

Part 1: National & International News

Q1. The Election Commission of India (ECI) officially announced the highly anticipated schedule for the 2026 Legislative Assembly elections on March 15, 2026. Which of the following groups of states/UT are going to the polls in this cycle?

- A) Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Goa
- B) Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Maharashtra
- C) Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry
- D) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh

Answer: C) Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry

Explanation:

On March 15, 2026, the Election Commission of India (ECI), led by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar alongside Election Commissioners S.S. Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, held a high-profile press conference at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The ECI officially announced the single and multi-phase election schedules for five regions: **Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and the Union Territory of Puducherry**. The official counting of votes for all these legislative assemblies is scheduled collectively for **May 4, 2026**.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) analytical report released on March 15, 2026:

- 1. The FATF explicitly flagged "Stablecoins" as the leading vehicle used for illicit virtual asset transactions and global money laundering.

- 2. The report recommended that national regulators mandate stablecoin firms to enforce the "Travel Rule" to ensure sender and recipient identification.
- 3. Stablecoins are cryptocurrencies that maintain a steady value by being pegged strictly to the value of physical gold reserves only.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: A) 1 and 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 3 is incorrect because stablecoins can be pegged to a variety of reserve assets, including fiat currencies (like the US Dollar or Euro), physical commodities (like gold), or even other financial algorithms—not strictly gold alone. The FATF report highlighted that stablecoins have overtaken traditional volatile crypto assets as the primary vehicle for illicit transactions, ransomware payouts, and underground financing due to their price stability. The FATF strongly urged global jurisdictions to implement the **Travel Rule**, which legally mandates crypto platforms to collect and share originator and beneficiary data during digital asset transfers.

Q3. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar commenced a landmark two-day official visit to Brussels on March 15, 2026. What is the major bilateral background prompting this high-level visit?

- A) The absolute termination of all trade routes with European nations

B) The signing of a joint space exploration mission to Jupiter

C) Following up on the landmark India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) firmed up in January 2026

D) Forming a new military alliance to counter Arctic ice-melting issues

Answer: C) Following up on the landmark India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) firmed up in January 2026

Explanation:

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reached Brussels, Belgium, for extensive diplomatic talks with member states of the 27-nation European Union (EU). This visit marks the first high-profile diplomatic engagement following the historic finalization of the **India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in January 2026**. The discussions focus heavily on operationalizing the trade parameters, reducing supply-chain frictions, data security parameters, and expanding market access for Indian service professionals across Europe.

Q4. In mid-March 2026, an expert committee was officially endorsed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to legally define the geographic boundaries of the "Aravalli Hills". Which of the following states do the Aravalli Hills structurally span?

A) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi

B) Maharashtra, Goa, and Karnataka

C) Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha

D) Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: A) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi

Explanation:

To curb rampant illegal mining and real-estate encroachment, the Environment Ministry endorsed a 10-member expert committee to scientifically delineate and define the boundaries of the ancient **Aravalli Range**. Structurally, the Aravallis span across **Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and the National Capital Territory of Delhi**. Defining the zone clearly is critical for enforcing Supreme Court eco-conservation guidelines and protecting the regional groundwater recharge zones.

Q5. During a high-stakes geopolitical interview on March 15, 2026, the US President warned that Washington was not ready to rush into a diplomatic deal to end ongoing military tensions with which West Asian nation?

A) Yemen

B) Iran

C) Syria

D) Lebanon

Answer: B) Iran

Explanation:

US President Donald Trump stated in an interview with NBC News that the United States is not ready to immediately finalize a diplomatic treaty to conclude the war with **Iran**, despite signs that Tehran may want to negotiate. Tensions remain exceptionally high as Israel continues targeted strikes against regional positions, and Iran's Revolutionary Guards continue issuing high-level strategic counter-threats over maritime control paths.

Q6. Amid the West Asian maritime gridlocks, the Iranian Ambassador to India, Mohammad Fathali, clarified that Iran has strategically "allowed some ships" to pass through which vital global chokepoint?

A) Strait of Malacca

- B) Strait of Hormuz
- C) Bab-el-Mandeb
- D) Suez Canal

Answer: B) Strait of Hormuz

Explanation:

Iranian Envoy Mohammad Fathali confirmed that despite heightened regional blockades and the ongoing naval conflicts, Iran has conditionally permitted specific commercial merchant vessels to pass through the **Strait of Hormuz**. The Strait of Hormuz is the world's most critical energy chokepoint, connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, through which roughly one-fifth of global petroleum consumption passes daily.

Part 2: Economics & Banking

Q7. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a major regulatory circular modifying liquidity rules for the Mutual Fund industry. What operational mechanism did SEBI newly permit to handle sudden redemption pressures?

- A) Banning investors from withdrawing funds for up to 6 months
- B) Allowing Mutual Funds to engage in intra-day borrowing
- C) Converting all equity mutual funds into cryptocurrency tokens
- D) Forcing public sector banks to acquire all underperforming mutual funds

Answer: B) Allowing Mutual Funds to engage in intra-day borrowing

Explanation:

To deepen market resilience and shield asset management companies (AMCs) from sudden, large-scale investor redemption runs, **SEBI**

issued a circular permitting mutual funds to engage in intra-day borrowing. Previously, borrowing mechanisms were rigid and restricted. This regulatory adjustment gives funds short-term, intra-day fiscal flexibility to fulfill client redemptions without being forced to dump their core equity portfolios during volatile trading hours.

Q8. According to trade data reviewed on March 15, 2026, India's aggregate Service Exports crossed which major milestone during the April-to-January period of the current fiscal year?

- A) US\$ 100 Billion
- B) US\$ 220 Billion
- C) US\$ 348 Billion
- D) US\$ 500 Billion

Answer: C) US\$ 348 Billion

Explanation:

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that despite global shipping crises and inflation spikes across the West, India's **service exports recorded robust growth, exceeding US\$ 348 Billion** in the April-to-January period of the fiscal year. This performance highlights India's global dominance in information technology, business consulting, financial services, and global capability centers (GCCs).

Q9. The Government of India introduced comprehensive tax reforms and exemptions for foreign companies providing cloud services in India utilizing local infrastructure. Until which year will these specific tax exemptions remain valid?

- A) 2030
- B) 2035
- C) 2045

D) 2047

Answer: D) 2047

Explanation:

In a bid to turn India into a global data center and cloud-computing powerhouse, the government announced that foreign tech companies utilizing domestic infrastructure to deliver cloud and data architectures will receive institutional tax exemptions **valid until the year 2047** (coinciding with India's *Amrit Kaal* centenary). The package also streamlines Safe Harbour rules and simplifies Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) for international IT firms.

Q10. The Union Cabinet granted administrative approval to the Kerala Water Authority (KWA) to avail an additional loan of ₹4,000 crore to fast-track rural drinking water connections. Which apex development bank is providing this credit facility?

- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- C) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- D) World Bank

Answer: B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Explanation:

Under the aegis of the Jal Jeevan Mission framework, the Union Cabinet cleared the path for the Kerala Water Authority to borrow an additional **₹4,000 crore directly from NABARD**. This capital infusion is earmarked to build rural pipe infrastructure, establish community water filtration plants, and guarantee Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to remote villages across Kerala.

Q11. In its commercial adjustments on March 15, 2026, energy marketing companies announced a major upward price hike for which commodity, directly impacting commercial kitchens and hospitality sectors?

- A) Piped Natural Gas (PNG) by 10%
- B) Commercial LPG Cylinders by ₹993
- C) Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) by 25%
- D) Industrial Diesel by ₹50 per liter

Answer: B) Commercial LPG Cylinders by ₹993

Explanation:

Reflecting the intense volatility in international crude and petroleum markets caused by the West Asian energy corridor blockade, state-owned oil marketing companies announced a steep price hike for **Commercial LPG cylinders (19 kg) by ₹993**. This sharp revision heavily impacts operational economics across commercial restaurants, hotels, and food-processing MSMEs.

Part 3: Technology, Science & Environment

Q12. A major clean energy report titled "Grid Congestion Challenges" highlighted bottlenecks in India's green energy transition. According to the report, what is a primary cause behind grid congestion in India?

- A) Solar panels generating electricity only during the night
- B) A timeline gap, where building high-voltage transmission lines takes 2 to 3 times longer than deploying renewable energy generation projects
- C) The complete ban on using copper wires in Indian grids

D) Citizens refusing to use renewable energy across major metropolitan areas

Answer: B) A timeline gap, where building high-voltage transmission lines takes 2 to 3 times longer than deploying renewable energy generation projects

Explanation:

The report outlines a structural mismatch in India's clean energy transition: while solar or wind farms can be set up rapidly (within 6 to 12 months), building the matching high-voltage power evacuation transmission lines takes **2 to 3 times longer (24 to 36 months)**. This creates grid congestion, forcing operators to curtail renewable power during peak generation hours, which lowers tariffs and impacts developer revenues.

Q13. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a strategic MoU with the Global Access to Talent from India (GATI) Foundation. What is the fundamental objective of this partnership?

- A) Training rural youths to build traditional wooden bullock carts
- B) Enhancing and streamlining legal pathways for the overseas employment of skilled Indian workers
- C) Providing free gaming laptops to high school students
- D) Developing AI tools to automate agricultural seed sowing

Answer: B) Enhancing and streamlining legal pathways for the overseas employment of skilled Indian workers

Explanation:

The MSDE partnered with the **GATI Foundation** (an impact arm under the SFI Foundation) to build an institutional highway for **global skill**

mobility. The partnership seeks to map international skill shortages (especially across Europe, Japan, and the Middle East), align Indian skill certifications with global standards, and provide safe, legal, and verified overseas employment routes for certified Indian professionals.

Q14. Global technology firm Perplexity AI announced the launch of a groundbreaking 24/7 autonomous software architecture named "Personal Computer". How does this agent operate structurally?

- A) It requires the user to manually type code lines every 10 minutes.
- B) It runs continuously as a digital proxy on a dedicated Mac mini, utilizing a multi-model orchestration harness to execute workflows while the user is away.
- C) It functions strictly via offline voice commands without internet connectivity.
- D) It is an entirely hardware-free system operating through satellite radio waves.

Answer: B) It runs continuously as a digital proxy on a dedicated Mac mini, utilizing a multi-model orchestration harness to execute workflows while the user is away.

Explanation:

Perplexity AI's **"Personal Computer"** agent marks a major evolution in AI. It runs 24/7 on a dedicated Mac mini desktop environment, operating as a secure "digital proxy". It accesses local files and applications via a multi-model orchestration harness—meaning it intelligently delegates tasks to different underlying models (e.g., using Claude for reasoning, Gemini for research) to handle complex, multi-step digital tasks autonomously even while the user is asleep.

Part 4: Defence News & National Security

Q15. Consider the following statements regarding the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India's National Security frameworks highlighted in March 2026:

1. The Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) utilizes AI-powered sensors and thermal cameras along sensitive borders like the Line of Control (LoC).
2. India's defense hardware relies entirely on domestic production, with 0% dependence on international semiconductor supply chains.
3. The IndiaAI Mission is supported by a ₹10,300-crore national allocation to build strategic computing infrastructure and cybersecurity capacities.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: B) 1 and 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 2 is entirely incorrect because India currently faces a major strategic vulnerability, importing nearly **90% of its core semiconductor hardware needs**, which exposes its defense AI supply chains to international disruptions. Statements 1 and 3 are correct: India is actively deploying AI via the CIBMS along borders for real-time monitoring and threat detection, backed by the **₹10,300-crore IndiaAI Mission** to

scale up secure computing clusters and defense data repositories.

Q16. Union Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy visited the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) manufacturing plant in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, to flag off upgraded defense equipment for the Indian Navy. What specific weapon system was dispatched?

- A) BrahMos-II Hypersonic Cruise Missile
- B) Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM)
- C) INS Vikrant's nuclear reactor core
- D) Advanced Dhanush Towed Artillery Guns

Answer: B) Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM)

Explanation:

During his high-level industrial visit to BHEL Haridwar, Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy dedicated a 5 MW solar plant, an advanced 30-ton Electric Arc Furnace, and officially flagged off the dispatch of the indigenously upgraded **Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM)** weapon system to the Indian Navy. The SRGM serves as a primary point-defense weapon system aboard frontline Indian naval warships against fast-moving surface and aerial targets.

Q17. The Indian Navy's Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE) co-developed an advanced AI engine named "NETRA". For which of the following organizations was this tool deployed on March 15, 2026?

- A) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)
- B) National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Answer: B) National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)

Explanation:

Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil inaugurated the new national headquarters of the **National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)** in New Delhi. Alongside the launch, he unveiled **NETRA (NDSA Engine for Tracking and Review using Artificial Intelligence)**, an advanced conversational AI platform co-developed with the Indian Navy's WESEE wing. NETRA allows dam safety engineers to instantly query, monitor, and analyze health metrics and safety structural records across thousands of large dams nationwide.

Part 5: Government Schemes & Initiatives

Q18. The Central Government announced the expansion of the "Mandatory Gold Hallmarking" ecosystem by adding 7 new districts in its 6th Phase. Which apex national body is legally responsible for implementing and certifying gold hallmarking in India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- C) Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India (SPMCIL)
- D) NITI Aayog

Answer: B) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

Explanation:

Gold hallmarking is a quality and purity certification system implemented strictly by the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Launched in a phased manner since June 2021, the mandatory hallmarking framework ensures that consumers are

protected against adulteration and receive the exact carat purity (22K, 18K, 14K) stamped on their jewelry.

Q19. The Gujarat Government announced an agro-ecological policy plan to develop 500 select villages into dedicated clusters for which form of farming?

- A) Hydroponic Vertical Farming
- B) Natural Farming (Chemical-free agriculture)
- C) Genetically Modified Bt Cotton Farming
- D) Automated Greenhouse Floriculture

Answer: B) Natural Farming (Chemical-free agriculture)

Explanation:

The Gujarat state government finalized plans to transition **500 villages into dedicated Natural Farming Clusters**. Under this ecological transition, large tracts of farmland in these villages will shift to chemical-free, organic, and traditional natural farming methods. The state's agriculture department will provide foundational field training, technical biological guidance, and direct market linkage support to transitioning farmers.

Q20. Oil India Limited (OIL) sanctioned ₹86.27 lakh under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) wing to enhance rural medical infrastructure. Which Aspirational District is the immediate beneficiary of this project?

- A) Nuh, Haryana
- B) Rajgarh, Madhya Pradesh
- C) aspirational district of Wayanad, Kerala
- D) aspirational district of Kupwara, Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: B) Rajgarh, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Oil India Limited formalized an MoU with the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC). Under this, OIL directed financial sanctions to upgrade healthcare facilities, Community Health Centres (CHCs), and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the **Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh**. The fund equips rural clinics with life-support ambulances, ventilators, CPAP, BiPAP, and advanced diagnostic Ultrasonography (USG) setups.

Part 6: Sports, Appointments & Awards

Q21. Who etched his name in Indian sports history by becoming India's 94th Chess Grandmaster (GM) in March 2026?

- A) Mayank Chakraborty
- B) R Praggnanandhaa
- C) Dommaraju Gukesh
- D) Arjun Erigaisi

Answer: A) Mayank Chakraborty

Explanation:

Young chess prodigy **Mayank Chakraborty** became **India's 94th Chess Grandmaster** after securing his third and final GM norm at the 8th GM Tournament held in Stockholm, Sweden, finishing unbeaten with a score of 7/9. Crucially, Mayank hails from Guwahati, making him the **first-ever Chess Grandmaster from the state of Assam and the entire Northeastern region of India**.

Q22. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) organized its prestigious national awards ceremony in New Delhi to honor cricketing excellence. What is the official name of these awards?

- A) Col. C.K. Nayudu Awards

- B) BCCI Naman Awards
- C) Poly Umrigar Khel Ratna
- D) Bharat Cricket Puraskar

Answer: B) BCCI Naman Awards

Explanation:

The BCCI hosted the **BCCI Naman Awards 2026** in New Delhi. The gala event celebrates outstanding domestic and international cricketing achievements across various age groups and gender categories, presenting legendary lifetime achievement awards alongside the cricketer of the year accolades.

Q23. Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Gujarat Titans (GT) announced a major addition to its support and leadership staff ahead of the upcoming season. Who was named as the Assistant Coach?

- A) Ashish Nehra
- B) Vijay Dahiya
- C) Matthew Hayden
- D) Gautam Gambhir

Answer: B) Vijay Dahiya

Explanation:

Gujarat Titans (GT) appointed domestic cricket veteran and seasoned tactician **Vijay Dahiya** as their Assistant Coach to work alongside Head Coach Ashish Nehra and newly appointed Batting Coach Matthew Hayden. Dahiya brings massive IPL coaching credentials, having previously served with the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR).

Q24. Italian driver Kimi Antonelli made waves in international motorsport on March 15, 2026. What milestone did he achieve?

- A) He won the historic Monaco Grand Prix on a Ferrari debut.

B) He secured his first-ever Formula One race victory, leading a Mercedes one-two finish at the Chinese Grand Prix.

C) He announced his complete retirement from racing at age 19.

D) He broke the world land-speed record in an electric hypercar.

Answer: B) He secured his first-ever Formula One race victory, leading a Mercedes one-two finish at the Chinese Grand Prix.

Explanation:

Nineteen-year-old Italian racing sensation **Kimi Antonelli** claimed his first-ever Formula One career victory by winning the Chinese Grand Prix. Driving for **Mercedes**, Antonelli led a spectacular one-two finish for the constructor team, signaling a new generation of driver dominance in the sport.

Part 7: Important Days, Culture & Books

Q25. World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated internationally on which calendar date?

A) January 15

B) February 28

C) March 15

D) April 7

Answer: C) March 15

Explanation:

World Consumer Rights Day is observed globally every year on **March 15**. The day was originally inspired by US President John F. Kennedy's historic address to the US Congress on March 15, 1962, where he formally pioneered the concept of consumer rights. The day focuses on promoting consumer awareness, demanding safety standards, fighting market

fraud, and ensuring digital privacy rights for global buyers.

Q26. A massive 58-foot bronze statue of the revered freedom fighter and social activist Potti Sriramulu was unveiled by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on his 125th birth anniversary. At which location was this statue installed?

A) Visakhapatnam Harbor

B) Shakhamuru Park, Amaravati

C) Tirupati Temple Complex

D) Kurnool Administrative District

Answer: B) Shakhamuru Park, Amaravati

Explanation:

Marking his 125th birth anniversary, a spectacular **58-foot bronze statue of Potti Sriramulu** was unveiled at **Shakhamuru Park** in the capital city of **Amaravati**. The monument forms part of a dedicated memorial project spanning 6.8 acres developed at a cost of ₹150 crore to honor his ultimate sacrifice (a 56-day hunger strike in 1952) which led to the linguistic formation of a separate state for Telugu-speaking people.

Q27. A critically acclaimed Sikkimese independent film titled "Shape of Momo" generated waves across international cultural columns. At which global platform did this film receive notable accolades in March 2026?

A) Hollywood Academy Awards (Oscars)

B) European Film Festivals

C) Tokyo Anime Awards

D) International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa

Answer: B) European Film Festivals

Explanation:

The independent Sikkimese film "Shape of Momo" achieved international recognition after being screened and awarded honors across various **European Film Festivals**. The film highlights the unique mountain lifestyle, culinary histories, and evolving contemporary cultural dynamics of the Himalayan state of Sikkim.

Q28. World Rotaract Day is celebrated annually on March 13 to recognize young community leaders. The year 2026 marks which milestone anniversary of the establishment of the very first Rotaract Club?

- A) 25th Anniversary
- B) 40th Anniversary
- C) 50th Anniversary
- D) 58th Anniversary

Answer: D) 58th Anniversary

Explanation:

World Rotaract Day is observed globally on March 13. The year 2026 marks the **58th anniversary** of the founding of the world's very first Rotaract club in North Carolina, United States, in 1968. Rotaract brings together young adults to drive grassroots humanitarian service, build professional leadership, and foster global peace under the Rotary International umbrella.

Q29. The second annual edition of NITI Aayog's "Fiscal Health Index 2026" expanded its structural assessment parameters. Which state emerged as the top performer among the newly introduced "North-Eastern and Himalayan States" category?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Tripura

Answer: C) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

In the second edition of the **Fiscal Health Index 2026**, NITI Aayog separate the assessment of the 10 North-Eastern and Himalayan states to ensure structural fairness. In this new category, **Arunachal Pradesh secured the 1st Rank** for superior fiscal management, followed by Uttarakhand in second place and Tripura in third. Among the major states, Odisha retained its absolute top rank.

Q30. In environmental geography columns on March 15, 2026, the ongoing depletion of "Mangrove ecosystems" was heavily debated. What unique physiological feature allows Mangroves to thrive in saline coastal environments?

- A) Completely hollow trunks that store freshwater from rainfall
- B) Specialized salt-excreting glands on their leaves and pneumatophores (aerial breathing roots)
- C) Leaves that stay completely underground to avoid sea wind
- D) The absence of any root systems, allowing them to float freely on high tides

Answer: B) Specialized salt-excreting glands on their leaves and pneumatophores (aerial breathing roots)

Explanation:

Mangroves are highly adapted halophytes (salt-tolerant plants). They thrive in intertidal coastal zones due to two key evolutionary features: **pneumatophores** (specialized lateral roots that grow upward out of the mud and water to breathe oxygen from the air) and **salt-excreting glands** on their leaves that actively filter out and eliminate excess salt from seawater, allowing

them to survive where other plants would perish.

Quick Reference Matrix for Revision

Category	Key Highlight	Associated Entity / Person
Polity	Assembly Polls announced for 5 regions	Election Commission of India
Crypto/Finance	Stablecoins flagged for Illicit Transfers	Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
Sports	India's 94th Chess Grandmaster	Mayank Chakraborty (1st from Northeast)
State Project	58-Foot Bronze Statue Unveiled	Potti Sriramulu Memorial (Amaravati)
Tech Defense	NETRA conversational AI engine launched	National Dam Safety Authority & Indian Navy
Important Day	World Consumer Rights Day (March 15)	Theme: Consumer Protection & Safety