

- Proposal to roll out E-assessment across the country to almost eliminate person to person contact leading to greater efficiency and transparency in direct tax collection.
- Proposed changes in customs duty to promote creation of more jobs in the country and also to incentivise domestic value addition and Make in India in sectors such as food processing, electronics, auto components, footwear and furniture.

Abbreviations in News

- **GOBAR DHAN**: Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan
- **FATF**: Financial Action Task Force
- **SRIJAN**: Station Rejuvenation Initiative through Joint Action

Books in News

- **Exam Warriors** - Shri Narendra Modi
- **One century is not enough** - Saurav Ganguly

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2018

- The place in Madhya Pradesh where the 5th Nadi Mahotsav was inaugurated by the Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari - **Bandrabhan, Hoshangabad**
- The country in which World Hindi Secretariat was inaugurated by the Indian President Shri Ram Nath Kovind - **Mauritius**
- The hypersonic missile (with a range of 1200 km and speed 10 mach) launched by Russia from a Mig-31 supersonic interceptor aircraft is named - **Kinzhal**
- The place in Gujarat at which the Central Govt has approved setting up of India's first coastal policing academy viz. National Academy of Coastal Policing - **Devbhoomi Dwaraka**
- The place in Uttar Pradesh where the State's largest solar plant was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron - **Mirzapur**
- The team which has won the Deodhar Trophy 2018 defeating Karnataka in the final at HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala (H.P.) - **India B**
- The team which has won the 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy defeating England in the finals at Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia - **Australia**
- The Union Territory which has become the first in the country to run completely on solar power energy - **Diu**
- The State in which the country's first state-led incubator for women entrepreneurs named WE-Hub was launched recently - **Telangana**
- The multilateral Air Force exercise being conducted by Southern Air Command of the Indian Air Force from 12-17 Mar with participation from Air Forces of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, UAE and Myanmar is named - **Samvedna**
- The case in which a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court upheld that the fundamental right to life and dignity includes right to refuse treatment and die with dignity - **Common Cause (Regd Society) vs Union of India**
- The portal launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for women entrepreneurs of India is named - **www.udyamsakhi.org**
- The scheme launched by the Maharashtra Govt for providing sanitary napkins at subsidised rates to rural girls and women is named - **Asmita**
- The BJP leader who has been sworn in as the 10th Chief Minister of Tripura by the Governor Tathagata Roy - **Biplab Kumar Deb**

- The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry who has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation following the resignation of Ashok Gajapati Raju - **Suresh Prabhu**
- The biennial joint military exercise launched by the United States of America and Israel in Israel is named - **Juniper Cobra 2018**
- The venue of Women's Film Festival organised by National Film Archive of India with the theme Travelling Women from 09 to 11 March 2018 **Pune**
- The Indian architect who has become the first Indian to win Pritzker Prize for 2018 (often referred to as the Nobel Prize of Architecture) **Balkrishna Doshi**
- The venue of Swachh Shakti, a women's convention organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of International Women's Day - **Lucknow**
- The venue of four-day biennial event WINGS INDIA 2018 jointly organized by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airport Authority of India from 08 March to 11 March with the theme India-Global Aviation Hub - **Hyderabad**
- The Pacific Ocean island nation which has become the first in the world to recognise a cryptocurrency (SOV) as a legal tender - **Marshall Islands**
- The National Democratic Progressive Party leader who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Nagaland - **Neiphiu Rio**
- The multilateral naval exercise held at Port Blair from 06 to 13 March 2018 with the theme Friendship Across the Seas is named - **Milan 2018**
- The National People's Party President who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Meghalaya - **Conrad Sangma**
- The cricket player from Afghanistan who has become the youngest captain in international cricket (age 19 years 165 days) - **Rashid Khan**
- The Indian film actor who has been awarded Lifetime Achievement Award by Britain's Asian Voice weekly newspaper at the annual Political and Public Life Awards in London - **Shatrughan Singh**
- The place in Maharashtra where the State's first mega food park was inaugurated by the Minister of Food Processing Industries, **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal Vill Degaon (Dist Satara)**
- The three week long exercise conducted by the Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy in the Arabian Sea to test its operational readiness was named - **Exercise Paschim Leher**

Important Days of March

Zero Discrimination Day: 01 March 2018 Designated by: UNAIDS First Observed in: 2014	World Wildlife Day: 03 March 2018 Designated by: United nations General Assembly Theme: Big Cats: Predators under Threat First Observed in: 2014
World Kidney Day: 08 March 2018 Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) Theme: Kidney & Women's Health: Include, Value, Empower First Observed in: 2006	
International Women's Day: 08 March 2018 Designated by: U.N.O. Theme: The Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women's Lives First Observed by UN in: 1975	

World Hearing Day: 03 March 2018 Designated by: W.H.O. Theme: Hear the future First Observed in: 2007	World Consumer Rights Day: 15 March 2018 Designated by: Consumers International Theme: Making Digital Market Places Fairer
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World Happiness Report 2018 for 2015-17

- Top 5 countries: 1. Finland; 2. Norway; 3. Denmark; 4. Iceland; 5. Switzerland
- India and its neighbours: 75. Paksitan; 86. China; 97. Bhutan; 101. Nepal; 115. Bangladesh; 133. India.
- Out of a total 156 countries under review, Burundi is the least happy country.

Stephen Hawking

- Born - 08 January 1942
- Death - 14 March 2018
- Nationality - British
- Position held at the time of his death - Dennis Stanton Avery and Sally Tsui Wong-Avery Director of Research at Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics
- Awards - Adams Prize (1966); Albert Einstein Award (1978); Presidential Medal of Freedom (2009) and many other awards
- Books written - A Brief History of Time; Black Holes and Baby Universes and Other Essays; The Universe in a Nutshell; On the Shoulders of Giants; God Created the Integers: The Mathematical Breakthroughs That Changed History; The Dreams That Stuff Is Made of: The Most Astounding Papers of Quantum Physics and How They Shook the Scientific World; My Brief History

Laureus World Sports Awards 2018

- Awarded by - Laureus Sport for Good Foundation
- Sportsman of the Year - Roger Federer (Switzerland)
- Sportswoman of the Year - Serena Williams (USA)
- Team of the Year - Mercedes F1 Team (U.K.)
- Breakthrough of the Year - Sergio Garcia (Spain)
- Comeback of the Year - Roger Federer (Switzerland)

90th Academy Awards 2018 (Oscars)

- Best Picture- The Shape of Water directed by Guillermo del Toro
- Best Director - Guillermo del Toro for The Shape of Water
- Best Actor - Garry Oldman for Darkest Hour
- Best Actress - Frances McDormand for Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri
- Best Animated Film - Coco by Lee Unkrich and Darla K Anderson
- Best Foreign Language Film - A Fantastic Woman (Spanish) submitted by Chile
- Best Original Score - Alexandre Desplat for The Shape of Water
- Most nominations - The Shape of Water (13)
- Indian entry in the Foreign Language Film category - Newton (Hindi) (Not nominated)

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POSHAN: PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment

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