

Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards in the field of Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre and

Puppetry

Person	Field
Anwar Khan Manganiyar	Folk Music, Rajasthan
Prakash Khandge	Folk Arts, Maharashtra
Jagannath Bayan	Traditional Music - Khol, Assam
Ramchandra Majhi	Folk Music, Bihar
Rakesh Tiwari	Folk Theatre, Chhattisgarh
Parvathy Baul	Folk Music (Baul), West Bengal
Saravjit Kaur	Folk Music, Punjab
K.C. Runremsangi	Folk Music, Mizoram
Mukund Nayak	Folk Music, Jharkhand
Sudip Gupta	Puppetry, West Bengal

Vijay Verma and **Sandhya Purecha** have been selected for the Akademi Award 2017 in the field of Overall Contribution/Scholarship in the Performing Arts.

Abbreviations in News

PM-KISAN: Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi

KUSUM: Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JANUARY 2018

The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet Minister for Information Technology, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development who has been recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader for 2019	Nara Lokesh
The public sector bank which has become the first in the country to link savings bank interest rate to RBI repo rate	State Bank of India
The Indian gymnast who has been chosen as the a Barbie Role Model by US based toy maker Mattel Inc.	Dipa Karmakar
The BBC journalist who has been chosen for the Chameli Devi Jain Award-2018 for Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2018	Ms. Priyanka Dubey
The Indian chess player who has become the 61st person from the country to become a Grandmaster	P Inian
The IAF pilot who has been chosen for the first Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar instituted by the Akhil Bharatiya Digambar Jain Mahasamiti	Wing Cdr Abhinandan Varthaman
The German car manufacturer which has been imposed a penalty of Rs. 500 crore by the National Green Tribunal	Volkswagen

The day in March which has been declared to be observed as Jan Ausadhi Diwas to create awareness about use of generic medicines	07 March
The third in the series of bilateral joint exercise between India and Oman scheduled to be held from 12 to 25 March 2019 at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman is named	Exercise Al Nagah III
The Swiss tennis player who has become the second person in the world to win 100 ATP titles in his career (after Jimmy Connors)	Roger Federer
The new Chairperson of the newly constituted National Commission for Backward Classes	Bhagwan Lal Sahni
The place in Uttar Pradesh where the facility to manufacture AK-203 rifles was inaugurated by the PM Shri Narendra Modi	Ordnance Factory, Korwa (Amethi)
The West Indian cricketer who has become the first in the world to hit more than 500 sixes in international cricket	Chris Gayle
The 8th edition of India-Bangladesh joint military exercise being conducted at Tangail, Bangladesh from 02 March to 15 March 2019	Sampriti-2019
The rank of India in the Internet Inclusive Index released by Economic Intelligence Unit (Top 3 countries are Sweden, Singapore and USA)	47th
The place in Uttar Pradesh at which the foundation stone of National Institute of Unani Medicine was laid by Union Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Ghaziabad

New 20 Rupee Coin

- Shape: 12 edged polygon
- Metal: Copper (65%), Zinc (15%), Nickel (20%) (Outer ring) and Copper (75%), Zinc (20%), Nickel (5%) (Inner ring)
- Diameter: 27 mm
- Weight: 8.54 gms
- India's cleanest big city: Amdavad India's cleanest medium city: Ujjain
- India's cleanest small city: New Delhi Municipal Council

Important Days of March

<u>Zero Discrimination Day</u> : 01 March 2019 Designated by: UNAIDS First Observed in: 2014	<u>World Wildlife Day</u> : 03 March 2019 Designated by: United nations General Assembly Theme: Life Below Water: For People and Planet First Observed in: 2014
<u>World Hearing Day</u> : 03 March 2019 Designated by: W.H.O. Theme: Check your Hearing First Observed in: 2007	<u>International Women's Day</u> : 08 March 2019 Designated by: U.N.O. Theme: Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change First Observed by UN in: 1975

<p><u>World Kidney Day: 14 March 2019</u> Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) Theme: Kidney Health for Everyone, Everywhere First Observed in: 2006</p>	<p><u>World Consumer Rights Day: 15 March 2019</u> Designated by: Consumers International Theme: Trusted Smart Products</p>
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GI Tags

The following items were granted Geographical Indication Tags recently

- **Marayoor Jaggery** (Idukki, Kerala)
- **Sirsi Supari** (Siddpaur, Sirsi and Yellapur taluks of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka)
- **Thirubhuvanam Silk Saree** (Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu)

One Nation One Card

Launched by : Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi Launched at:

Ahmedabad

1. The card will allow users to pay for all modes of vehicles across India.
2. The Indigenous Automatic Fare Collection System based on One Nation One Card Model i.e. National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) is the first of its kind in India.
3. It consists of NCMC Card, SWEEKAR (Swachalit Kiraya: Automatic Fare Collection System) and SWAGAT (Swachalit Gate).
4. The Gate & Reader prototype has been made by BEL.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM KISAN)

- Launched by : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Launched at: **Vastrapur** in Gujarat.
- The scheme assures a monthly pension of Rs.**3000** for the enrolled unorganized sector workers during their old age.
- Informal sector workers earning less than Rs.**15000** per month to enroll as beneficiaries in the nearby Common Service Centre. A contribution of equal amount as that of the beneficiary will be made by the Union Government.
- The contribution of a subscriber ranges from **Rs 55/- to Rs 200/-** depending on his entry age which is 18 to 40.

Abbreviations in News

SHREYAS: Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills

QRSAM: Quick Reach Surface-to-Air Missiles

Source: <https://www.mapsofindia.com/maps/schoolchildrens/statesandcapitals.htm>
