

# Daily Current Affairs 14 March 2025



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**Q1.** The indigenous ADC-150, whose trials were conducted in February–March 2026, has been developed to deliver payloads of up to how many kilograms?

- (a) 100 kg
- (b) 120 kg
- (c) 150 kg
- (d) 200 kg

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 150 kg

Solution: The Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Indian Navy successfully conducted four in-flight release trials of the indigenous ADC-150 (Air Droppable Container) between 21 February and 1 March 2026 off the coast of Goa.

- The system was tested from the Boeing P-8I Poseidon aircraft.
- The ADC-150 is designed to deliver payloads of up to 150 kg.
- It enables aircraft to drop essential supplies directly to naval ships operating far from the coast.

Information Booster :

- The container helps deliver spare parts, operational equipment, emergency supplies, and medical aid to ships at sea.
- It is particularly useful for deep-sea operations and emergency assistance to vessels in distress.
- The Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, a DRDO laboratory, served as the nodal agency for development.
- After successful trials, the system is expected to be inducted into the Indian Navy soon.

**Q2.** The CISF Raising Day 2026 was observed across India on which date?

- (a) 8 March
- (b) 9 March
- (c) 10 March
- (d) 12 March

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 10 March

Solution: CISF Raising Day is celebrated every year on 10 March to mark the establishment of the Central Industrial Security Force in 1969.

- 10 March 2026 marked the 57th CISF Raising Day.
- The force was established under the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968.
- The CISF functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Information Booster (Exam-Oriented Facts):

- The CISF Bill was passed by the Parliament of India on 13 August 1968.
- It received Presidential assent on 2 December 1968, and the Act came into force on 10 March 1969.
- The CISF is responsible for protecting critical infrastructure such as airports, seaports, metro networks, nuclear installations, and major industrial units.
- Since 2019, the Government of India has decided to celebrate CISF Raising Day at different locations across the country, instead of only in New Delhi.

**Q3.** Veteran Congress leader Biren Singh Engti, who passed away in March 2026, was elected multiple times to the Lok Sabha from which constituency in Assam?

- (a) Tezpur
- (b) Silchar
- (c) Diphu
- (d) Jorhat

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Diphu

Solution: Veteran leader of the Indian National Congress, Biren Singh Engti, passed away in March 2026 at the age of 81 in Guwahati.

- He was born on 2 March 1945 in Karbi Anglong.
- Engti was elected five times to the Lok Sabha from the Diphu constituency in Assam.
- He served as Union Minister of State (MoS) in the government led by Rajiv Gandhi between 1986 and 1989.

Information Booster:

- As Union MoS, he handled portfolios such as:
- Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation
- Apart from his parliamentary career, he also served as the Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council.
- He was widely recognised for his contribution to regional development and tribal welfare in Assam.

**Q4.** In March 2026, the global edtech platform Coursera partnered with which Government of India initiative to provide advanced upskilling courses for civil servants through the iGOT Karmayogi portal?

- (a) Skill India Mission
- (b) Digital India Mission
- (c) Mission Karmayogi
- (d) Atal Innovation Mission

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Mission Karmayogi

Solution: In March 2026, Coursera partnered with Mission Karmayogi to enhance capacity building and skill development for civil servants in India.

- The courses will be delivered through the iGOT Karmayogi platform, particularly via the iGOT Marketplace gateway.
- The initiative aims to transform public administration from a “rule-based” to a “role-based” competency model, improving governance and public service delivery.
- The collaboration was announced by Chhavi Bhardwaj.

Information Booster:

- Mission Karmayogi was launched in September 2020 by the Government of India.
- It aims to create a future-ready, citizen-centric, and technology-enabled civil service.
- Key learning areas under the Coursera collaboration include:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies
- Infrastructure and sustainability
- Leadership and governance
- Public welfare and policy implementation.
- The iGOT Karmayogi digital platform provides online training modules, competency frameworks, and learning resources for government officials across India.

**Q5.** In March 2026, Bank of Baroda launched which special savings account exclusively for women customers?

- (a) bob Women Diamond Savings Account
- (b) bob Women Gold Savings Account
- (c) bob Women Platinum Savings Account
- (d) bob Women Sapphire Savings Account

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (d) bob Women Sapphire Savings Account

**Solution:** In March 2026, Bank of Baroda (BoB) introduced the bob Women Sapphire Savings Account, designed specifically to provide financial, healthcare, and lifestyle benefits for women customers in India.

- The account requires a Monthly Average Balance (MAB) of ₹1 lakh.
- It combines banking services with health and wellness benefits to enhance financial security and well-being for women.

**Information Booster:**

- The account offers ₹10 lakh cancer care coverage for women aged 18–60 years.
- It provides complimentary online doctor consultations for up to six family members.
- Customers receive discounts of up to 15% on medicines and 20% on pathology tests.
- Account holders are issued the bob Bhoomi RuPay Select Debit Card, which provides:
  - Domestic airport lounge access
  - Complimentary gym membership
  - Health check-ups
  - Spa or salon services
  - OTT subscription benefits.

**Q6.** In March 2026, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the vision document “Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military” in which city?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Hyderabad

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) New Delhi

**Solution:** In March 2026, Rajnath Singh, Union Minister of the Ministry of Defence, released the vision document “Defence Forces Vision 2047: A Roadmap for a Future-Ready Indian Military” at South Block.

- The document was prepared by the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.
- It provides a long-term strategy to transform the Indian Armed Forces into a modern, technologically advanced, and integrated military force by 2047.

Information Booster :

- The roadmap emphasises jointness and coordination among the three services:
  - Indian Army
  - Indian Navy
  - Indian Air Force
- It focuses on multi-domain warfare capabilities, including land, sea, air, cyber, and space domains.
- The strategy promotes the adoption of advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), cyber defence systems, and modern training frameworks.
- The roadmap aligns with India's long-term vision of becoming a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047.

**Q7.** In March 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the extension of the Jal Jeevan Mission till which year with an enhanced outlay of ₹8.69 lakh crore?

- (a) 2026
- (b) 2027
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2030

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 2028

Solution: In March 2026, the Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved the extension of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) until 2028 with an enhanced total financial outlay of ₹8.69 lakh crore.

- The mission is implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The extension is part of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, which aims to move from infrastructure creation to sustainable service delivery and drinking water governance.
- The central assistance was increased to ₹3.59 lakh crore, including an additional ₹1.51 lakh crore over the original allocation approved in 2019–20.

Information Booster:

- Jal Jeevan Mission was launched in 2019 to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) to every rural household in India.
- The mission focuses on safe and adequate drinking water supply through household tap connections.
- JJM 2.0 emphasises:
  - Sustainable water service delivery
  - Strengthening water governance
  - Community participation (Jan Bhagidari)
  - Long-term maintenance of rural water infrastructure.

**Q8.** In March 2026, the Union Cabinet approved granting international airport status to which airport in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) Coimbatore Airport
- (b) Tiruchirappalli Airport
- (c) Madurai Airport
- (d) Tuticorin Airport

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Madurai Airport

**Solution:** In March 2026, the Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved granting international airport status to Madurai Airport.

- The decision aims to boost international connectivity, tourism, and trade in southern India.
- The approval was part of a broader set of infrastructure projects under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan to improve logistics and regional development.

**Information Booster:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) also approved two railway multitracking projects worth ₹4,474 crore across West Bengal and Jharkhand, expanding the railway network by about 192 km.
- A ₹3,630.77 crore Greenfield road project was approved to improve connectivity to Noida International Airport in Uttar Pradesh.
- Another ₹3,839.42 crore highway project was approved for four-laning the Badnawar–Petlawad–Thandla–Timarwani section of National Highway 752D in Madhya Pradesh.
- These projects aim to enhance connectivity, streamline logistics, and support economic growth across India.

**Q9.** In March 2026, Union Minister Giriraj Singh released the report titled “Mapping of Textile Waste Value Chain in India” at which place in New Delhi?

- (a) Vigyan Bhawan
- (b) Udyog Bhawan
- (c) Bharat Mandapam
- (d) NITI Aayog

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Udyog Bhawan

**Solution:** In March 2026, Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of the Ministry of Textiles, released the report “Mapping of Textile Waste Value Chain in India” at Udyog Bhawan.

- The report analyses textile waste generation, recycling practices, recovery pathways, and emerging technologies.
- It aims to promote circular economy practices and sustainability in India’s textile sector.

**Information Booster :**

- India generates about 70.73 lakh tonnes of textile waste annually.
- 42% of this waste comes from Pre-Consumer Textile Waste (PCTW) and 58% from Post-Consumer Textile Waste (PoCTW).
- The spinning sector in India operates a near closed-loop system, reintegrating almost 100% of soft waste back into production.
- Panipat has emerged as a major hub for mechanical textile recycling.
- India’s textile recycling market is projected to reach USD 3.5 billion by 2030, with the potential to create around 1 lakh green jobs.

**Q10.** In March 2026, the United States announced the construction of its first new oil refinery in nearly 50 years at which location in Texas?

- (a) Houston Port
- (b) Corpus Christi Port
- (c) Port of Brownsville
- (d) Galveston Port

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Port of Brownsville

**Solution:** In March 2026, Donald Trump announced that the United States would build its first new oil refinery in nearly 50 years at the Port of Brownsville.

- The project involves investment linked to Reliance Industries Limited, led by Mukesh Ambani.
- The refinery will be developed by America First Refining.

**Information Booster :**

- The refinery project aims to expand domestic refining capacity and enhance energy security in the United States.
- The estimated investment is around USD 300 billion.
- The facility is designed to process about 1.2 billion barrels of U.S. shale oil and produce around 50 billion gallons of refined petroleum products.
- The last major refinery built in the U.S. before this project was by Marathon Petroleum Corporation in 1977 at Garyville.

