



## 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Current Affairs

### 1. Padmanaban Gopalan wins the Commonwealth Youth Award.

A social entrepreneur from Tamil Nadu, Padmanaban Gopalan, founder of No Food Waste, was named the winner of the Commonwealth Youth Award for the Asian region worth 3,000 Pounds at a ceremony at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London.

### 2. 15 March: World Consumer Rights Day.

The consumer movement marks 15th March with World Consumer Rights Day every year, as a means of raising global awareness about consumer rights and needs. The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2019 is 'Trusted Smart Products'. The day demands that the rights of all consumers are respected and protected, and to protest against market abuses and social injustices which undermine those rights.

### 3. Russia releases coin commemorating annexation of Crimea.

A new coin that features the Crimea or Kerch Strait Bridge released by Russia's central bank, to mark Crimea's reunification with Russia. Two million new five rubles (about \$0.08, €0.07) coins were pressed which depict an outline of the peninsula which was annexed by Russia in 2014.

### 4. Kent RO Awarded as the Best Domestic Water Purifier 2019

Kent RO Systems Pvt. Ltd. has received the Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2018-19 for its RO+UV+UF technology at the Water Digest Water Awards function that was held in New Delhi.

### 5. RBI Categorizes IDBI Bank as Private Sector Lender

As per RBI notification, IDBI Bank has been categorized as a private sector lender following the acquisition of majority stake by Life Insurance Corporation. IDBI Bank has been under the prompt corrective action framework of RBI that bans it from corporate lending and branch expansions, salary hikes, and other regular activities.

### 6. RBI to swap \$5 billion with banks to aid system liquidity

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) offered a \$5-billion swap facility to banks to aid liquidity before the end of the financial year. The auction will happen on March 26 and the buy/sell swap will run up to March 28, 2022, or for a three-year duration. The swap facility is part of its 'liquidity management toolkit' and would be to meet the durable liquidity needs of the system.

### 7. ESPN World Fame 100 list: Virat Kohli the only Indian in Top 10

This year's ESPN World Fame 100 list, an annual list of the most famous athletes on the planet, placed the Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo at the top spot, followed by former Basketball player Lebron James and FC Barcelona captain Lionel Messi. Indian skipper, Virat Kohli, stands on the seventh position and is the only Indian athlete in the top 10 clubs, whereas Dhoni is placed on the 13th position.

### 8. Prominent Lingayat pontiff Maate Mahadevi passes away

Prominent Lingayat pontiff and Basava Dharma Peetha President Maate Mahadevi breathed her last at a private hospital. She was 74. Installed as 'Jagadguru' in the 1970s, Maate Mahadevi established several educational and religious institutions and published several books.

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