



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 14, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ AMRUT Mitra Mahotsav 2026

- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organised AMRUT Mitra Mahotsav 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- ✓ More than 1,000 women SHG members and 300 officials from 30 states and UTs participated in the event
- ✓ AMRUT Mitras support urban water services through water testing, billing, awareness campaigns, and maintenance activities
- ✓ The programme highlighted women's role in strengthening community participation in water management
- ✓ The government plans to expand the AMRUT Mitra model to around 5,000 cities in India.

### STATE

#### ➤ Exercise Freedom Shield

- ✓ The United States and South Korea have launched their annual Freedom Shield joint military exercise to strengthen defense coordination and preparedness
- ✓ The exercise includes command-post simulations, field training drills, and joint operational activities between the two allied forces
- ✓ Around 18,000 South Korean troops are participating, while the number of US troops has not been disclosed.

- ✓ The drills are important for strengthening regional security and preparing against potential threats from North Korea.

### ➤ **Project GANGA**

- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has launched Project GANGA (Govt Assisted Network for Growth and Advancement) to provide broadband connectivity to 20 lakh rural households over the next 2-3 years.
- ✓ The initiative is expected to create direct and indirect employment for over 1 lakh people.
- ✓ Broadband access will create new opportunities for rural youth in digital services, e-commerce, and online platforms like YouTube.
- ✓ Sectors such as telemedicine, online education, and digital skilling are expected to develop rapidly.

## **SPORTS**

### ➤ **India to Host Asia Cup Archery 2027**

- ✓ India is set to host a major international archery competition for the first time in 22 years, with Delhi being awarded the second leg of the Asia Cup in 2027.
- ✓ The decision was finalized following meetings between World Archery Asia President Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Chapol and Archery Association of India (AAI) officials in Kolkata.
- ✓ This event signifies a major boost for Indian archery, providing home advantage for ranking points and fostering local talent.
- ✓ Additional tournaments are planned for Ahmedabad and Kolkata.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### ➤ **Pi Day - 14 March**

- ✓ Pi Day is celebrated every year on 14 March to honor the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi), which represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter
- ✓ The date 3/14 corresponds to the first three digits of pi, making it a symbolic day for mathematics enthusiasts
- ✓ Pi Day was first celebrated in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw at the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

- ✓ In 2019, UNESCO declared 14 March as the International Day of Mathematics, further increasing the importance of the day.

