Current affairs for competitive exam – 5&6 March 2023



Current Affairs is the most important area in all competitive exams. But the difficulty level is very high. That's why; many aspirants get confused, how to select Current Affairs for Preparation of Competitive Examination? In this Post, Daily Current Affairs 5&6 March 2023, we have tried to cover each and every point and also included all important facts from National/ International news that are useful for upcoming competitive examinations such as UPSC, SSC, Railway, State Govt. etc.

International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness 2023

International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness: The International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness, observed on March 5, contributes to deepening the global public's understanding of how disarmament efforts contribute to enhancing peace and security, preventing and ending armed conflicts, and alleviating human suffering caused by weapons. The International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness seeks to promote better awareness and understanding of disarmament issues among the public, especially young people.

Weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be of primary concern, owing to their destructive power and the threat that they pose to humanity. Excessive stockpiling of conventional weapons, as well as the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, endangers international peace and security and long-term development, while the use of explosive weapons in populated areas endangers civilians. New and emerging weapon technologies, such as autonomous weapons, pose a challenge to global security and have received increased attention from the international community in recent years.

Through resolution A/RES/77/51, the General Assembly invites all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, civil society, academia, the media and individuals to commemorate the International Day, including through all means of educational and public awareness-raising activities.

Karnataka end 54-year wait, wins Santosh Trophy

Santosh Trophy 2023: Karnataka won the Santosh Trophy national football championship after a 54-year wait, defeating Meghalaya 3-2 in a tense final at the King Fahd International Stadium in Saudi Arabia's capital. Services beat Punjab 2-0 in the playoff to finish third. PP Shafeel and Christopher Kamei scored in either half. Services, winners of five of the last 10 editions, took the lead in the seventh minute through a strike from distance by Shafeel before Kamei converted a left-footed attempt from outside the box.

Karnataka (Sunil Kumar 2′ , Bekley Oram 19′ , Robin Yadav 42′) 3 – 2 Meghalaya (Brolington Warlarpih 19′ , Sheen Stevenson Sphktung 60′)

About the Santosh Trophy

- The National Football Championship for Hero Santosh Trophy, also known as the Hero National Football Championship or simply Santosh Trophy due to sponsorship ties with Hero MotoCorp, is a state-level national football competition contested by state associations and government institutions under the All India Football Federation (AIFF), the sport's governing body in India.
- Before the starting of the first national club league, the National Football League in 1996, the Santosh Trophy was considered the top domestic honour in India. Many players who have represented India internationally, played and gained honour while playing in the Santosh Trophy.

The tournament is held every year with eligible teams who are divided into zones, must play in the qualifying round and can progress into the tournament proper.

- The tournament was started in 1941 by Indian Football Association (IFA), which was the then de facto governing body of football in India. It was named after the former president of the IFA, Sir Manmatha Nath Roy Chowdhury, the Maharaja of Santosh who had died at the age of 61 in 1939. The IFA later donated the Santosh Trophy to the AIFF, soon after its formation as the sport's official governing body in India, and since then AIFF has been organising the tournament.
- The runner-up trophy, the Kamala Gupta Trophy, was also donated by the then-president of IFA, Dr. S.K. Gupta, and was named after his wife.
- The third-place trophy, Sampangi Cup, was donated by the Karnataka State Football Association (then Mysore Football Association) and was named so in the memory of a renowned footballer, Sampangi, who was from Mysore.
- Until 2018, the tournament was organised as an individual competition, but since 2021, the AIFF rebranded it as the men's senior tier of National Football Championship for the regional teams of various age groups. In September 2022, it was announced that the tournament will be organized on zonal basis.

Writer Vinod Kumar Shukla wins 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award

2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award: After decades of writing acclaimed novels like Naukar Ki Kameez (1979) and poetry collections like Sab Kuch Hona Bacha Rahega, Vinod Kumar Shukla has won the PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature for lifetime achievement in literature, one of the most coveted literary prizes in the world (1992). PEN America bestows the award on a yearly basis.

The award was founded in 2016 by Pen America in collaboration with the Vladimir Nabokov Literary Foundation to honour a living author whose work, written in or translated into English, represents the highest level of achievement in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and/or drama, and is of enduring originality and consummate craftsmanship. The award carries a cash prize of USD 50,000.

About Vinod Kumar Shukla:

Vinod Kumar Shukla, born on 1st January 1937 in Chhattisgarh, is the celebrated author of novels, poetry, and short stories in Hindi and in translation. Shukla also has an MSc in agriculture from Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya in Jabalpur and has lectured in the same. His works frequently tackle issues of class and wealth and the lives of the poor navigating a capitalist world.

Blue is like Blue (2019), one of his most recent story collections, is about characters who live in one-room apartments and are afraid of being duped by electric companies. It was translated by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra and Sara Rai. Mahavidyalaya (2022) is a collection which discusses the conflicts between nature and humanity and how literature can rescue both. The novel A Silent Place (2021), translated by Satti Khanna, narrates a forest silenced by exploitation, and the journey of a few kids within who seek to enliven it again.

His first published work was a poetry collection Lagbhag Jai Hind (1971), followed by Vah Aadmi Chala Gaya Naya Garam Coat Pehankar Vichar Ki Tarah (1981). Naukar Ki Kameez was his first novel,

adapted into a 1999 Hindi film by Mani Kaul, telling the story of a clerk in a government office who is found to fit into the shirt of a domestic help who runs away from his employer's house.

Awards:

Shukla, whose works incorporate magic-realist elements and have won the Sahitya Akademi award and the Atta Galatta–Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize, was born on January 1, 1937 in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh (then Madhya Pradesh). In 2019, he received the Atta Galatta-Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize for "Blue Is Like Blue: Stories," as well as the Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award in 2020.

India's per capita income doubles since 2014-15: NSO

Since 2014-15, when the Narendra Modi-led NDA came to power, India's nominal per capita income has more than doubled to Rs 1,72,000, but uneven income distribution remains a challenge. As per the National Statistical Office (NSO), the annual per capita (net national income) at current prices is estimated at Rs 1,72,000 in 2022-23, up from Rs 86,647 in 2014-15, suggesting an increase of about 99 per cent.

The Real Increase In Per Capita Income:

In real terms (constant prices), the per capita income has increased by about 35 per cent from Rs 72,805 in 2014-15 to Rs 98,118 in 2022-23.

Real Growth of Per Capita Income:

Average growth of India's per-capita income in real term for the period from 2014 to 2019 was 5.6 per cent per annum.

Uneven distribution a challenge: The Rising Inequality:

The average income of Indians is defined as per capita income. The averages mask the rising inequalities. Rising concentration of incomes at the high end means incomes of those at the lower rung of the income ladder may not be changing much.

India: Now The 5th Largest Economy:

According to IMF projections, India has surpassed the United Kingdom to become the world's fifth-largest economy, trailing only the United States, China, Japan, and Germany. A decade back, India was ranked 11th among the large economies while the UK was at the fifth position.

31 Indian states have implemented 'PM CARES for Children' scheme: ILO-UNICEF report

According to an ILO-UNICEF report on Social Protection for Children, 31 Indian states have implemented the national "PM CARES for Children" scheme launched during the pandemic, with 10,793 full orphans (children who have lost both parents) and 151,322 half-orphans (children who have lost one parent) benefiting from the scheme.

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Key findings of the ILO-UNICEF report:

- 2.4 billion Children in this world need adequate social protection.
- Nearly 1.77 billion children aged 0-18 years lack access to a child or family cash benefit, a fundamental pillar of a social protection system
- Regional disparities
- One billion children live in multidimensional poverty without access to education, health, housing, nutrition, sanitation or water.
- Gender disparity
- Children with disabilities or living in a household with a family member with a disability are more vulnerable to poverty.

ILO-UNICEF report: Stats on India:

According to the report, 31 Indian states have implemented the national 'PM CARES for Children' scheme. So far, only 4,302 children have benefited from the programme.

About 'PM-CARES for Children' Scheme:

The scheme was launched on May 29, 2021, with the goal of assisting children who have lost both or surviving parent(s), legal guardian/adoptive parents, or a single adoptive parent to Covid-19. The status of children in need of care and protection included orphans (10,094), lost either parent (1,36,910) and abandoned (488) taking the total to 1,47,492. In the gender-wise break-up, out of the 1,47,492 children, there are 76,508 boys, 70,980 girls and four transgender.

Happy Holi 2023 Date, Wishes, Quotes, History and Significance

Happy Holi 2023

Holi is a popular Hindu holiday and an ancient Hindu custom. It commemorates the Hindu deity Radha Krishna's eternal and heavenly love. As it honours the triumph of the Hindu deity Vishnu, also known as

Narasimha Narayana, over Hiranyakashipu, the day also represents the victory of good over evil. It originated and is primarily observed on the Indian subcontinent, but it has spread to other parts of Asia and the Western world thanks to the Indian diaspora.

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Happy Holi 2023 Dates

Holi will be celebrated on March 8, 2023. Learn everything there is to know about India's Holi in 2023. The Hindu holiday of Holi, which is celebrated throughout India, is very important to Hinduism. This is a celebration of colour. Let us inform you that the entire nation celebrates it with great fanfare. Holi will be celebrated on March 8th, 2023. Holi is a Hindu festival celebrated on the full moon day of the Falgun month every year. The festival of colours, Holi, will take place on March 8, 2023.

The Holika Dahan, popularly known as Chhoti Holi, will take place on March 7 one day earlier. Find out all there is to know about the India Holi 2023 date. Holi will be observed by the closure of all government offices and schools. You are all aware that India celebrates the enormous celebration of Holi as a national holiday, therefore the entire nation will be off work.

Happy Holi 2023: According to Hindu Calendar

Holi is a festival that marks the beginning of spring in India, the end of winter, and the blooming of love. For many, it is a joyous day to socialise, have fun, laugh, forget, and mend fences. The ceremony also serves as an invocation for a prosperous spring harvest. It begins on the evening of the Purnima (Full Moon Day), which happens in the Hindu calendar month of Phalguna, which corresponds to the middle of March in the Gregorian calendar. It lasts one night and one day. The first evening is known as Holika Dahan or Chhoti Holi, and the next day is known as "Holi", "Rangwali Holi", "Dol Purnima", "Dhuleti", "Dhulandi", "Ukuli", "Manjal Kuli", "Yaosang", "Shigmo", "Phagwah" or "Jajiri".

Happy Holi 2023: The Festival of Colours and Love

The Festival of Colours, the Festival of Spring, and the Festival of Love are other names for the Holi celebrations. People gather for a Holika Dahan the night before Holi, during which they perform religious rites in front of a bonfire and pray for the destruction of their inner evil, similar to how Holika, the sister of the demon king Hiranyakashipu, perished in the flames. They smear and soak each other with colour the following morning during Rangwali Holi. Everyone and anywhere is considered fair game while using water cannons and water-filled balloons to play and colour each other.

Happy Holi 2023: The Festival of Colours and Love

Drums and other musical instruments are frequently carried by groups as they move around singing and dancing. They visit family members throughout the day, and both friends and enemies gather to speak, eat, drink, and engage in Holi treats.

Happy Holi 2023: Cultural Significance

A culturally significant Hindu ritual on the Indian subcontinent is the Holi celebration. It is a joyful day to put an end to past mistakes, settle disagreements with others, and forget and forgive. Individuals deal with those in their lives in various ways, and they pay off or forgive debts. Holi ushers in spring and is a time for people to celebrate the season change and make new acquaintances.

Happy Holi 2023: Cultural Significance

The event is observed until Rang Panchmi in India's Braj district, the area where the Hindu deities Radha and Krishna were raised, to honour their heavenly love for one another. Holi, a festival of love, is

celebrated as part of the celebrations, which formally usher in spring. The puranic text known as the Garga Samhita, written by Sage Garga, is the first piece of literature that refer to the romantic description of Radha and Krishna enjoying Holi. Another explanation for the event is a well-known symbolic legend.

Happy Holi 2023: History

With its cultural customs, the Holi festival is a long-standing Hindu celebration. During Chandragupta II's rule in the fourth century, it is described by the poet Klidsa, Dasakumara Charita, and the Puranas. The Sanskrit drama Ratnavali from the seventh century AD also makes reference to the Holi festival. The Holi festival captivated British colonial employees and European businessmen by the 17th century. Some of the old Oxford English Dictionary editions that mention it but with different, phonetically derived spellings are Houly (1687), Hooly (1698), Huli (1789), Hohlee (1809), Holee (1825), and Holi in editions published after 1910.

Following are the Happy Holi 2023 Rituals:

- At parks, community centres, close to temples, and other open spaces, people begin gathering wood and combustible items for the bonfire days before the festival. An effigy of Holika, who lured Prahalad into the fire, is perched on the cremation pyre. Inside their homes, they stock up on food, party drinks, and festive seasonal meals such as gujiya, mathri, malpuas, and other local specialties.
- The bonfire is lighted to symbolise Holika Dahan on the eve of Holi, usually at or after nightfall. The ritual serves as a symbol of good triumphing over evil. They sing and dance in front of the fire.

Happy Holi 2023: Holika Dahan Ritual

- The day following the Holika bonfire, Holi festivities and fun commence in North and Western India. Children and teenagers form groups to colour their targets with dry paint, coloured solution and water cannons (pichkaris), coloured water balloons, and other inventive methods.
- After a day of playing with colours, folks wash up, take a bath, get sober, dress up, and greet friends and family by paying them a visit and exchanging treats. Holi is a ritualistic celebration that tries to create harmony in society. It is also a festival of forgiveness and fresh begins.

National Youth Parliament Festival Fourth Edition

National Youth Parliament Festival Fourth Edition: The fourth edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival was held at the Parliament of India in New Delhi. On the first day of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) finals in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi, Minister of State for Youth and Sports Affairs Shri Nisith Pramanik gave a speech. During the first day, a continuation of the competitive session was planned.

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The National Jury, comprised of Sh. Anurag Sharma, Member of Parliament for Lok Sabha, Shri Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament for Lok Sabha, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of the Department of School

Education and Literacy, and Shri Kanchan Gupta, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, heard from the winners of the 29 State Youth Parliaments (SYP).

National Youth Parliament Festival: Key Points

- On this occasion, Shri Nisith Pramanik stated that the opinions shared by the attendees will serve as a guide for the nation.
- He further stated that India will become an economically powerful nation thanks to the zeal and vigour of the young.
- The youth will further reinforce the democratic spirit, he continued, and their vision is as strong as this country's democracy.
- The Minister further stated that, in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision, India is carving out its own place in the world and evolving into Atmanirbhar, and that the nation's youth will play a significant part in achieving this goal.
- On March 2, 2023, the first three winners will have the opportunity to address the Lok Sabha Speaker, who will also speak with the young at the event.
- Speaker of the Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla will deliver a speech during the closing ceremony of the 4th National Youth Parliament Festival on March 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi (NYPF).
- During the event, three of the Festival's national winners will share their opinions.
- Anurag Thakur, the Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, and Nisith Pramanik, the Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, will also be present.
- Anurag Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, will also address the participants.

National Youth Parliament Festival: Ideas for a Better Tomorrow

The theme of India for the World was chosen for the 4th National Youth Parliament Festival, which will take place in 2023. District Youth Parliaments were held between January 25 and 29, 2023. At 150 locations across the nation, more than 2.01 lakh young people from 748 Districts of all the States and UTs took part. On February 3 through February 7, 2023, the District Youth Parliament's (DYP) first and second place finishers took part in the State Youth Parliament Festival. The assigned issues were discussed by participants in the District and State Level Youth Parliaments.

Objectives of 4th Edition of National Youth Parliament Festival

The National Youth Parliament Festival's (NYPF) goal is to give young people a platform to express themselves as they choose careers in public service and other fields. On the concept presented by the Prime Minister in his Mann Ki Baat Speech on December 31, 2017, NYPF was founded. The first NYPF 2019 was held with the theme "Be the Voice of New India and Discover Solutions and Contribute to Policy," with 88,000 youth participating in physical mode, drawing inspiration from the concept.

Under the subject "YUVAAH- Utsah Naye Bharat Ka," the second National Youth Parliament Festival of 2021 was held, and more than 23 Lakh youth and stakeholders from all over the nation were present virtually. Under the subject "Be the Voice of New India and Discover Solutions and Contribute to Policy," the third National Youth Parliament Festival, 2022, was held with the participation of more than 2.44 Lakh Youth.

Ales Bialiatski, Nobel laureate sentenced prison for 10 years in Belarus

Ales Bialiatski sentenced prison for 10 years: Ales Bialiatski, a leading human rights defender in Belarus and a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022, was sentenced to ten years in prison in Minsk, Belarus's capital.

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Ales Bialiatski sentenced prison: Key Points

- Ales Bialiatski and three other key members of the Viasna human rights organisation he created were found guilty of funding rallies against the government.
- After widespread protests over a 2020 election that delivered autocratic President Aleksandr Lukashenko a second term in office, they were detained and imprisoned.
- Since taking government in 1994, Lukashenko has repressed dissent and cracked down on independent media.
- The strongest wave of protests in Belarus history raged on for several months as part of the 2020 movement, and the government reacted harshly.
- At than 35,000 individuals were detained, and police beat thousands of them.
- The accusations against Bialiatski and his associates stemmed from Viasna giving money to political prisoners and supporting their legal expenses.

The Nobel committee honoured Bialiatski in Oslo in October, along with the Russian and Ukrainian human rights organisations Memorial and Center for Civil Liberties. Oleg Orlov, co-chair of Memorial, tried to fly to Minsk to support Bialiatski, but was refused boarding because Belarus had prohibited him from entering the country, according to airline representatives.

Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023 organized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, graced the "Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023," which was organised by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to honour women champions of rural water and sanitation.

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More About The Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023:

This event organized in the run up to the International Women's Day, was to felicitate the exceptional and exemplary work being done at the grassroots level by women in the implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen (SBM-G), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA-CTR).

36 women WASH Champions were conferred with the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman 2023' by the President of India and Union Minister of Jal Shakti.

Catch the Rain 2023:

Minister of Jal Shakti Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain 2023 and released the National Water Mission's (NWM) SoPs on Source Sustainability at the event. Union Minister also presented President with the first copy of the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Ki Abhivyakti' – a compendium of case stories from SBM (G), JJM and NWM. The theme is 'Source Sustainability for Drinking Water'.

Significance of This Mission:

Nobel laureate Michael Kremer, in his study has reported that 1.36 lakh lives of children under five years of age can be saved every year in rural India by providing safe and adequate drinking water through tap connections and having safe sanitation practices.

Jerdon's narrow-mouthed frog endemic to Western Ghats has been rediscovered.

After 89 years, Jerdon's narrow-mouthed frog (Uperodon montanus) has been spotted in the upper reaches of the Western Ghats.
The species was last studied in 1934 after which, it was rarely spotted by researchers. This species of frog has a longish snout, shiny brown skin with darker brown, red and golden spots on its body.

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These are found in rock pools or tree holes filled with rainwater. This frog is considered a montane species and is mainly found at higher altitudes of 800-1700 metres.

They are distributed from near Wayanad south across the Palghat and the Shencottah gaps to the Agasthyamalai hills. Jerdon's narrow-mouthed frog is classified as "Near Threatened" in the IUCN list. Tadpoles are free-swimming and exotrophic i.e. they feed on other species.

Former Chief Justice of India AM Ahmadi passes away at the age of 90.

Former Chief Justice of India AM Ahmadi died at his home. He was the Chief Justice of India from 1994 to 1997. He started his career as City Civil and Session Court judge in Ahmedabad.

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He is the only Chief Justice of India who started at the very lowest rank and attained the highest position in the Indian Judiciary. He is one of the longest-serving Chief Justices of India. He was part of various important Commissions. He was an expert in various fields such as human rights, freedom of speech, criminal, taxation, and centre-state and interstate relations.

He also served as the Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University.

RBI imposes restrictions on Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank

RBI has imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers from Tamil Nadu-based Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank.

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Reason: It is a part of several restrictions imposed on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition.

The restrictions on the lender will remain in force for six months from the close of business on March 3, 2023. Without the approval of the RBI, the cooperative bank cannot grant loans, make any investments, or disburse any payments.