocean is named (INS Trikhand of Indian Navy also participating) – **Ex Cutlass Express**

The joint exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defence Force from 01 to 02 March 2023 is named – **Exercise Shinyuu Maitri 23**

The type of aircraft procurement of which has been approved by the Union Cabinet from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited – **HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft**

Persons

The Malayalam actor, film producer and former Member of Parliament who passed away on 26 March 2023 – **Mr. Innocent V. Thekkethala**

The former leader of Nepali Congress who has been elected as the 3rd President of Nepal – **Shri Ram Chandra Paudel**

The Indian actor, director, producer, comedian, and screenwriter who passed away on 09 March 2023 – **Satish Kaushik**

The 2022 Nobel Peace laureate and human rights activist from Belarus who has been sentenced to 10 years on charges of smuggling cash and financing protests – **Ales Bialiatski**

Places

The places in India which have featured in the TIME's World's Greatest Places of 2023 – **Mayurbhanj and Ladakh**

The place in U.P. at which a hockey stadium has been named after India's hockey star, Rani Rampal – **Rae Bareli**

Sports

The US athlete who has been awarded a gold medal for her performance in the 400 meters in 2012 London Olympics due to disqualification of Russian athlete, Natalya Antyukh, the original gold medalist – **Ms Lashinda Demus**

The Indian weightlifter who has been named 2022 BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year, becoming the first athlete win it twice in a row – **Ms. Mirabai Chanu**

The team which has won the Santosh Trophy 2022-23 defeating Meghalaya in the finals played in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – **Karnataka**

Miscellaneous

The theme of World Meteorological Day observed on 23 March 2023 – **The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generations**

Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair held in New Delhi from 14 to 18 Mar 2023 is named – **AAHAR 2023**

The station in Karnataka under South Western Railway zone where the longest platform in the world (1.507 km) was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **SSS Hubballi**

2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

Venue: K.D. Jadhav Indoor Hall, New Delhi

Held from 15 to 26 March 2023

Medals Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	India	4	0	0	4
2.	China	3	1	3	7
3.	Russia	1	1	1	3
4.	Italy	1	1	0	2

Indian Medal Winners

1. Nitu Ghangas (Minimumweight)
2. Nikhat Zareen (Light Flyweight)
3. Lovlina Borgohain (Middleweight)
4. Saweety Boora (Light Heavyweight)

New Chief Ministers

The following have been re-elected as Chief Ministers of their states after the recently held Assembly elections.

State	Chief Minister	Political Party
Meghalaya	Shri Conrad Sangma	National Peoples Party
Tripura	Dr. Manik Saha	Bhartiya Janata Party
Nagaland	Shri Neiphiu Rio	Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party

95th Academy Awards (Oscars)

Best Picture – **Everything Everywhere All at Once** directed by Daniel Kwan & Daniel Scheinert

Best Director – **Daniel Kwan & Daniel Scheinert** for Everything Everywhere All at Once

Best Actor – **Brendan Fraser** for The Whale

Best Actress – **Michelle Yeoh** for Everything Everywhere All at Once

Best Animated Film – **Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio** directed by Guillermo del Toro and Mark Gustafson

Best International Feature Film – **All Quiet on the Western Front** (Germany) directed by Edward Berger

Best Documentary (Short Subject) – **The Elephant Whisperers** directed by Kartiki Gonsalves

Best Original Song – "Naatu Naatu" from RRR – Music by M. M. Keeravani; Lyrics by Chandrabose.

Most nominations – **Everything Everywhere All at Once** (11)

Most wins – **Everything Everywhere All at Once** (7)

Indian entry in the International Feature Film category – **Chello Show** (Gujarati) (Not nominated)

Important Days of March

<p>Zero Discrimination Day: 01 March 2023 Designated by: UNAIDS First Observed in: 2014 Theme: Save lives: Decriminalise</p>
<p>World Wildlife Day: 03 March 2023 Designated by: United nations General Assembly Theme: Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation First Observed in: 2014</p>
<p>World Hearing Day: 03 March 2023 Designated by: W.H.O. Theme: Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it a reality First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>International Women's Day: 08 March 2023 Designated by: U.N.O. Theme: DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality First Observed by UN in: 1975</p>
<p>World Kidney Day: 09 March 2023 (2nd Thursday of March) Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) Theme: Kidney Health for All – Preparing for the unexpected, supporting the vulnerable First Observed in: 2006</p>

<p>International Day of Mathematics: 14 March 2023 Designated by: International Mathematical Union Theme: Mathematics for Everyone First Observed in: 2020</p>
<p>World Consumer Rights Day: 15 March 2023 Designated by: Consumers International Theme: Empowering consumers through clean energy transitions First Observed in: 1983</p>
<p>International Day to Combat Islamophobia: 15 March 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2023</p>
<p>International Day of Happiness: 20 March 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind. First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p>International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination: 21 March 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1966 Theme: 75th anniversary of UDHR - an impetus to combat racism</p>
<p>International Day of Forests: 21 March 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Forests and health First Observed in: 2013</p>
<p>World Poetry Day: 21 March 2023 Designated by: UNESCO First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>World Down Syndrome Day: 21 March 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2012 Theme: With Us Not For Us</p>
<p>World Water Day: 22 March 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Accelerating Change First Observed in: 1993</p>
<p>World Tuberculosis Day: 24 March 2023 Designated by: WHO Theme: Yes! We Can End TB! 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 2023 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 2023 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2008 Theme: Fighting slavery's legacy of racism through transformative education</p>

World Theatre Day: 27 March 2023

Designated by: International Theatre Institute, France

First Observed in: 1961

World Happiness Index 2023

Released by: Sustainable Development Solutions Network, powered by the Gallup World Poll data

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Finland	78	Nepal
2.	Denmark	108	Pakistan
3.	Iceland	118	Bangladesh
4.	Israel	126	India
5.	Netherlands	137	Afghanistan

Global Terrorism Index 2023

Released by: Institute for Economics and Peace, Sydney

Rank	Country	Score
1.	Afghanistan	8.822
2.	Burkina Faso	8.564
3.	Somalia	8.463
6.	Pakistan	8.160
13.	India	7.175
29.	Sri Lanka	4.839