



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 16, 2026

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➤ **SATHEE App**

- ✓ The SATHEE App, developed by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with IIT Kanpur, is a free digital learning platform designed to help students prepare for major competitive examinations.
- ✓ SATHEE stands for Self-Assessment Test and Help for Entrance Exams and provides high-quality educational resources created by experts from IITs and reputed institutions for structured exam preparation.
- ✓ The platform supports preparation for exams such as Joint Entrance Examination, National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Common University Entrance Test, Common Law Admission Test, SSC, RRB, IBPS, and ICAR entrance exams.
- ✓ It offers video lectures, mock tests, study materials, previous years' papers, and multilingual support, and an AI-enabled version was recently highlighted at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 to enhance personalized learning and accessibility for students from economically weaker sections.

AWARDS & HONOURS

➤ **Jnanpith Award 2026**

- ✓ Jnanpith Award has been officially conferred upon the Tamil lyricist, poet, and novelist R Vairamuthu in recognition of his immense contributions to Literature.

- ✓ R Vairamuthu becomes the Third Tamil Writer to receive the prestigious award, following Akilan in 1975 and Jayakanthan in 2002.
- ✓ Over a massive career spanning more than Five Decades, he has written over 7,500 Songs and Poems, establishing himself as one of the most prominent lyricists in Indian Cinema.
- ✓ In recognition of his contributions, he has been honoured with the Padma Shri (2003) and the Padma Bhushan (2014).
- ✓ He has also been awarded the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award in 2003 for his exceptional literary work Kallikkattu Ithikasam.
- ✓ Established in 1961 by the Bharatiya Jnanpith, the Jnanpith Award honours exceptional authors writing in Indian languages listed in the Constitution, and includes a citation, cash prize, and a bronze statue of Saraswati.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Vaccination Day - March 16**
- ✓ National Vaccination Day, observed annually on March 16, is a day dedicated to promoting the benefits of vaccination.
- ✓ It raises awareness about immunization and highlights its role in protecting both individuals and communities from preventable diseases.
- ✓ The day is a reminder of the importance of vaccination coverage to ensure that everyone, everywhere has access to life-saving vaccines.
- ✓ The 2026 theme for National Vaccination Day is “Immunization for All is Humanly Possible”, focusing on making vaccines accessible to all people, regardless of geographical location, economic background, or social status.

