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National News: President Murmu Appoints 9 New Governors and Lieutenant Governors in India



Honorable President Droupadi Murmu has approved a major reshuffle in India. She appointed nine new Governors and Lieutenant Governors across the multiple states and Union Territories. This announcement was made on March 2026 through an official communication from Rashtrapati Bhavan. The reshuffle includes transfers and fresh appointments and role changes. Will change in states like Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, and Nagaland along with Union Territories Delhi and Ladakh.

Key points: -

1. Shiv Pratap Shukla moved from Himachal Pradesh to become Governor of Telangana
2. Jishnu Dev Varma transferred from Telangana to Governor of Maharashtra
3. Nand Kishore Yadav appointed as Governor of Nagaland

National News: Home Minister Amit Shah Launches 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' Mascots for Census-2027

Union Home Minister Amit Shah soft launched digital tools and unveiled mascots. These mascots named are 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' for Census 2027 in New Delhi. The upcoming census will be the world's largest census exercise and will be conducted in two phases across India.



For the first time this Census 2027 will be fully digital and will include a Self-Enumeration option allowing citizens to submit their information online.

Key points: -

1. The government unveiled 'Pragati' (female) and 'Vikas' (male) as official mascots of Census 2027 digital census India.
2. The mascots represent gender equality and equal participation of women and men in national development.
3. They will serve as public awareness ambassadors to spread information about the census.

International News: List Of Outcomes Of Finland President Visit to India & Special Partnership Announced



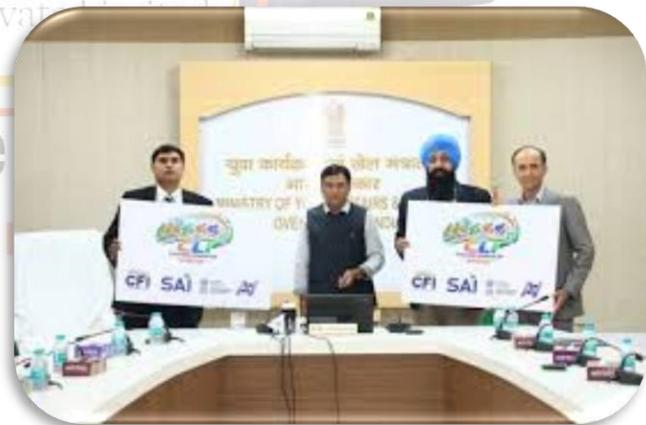
India and Finland strengthened their diplomatic and technological cooperation as the Finland President

Alexander Stubb visited India in March 2026. During the visit of both countries announced the elevation of India-Finland relations to a "Strategic Partnership in Digitalization and Sustainability." The announcement was made during discussions held alongside the Raisina Dialogue 2026. Where President Stubb attended as the Chief Guest.

Key points: -

1. India and Finland upgraded bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership in Digitalization and Sustainability.
2. The partnership will enhance cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI), 6G telecommunications, quantum computing and digital technologies.

Sports: India Launches World's First Franchise-Based Road Cycling League



Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya has unveiled the official logo of the Cycling League of India (CLI). This will be the world's first professional franchise based road cycling league. This initiative aims to promote cycling as a competitive sport in India. Also building a professional ecosystem that nurtures talent, attracts international participation and increases the country's global sporting presence.

Sports: India enters the T20 World Cup final for the fourth time.



The second semi-final of the 2026 T20 World Cup, played at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai in March 2026, was nothing short of a thriller. In this high-scoring match between India and England, Team India won by 7 runs and secured a place in the final. This is the fourth time in the history of the T20 World Cup that Team India has reached the final. Previously, the Indian team has played in the finals in 2007, 2014, and 2024.

Banking/Economy: L&T Finance Launches "Spoorthi" Programme for Women Entrepreneurs



L&T Finance has introduced the new initiative called the "Spoorthi programme" to support women entrepreneurs in India. This scheme will offers flexible loans with extended repayment tenors of up to 25 years for purchasing property or taking Loan Against Property (LAP) for business expansion and

working capital needs. Through this programme the NBFC aims to improve access to credit for women-led businesses and strengthen financial inclusion.

State News: Infrastructure Projects and Investments



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has inaugurated several infrastructure projects and laid foundation stones for new development works in the State. He laid the foundation stone for the first phase of works to develop the Guindy Eco Park being carried out by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. The Park will be developed at a cost of ₹ 37.85 crore with theme gardens, a children's play area, bird habitat islands, herbal gardens, and viewing decks.

Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

Q.1. Two new species of moniligastrid earthworms were recently discovered in which national park?

- A. Periyar National Park
- B. Silent Valley National Park
- C. Bandipur National Park
- D. Mudumalai National Park

1. B

Two new species of moniligastrid earthworms—*Moniligastris girshii* and *Dravida reynoldsi*—were discovered in the Silent Valley National Park in the Western Ghats, and their descriptions were

published in the journal Zootaxa. Moniligaster girshii was found in the tropical moist evergreen forest near Chemboti and has a distinctive unsegmented spermatophore auricular gland and a distinctive prostatic capsule. It is named in honor of P. Girish Kumar, a scientist at the Zoological Survey of India. Dravida reynoldsi was collected from the hilly grasslands between Sispara and Anginda and has a sausage-shaped prostatic capsule and a large spermatophore auricle. It is named after Canadian earthworm expert John Warren Reynolds.

Q.2. Which minister recently launched the 'Saksham Skill Census' in Mumbai?

A. Ashish Shelar

B. Devendra Fadnavis

C. Nitin Gadkari

D. Piyush Goyal

2. A

Advocate Ashish Shelar, Maharashtra's Minister of Information Technology and Cultural Affairs and Guardian Minister of Mumbai Suburban District, launched the "Saksham Skill Census" in Mumbai. Launched at R.D. National College in Bandra, this AI-based survey aims to map skills and employability for over 55,000 households.

Q.3. Which institute recently launched an indigenous 30 kW wide band gap-based integrated drive system for electric vehicles?

A. IIT Delhi

B. IIT Bombay

C. IIT Madras

D. IIT Kanpur

3. C

An indigenous 30 kW wide band gap (WBG) based integrated drive system for electric vehicles (EVs) was demonstrated at IIT Madras, Chennai. The system, developed in collaboration with C-DAC Thiruvananthapuram, IIT Madras and Lucas TVS, was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Q.4. NITI Aayog recently signed an agreement with which organization for the second phase of Japan-India cooperation for Sustainable Development Goals?

A. World Bank

B. Asian Development Bank

C. Japan International Cooperation Agency

D. IMF

4. C

NITI Aayog has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the second phase of Japan-India cooperation towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project aims to strengthen policy frameworks, institutional capacity, and localization of SDGs in aspirational districts and blocks, focusing on six specific sectors: health, education, agriculture, and infrastructure.

Q.5. In which state and union territory did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹7,100 crore?

A. Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

B. Karnataka and Lakshadweep

C. Kerala and Puducherry

D. Andhra Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar

5. A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various infrastructure, health, and education development projects worth over ₹7,100 crore during his visit to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Projects worth approximately ₹2,700 crore in Puducherry and over ₹4,400 crore in Madurai (Tamil Nadu) were dedicated to the nation.

Q.6. Which Union Minister recently announced the New Seeds Act 2026 and the Amended Pesticides Act 2026 in Mussoorie?

A. Narendra Singh Tomar

B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan

C. Rajnath Singh

D. Bhupendra Yadav

6. B

At an event in Mussoorie, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the new Seeds Act 2026 and the amended Pesticides Act. These reforms aim to provide farmers with quality seeds and pesticides and impose heavy fines (up to ₹30 lakh) and penalties on those selling substandard products.

Q.7. The Indian women's cricket team has recently been nominated for which global award in 2026?

A. ICC Spirit of Cricket Award

B. Laureus World Team of the Year Award

C. Wisden Team of the Year

D. Arjuna Award

7. B

The Indian women's cricket team has been nominated for the prestigious Laureus World Team of the Year award in 2026. This historic nomination comes after winning the 2025 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, a major achievement for any Indian women's team.

Q.8. Safina Hussain, founder of which organization, was recently included in the TIME Women of the Year list?

A. Pratham

B. Educate Girls

C. Teach for India

D. Smile Foundation

8. B

Safeena Husain, founder of Educate Girls, which works to educate girls in rural India, has been named one of TIME's Women of the Year 2026. She has connected more than 2 million girls to education.

Q.9. Recently, the Indian Army signed an agreement with which department to strengthen wildlife conservation in Ladakh?

A. Wildlife Institute of India

B. Ladakh Forest Department

C. Ministry of Environment

D. Zoological Survey of India

9. B

The Indian Army (Fire and Fury Corps) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment, Ladakh to strengthen wildlife conservation in Ladakh. The agreement aims to protect the snow leopard, Himalayan wolf, and other endangered species and their ecosystems.

Q.10. Recently, the Survey of India signed a five-year agreement with which university?

A. Kerala University

B. Cochin University

C. Kerala Digital University

D. IIT Palakkad

10. C

The Survey of India (SoI), the national nodal agency for geospatial data under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital University of Kerala (DUK). The five-year MoU aims to promote academic and research collaboration in geo-informatics, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning for automated feature extraction, geodesy (physical, marine, and satellite), astronomy, and related engineering disciplines.

Q.11. How many books published by the Publications Division were recently released by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan in New Delhi?

A. 10

B. 12

C. 16

D. 20

11. C

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan released 16 books published by the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in New Delhi. These books include 14 Tamil books and one each in Hindi and English on Tamil heritage, culture, literature and architecture.

Q.12. Who was recently appointed as the President to lead the international business operations of Jio Platforms Limited?

A. Mark Tucker

B. Dan Bailey

C. David Miller

D. John Smith

12. B

Jio Platforms Ltd. has appointed veteran banker Dan Bailey as president to expand its international business and lead global efforts. Bailey, who is based in London and previously held a senior position at Deutsche Bank, will report to Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani.

Q.13. How much loan does the Asian Development Bank plan to provide to India by 2026?

A. \$900 million

B. \$1 billion

C. \$1.2 billion

D. \$1.5 billion

13. C

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) plans to provide India with a \$1.2 billion loan in calendar year 2026 to support clean energy, climate resilience, and sustainable infrastructure projects, including rooftop solar, green hydrogen, and grid reforms, as part of its ongoing, long-term support for India's development goals.

Q.14. Recently, the EPFO will become a strategic investor in the Infrastructure Investment Trust promoted by which organization?

A. NHAI

B. NTPC

C. Power Grid

D. GAIL

14. A

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will invest around ₹1,000 crore as a strategic investor in the Highway Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) sponsored by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The investment is being made for a 16.6% stake in the public issue of NHAI's new Invitational Investment Trust (InvIT), making it a major participant.

Q.15. Which country recently became the first country in the United Kingdom to legalize alkaline hydrolysis?

A. England

B. Scotland

C. Wales

D. Northern Ireland

15. B

Scotland has become the first country in the United Kingdom to legalize water cremation (also known as alkaline hydrolysis). The decision provides a third funeral option, alongside burial and traditional cremation. The change is being described as the biggest reform of cremation law since cremation began in 1902. The Scottish government hopes that the first water cremations will begin by the summer of 2026, once the specialized equipment receives planning and regulatory approval.

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Historical and Technical Events of 09th March 2026

1979 Compact discs first appear on the market



The first commercial compact disc was produced in 1982, a 1979 recording of Chopin waltzes performed by Claudio Arrau. The first 50 titles were released in Japan on October 1, 1982, the first of which was a re-release of the Billy Joel album 52nd Street. The compact disc (CD) is a portable disc on which audio, video, and other data can be recorded in digital form.

1948 - Air India International was established.



The World Health Organization is an organization for mutual cooperation on health related problems of the countries of the world and to develop health related understanding among humans. The World Health Organization has 194 member countries and two associate members. It is a subsidiary unit of the United Nations. This organization was established on 7 April 1948. Its objective is to raise the level of health of the people of the world. The headquarters

of WHO is located in Geneva, Switzerland. Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia has been elected as the new Director General of the World Health Organization.

2006 - Russia withdraws its offer on Iran issue.



In the year 2006 Russia withdraws its offer on Iran issue. Due to international economic sanctions on Iran, Russia has become a major trading partner, especially in terms of Iran's excess oil reserves. Currently Russia and Iran have a close economic and military alliance, and both countries are subject to heavy sanctions by most Western countries.

1911 - International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time.



For the first time, women marched in New York City, USA, for their right to vote and fair wages. A few years after this march, this day was celebrated for the first time in March 1911 in countries like Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Denmark. But after the strike of Russian women on 8 March 1917, the

date of Women's Day was changed to 8 March. Since then, 8 March became the global date of International Women's Day. After which in the year 1975, the United Nations officially recognized this day to be celebrated on 8 March.

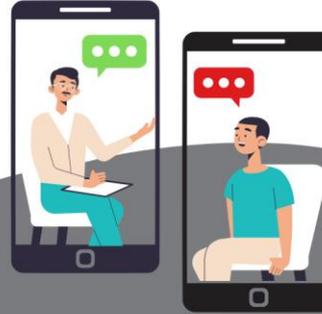
1930: Mahatma Gandhi launched the Civil Disobedience Movement against British rule for India's independence.



Mahatma Gandhi launched the Civil Disobedience Movement with the Dandi March on March 1930. This movement was against British rule. In this movement, British rule was challenged by disobeying the laws made by the British. Dandi March or Salt Satyagraha was an act of non-violent civil disobedience in colonial India led by Mahatma Gandhi. The twenty-four-day march lasted from March 1930 to April 1930 as a direct action campaign of tax resistance and non-violent protest against the British salt monopoly.



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