

CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 2015

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Policy portal launched by IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Amitabh Bachchan to lead India's fight against Hepatitis B.
- Mumbai's Girgaom Chowpatty to be renamed as Swaraj Bhoomi.
- Andhra Pradesh to name new capital city as Amaravathi.
- Indian Railway launched Ru-Pay pre-paid debit card on 24th March 2015.
- Government of India launched "Twitter Samvad" for direct communication between Government and citizen.
- Himachal Pradesh Assembly launched India's first E-Vidhan Mobile apps.
- India becomes the third largest steel producer in the world.
- BJP becomes the world's largest political party in the world.
- Mary Kom appointed as Ambassador for North-East.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Modi flagged off the first train from Thalaimannar to Madhu Road in North Sri Lanka.
- Facebook acquires shopping search engine "thefind.com".
- China becomes the third largest exporter of arms in the world.
- The United Arab Emirates announced Hiatt to host AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Asian Cup 2019 on 9th March 2015.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- World's first electric satellites successfully lifted off by Space X rocket.
- Astronomers from the Cambridge University discovered new dwarf planets orbiting around the world.
- ISRO successfully launches fourth navigation satellite IRNSS 1D.
- Prime Minister launches vaccine for Rotavirus.

SPORTS

- Australia wins ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 for 5 time.
- Sri Lankan cricketer Kumar Sangakkara became second cricketer to cross 14000 One Day International (ODI) runs after Sachin Tendulkar.
- India's young shuttler Kidambi Srikanth wins Swis Grand Prix Championship.
- Saina Nehwal becomes the first Indian woman to reach world number one ranking.
- FIFA 2022 world cup to be played in quatar held on December 18, 2022.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 3rd March – National Defence Day
- 8th March – World Women's Day
- 15th March – World Consumer Rights Day
- 20th March – International Day of Happiness
- 21st March – World Poetry Day
- 22nd March – World Water Day

DEATHS

- Ram Sundar Das – Former Chief Minister of Bihar – 6th March 2015
- Vinod Mehta – Veteran Journalist – 8th March 2015
- Sir Terry Pratchett – Fantasy Author – 12th March 2015
- Yusuf Ali Kechery – Malayalam Poet – 21st March 2015
- Lee Kuan Yew – Founder of Modern Singapore – 23rd March 2015

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Veerappa Moily – Saraswati Samman Award
- Smriti Irani – Young Global Leader by WEF
- Shashi Kapoor – Dada Saheb Phalke Award
- Captain Jaidev of Parachute Regiment – Kirti Chakra
- Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee – Bharat Ratna
- ISRO – Gandhi Peace Prize 2014.
- Aditi Arya – Miss India 2015.