

## March Month Current Affairs

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#### 1. 98<sup>th</sup> ACADEMY AWARDS (OSCARs) 2026

##### 1.1 Overview

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- 98<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards held on March 15 2026 at Dolby Theatre Hollywood Los Angeles USA.
- Organized by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS).
- Hosted by Conan O'Brien for second consecutive year.
- Awards presented for best films released in 2025 across 24 categories.

##### 1.3 Major Highlights

##### 1.4

- Film One Battle After Another became biggest winner with 6 Oscars.
- Awards won include Best Picture Best Director Best Supporting Actor Best Adapted Screenplay Best Film Editing Best Casting.
- Movie Sinners received 16 nominations highest nominations in Oscar history.
- Previous record of 14 nominations held by Titanic and La La Land.
- Frankenstein dominated technical categories including Costume Design Makeup Hairstyling Production Design.
- Oscars introduced new category Best Casting first new category added in 25 years.
- First Best Casting award won by Cassandra Kulukundis for One Battle After Another.

##### 1.3 Major Award Winners

- Best Picture – One Battle After Another
- Best Actor – Michael B Jordan for Sinners
- Best Actress – Jessie Buckley for Hamnet
- Best Supporting Actor – Sean Penn for One Battle After Another
- Best Supporting Actress – Amy Madigan for Weapons
- Best Director – Paul Thomas Anderson for One Battle After Another
- Best Original Screenplay – Sinners by Ryan Coogler
- Best Adapted Screenplay – One Battle After Another by Paul Thomas Anderson

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- Best Animated Film – KPop Demon Hunters
- Best Documentary Feature – Mr Nobody Against Putin
- Best Original Song – Golden from KPop Demon Hunters
- Best International Film – Sentimental Value Norway
- Best Film Editing – Andy Jurgensen One Battle After Another
- Best Cinematography – Autumn Durald Arkapaw Sinners
- Best Costume Design – Kate Hawley Frankenstein
- Best Makeup and Hairstyling – Frankenstein
- Best Production Design – Frankenstein
- Best Visual Effects – Avatar Fire and Ash

### 1.5 India at Oscars 2026

#### 1.6

- Homebound shortlisted for Best International Feature Film but not nominated.
- Kantara Chapter 1 Tanvi The Great Mahavatar Narsimha eligible but not nominated.
- Geeta Gandbhir nominated for Best Documentary Feature and Documentary Short categories.
- Priyanka Chopra presented Best International Feature Film award with Javier Bardem.
- In Memoriam segment honoured Indian cinema personalities B Saroja Devi Dharmendra Manoj Kumar Jayasree Kabir Kota Srinivasa Rao S Krishnaswamy.

### 1.5 About Oscars

- Academy Awards presented annually by Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
- Started in 1929.
- Recognises excellence in film industry.
- Award trophy officially called Academy Award of Merit commonly called Oscar.
- Walt Disney holds record for most Oscars with 26 awards.
- Edith Head most awarded woman with 8 Oscars in Costume Design category.
- AMPAS CEO Bill Kramer.
- Headquarters Beverly Hills California USA.

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## 2. R VAIRAMUTHU – 60<sup>th</sup> JNANPITH AWARD 2025

### 2.1 Key Points

#### 2.2

- Tamil poet and lyricist R Vairamuthu selected for 60<sup>th</sup> Jnanpith Award for year 2025.
- Jnanpith Award is highest literary honour in India.

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- He became third Tamil writer to receive Jnanpith Award after Akilan 1975 Jayakanthan 2002.
- First Tamil poet to receive Jnanpith Award.

### 2.3 About Jnanpith Award

#### 2.4

- Instituted in 1961 first awarded in 1965.
- Presented annually by Bharatiya Jnanpith organisation.
- Award given for outstanding contribution to Indian literature.
- Award includes Rs 11 lakh cash prize bronze statue of Vagdevi Saraswati citation.
- Selection committee chaired by Pratibha Ray.

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## 3. INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 3.1 India EU Aviation Agreement

#### 3.2

- India signed working arrangement with European Union to strengthen aviation manufacturing cooperation.
- Agreement aims to improve aircraft production quality and safety standards.
- Supports Make in India initiative in aviation sector.
- Airbus Helicopters H125 AS350 assembly planned in Bengaluru Karnataka.

### 3.3 UN Task Force for Strait of Hormuz

#### 3.4

- United Nations announced formation of task force to address disruptions in Strait of Hormuz trade route.
- Task force led by Jorge Moreira da Silva Executive Director of UNOPS.
- Initiative aims to maintain stability of global energy trade supply chains.

### 3.3 Balendra Shah becomes youngest PM of Nepal

- Balendra Shah leader of Rastriya Swatantra Party sworn in as youngest Prime Minister of Nepal at age 35.
- Won parliamentary election held March 5 2026.
- Party secured 182 seats out of 275 seats in House of Representatives.
- Oath administered by Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel.
- Balendra Shah became 47<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Nepal.
- First Prime Minister from Madhesh Province.

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### 3.5 India Indonesia cooperation for Prambanan Temple

#### 3.6

- India and Indonesia agreed to restore Prambanan Temple complex in Yogyakarta Indonesia.
- Temple built in 9<sup>th</sup> century by Sanjaya dynasty.
- Dedicated to Hindu Trimurti Brahma Vishnu Shiva.
- UNESCO recognised World Heritage Site since 1991.
- Temple complex includes 240 temples with Ramayana carvings.

### 3.5 Argentina withdraws from WHO

- Argentina officially withdrew from World Health Organization March 2026.
- Decision announced by President Javier Milei in February 2025.
- Withdrawal completed after one year notice to United Nations.

### 3.7 USA new oil refinery with Reliance investment

#### 3.8

- USA announced first new oil refinery project in nearly 50 years.
- Investment supported by Reliance Industries Limited led by Mukesh Ambani.
- Refinery located at Port of Brownsville Texas USA.
- Estimated investment about 300 billion dollars.
- Project expected to process large volume of shale oil and produce petroleum products.

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## 4. FATF GREY LIST UPDATE

### 4.1 Key Points

#### 4.2

- Financial Action Task Force (FATF) added Kuwait and Papua New Guinea to Grey List.
- Grey List means countries under increased monitoring for financial risks.
- Total countries in Grey List increased to 22.
- Decision taken during FATF Plenary meeting February 9–13 2026 in Mexico City Mexico.

### 4.3 Reason for Grey List

#### 4.4

- Strategic deficiencies in Anti Money Laundering (AML) system.
- Weak Counter Terrorist Financing (CFT) controls.
- Need improvements in financial transparency systems.

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### 4.3 FATF Leadership Update

- Giles Thomson from United Kingdom appointed next FATF President.
  - Term period until June 2028.
  - Succeeds Elisa de Anda Madrazo.
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## 5. FINLAND PRESIDENT VISIT TO INDIA

### 5.1 Key Points

#### 5.2

- Finland President Alexander Stubb visited India from March 4 to March 7 2026.
- Visit aimed to strengthen cooperation in technology sustainability trade and innovation.
- India Finland relations elevated to Strategic Partnership for Digitalisation and Sustainability.

### 5.3 Raisina Dialogue 2026

#### 5.4

- Alexander Stubb attended 11<sup>th</sup> Raisina Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi as Chief Guest.
- Raisina Dialogue inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### Theme

- Samskara – Assertion Accommodation Advancement.
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## 6. MOBILE WORLD CONGRESS 2026

### 6.1 Overview

#### 6.2

- Mobile World Congress 2026 held March 2 to March 5 2026 in Barcelona Spain.
- Organised by Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA).

### Theme

- The IQ Era.

### 6.3 Key Highlights

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### 6.4

- Global telecom companies and technology leaders participated.
- Indian delegation led by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- Huawei company won highest awards.
- Samsung Galaxy S26 Ultra received Best in Show Device award.

### 6.3 Awards

- Lifetime Achievement Award – Sunil Bharti Mittal.

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## 7. CHILE ELIMINATES LEPROSY

### 7.1 Key Points

### 7.2

- Chile became first country in Americas to eliminate leprosy as public health problem.
- Confirmed by World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization.
- Chile became 61<sup>st</sup> country globally to eliminate neglected tropical disease.

### 7.3 India target

### 7.4

- India aims zero leprosy transmission by 2027.
- Target earlier than Sustainable Development Goal 2030 timeline.

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## 8. CANADA PRIME MINISTER VISIT TO INDIA

### 8.1 Key Points

### 8.2

- Canada Prime Minister Mark Carney visited India February 27 to March 2 2026.
- Meeting held with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- Aim to strengthen bilateral trade investment education innovation cooperation.

### 8.3 Economic cooperation

### 8.4

- India Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations started.
- Bilateral trade target 50 billion dollars by 2030.

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### 8.3 Education partnership

- University of Toronto announced 100 million dollar scholarship programme.
- Scholarships support Indian students studying in Canada.

### 8.5 Global alliances cooperation

#### 8.6

- Canada plans to join Global Biofuels Alliance.
- Canada plans to join International Solar Alliance.

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## 9. INDIA EU MOST FAVOURED NATION STATUS

### 9.1 Key Points

#### 9.2

- India and European Union agreed to grant each other Most Favoured Nation status.
- MFN status valid for 5 years from Free Trade Agreement implementation date.
- Agreement subject to review in fourth year.

### 9.3 Importance

#### 9.4

- Ensures equal trade benefits.
- Strengthens trade cooperation between India and European Union.

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## 10. LIPULEKH PASS TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA

### 10.1 Key Points

#### 10.2

- India China border trade through Lipulekh Pass will restart June 2026.
- Trade suspended since 2020 due to Covid pandemic.
- Lipulekh Pass located in Uttarakhand Pithoragarh district.
- Important historical trade route between India and China.

### 10.3 Importance

#### 10.4

- Supports local economy and traders livelihood.
- Improves bilateral trade relations.

## 11. NORTH KOREA ELECTION RESULTS

### 11.1 Key Points

#### 11.2

- Kim Jong Un secured 99.93 percent votes in 2026 election.
  - Voter turnout recorded 99.99 percent.
  - Workers Party of Korea won all seats in Supreme People Assembly.
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## 12. INDIA NEW ZEALAND SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

### 12.1 Key Points

#### 12.2

- India and New Zealand plan new sports partnership programme 2026.
- Marks 100 years of sporting relations between both countries.
- Meeting held between Mansukh Mandaviya and New Zealand sports delegation.

### 12.3 Objective

#### 12.4

- Strengthen sports cooperation.
  - Promote sports diplomacy.
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## 13. INDIA SENDS RICE TO MALAWI

### 13.1 Key Points

#### 13.2

- India sent 1000 metric tons rice to Malawi as humanitarian assistance.
- Malawi facing food shortage due to El Nino drought.
- Rice shipment sent from Nhava Sheva Port Maharashtra.

### 13.3 Importance

#### 13.4

- Demonstrates India global humanitarian support role.

#### 14. INDONESIA SOCIAL MEDIA BAN FOR CHILDREN

##### 14.1 Key Points

##### 14.2

- Indonesia announced ban on social media usage for children under 16 years.
  - Regulation prevents minors from creating social media accounts.
  - Aim to protect children from harmful online content.
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#### 15. ECMS SCHEME – ELECTRONICS COMPONENT MANUFACTURING

##### 15.1 Key Points

##### 15.2

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology approved 29 projects under Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS).
- Total investment around Rs 7,104 crore.
- Expected production value Rs 84,515 crore.
- Expected employment generation 14,246 jobs.

##### 15.3 Overall Progress

##### 15.4

- Total 75 applications approved under ECMS scheme.
- Total investment expected Rs 61,671 crore.
- Direct employment expected 65,040 jobs.

##### 15.3 Focus Areas

- Mobile manufacturing components.
- Telecom equipment components.
- Consumer electronics production.
- Automotive electronics.
- IT hardware components.

##### 15.5 Important development

##### 15.6

- India first Surface Mount Device plant for tantalum capacitors planned in Andhra Pradesh.
- Aim to build strong domestic electronics supply chain.

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### 15.5 Target

- Target to achieve 500 billion dollar electronics manufacturing ecosystem by 2030–31.
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### 16. PM E DRIVE SCHEME EXTENSION

#### 16.1 Key Points

#### 16.2

- Government extended subsidy under PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E DRIVE).
- Subsidy for electric two wheelers extended till July 31 2026.
- Scheme continues till March 31 2028 for electric three wheelers.

#### 16.3 Financial allocation

#### 16.4

- Total scheme allocation Rs 10,900 crore.
- Rs 3,679 crore for demand incentives.
- Rs 7,171 crore for electric buses charging infrastructure testing facilities.

#### 16.3 Incentives

- Incentive Rs 2,500 per kWh battery capacity.
- Maximum subsidy Rs 5,000 per vehicle.
- Applicable for vehicles priced up to Rs 1.5 lakh.

#### 16.5 Target

#### 16.6

- Target sale 24.79 lakh electric two wheelers.
  - Installation of 22,100 fast chargers for electric cars.
  - 1,800 chargers for electric buses.
  - 48,400 chargers for two wheelers and three wheelers.
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### 17. CCRAS MoU WITH ANUVADINI AI

#### 17.1 Key Points

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17.2

- Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences signed MoU with Anuvadini AI.
- Aim to translate Ayurveda research into 13 regional languages.
- Improves accessibility of Ayurveda knowledge.

17.3 Importance

17.4

- Supports digital India language technology.
- Promotes evidence based Ayurveda awareness.

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### 18. DGCA AND GATI SHAKTI VISHWAVIDYALAYA MoU

18.1 Key Points

18.2

- Directorate General of Civil Aviation signed MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.
- Aim to provide skill development training in aviation sector.

18.3 Training areas

18.4

- Aviation engineering.
- Aviation management.
- Technical skill development for youth.

18.3 Objective

- Improve employment opportunities in aviation sector.

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### 19. PM KUSUM SCHEME EXTENSION

19.1 Key Points

19.2

- Government extended PM Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan scheme deadline to March 31 2027.
- Scheme promotes solar energy use in agriculture sector.

19.3 Scheme targets

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19.4

- Target installation 34,800 MW solar power capacity.
- Central financial support Rs 34,422 crore.

19.3 Funding pattern

- Central government subsidy 30 percent.
- State government subsidy 30 percent.
- Farmers contribution 40 percent through loans.

19.5 Objective

19.6

- Reduce dependence on diesel irrigation pumps.
- Promote renewable energy in agriculture.

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20. NOIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

20.1 Key Points

20.2

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase 1 of Noida International Airport at Jewar Uttar Pradesh.
- Project cost Rs 11,200 crore.

20.3 Importance

20.4

- Second international airport for Delhi NCR after Indira Gandhi International Airport.
- Supports UDAN scheme regional connectivity.

20.3 Capacity

- Phase 1 passenger capacity 12 million passengers per year.
- Planned expansion capacity 70 million passengers annually.

20.5 Development model

20.6

- Developed under Public Private Partnership model.
- Collaboration with Zurich Airport International AG Switzerland.

## 21. INDIA FIRST HYDROGEN TRAIN

### 21.1 Key Points

#### 21.2

- India first hydrogen powered train completed oscillation trials successfully.
- Developed by Integral Coach Factory Chennai.
- Trial conducted by Research Designs and Standards Organisation.

### 21.3 Route

#### 21.4

- Planned route between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana.

### 21.3 Technical features

- Maximum speed 70 km per hour during testing.
- Train length 10 coaches.
- Powered by green hydrogen fuel.

### 21.5 Importance

#### 21.6

- Supports carbon emission reduction.
- Helps India achieve net zero carbon target by 2030.

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## 22. INDIA FIRST PORT OF REFUGE

### 22.1 Key Points

#### 22.2

- Adani Ports operationalised India first Port of Refuge system.
- Provides shelter for ships in distress situations.

### 22.3 Locations

#### 22.4

- Dighi Port west coast.
- Gopalpur Port east coast.

### 22.3 Importance

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- Strengthens maritime emergency response.
  - Improves safety of sea trade routes.
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### 23. OPERATION URJA SURAKSHA

#### 23.1 Key Points

#### 23.2

- Indian Navy launched Operation Urja Suraksha.
- Aim to protect energy supply ships passing through Strait of Hormuz.

#### 23.3 Deployment

#### 23.4

- More than five naval warships deployed.
- Protects LNG LPG crude oil transport ships.

#### 23.3 Importance

- Ensures energy security of India.
  - Maintains stability of oil supply chains.
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### 24. PRISM SG PORTAL

#### 24.1 Key Points

#### 24.2

- Government launched PRISM SG digital portal.
- Portal supports approval process for Road Over Bridge projects.

#### 24.3 Features

#### 24.4

- Digitised inspection workflow.
- Real time monitoring of infrastructure projects.
- Reduces approval time significantly.

#### 24.3 Objective

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- Improve coordination between railway and road authorities.
  - Increase efficiency of infrastructure development.
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### 25. MINISTRY OF CULTURE MoU WITH YOUTUBE

#### 25.1 Key Points

#### 25.2

- Ministry of Culture signed MoU with YouTube to promote Indian folk and tribal music globally.
- Agreement signed in New Delhi.

#### 25.3 Objective

#### 25.4

- Promote Indian traditional music worldwide.
  - Provide global platform for folk artists.
  - Preserve cultural heritage using digital platforms.
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### 26. UDAN SCHEME REVAMPED VERSION

#### 26.1 Key Points

#### 26.2

- Union Cabinet approved revamped UDAN scheme to improve regional air connectivity.
- Scheme aims to connect tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

#### 26.3 Financial outlay

#### 26.4

- Total budget Rs 28,840 crore.
- Scheme implementation period FY27 to FY36.

#### 26.3 Targets

- Connect 120 new destinations.
- Serve around 40 million passengers.
- Develop 50 airports 50 helipads 20 water aerodromes.

#### 26.5 Infrastructure development

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26.6

- Plan to develop 100 new airports from unused airstrips.
- Maintenance support for aerodromes for 3 years.

26.5 Helipad development

- Plan to develop 200 modern helipads in remote regions.

26.7 Importance

26.8

- Improves connectivity in rural areas.
- Supports tourism trade economic development.

26.7 About UDAN

- UDAN launched October 2016.
- First flight operated between Shimla and Delhi in April 2017.
- Ticket price capped around Rs 2,500 per hour flight.

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27. IVFRT SCHEME EXTENSION

27.1 Key Points

27.2

- Government extended Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration Tracking (IVFRT) scheme till March 31 2031.
- Total budget allocation Rs 1,800 crore.

27.3 Objective

27.4

- Modernise immigration system in India.
- Improve visa processing and tracking of foreign nationals.

27.3 Implementation

- Implemented by Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Integrated digital platform for immigration services.

27.5 Importance

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27.6

- Improves national security.
- Simplifies visa services.
- Supports digital governance.

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### 28. RBI BENCHMARK ISSUANCE STRATEGY FOR STATES

28.1 Key Points

28.2

- Reserve Bank of India introduced Benchmark Issuance Strategy for state government borrowings.
- Implemented from Financial Year 2026–27.

28.3 States included

28.4

- Andhra Pradesh
- Telangana
- Maharashtra
- Uttar Pradesh
- Bihar
- Rajasthan
- Kerala
- Madhya Pradesh
- Chhattisgarh

28.3 Objective

- Improve transparency in government borrowing.
- Reduce borrowing cost for states.
- Improve liquidity management.

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### 29. LEGAL ENTITY IDENTIFIER AND UNIQUE TRANSACTION IDENTIFIER

29.1 Key Points

29.2

- RBI made Legal Entity Identifier mandatory in financial markets.

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- Unique Transaction Identifier introduced for tracking financial transactions.

29.3 Features

29.4

- LEI is 20 digit unique identification code for companies.
- UTI helps identify financial transactions.

29.3 Objective

- Improve transparency in financial system.
- Reduce fraud risks.
- Improve financial stability.

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### 30. PAYMENTS VISION 2028

30.1 Key Points

30.2

- RBI released Payments Vision 2028 roadmap.
- Focus on development of secure digital payment ecosystem.

30.3 Theme

30.4

- Shaping India Payment Frontier.

30.3 Key features

- Improved cyber security for digital payments.
- Option to enable or disable digital transactions.
- Improved cross border payment system.

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### 31. INDIA RENEWABLE ENERGY RANKING

31.1 Key Points

31.2

- India became third largest renewable energy market globally.
- Growth driven by solar wind and hydropower expansion.

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31.3 Importance

31.4

- Supports climate change goals.
  - Reduces carbon emissions.
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## 32. INDIA GLOBAL POSITION IN BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

32.1 Key Points

32.2

- India ranked first globally in issuing IRCC certificates under Nagoya Protocol.
- Total certificates issued 3,561.

32.3 Importance

32.4

- Ensures fair sharing of benefits from biological resources.
  - Promotes biodiversity conservation.
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## 33. INDIA BANKING ACCESS COVERAGE

33.1 Key Points

33.2

- 99.92 percent villages covered with banking services.
- Banking services available within 5 kilometre radius.

33.3 Services included

33.4

- Bank branches
  - Banking correspondents
  - India Post Payments Bank services
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## 34. GST COLLECTION MARCH 2026

34.1 Key Points

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34.2

- GST collections crossed Rs 2 lakh crore in March 2026.
- Total GST revenue Rs 2,00,064 crore.

34.3 Importance

34.4

- Indicates strong economic activity.
- Improves government revenue.

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### 35. SMALL SAVINGS INTEREST RATES

35.1 Key Points

35.2

- Government kept interest rates unchanged for small savings schemes.

35.3 Schemes included

35.4

- Public Provident Fund (PPF)
- National Savings Certificate (NSC)
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY)
- Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP)

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### 36. INS ARIDHAMAN NUCLEAR SUBMARINE

36.1 Key Points

36.2

- India inducted INS Aridhaman nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine.
- Third submarine under Arihant class.

36.3 Features

36.4

- Equipped with nuclear capable K15 and K4 missiles.
- Developed under Advanced Technology Vessel project.

36.3 Importance

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- Strengthens India nuclear triad capability.
  - Improves national security defence strength.
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### 37. SHACHI OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL

#### 37.1 Key Points

#### 37.2

- Shachi offshore patrol vessel launched for Indian Coast Guard.
- Built at Goa Shipyard Limited.

#### 37.3 Purpose

#### 37.4

- Used for maritime surveillance rescue operations.
  - Strengthens coastal security.
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### 38. PRAHAR LIGHT MACHINE GUN

#### 38.1 Key Points

#### 38.2

- Indian Army received Prahar Light Machine Guns.
- Manufactured under Make in India initiative.

#### 38.3 Features

#### 38.4

- 7.62 mm calibre weapon.
  - Enhances infantry firepower capacity.
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### 39. ASRAAM MISSILE FOR MIG 29

#### 39.1 Key Points

#### 39.2

- Indian Air Force plans to equip MiG 29 aircraft with ASRAAM missiles.
- Missile developed by MBDA company.

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### 39.3 Features

#### 39.4

- Infrared guided air to air missile.
- Range more than 25 km.

### 39.3 Importance

- Improves combat capability of fighter aircraft.

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## 40. MISSION MITRA ISRO

### 40.1 Key Points

#### 40.2

- ISRO launched Mission MITRA behavioural research programme.
- Supports astronaut preparation for Gaganyaan mission.

### 40.3 Research focus

#### 40.4

- Psychological performance of astronauts.
- Stress management coordination training.

### 40.3 Importance

- Improves safety of human space missions.



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## 41. EXERCISE DWEEP SHAKTI

### 41.1 Key Points

#### 41.2

- Indian Armed Forces conducted tri service exercise Dweep Shakti.
- Conducted in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

### 41.3 Participants

#### 41.4

- Indian Army
- Indian Navy

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- Indian Air Force
- Coast Guard

### 41.3 Objective

- Improve coordination between armed forces.
  - Strengthen coastal defence preparedness.
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## 42. INDIA NAVY MARITIME EXERCISE IMEX TTX

### 42.1 Key Points

#### 42.2

- Indian Navy conducted IONS Maritime Exercise IMEX TTX 2026.
- Conducted in Kochi Kerala.

### 42.3 Participants

#### 42.4

- 12 countries participated in exercise.

### 42.3 Objective

- Improve maritime security cooperation.
  - Address piracy disaster response threats.
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## 43. INDIA FIRST DIGITAL CENSUS

### 43.1 Key Points

#### 43.2

- India started first fully digital census process.
- Census 2027 preparation began April 1 2026.

### 43.3 Features

#### 43.4

- Data collection through mobile apps online portal.
- Includes caste data collection.

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### 43.3 Importance

- Helps policy making welfare schemes planning.
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### 44. NYAYA SETU AI CHATBOT

#### 44.1 Key Points

#### 44.2

- Government launched Nyaya Setu AI legal chatbot.
- Helps citizens understand legal procedures.

#### 44.3 Features

#### 44.4

- Multilingual support.
- Voice interaction support.

### 44.3 Objective

- Improve legal awareness accessibility.
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### 45. KAR SAATHI AI TAX PLATFORM

#### 45.1 Key Points

#### 45.2

- CBDT launched Kar Saathi AI platform.
- Helps taxpayers in filing income tax returns.

#### 45.3 Features

#### 45.4

- Provides 24x7 assistance.
  - Supports digital tax services.
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### 46. IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

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46.1 Chanchal Kumar

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- Chanchal Kumar appointed as Secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

46.3 Vir Vikram Yadav

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- Vir Vikram Yadav appointed Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

46.3 Rohit Kansal

- Rohit Kansal appointed Secretary of Rural Development Ministry.

46.5 Bhuvnesh Kumar

46.6

- Bhuvnesh Kumar appointed Tourism Secretary.

46.5 Abhishek Singh

- Abhishek Singh appointed Director General of National Testing Agency (NTA).

46.7 Suraj Rajappan

46.8

- Suraj Rajappan appointed CEO of Kotak Mahindra Prime.

46.7 Krishna Kumar Singh

- Krishna Kumar Singh took additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director of SAIL.

46.9 Lt General Dhiraj Seth

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- Lt General Dhiraj Seth appointed Vice Chief of Army Staff.

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## 47. AWARDS AND HONOURS

47.1 Saraswati Samman 2025

47.2

- Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay received Saraswati Samman 2025.
- Award given for literary work Hara Parbati Katha.

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47.3 Ramnath Goenka Journalism Awards

47.4

- Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards presented in New Delhi.
- Awards recognise excellence in journalism field.

47.3 Lifetime Achievement Award IFFD

- Nandamuri Balakrishna received Lifetime Achievement Award.

47.5 Para Archer Award

47.6

- Sheetal Devi won Para Archer of the Year award.

47.5 ASF Squash Awards

- Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh won ASF Player of Year awards.

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## 48. SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

48.1 Carolina Marin retirement

48.2

- Spanish badminton player Carolina Marin announced retirement due to knee injuries.
- Olympic gold medallist Rio 2016.

48.3 Gurjant Singh retirement

48.4

- Indian hockey player Gurjant Singh retired from international hockey.
- Won Olympic bronze medals Tokyo 2020 Paris 2024.

48.3 Sunil Narine IPL record

- Sunil Narine became overseas player with most IPL matches.

48.5 Rassie van der Dussen retirement

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- South African cricketer Rassie van der Dussen retired from international cricket.

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### 48.5 Ravichandran Ashwin Major League Cricket

- Ravichandran Ashwin joined Major League Cricket team San Francisco Unicorns.

### 48.7 Kimi Antonelli Japanese Grand Prix

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- Andrea Kimi Antonelli won Japanese Grand Prix 2026 Formula One race.

### 48.7 Bodhana Sivanandan chess ranking

- Bodhana Sivanandan became top ranked female chess player in England.

### 48.9 India medals World Archery Para Series

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- India won 3 gold medals in World Archery Para Series Bangkok.

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## 49. IMPORTANT DAYS

### 49.1 World Theatre Day

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- Observed March 27 every year.
- Promotes importance of theatre arts.

### 49.3 World Piano Day

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- Observed March 29 each year.
- Celebrates piano music importance.

### 49.3 International Day of Zero Waste

- Observed March 30.
- Promotes sustainable waste management.

### 49.5 World Autism Awareness Day

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- Observed April 2 each year.
- Promotes awareness about autism spectrum disorder.

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### 49.5 International Day for Mine Awareness

- Observed April 4.
  - Focus on removing landmines globally.
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### 50. PERSONS IN NEWS

50.1 Vijaypat Singhanian

50.2

- Former chairman of Raymond Group passed away at age 87.

50.3 Birute Galdikas

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- Famous primatologist Birute Galdikas passed away.

50.3 Matt Brittin

- Matt Brittin appointed Director General of BBC.

50.5 Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

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- Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti became Chairperson of National Commission for Backward Classes.

50.5 Nitish Kumar

- Nitish Kumar resigned from Bihar Legislative Council.
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### 51. ECONOMY AND FINANCE UPDATES

51.1 India GDP Growth Forecast

51.2

- ICRA estimated India GDP growth 7.6% in FY26.
- Growth expected 6.5% in FY27.

51.3 Ways and Means Advances Limit

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- RBI fixed WMA limit Rs 2,50,000 crore for April–September 2026.
- Helps government manage short term cash requirements.

### 51.3 Loans against shares limit

- RBI limited loans against shares and securities to Rs 1 crore.
- IPO related borrowing limited to Rs 25 lakh.

51.5 ₹2000 notes update

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- 98.45% of Rs 2000 currency notes returned to banks.
- Remaining notes still legal tender.

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## 52. DIGITAL GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES

52.1 Gruh Sugam Portal

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- National Housing Bank launched Gruh Sugam digital home loan portal.
- Helps government employees defence personnel apply loans easily.

52.3 Mappls App Aadhaar centres

52.4

- UIDAI partnered with MapmyIndia to show authorised Aadhaar centres.

### 52.3 PRISM SG digital portal

- Digital platform simplifies road rail bridge approval process.

52.5 Bhashini language technology

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- AI language platforms help multilingual communication.

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## 53. EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

53.1 CBSE AI curriculum

53.2

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- CBSE introduced Artificial Intelligence curriculum for classes 3 to 8.
- Focus on computational thinking digital literacy.

53.3 Skill development initiatives

53.4

- Aviation training partnership between DGCA and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.

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### 54. SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES

54.1 Mukh Mantri Mawan Dheeyan Satkar Yojana

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- Punjab government scheme for financial support to women.
- Eligible women receive monthly financial assistance.

54.3 Elderly parents welfare law Telangana

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- Telangana law ensures children support elderly parents financially.

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### 55. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

55.1 Earth Hour awareness campaign

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- Environmental awareness programme conducted in India.

55.3 Renewable energy growth

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- India expanding solar wind renewable power capacity.

55.3 Hydrogen energy transport

- Hydrogen powered train supports green energy transition.

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### 56. BOOKS AND AUTHORS

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56.1 Speaking of History

56.2

- Book authored by Romila Thapar and Namit Arora.
- Explains interpretation of Indian history.

56.3 Tides of Time

56.4

- Book written by Sudha Murty.
- Explains Indian history through Parliament murals.

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### 57. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

57.1 World Buddhist Peace Conference

57.2

- Hyderabad hosted international Buddhist peace conference.
- Delegates from more than 20 countries participated.

57.3 WTO Ministerial Conference

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- WTO ministerial conference held in Yaounde Cameroon.
- Focus on agriculture e commerce trade reforms.

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### 58. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

58.1 Coal gasification project Odisha

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- Coal to ammonium nitrate project established at Lakhanpur Odisha.

58.3 Semiconductor plant Gujarat

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- Kaynes semiconductor plant established in Gujarat.

58.3 Aviation manufacturing cooperation

- India EU partnership improves aircraft production.

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### 59. HEALTH AND SCIENCE

#### 59.1 Autism awareness initiatives

#### 59.2

- Governments and organisations conducting awareness programmes on Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Focus on early diagnosis inclusive education support.

#### 59.3 Biotechnology and research development

#### 59.4

- Research institutions improving scientific innovation in genetics biotechnology medicine.

#### 59.3 Space research developments

- ISRO focusing on human spaceflight missions.
- Behavioural research programmes improve astronaut safety.

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### 60. TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY

#### 60.1 Regional air connectivity

#### 60.2

- UDAN scheme improves connectivity between small cities.
- Focus on affordable air travel accessibility.

#### 60.3 Railway technology modernisation

#### 60.4

- Hydrogen train project improves eco friendly transportation.

#### 60.3 Maritime transport safety

- Port of Refuge system supports ships in distress.

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### 61. DEFENCE AND SECURITY

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61.1 Maritime security operations

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- Operation Urja Suraksha protects oil transport ships.

61.3 Naval cooperation exercises

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- Maritime exercises improve coordination between countries.

61.3 Missile technology development

- Advanced missiles improve defence strength.

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## 62. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

62.1 Bilateral trade agreements

62.2

- India strengthening partnerships with EU Canada Australia New Zealand.

62.3 Global cooperation initiatives

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- Countries cooperating on climate technology energy security.

62.3 Strategic partnerships

- Focus on innovation sustainability digital technology cooperation.

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## 63. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

63.1 Manufacturing growth

63.2

- Government supporting electronics semiconductor manufacturing.

63.3 Startup ecosystem support

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- Policies supporting innovation entrepreneurship.

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### 63.3 Financial system strengthening

- RBI initiatives improve financial transparency stability.
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### 64. CULTURE AND HERITAGE

#### 64.1 Cultural diplomacy initiatives

#### 64.2

- Countries collaborating to preserve historical monuments.

#### 64.3 Promotion of traditional arts

#### 64.4

- Government promoting folk tribal music globally.
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### 65. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 65.1 Digital governance initiatives

#### 65.2

- Government implementing AI digital platforms for services.

#### 65.3 Policy reforms

#### 65.4

- New regulations introduced to improve efficiency transparency.

### 65.3 Public service delivery

- Government programmes improving citizen services accessibility.

