



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 30, 2026

NATIONAL

➤ Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

- ✓ The Ministry of Railways is implementing the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme to modernise railway infrastructure across India with a long-term, phased approach.
- ✓ A total of 1338 stations have been identified for redevelopment, including 13 key stations in Delhi.
- ✓ The initiative aims to enhance passenger amenities, improve connectivity and transform stations into integrated urban hubs.
- ✓ Key features include improved station access, integration with surrounding city areas, enhanced waiting halls, modern toilets, lifts, escalators and wider foot overbridges.
- ✓ Additional provisions include kiosks under 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, executive lounges and multimodal transport integration.

➤ Brand Ambassador for Census 2027

- ✓ Sudarshan Pattnaik has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Census 2027 by the Ministry of Home Affairs to promote awareness and participation.
- ✓ He will use his internationally acclaimed sand art to educate citizens about the importance of the census and encourage wider public involvement across India.
- ✓ The Government has approved the 16th National Census (Census 2027) with a sanctioned budget of ₹11,718.24 crore.

- ✓ It will be the 16th Census of India and the 8th after Independence, marking a major milestone in India's data collection system.
- ✓ The official mascots are "Pragati" (female) and "Vikas" (male), and the census will be overseen by Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan.

DEFENCE

➤ IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026

- ✓ The Indian Navy hosted the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) Table Top Exercise (TTX) 2026 at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- ✓ The exercise serves as a significant milestone as India assumes the IONS Chairmanship for the 2026-2028 cycle, returning to the role after a gap of sixteen years.
- ✓ The event brought together distinguished delegates from Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) member navies and international officers of IOS SAGAR to tackle non-traditional maritime security challenges.
- ✓ Representatives from 12 nations participated, including Bangladesh, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Timor-Leste.

AWARDS & HONOURS

➤ Para Archer of the Year

- ✓ Sheetal Devi, a 19-year-old archer from Jammu and Kashmir, has been named 'Para Archer of the Year 2025' by World Archery.
- ✓ Her recognition reflects exceptional performance and a remarkable journey, making her one of the top emerging para-athletes globally.
- ✓ The award highlights India's growing strength in para sports and rising presence on the international stage.
- ✓ Overall, her achievement serves as an inspiration and marks a significant milestone in her promising career.

