



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 29, 2026**

### **NATIONAL**

- **Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme for five years (2026–2031) to strengthen India's immigration system.
- ✓ The scheme provides a centralised, technology-driven platform for visa issuance, immigration, and foreigner registration, improving efficiency and security.
- ✓ The renewed phase focuses on digital modernisation, including mobile services and self-service kiosks, to ensure faster, seamless, and secure immigration processes.
  
- **India Reported 24,700 Maternal Deaths in 2023**
- ✓ According to a Global analysis of The Lancet, India reported 24,700 maternal deaths in 2023.
- ✓ The study, led by researchers from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, estimated India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) at 116 per 1 lakh live births.
- ✓ Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) refers to the number of maternal deaths per 1 lakh live births and is a key indicator of a country's healthcare system performance.
- ✓ According to India's Sample Registration System (SRS) 2021–23, India's MMR stands at 88 per 1 lakh live births, indicating significant improvement compared to earlier decades.

- ✓ Globally, maternal mortality remains a major public health concern, with countries such as Nigeria, Ethiopia and Pakistan contributing significantly to the global burden.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Chairperson of National Commission for Backward Classes**
- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced that Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes.
- ✓ Served as Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development (2019–2021) and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ✓ Actively associated with initiatives focused on the upliftment of weaker and marginalised sections.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

- **Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award 2026**
- ✓ Jharkhand MLA Kalpana Soren was honoured with the “Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award” at the BRICS CCI WE Annual Women Summit and Felicitation 2026 held in the capital.
- ✓ The award was presented by the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) women empowerment vertical for her contribution to women empowerment.
- ✓ She highlighted the need to amplify voices of marginalised women and promote their access to opportunities, noting that women in Jharkhand are increasingly becoming entrepreneurs and agents of change.

