



## 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 Current Affairs

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1. World Autism Awareness Day is observed on 2nd April. This Year theme is "Empowering women and girls with autism".
2. Delhi has become the first city in the country to leapfrog from Euro-IV grade petrol and diesel to Euro-VI.
3. West Bengal government has launched a scheme called 'Rupashree' which provides one-time financial support to the marriages of poor girls. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs.25,000 will be credited to girl's bank account before her marriage.
4. The United States and South Korea started a low-key joint military drill 'Foal Eagle drill' as a diplomatic thaw over North Korea gathered pace.
5. China set to unveil the world's longest cross-sea bridge, connecting Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China.
6. India is now the second largest mobile phone producer in the world after China, as per information shared by Indian Cellular Association (ICA) with Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.
7. The BCCI has appointed former Rajasthan DGP Ajit Singh as the head of its Anti-Corruption Unit.
8. Debjani Ghosh, former managing director of Intel South Asia, is the new president of Nasscom, she succeeded by R.Chandrashekhar.
9. The former chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Vineet Joshi, was appointed the first director-general of the National Testing Agency (NTA).
10. The Mangalore International Airport has been adjudged the cleanest airport in the country. Airport director V V Rao received the award during the 23rd annual day celebrations of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in New Delhi.
11. Kerala has lifted their sixth Santosh Trophy Football title by defeating West Bengal.
12. Shuttlers PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth were named 'Sportspersons of the Year' with their coach Pullela Gopichand being adjudged 'best coach' at the inaugural ESPN Multi-Sport Awards.
13. A world-class interpretation center and other tourist facilities for visitors inaugurated at the Konark Sun Temple, Odisha.



14. India ranked 37th in the global startup ecosystem in 2017, according to a report released by global startup ecosystem map Startup link.

15. Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani is Asia's third-richest man and is ranked 19 in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, there are 23 Indians in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index top 500 list, with Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates holding on to the top two spots.

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