

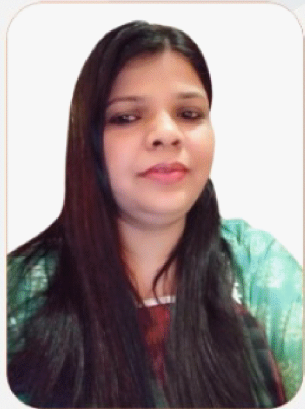


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Current Affairs Related to 8 March 2025

- ◆ Trump has announced to make English the official language of America. President Donald Trump signed an executive order to make English the official language of the United States. English as an official language will not only streamline communication but also reinforce shared national values. Now government agencies and organizations receiving federal funding can choose whether they want to provide documents and services in languages other than English.
- ◆ The Bihar government presented a budget of Rs 3.17 lakh crore in the assembly for the financial year 2025-2026, which is 38,169 crore more than the previous budget of Rs 2.79 lakh crore. The state government will spend Rs 60,954 crore on education, 20,335 on health, 16,193 on rural development and 13,483 crore on energy in the financial year 2025-2026. The government will also set up Mahila Haat in Patna and Kanya Vivah Mandap will be set up in all the panchayats of the state to facilitate mass marriages for the poor.
- ◆ The Central Government has given Navratna status to two public sector companies Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation and Indian Railway Finance Corporation. The government has approved the promotion of IRCTC and IRFC to Navratna CPSEs, making them the 25th and 26th Navratna among Central Public Sector Enterprises. With the inclusion of the latest companies, the number of Navratna companies in the country has reached 26. IRCTC and IRFC are a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Railways.
- ◆ Digital policy system in India sees mixed trends. Unified Airtel Payments System transactions declined month-on-month, while Fastag and Aadhaar Enabled Payment System transactions were stable. This change in transaction volume and value was due to the days of the month of February and the simple methodology of the study. According to the latest data released by the National Institute of Technology, the digital payments industry is expanding on a year-on-year basis, confirming the growth of cashless transactions in the country.
- ◆ A budget of Rs 1.28 lakh crore was presented by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led coalition government for the financial year 2024-2025. The budget was presented by Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore. Rs 13,363.35 crore was allocated for the Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Maiya Samman Yojana, which provides financial assistance of Rs 2500 per month to women aged 18-50 years.
- ◆ European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said that there is an agreement between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the European Union to push for the conclusion of a free trade agreement this year. She called for an ambitious trade and investment agreement that could cover everything from batteries and pharmaceuticals to semiconductors, clean hydrogen and the defense industry. Talks on the India-EU free trade agreement resumed in 2021 after being stalled for eight years and now include issues ranging from investment protection to geographical indications.
- ◆ Gharial is a unique creature of long-snouted Republic which is different from other Republics due to its fish-based diet and distinctive shape. However, the inbox is in danger, as destruction of natural habitats, water pollution and fishing ponds remain the main reasons for the decline in numbers. More than 80% of the gharials in India are found in Madhya Pradesh, and recently Chief Minister Mohan Yadav further strengthened the protection of 10 gharials state in the Chambal river.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 25th edition of Jahan-e-Khusra. The annual Sufi music festival Jahan-e-Khusra took place at Sunder Nursery in Delhi. The event is organised by the Rumi Foundation. It was founded in 2001 by filmmaker Muzaffar Ali. This is the 25th edition of the festival, which played a key role in popularising Sufi music and culture. PM Modi also visited the TEH Bazaar, which featured One District One Product crafts and rare artefacts from across the country.
- ◆ Champakam Dorairajan, a Brahmin woman from Madras, played a key role in India's constitutional history. She started the legal battle of girls against caste-based discrimination.

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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Women's Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 7 March (B) 8 March
(C) 9 March (D) 10 March

(B) International Women's Day is celebrated every year on 8 March. The theme in 2025 will be rights, equality, empowerment for all women and girls, highlighting the need for inclusion and urgent action to break down systemic barriers that prevent the progress of women and girls globally.



2. In which state, farmers will be provided permanent electricity connection for Rs 5 recently?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Odisha
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Kerala

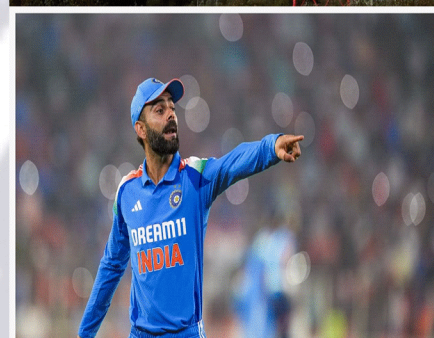
(A) Taking an important step to support farmers, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has announced that the farmers of the state will get permanent electricity connection for just Rs 5. The initiative aims to reduce the financial burden on farmers and ensure uninterrupted power supply for agricultural activities. This scheme is expected to boost productivity, increase irrigation efficiency and improve the livelihood of farmers.



3. Who has recently become the seventh Indian cricketer to play 300 ODIs?

- (A) Rohit Sharma (B) Shikhar Dhawan
(C) Virat Kohli (D) None of these

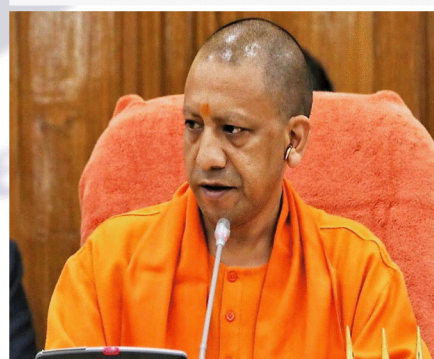
(C) Virat Kohli, one of India's greatest cricketers, achieved another historic feat. He completed his 300th ODI under his captaincy in the match played against New Zealand in the Champions Trophy match in Dubai. With this achievement, Kohli became the youngest Indian and the 22nd player in the world to have 300 ODIs.



4. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has announced five new spiritual corridors?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Haryana
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Punjab

(A) Recently the Uttar Pradesh government has developed five major spiritual corridors to promote spiritual tourism. Through these corridors, devotees will be able to easily visit various religious places across the state. The same corridors will connect many religious cities including Varanasi, Ayodhya, Lucknow and Mathura.



5. Recently, which state government has started a reel competition to increase awareness among the people of the state about cleanliness?

- (A) Odisha (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Kerala

(C) Madhya Pradesh government has started a unique initiative to increase awareness towards cleanliness. Swachh MP Reel Competition. Under this competition, youth can use their creativity and win a prize of up to Rs 2 lakh. The objective of this unique campaign is to spread awareness in rural areas about waste management.



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6. Who has recently become the first woman pilot in the Jaguar Fighter Squadron?

- (A) Tanushka (B) Shivangi Singh
(C) Pratibha Singh (D) None of these

(A) Tanushka Singh, who recently cherished the dream of joining the Indian Army, flew with the courage of her grandfather Captain DB Singh, who had retired from the Army, and added a new chapter in the history of the Indian Air Force. She has become the first woman pilot of the state and the country to have permanent deployment in the Jaguar Fighter Jet Squadron in the Air Force.



7. Recently the President of which country has signed the order declaring English as the official language?

- (A) Russia (B) India
(C) America (D) Ukraine

(C) Recently Trump has announced to make English the official language of America. President Donald Trump signed an executive order to make English the official language of the United States of America. English as the official language will not only streamline communication but also strengthen shared national values.



8. What is the name of the new student-led political party formed recently in Bangladesh?

- (A) Awami Nagarik Party (B) Jatiya Nagrik Party
(C) Awami Nationalist Party (D) None of these

(B) Bangladesh student leader Nahid Islam ousted Sheikh Hasina from power and resigned from Mohammad Yunus' cabinet to form a new political party called National Citizen Party. His party will contest the 2025 elections. Nahid Islam is just 27 years old. He was working as an Information and Broadcasting Advisor in the interim government of Bangladesh.



9. Recently, which state government has notified Chirang Ripu Elephant Reserve as the 8th national park?

- (A) Manipur (B) Mizoram
(C) Karnataka (D) Assam

(D) The government has officially notified Chirang Ripu Elephant Reserve as the 8th national park of the state. The new national park will be named Sikhna Jwalamukhi National Park. This decision was first announced by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma during his Independence Day speech in 2024. Which was implemented by the Assam Cabinet on 16 February.



10. Who has recently unveiled its first quantum computing chip Ocelot?

- (A) Amazon (B) Google
(C) Microsoft (D) None of these

(A) Sydney American quantum computing startup PsyQuantum announced that it has solved a key puzzle towards making this technology useful by manufacturing quantum chips in large numbers. In the year 2021, PsyQuantum announced a large scale funding after which this company came into the limelight.

