



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 22, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ National Dental Commission

- ✓ Government of India constituted the National Dental Commission, replacing the Dental Council of India.
- ✓ This newly constituted body aimed to transform Dental Education aimed at improving the quality of dental education and aligning it with global standards.
- ✓ It has been established as a statutory body under National Dental Commission (NDC Act, 2023) which came into force on March 19, 2026, repealing the Dentist Act, 1948.
- ✓ Dr. Sanjay Tewari has been appointed as the Chairperson of newly formed Commission.

#### ➤ 'Blue Voice' Mobile App

- ✓ Pondicherry University has launched a mobile application named 'Blue Voice' to improve safety and disaster preparedness among coastal fishing communities.
- ✓ 'Blue Voice' supports fishers who face risks due to unpredictable weather conditions and limited access to timely alerts.
- ✓ Timely alerts on storms, wind patterns, and sea conditions are expected to enhance preparedness and reduce risk of accidents at sea.
- ✓ 'Blue Voice' addresses these with a user-friendly interface suitable for those with limited digital literacy.

## APPOINTMENTS

### ➤ Director (Personnel) at NMDC

- ✓ Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur, a 1998 batch officer of the Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS), has assumed charge as Director (Personnel) at NMDC Limited, India's largest iron ore producer.
- ✓ Shri Thakur has over 25 years of experience in human resource management and administration across Indian Railways and CPSEs.
- ✓ Prior to NMDC, as Director (HR) at BHEL, he led initiatives in HR, Law, and HSE, including function restructuring, policy reforms, uniform incentive schemes, and multi-skilling programs to enhance workforce capability and retention.

## BOOKS & AUTHOURS

### ➤ 'Karuna: The Power of Compassion'

- ✓ 2014 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi's latest book titled 'Karuna: The Power of Compassion' was formally launched by the Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion (SMGC), in association with Harper Collins India.
- ✓ The book was unveiled in the presence of Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India (CJI) and Dr. Kiran Bedi, former Lieutenant (Lt.) Governor of Puducherry.
- ✓ The book emphasizes compassion which can be a transformative, active force to combat global crises such as inequality and conflict.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ World Water Day - March 22

- ✓ World Water Day 2026 was observed globally on 22 March 2026 to highlight the importance of freshwater resources and promote their sustainable management.
- ✓ The theme for 2026 is "Water and Gender: Where water flows, equality grows," emphasizing the role of equitable access to water in promoting gender equality.

- ✓ The idea for observing World Water Day originated during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.
- ✓ In the same year, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring 22 March as World Water Day, to be observed annually starting from 1993.

