

Weekly Current Affairs (Feb 26 to Mar 4)

- Kolkata-based United Bank of India (UBI) has launched a railway ticket booking facility by having a direct tie-up IRCTC.
- Vivek Chaand Sehgal, the 60-year-old chairman of auto parts maker Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd, has been named Indian entrepreneur of the year 2016 by EY, the consulting firm formerly known as Ernst & Young.
- Dena Bank has introduced RFID-enabled banking cards whereby a branch/relationship manager can identify a valued client entering a branch with the card.
- Darjeeling has opened the country's first hill station bicycle path, with views of the world's highest mountains as cycling grows in popularity among Indians.
- The High Court of Bombay at Goa has introduced online payment of court fees through e-payment gateway in coordination with the Goa Government and National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- School buses will now have to be equipped with GPS, CCTV arrangements and speed governors as per the revised guidelines issued by the CBSE to ensure greater safety of children.
- India and Germany ratify social security agreement.
- The 89th Academy Awards ceremony, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to honor the best films of 2016, was held at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, California, on February 26, 2017.
- Adding another feather in her cap, star shuttler Saina Nehwal, who was appointed a member of the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission (AC) last year, would be representing the panel in the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- Rio Olympian Thanackal Gopi and Monika Athare won the men's and women's titles respectively, clocking impressive timings, in the second edition of the IDBI Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon.
- Olympic silver medallist John-John Dohmen of Belgium and retiring Netherlands star Naomi Van As were named the male and female Players of the Year for 2016, respectively, by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- Mumbai is the richest Indian city with a total wealth of \$820 billion
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje today inaugurated a medical project Rajasthan Heart Attack Treatment programme (RAHAT), launched by a private hospital.
- India's largest software services firm Tata Consultancy Services has broken into the list of Top 3 most valuable brands in the IT services industry by Brand Finance, the leading global brand valuation firm.

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- Fifth Harmony star Normani Kordei has been named a global ambassador for the American Cancer Society.
- India's state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corp will take control of Hindustan Petroleum Corp as part of the government's plan to create an integrated public sector oil entity.
- Second-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga defeated Frenchman Lucas Pouille to win the 2017 Open 13.
- Japan's SoftBank Group Corp and Taiwan's Foxconn have agreed to form a joint venture, as the two large Asian technology companies expand their ties.
- Pooja Ghatkar secured India's first medal at the ongoing ISSF World Cup with a score of 228.8 in the final round.
- Food technology company Gorb has partnered with cab aggregator Ola to offer food to consumers at discounted rates in Mumbai.
- Government-run Air India has put into operation its newly-leased Airbus A320 Neo with its maiden flight arriving in Chennai from New Delhi.
- The world's first robot table tennis tutor FORPHEUS in Japan has set a new Guinness World Record for its uncanny ability of being able to play the game better than most humans.
- Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin added yet another feather to his cap by becoming the highest wicket-taker in a home Test season.
- Three poets from Maharashtra have been conferred with the Vishakha Awards on February 26, 2017 at the Kalidas Kalamandir Hall in Maharashtra during the occasion of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din.
- Chandra Shekhar Azad's 86th Martyrdom Day observed on 27th February.
- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off the country's first Antyodaya Express.
- Minister for Information & Broadcasting M Venkaiah Naidu and Member of the Parliament of Ukraine and Chairman of the National Council of Television Ukraine Mr. Iurii Artemenko have agreed to strengthen the bilateral cooperation between the two countries through the medium of Cinema in New Delhi.
- India Test skipper Virat Kohli has been named as the 'Captain of the Year' at the 10th annual ESPNcricinfo Awards.
- Noted film actor Kabir Bedi was appointed as the honorary brand ambassador of Sightsavers, a global organisation working to prevent avoidable blindness.
- Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation (AEOI) stated that Russia and Iran have reached an agreement to jointly produce nuclear fuel.

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- Government of India, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India(RBI), has decided to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds 2016-17–Series IV. Applications for the bond will be accepted from February 27, 2017 to March 03, 2017.
- Chinese multinational telecommunications equipment company ZTE made an announcement that it has launched a next generation 5G IT baseband unit (BBU) partnered with Intel Corporation for this technology.
- Paytm E-Commerce, the online marketplace arm of One97 Communications Pvt. Ltd, launched Paytm Mall, a mobile app and online shopping portal.
- Director of Health and Family Welfare Services K V Raman said that Union Territory was having 11 deaths of children per 1000 babies born.
- Former Union Minister P. Shiv Shankar passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 89.
- Last year's finalists Kalinga Lancers made amends to lift their maiden Hockey India League title, defeating Dabang Mumbai 4-1 in the final
- Standalone health insurer Apollo Munich Health Insurance is expanding its footprint across the country with bancassurance tie-up with state-owned Dena Bank.
- The Haryana government has set up an online system for Panipat to monitor the sex-ratio in the district as part of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' programme.
- National Science Day is celebrated all over India with great enthusiasm on 28th of February every year in order to commemorate the invention of the Raman Effect in India by the Indian physicist, Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on the same day in the year 1928.
- Senior diplomat Ruchi Ghanashyam was appointed as the Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The government has shifted the responsibility of promoting digital transactions in the country to the Ministry of IT and Electronics (MEITY) from NITI Aayog.
- Senior tribal leader from Chhattisgarh and ex-parliamentarian Nand Kumar Sai has assumed charge as chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST).
- Radhanagar on the Havelock Island in the Andamans has featured among the top 10 in TripAdvisor's 'World's Travellers' Choice Award-Winning Beaches'.
- The country's first integrated heliport was inaugurated in the national capital with Civil Aviation Minister A Gajapathi Raju saying it is the first of its kind facility in South Asia.
- Joint secretary Gopal Baglay was appointed the spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs.

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- National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28 February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928.
- Global leader in payment solutions American Express announced the launch of Buyer Initiated Payments (BIP), an electronic payment platform linked to corporate card that reduces processing costs and offers extended payment terms compared to traditional invoice payments.
- Sanjiv Singh was appointed chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), the country's largest commercial enterprise.
- The World Bank will provide USD 63 million loan to India to empower 6.8 lakh adolescent girls in Jharkhand under the 'Tejaswini' project.
- Former Indian women's cricketer Shantha Rangaswamy has become the first female cricketer to be nominated for the BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The Reserve Bank on Tuesday announced setting up of the inter-disciplinary standing committee on cyber security to review the threats inherent in the existing and emerging technology.
- M C Chauhan was appointed as General Manager of North Central Railway, Allahabad.
- South-based Lakshmi Vilas Bank has tied up with Centrum Group in which the bank will refer its High Net Worth Individuals (HNI) to Centrum for wealth management and family office services.
- LTE mobile network operator Reliance Jio has announced collaboration with the networking giant Cisco to expand Jio's existing multi-terabit capacity with the first All-IP converged network in India.
- The price of non-subsidised cooking gas (LPG) was hiked by a steep Rs 86 per cylinder.
- Some banks, including HDFC Bank, have begun charging a minimum amount of Rs 150 per transaction for cash deposits and withdrawals beyond four free transactions in a month.
- R Subramania Kumar was today given additional charge of the post of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank for three more months.
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- Union minister Narender Singh Tomar Launched the 'Swachh Shakti Saptah' in Haryana, "Swachhta" (cleanliness) has become a movement which now needs to made a mass movement.
- World Civil Defence Day, created by decision of the ICDO General Assembly in 1990, is celebrated every year on the 1st of March.
- Indian filmmaker Alankrita Shrivastava's Lipstick Under My Burkha, which has been denied a certificate by the country's movie censor board, has bagged the Audience Award at the Glasgow Film Festival 2017.

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- Reliance General Insurance (RGI), a part of Reliance Capital, has entered into a bancassurance tie-up with Catholic Syrian Bank.
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) appointed Portugal's Luis Norton de Matos as the head coach of the India Under-17 team for the FIFA Under-17 World Cup.
- Virat Kohli will become the first player to receive the Polly Umrigar Award - given to the International Cricketer of the Year - for the third time, at the BCCI Annual Awards in Bangalore on March 8. Kohli first received the award in 2011-12 and in 2014-15.
- Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister O Panneerselvam launched a portal which will be a hub of learning, interaction, opportunity, and connection.
- Former India wrestler Kripa Shankar Bishnoi has been appointed an international match referee by United World Wrestling (UWW), the sport's global governing body.
- Telecom Secretary J.S. Deepak has been appointed as country's permanent representative to World Trade Organization (WTO).
- India's Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) shield got a further fillip with the successful test of an interceptor supersonic missile conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- Jitu Rai and Amanpreet Singh win gold and silver, respectively in men's 50m free pistol at the ISSF Shooting World Cup.
- Navy successfully test fires missile from Kalvari submarine.
- Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, has again topped the list of top Indian cities equipped to manage urbanisation, according to an evaluation of 21 major cities across 18 states by Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.
- JNU wins visitor's awards 2017 for best university.
- Assam will host its first river festival- Namami Brahmaputra at the riverfront of Brahmaputra in Guwahati from 31 March to 4 April 2017.
- Malaysia will cancel visa-free entry for North Koreans entering the country starting next week as diplomatic ties between the two countries fray further following the murder of Kim Jong-nam at the Kuala Lumpur airport.
- Former Chief Secretary of Maharashtra Swadheen Kshatriya was sworn-in as the state's first Right to Services (RTS) Chief Commissioner. Lokayukta Justice (retd) M L Tahiliani administered the oath of office to Kshatriya at Sahyadri state guest house in Mumbai.
- GAIL signs 1st time swap deal for US LNG with Gunvor.

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- Government asks all banks to have banking facilities by March 31.
- The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has entered the Limca Book of World Records for erecting 200 U-shaped girders, the maximum to be launched on any metro corridor in the country within a month.
- The Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar presented the Raksha Mantris Trophy and Citation for the best Service Hospital in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the year 2016 to INHS Asvini, Mumbai.
- The Ministry of Women & Child Development is observing the Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st March 2017 to 15th March 2017, to raise awareness about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan among women and children.
- Senior IAS officer T Jacob was appointed as Secretary, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- Kerala has achieved the maximum number of registrations under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime with at least 60 per cent of an estimated 2.5 lakh traders migrating to the new platform.
- Former President Barack Obama was named the 2017 winner of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for carrying on his fellow Democrat's legacy.
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- HDFC Life today announced the launch of an exclusive data-led group term insurance plan in partnership with ET Money, the Times Internet backed financial services app.
- Sudhin Mathur has been named Managing Director of Motorola Mobility India and has been inducted as a full-time director on the company's Board.
- SBI to charge for breaching monthly average balance in savings account.
- Govt approves Rs 756 cr scheme to treat cancer patients.
- A former army general Bakri Hassan Saleh, top aide to President Omar al-Bashir was sworn in as Sudan's first prime minister since the post was scrapped in a 1989 Islamist-backed coup.
- K Purwar was appointed Chairman and Managing Director of state-run telecom major Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).
- Pakistan diplomat Sial assumes office as new sec gen of SAARC.
- Aadhaar number made mandatory for students to receive midday meals.
- French football legend Raymond Kopa passes away.