



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 28, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ PM E-DRIVE Scheme

- ✓ India has extended the PM E-DRIVE Scheme till 2028, signaling a strategic shift in EV policy with a ₹10,900 crore outlay.
- ✓ While support continues, incentives for electric two-wheelers will end by July 2026, pushing the segment toward market-driven growth.
- ✓ The government will instead prioritize e-rickshaws and electric three-wheelers to boost last-mile connectivity and logistics efficiency.
- ✓ Major EV players like Ola Electric, Ather Energy, TVS Motor Company, and Bajaj Auto are offering discounts to drive demand before subsidy deadlines.

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ 'Vayu Baan'

- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) has initiated 'Vayu Baan', a homegrown project to develop India's first helicopter-launched Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).
- ✓ With this project, India joins an elite group of nations (including the **US** and **China**) working on sophisticated air-launched effects.
- ✓ Transmits real-time high-definition video via EO/IR (Electro-Optical/Infrared) sensors.
- ✓ Capable of engaging targets from over 50 km away with an endurance of approximately 30 minutes.
- ✓ Specifically designed to operate in GNSS-denied environments, ensuring functionality even if GPS signals are jammed.

## MEETINGS/ CONFERENCES/ SUMMITS

### ➤ **BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting 2026**

- ✓ The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, organized the first BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting on March 25, 2026, in a virtual format.
- ✓ As India assumed the BRICS Chairship for 2026, this meeting formally initiated youth engagements for the year.
- ✓ Theme: “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.”
- ✓ The session was attended by representatives from all BRICS member countries to align on the roadmap for the BRICS Youth Track 2026.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ **Earth Hour 2026**

- ✓ Earth Hour 2026 will be observed on March 28 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm globally, marking the 20th year of the movement organized by World Wildlife Fund.
- ✓ India participated in Earth Hour 2026, with major landmarks such as India Gate, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, etc. switching off lights in solidarity.
- ✓ This year's theme, “Give An Hour For Earth”, encourages everyone to go beyond the switch off by dedicating 60 minutes to nature: reconnecting with it, restoring it, learning about it, or inspiring others to care for it.
- ✓ It began in Sydney, Australia, in 2007 as a symbolic “lights off” movement and has since evolved into one of the largest global grassroots environmental campaigns.
- ✓ The movement now engages millions of people across more than 190 countries and territories.
- ✓ In India, the initiative has expanded significantly since 2009 under WWF-India, with participation from 58 cities.

