

# Daily Current Affairs 05 March 2025



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**Q1.** The three inland waterway projects inaugurated in February 2026 by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal were developed on which National Waterway?

- (a) NW-1 (Ganga)
- (b) NW-2 (Brahmaputra)
- (c) NW-3 (West Coast Canal)
- (d) NW-4 (Godavari-Krishna)

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Answer: (b)

Solution

- On 26 February 2026, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated three inland waterway projects in Dibrugarh, Assam.
- The projects were developed on National Waterway-2 (NW-2).
- NW-2 is located on the Brahmaputra River.
- The initiative aims to boost logistics, trade, and riverine tourism in the North Eastern Region (NER).

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- Projects include Customs & Immigration Complex (CIC) at Bogibeel.
- CIC at Dhubri to strengthen cross-border trade with Bangladesh and Bhutan.
- Renovated IWAI Heritage Building at Dibrugarh to support NW-2 administration and tourism.

Additional Knowledge

- NW-2 covers the stretch of the Brahmaputra in Assam.
- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) manages national waterways.

**Q2.** Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond, listed in February 2026, was admitted for trading on which exchange in India's IFSC at GIFT City?

- (a) BSE International Exchange
- (b) NSE IX
- (c) India INX
- (d) MCX-SX

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Answer: (b)

Solution

- In February 2026, Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond (LKR 3 billion issuance by DFCC Bank Plc) was dually listed in India.
- It was admitted for trading on the NSE IX at GIFT City, Gujarat.
- This became the first Blue Bond listed within India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- The dual listing was facilitated under an MoU between NSE IX and the Colombo Stock Exchange.

Information Booster

- Objective: Strengthen cross-border capital market collaboration.
- Promotes innovative financial products and dual listings.
- Issued by DFCC Bank Plc of Sri Lanka.

**Additional Knowledge**

- Blue Bonds are a type of green bond focused on marine conservation and ocean sustainability.
- GIFT City (Gujarat) is India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

**Q3.** During his visit to Israel in February 2026, PM Narendra Modi was conferred which honour by the Israeli Parliament?

- (a) Medal of the Knesset
- (b) Jerusalem Peace Medal
- (c) Order of Israel
- (d) Star of David Award

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Answer: (a)

**Solution**

- On 26–27 February 2026, Narendra Modi visited Israel at the invitation of Benjamin Netanyahu.
- He addressed the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset, becoming the first Indian Prime Minister to do so.
- After his address, he was conferred the “Medal of the Knesset” by Speaker Amir Ohana.
- He dedicated the honour to the enduring India–Israel friendship.

**Information Booster**

- PM visited Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem and paid tribute to Holocaust victims.
- India and Israel elevated ties to a Special Strategic Partnership for Peace, Innovation, and Prosperity.
- Cooperation areas include defence, cybersecurity, AI, agriculture, digital payments, and trade.

**Additional Knowledge**

- Several agreements signed in geophysical exploration, maritime heritage, labour mobility, and financial regulation.
- Strengthens India–Israel ties in technology and security domains.

**Q4.** ‘Exercise Vayushakti-26’, conducted in February 2026, was organized by which armed force of India?

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Coast Guard
- (d) Indian Air Force

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Answer: (d)

**Solution**

- In February 2026, the Indian Air Force conducted ‘Exercise Vayushakti-26’.
- The exercise was held at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- It showcased the IAF's combat readiness and integrated air operations capability.
- President Droupadi Murmu attended the firepower demonstration as Chief Guest.
- For the first time, the exercise followed a defined operational storyline, simulating a live combat theatre.

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- Over 130 aircraft participated, including Rafale, Su-30 MKI, Mirage-2000, MiG-29, Jaguar, C-17, C-130J, ALH Dhruv, and LCH Prachand.
- Included offensive air strikes, air defence operations, special forces missions, and humanitarian assistance.
- Demonstrated multi-domain integrated warfare capability.

#### Additional Knowledge

- Air defence systems used: Akash and Spyder missile systems.
- Conducted at Pokhran, a key military testing range in Rajasthan.

**Q5.** In February 2026, Germany announced a new climate resilience grant of up to EUR 20 million for India under which initiative?

- (a) Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- (b) International Climate Initiative (IKI)
- (c) EU Climate Adaptation Mechanism
- (d) Global Environment Facility (GEF)

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Answer: (b)

#### Solution

- In February 2026, Germany announced a climate resilience grant of up to EUR 20 million for India.
- The funding is provided under the International Climate Initiative (IKI).
- The announcement was made by Jochen Flasbarth at a high-level climate dialogue held at the German Embassy in New Delhi.
- The initiative focuses on strengthening climate adaptation and resilience in vulnerable ecosystems.

#### Information Booster

- Priority regions: Himalayas, Western Ghats, North-East, island regions, and Lower Gangetic floodplains.
- Promotes ecosystem-based approaches (EbA) such as forest restoration and flood control.
- Supports groundwater recharge and community-led natural resource management.

#### Additional Knowledge

- Strengthens monitoring and evaluation linked to India's National Adaptation Plan (NAP).
- Reflects India-Germany cooperation in climate finance and adaptation policy.

**Q6.** The upgraded RAJMARG PRAVESH (Version 2.0) web portal, launched in February 2026, is related to obtaining permissions for facilities along which infrastructure?

- (a) State Highways
- (b) National Highways
- (c) Rural Roads
- (d) Expressways only

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Answer: (b)

#### Solution

- On 25 February 2026, Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, launched RAJMARG PRAVESH (Version 2.0).
- The portal is designed to facilitate online issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs).
- It applies to facilities and utilities along National Highways (NH).
- It enables applications for fuel stations, wayside amenities, rest areas, connecting roads, and private access points.

### Information Booster

- Also allows approvals for utilities such as water pipelines, gas pipelines, optical fibre cables, and electrical lines along or across NH.
- Promotes faster, transparent, and time-bound approvals.
- Supports Government's Ease of Doing Business initiative.

### Additional Knowledge

- Launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).
- Accessible to citizens, entrepreneurs, infrastructure companies, telecom firms, and government agencies.

**Q7.** Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park, inaugurated in February 2026, is located at:

- (a) Nilgiri Hills
- (b) Kolli Hills
- (c) Yercaud
- (d) Kodaikanal

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Answer: (b)

### Solution

- In February 2026, Tamil Nadu inaugurated its first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, Namakkal district.
- The park was inaugurated by Forest Minister R. S. Rajakannappan.
- It was established at a cost of ₹1 crore.
- The park features advanced telescopes and solar-powered infrastructure.
- The location offers minimal artificial light within a 1.5 km radius, ensuring optimal dark-sky conditions.

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- Promotes astro-tourism and astronomy awareness.
- Enables observation of stars, planets, the Milky Way, and the moon.
- Operates from January 15 to June 15 (closed during monsoon).

### Additional Knowledge

- India's first official Dark Sky Park: Pench Tiger Reserve (Madhya Pradesh), designated in 2024.
- Dark Sky Parks are recognised under the International Dark-Sky Places programme.

**Q8.** 'Kalari Leap', conducted in February 2026, is a joint maritime exercise led by which Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- (a) Western Air Command
- (b) Eastern Air Command
- (c) Southern Air Command
- (d) Central Air Command

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Answer: (c)

### Solution

- In February 2026, the Indian Air Force conducted the joint maritime exercise 'Kalari Leap'.
- The exercise was led by the Southern Air Command (SAC).
- It was conducted across the Lakshadweep and Minicoy archipelago in the Arabian Sea.
- The objective was to validate joint operational planning, rapid force projection, and precision execution in maritime environments.

### Information Booster

- Conducted in coordination with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD).
- Included airborne insertions, heliborne drills, amphibious operations, anti-ship strikes, and search-and-rescue missions.

### Additional Knowledge

- IAF deployed AN-32 aircraft, Mi-17V5 helicopters, and Su-30MKI fighter jets.
- ICG deployed ships, Gemini boats, and Dornier 228 aircraft.

**Q9.** The AI-backed mobile app 'Finsider', launched in February 2026, is an initiative of which company?

- (a) Reliance Retail
- (b) Jio Financial Services
- (c) Paytm
- (d) State Bank of India

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Answer: (b)

### Solution

- In February 2026, Jio Financial Services (through its subsidiary Jio Finance Platform and Service Limited) launched the JioFinance app featuring 'Finsider'.
- The app is powered by agent-based Artificial Intelligence (AI) and neural networks.
- It provides hyper-personalized financial recommendations based on user profiles.
- The interface dynamically adjusts, meaning each user sees a customized homepage.

### Information Booster

- Aggregates products from JFSL entities and third-party financial institutions.
- Offers loans, credit cards, insurance, UPI, fixed deposits, digital gold, mutual funds, and tax planning services.
- Users can earn "JioPoints" during the early access program.

### Additional Knowledge

- Demonstrates application of Agentic AI in fintech services.
- Focuses on digital financial inclusion and personalized banking.

**Q10.** The Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS), whose flight trials were conducted in February 2026, is primarily designed to counter:

- (a) Low-altitude aerial threats
- (b) Submarines
- (c) Ballistic missiles
- (d) Aircraft carriers

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Answer: (a)

### Solution

- On 27 February 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted three consecutive flight trials of VSHORADS.
- The trials were held at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.
- VSHORADS is a man-portable air defence missile system (MANPADS).
- It is designed to neutralize low-altitude aerial threats such as fighter aircraft, helicopters, UAVs, and drones.
- The missile successfully intercepted and destroyed simulated high-speed aerial targets.

### Information Booster

- Trials validated performance across varying speeds, ranges, and altitudes.
- Data recorded using telemetry, electro-optical tracking systems, and radars.
- Intended for operational use by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.

### Additional Knowledge

- Conducted at ITR Chandipur, Odisha.
- Supports the Government's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

