



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 12, 2026

### TAMILNADU

- **₹5,600 Crore Development Projects in Tiruchirappalli**
- ✓ Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for ₹5,600 crore development projects in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, focusing on clean energy, highways, railways and rural connectivity.
- ✓ These initiatives aim to improve infrastructure, energy access and economic development in the region.
- ✓ A major project includes a ₹3,700 crore City Gas Distribution network by Bharat Petroleum in Nilgiris and Erode, which will provide PNG connections to about nine lakh households.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also dedicated a major lubricant facility of Indian Oil Corporation in Chennai.

### NATIONAL

- **Insight Timer - Wellness App**
- ✓ Insight Timer, the world's largest free wellness platform with over 35 million users, has officially expanded its services to India to provide accessible mindfulness and mental health tools.
- ✓ The platform provides access to more than 300,000 guided meditations, music tracks, and talks.
- ✓ Over 20,000 teachers worldwide contribute to the library, including experts in yoga and meditation from India.

- ✓ The launch aims to address the growing demand for stress management, improved sleep quality, and emotional wellbeing among professionals and students.
- ✓ The app bridges ancient Indian traditions with modern technology to help users build sustainable daily mindfulness habits.
  
- **India sends Humanitarian Assistance to Malawi**
- ✓ India has dispatched 1,000 metric tons of rice to Malawi as humanitarian assistance to help the country address food shortages caused by a severe drought.
- ✓ The shipment was sent from Nhava Sheva Port in Maharashtra, highlighting India's humanitarian outreach and commitment to food security.
- ✓ Malawi has been facing serious food insecurity due to prolonged drought conditions linked to the El Niño climate phenomenon.
- ✓ The assistance aims to stabilise food supplies and support vulnerable populations affected by crop losses and agricultural disruption.
  
- **Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026**
- ✓ NITI Aayog released the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2026 for the Financial Year 2023-24, which assesses the state-level fiscal performance in India by expanding coverage to the North-Eastern and Himalayan states and refining indicators to better capture fiscal sustainability.
- ✓ Five fiscal pillars to measure the fiscal health of states like quality of expenditure, revenue mobilisation, fiscal prudence, debt index, and debt sustainability.
- ✓ Among major states, Odisha ranked first, followed by Goa and Jharkhand in the Achiever category. States like Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka were classified as Front Runners.
- ✓ Among North Eastern and Himalayan states, Arunachal Pradesh secured the top position, followed by Uttarakhand and Tripura.

States	FHI Score	Rank 2023-24	Quality of Expenditure	Revenue Mobilisation	Fiscal Prudence	Debt Index	Debt Sustainability
Odisha	73.1	1	71.2	80.3	58.7	95.8	59.5
Goa	54.7	2	49.5	80.4	45.0	56.8	41.9
Jharkhand	50.5	3	66.3	37.6	54.4	67.9	26.3
Gujarat	49.9	4	48.7	44.8	51.5	74.2	30.2
Maharashtra	45.0	5	36.9	52.7	35.2	76.0	24.3
Chhattisgarh	44.3	6	60.8	48.4	8.4	72.5	31.5
Telangana	44.3	7	57.1	60.8	30.0	53.5	20.0
Uttar Pradesh	41.9	8	50.9	28.1	38.8	60.2	31.7
Karnataka	41.7	9	46.8	43.2	33.1	61.4	24.1
Madhya Pradesh	37.8	10	60.8	32.0	35.1	58.9	2.2
Haryana	34.5	11	35.8	48.0	27.3	32.8	28.7
Bihar	30.9	12	58.3	2.9	27.4	48.0	17.8
Tamil Nadu	29.8	13	30.5	39.8	21.5	39.1	18.2
Rajasthan	27.6	14	43.7	29.4	11.3	32.1	21.5
Kerala	24.8	15	4.1	47.8	24.0	23.3	24.8
West Bengal	23.8	16	37.4	12.9	22.7	20.1	25.6
Andhra Pradesh	23.1	17	43.1	21.7	9.9	36.6	4.2
Punjab	12.4	18	8.1	29.8	5.9	2.1	15.9

## STATE

### ➤ Ahmedabad 'Olympic-Ready' City

- ✓ The Gujarat Government has allocated Rs 1,331 crore specifically to upgrade Ahmedabad into an Olympic-ready city as part of India's bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.
- ✓ The State Government has allocated over Rs 2,000 crore for sports and youth activities.
- ✓ A major portion of the funds will support the SVP Sports Enclave located near the Narendra Modi Stadium.
- ✓ The 'In-School' programme currently trains over 1.29 lakh children across 230 schools in the state.

✓ Ahmedabad is being positioned to host international events, including the 2030 Commonwealth Games and the 2036 Olympics.

➤ **Freedom of Religion Bill 2026**

✓ Chhattisgarh Cabinet has approved the draft Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 to prevent illegal religious conversions.

✓ The decision was taken in Raipur during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

✓ The bill aims to stop conversions carried out through force, inducement, fraud or undue influence while protecting individuals' right to follow their chosen faith.

✓ After cabinet approval, the proposed law will be introduced in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly.

✓ If passed, it will regulate religious conversion activities while aligning with constitutional provisions under Articles 25-28 that guarantee freedom of religion in India.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Kidney Day - March 12**

✓ World Kidney Day 2026 is observed on March 12, 2026, drawing global attention to the rising burden of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and the importance of early detection and prevention.

✓ The campaign was launched by the International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations to promote kidney health awareness worldwide.

✓ The 2026 theme, "Kidney Health for All: Caring for People, Protecting the Planet," highlights the link between kidney health and environmental factors such as pollution, extreme heat and unsafe water.

