

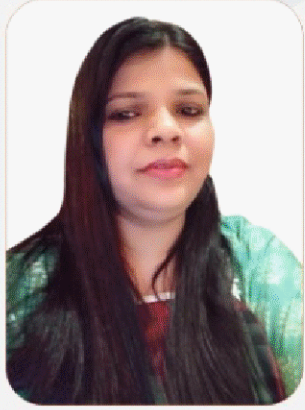


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Current Affairs Related to 17 March 2025

- ◆ **Parliament passed the Railway Bill 2024** for better functioning and independence of the Railway Board. The Railway Bill 2024 will amend the Railway Act 1989. Its main objective is to increase the power of the Railway Board and enhance the functioning and independence of the body. The Bill proposes to simplify the legal framework by incorporating all the provisions of the Indian Railway Board Act, 1905 and the Railways Act, 1989. The provisions of this Bill will reduce the need to refer to two laws and instead, reference to only one law will be required.
- ◆ **DPIT and Mercedes-Benz India signed an MoU** to promote manufacturing road safety and sustainability. The partnership will focus on creating structured programs and initiatives. It will help startups by providing infrastructure, guidance, funding opportunities and market linkages. It will also facilitate international collaboration and ensure knowledge exchange to promote long-term impact. The MoU was officially signed by Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangt, Director, DPIIT and Mr. Santosh Iyer, Managing Director, Mercedes Benz India.
- ◆ **The Centre notified the appointment of a judge of the Calcutta High Court by the President.** The Supreme Court Collegium has decided that Justice Bagchi's tenure will be more than six years. As per the seniority criteria, Justice Bagchi will take over as CJI in May 2031. Justice Bagchi was appointed a judge of the Calcutta High Court on 27 June 2011. The Supreme Court of India consists of the Chief Justice of India and not more than 33 other judges. The judges of the Supreme Court retire at the age of 65 years.
- ◆ **The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has released the second advance estimate** of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2024-2025. Kharif foodgrain production is estimated to be around 664 lakh metric tons, while Rabi foodgrain production is estimated to be over 645 lakh metric tons. Kharif rice production is estimated to increase from about 1132 LMT to over 1206 lakh metric tons in 2023-2024.
- ◆ **As an important step to modernize immigration and foreigners in India,** Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai introduced the Immigration and Foreigners Mobility, 2025 in Parliament. The aim of this monument is to establish a collaborative and comprehensive tourism mechanism by eliminating the old republics of the colonial era, to strengthen national security, eliminate rules and give admission to foreign nationals. The government argues that this new university will eliminate exaggeration friends, simplify the statutory framework and establish more effective control over foreign nationals in India.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Surat Food Security Saturation Campaign.** Under this campaign, an effort has been made to identify eligible poor beneficiary families. In this, special attention will be given to Ganga Swaroopa women, elderly, Divyang and marginalized daily wage earners. The Prime Minister also distributed benefits to about 2 lakh eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. The main objective of this initiative is to ensure comprehensive food security coverage.
- ◆ **The Kurdish-led and U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces signed an agreement with the Damascus** government to join Syria's new state institutions, which controls most of Syria's oil-rich northeast. The agreement calls for integrating SDF-controlled civilian and military institutions in northeastern Syria with the state. The agreement comes at a time when Syria is grappling with the consequences of mass killings of members of the Alawite minority in western Syria.
- ◆ **India has imposed anti-dumping duty of up to US\$986 per tonne for five years on trichloro isocyanuric acid** imported from China and Japan. This measure is designed to protect the domestic industry from low-cost imports. The Finance Ministry issued this decision based on the recommendations of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies. The Directorate's investigation concluded that the influx of unfairly priced imports has caused harm to the domestic market. The purpose of imposing this duty is to promote fair competition and support the domestic sector.

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National & International Current Affairs

- 1. Which state government will launch its own satellite recently?**
(A) Assam (B) Odisha
(C) Karnataka (D) Uttar Pradesh
(A) Assam State Government announced the launch of its own satellite called AssamSat. Assam will be the first state in the country to have its own satellite. Assam will develop this satellite in collaboration with IN-SPACE/ InSpace of the Department of Space. The purpose of this satellite is to strengthen access to data for major socio-economic initiatives and enhance border surveillance.
- 2. By which year, India will become the world's largest Web3 developer hub recently?**
(A) 2026 (B) 2027
(C) 2028 (D) 2030
(D) India Web3 Landscape Report has been released by Hashed Emergent. According to the report, India will emerge as the global leader in Web3 developers by 2028. India has registered rapid growth in this sector. More than 4.7 million developers have joined HPCL in 2024. India has emerged as the second largest base for crypto developers globally.
- 3. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of HPCL recently?**
(A) Rajendra Singh (B) Jaiprakash Garg
(C) Vikas Kaushal (D) None of these
(C) The government has appointed Vikas Kaushal as the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Corporation Limited. His tenure will be five years. He is the second in line to succeed Rajneesh Narang, who was on staff as interim CMD from 1 September 2024. Vikas Kaushal has over 30 years of experience in the energy, oil and gas, and power sectors.
- 4. Recently SBI Life Insurance has expanded the product range with the list of how many new products?**
(A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4
(B) Recently General Life Insurance Company, one of the leading private life insurance companies in India has launched two new child insurance plans named SBI Life Smart Future Star and SBI Life Smart Platina Young Achiever. These plans focus specifically on education, interests and core values to help parents secure the financial future of their children.
- 5. Recently, RBI has imposed a fine of how many lakh rupees on four NBFCs?**
(A) 50.02 lakh (B) 60.45 lakh
(C) 70.45 lakh (D) 76.6 lakh
(D) The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a total fine of 76.6 lakh rupees on four non-banking financial companies for breach of the grant. These penalties have been given under Section 58G of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and Section 30 of the Payment and Credit Systems Act 2007. The violations include lapses in governance, ignoring unwritten documents, deficiencies in credit risk management.



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6. Who recently became the first Defence Minister to visit IFA's Institute of Aerospace Medicine in Bengaluru?

- (A) Rajnath Singh (B) Shri Arun Jaitley
(C) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
(D) Shri Manohar Parrikar

(A) Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh created history by visiting the Indian Army's Institute of Aerospace Medicine in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He became the first Defence Minister of India to visit this institute. His visit is an important step towards clarifying the role of aerospace medicine in India's defence and aviation sector.



7. Which bank has recently launched digital business loan without any guarantee?

- (A) RBI (B) HDFC
(C) SBI (D) ICICI Bank

(C) Recently State Bank of India launched SBI Asmita, a no-collateral digital SME loan for women. The initiative aims to simplify access to content for women-run MSMEs, making the process completely digital and hassle-free.



8. Which England player has recently withdrawn from the tournament?

- (A) Harry Brook (B) Joe Root
(C) Ajmal Shahzad (D) None of these

(A) Ahead of the 18th season of the Indian Premier League 2025, England batsman Harry Brook has withdrawn from the tournament for the second consecutive year. Delhi Capitals bought him for Rs 6.25 crore in last year's auction, but now his absence will give the team a new option. Due to his withdrawal, he may be banned for the next two seasons of IPL.



9. Which bank has recently launched a special savings account for women?

- (A) PNB (B) SBI
(C) ICICI Bank (D) BOB

(D) Bank of Baroda launched BOB Global Women NRE and NRO Service Account, making it the first public sector bank to offer a special account for female NRI applicants. This account offers premium loan, labour loan and insurance benefits to female NRIs. Apart from this, the bank has also updated its BOB Premium NRE and NRO Service Account with new features.



10. Recently which bank has expanded Project Naman with the Indian Army and CSC Academy?

- (A) AU Small Finance Bank (B) Axis Bank
(C) HDFC Bank (D) Yes Bank

(C) Metals Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Army and CSC Academy, which will expand Project Naman. It has been created to provide assistance to the ex-servicemen of the First Army, their families and hostels. Under this act, Common Service Centers will be set up at 26 Indian Army Veterans Directorates.



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