

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

3rd week (17th to 24th Mar) 2026

National News

- **Rashtrapati Bhavan** Hosts **Purple Fest** to Celebrate **Talent** and **Aspirations** of **Divyangjan**
- **NHAI** Revises **FASTag Annual Pass Fee** to **₹3,075** for **FY 2026–27**
- **Centre** Renames **Tuticorin Airport** as **Thoothukudi Airport** in **Tamil Nadu**
- **Chapchar Kut** Celebrated with **Traditional Fervour** in **Aizawl**
- **Arpita Patra** Becomes **Second Indian Woman** to **Scale Nevado Ojos del Salado**
- **Safdarjung Hospital** Launches **India's First Online Critical Care Follow-Up Clinic** for **ICU Patients**
- **Department of Posts** Launches **'24 Speed Post'** with **Next-Day Guaranteed Delivery** in **Six Major Cities**
- **PM Modi** Inaugurates **India's First Fully Automated Haldia Bulk Terminal** at **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port**
- **PM Modi** Virtually Inaugurates **120 MW Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Project** in **Assam**
- **Maharashtra Govt** Signs **MoU** with **Wadhvani AI** to Boost **AI-Driven Public Health Services**
- **Himachal Pradesh Govt** Signs **MoU** with **National Dairy Development Board** to Boost **Dairy Sector** and **Milk Processing Capacity**
- **Ministry of Education** and **IIT Kanpur** Launch **Free SATHEE App** for **Competitive Exam Preparation**
- **Andhra Pradesh** Launches **'Divyang Shakti'** Scheme for **Free Bus Travel** to **Differently Abled Persons**
- **Chhattisgarh** Launches **Gaudham Yojana** to **Protect Stray Cattle**

- **Government** Expands **ALMM Framework** to **Solar Ingots & Wafers** to Boost **Domestic Manufacturing**
- **Odisha's Kusunpur** Becomes **State's First 'Smart Village'** Under **CSIR Initiative**
- **Tata Steel** Approves **Merger** with **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL)** and **\$2 Billion Investment** in **Singapore Arm**
- **Bharat Tribes Fest 2026** Begins in **New Delhi**, Showcasing Tribal Culture and Entrepreneurship
- **Cabinet** Approves **₹33,660 Crore BHAVYA Scheme** to Develop **100 Industrial Parks** Across **India**
- **Pushkar S Dhami** Celebrates **Phool Dei Festival** Marking Arrival of Spring in **Uttarakhand**
- **India-Indonesia** Launch **Joint Restoration** of **Prambanan Temple** in **Yogyakarta**
- **Ministry of Ayush** Launches **"Yoga 365"** Campaign to **Promote Daily Yoga Practice**
- **Ayush Ministry** Signs **MoU** with **CISF** to Promote **Preventive Healthcare** and **Wellness**
- **Cabinet** Approves **₹1,718.56 Crore MSP Funding** to Strengthen **Cotton Procurement** and **Support Farmers**
- **GSI** Declares **Kalinjar Fort Hill** a **National Geo-Heritage Site**
- **Punjab** Launches **'Sikhya Kranti 2.0'** with **₹3,500 Crore Investment** to **Transform School Education**
- **India** and **Bhutan** Sign **MoU** to Boost **Postal Cooperation** and **Technology Collaboration**
- **NBA** Forms **Expert Committee** to **Combat Invasive Alien Species** and **Protect India's Biodiversity**
- **Narendra Modi** Becomes **India's Longest-Serving Elected Leader**
- **Third North-East India Film Festival 2026** begins in **Imphal**
- **Revanth Reddy** Launches **₹9,000 Crore Rythu Bharosa Disbursement** for **Farmers**

International News

- **22-Year-Old Indian Americans — Brendan Foody, Adarsh Hiremath, and Surya Midha** Become **World's Youngest Self-Made Billionaires**
- **Asia Africa Agri Alliance** Formed to **Boost Agricultural Trade, Investment and Cooperation**
- **Argentina Withdraws** from **World Health Organisation**
- **Finland Tops World Happiness Report 2026** for 9th Year; **India** ranks **116th**

Banking and Financial

- **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority** to Organise 'Niveshak Shivir' in **Bhubaneswar**
- **Fitch Ratings** Raises **India's GDP Growth Forecast** to **7.5%** for **FY26**
- **RBI Imposes ₹3.1 Lakh Penalty** on **Cashfree Payments India Private Ltd** for **Regulatory Violations**
- **India's WPI Inflation** Rises to **2.13%** in **February 2026**
- **RBI Imposes ₹2.7 Lakh Penalty** on **Manappuram Finance** for **KMP Pay Rule Violation**
- **NPCI International Payments Limited** Expands **UPI Acceptance** in **Sri Lanka** via **LankaQR Codes**
- **Jio Payments Bank** Launches **UPI-Based Cardless Cash Withdrawal Facility** to **Boost Financial Inclusion**
- **RBI Wins 'Initiative of the Year' Award** for Launching **".bank.in"** **Domain** to **Boost Digital Banking Security**
- **Banks Write Off ₹9.75 Lakh Crore Loans** in **11 Years**
- **World Bank** Approves **\$300 Million Loan** for **Clean Air Programme** in **Uttar Pradesh**
- **DCM Shriram** Secures **\$90 Million Investment** from **IFC** for **Sustainable Growth**
- **Axis Bank** to Infuse **₹1,500 Crore** into **Axis Finance** to **Boost Growth**

- **Core Industries Growth Rises to 2.3% in February 2026**
- **RBI Imposes ₹31.80 Lakh Penalty on HSBC for Non-Compliance**
- **Nirmala Sitharaman Launches 'PRARAMBH 2026' to Promote Awareness of New Income Tax Act 2025**

Appointment and Resignation

- **Syed Ata Hasnain Takes Oath as 43rd Governor of Bihar**
- **Govt Appoints Kompella Venkata Ramana Murty as Whole-Time Member of SEBI**
- **Uniqlo Appoints Jasprit Bumrah as Brand Ambassador for India**
- **Atanu Chakraborty Resigns; Keki Mistry Appointed Interim Chairman of HDFC Bank**
- **NMDC Limited Becomes First Indian Mining Company to Produce 50 MT Iron Ore in a Year**
- **Vikram K. Doraiswami Appointed as India's Next Ambassador to China**
- **Anutin Charnvirakul Re-elected as 32nd Prime Minister of Thailand**
- **South Indian Bank Appoints Jose Joseph Kattoor as New Non-Executive Chairman**
- **Yamaha Music India Private Ltd Appoints A. R. Rahman as Brand Ambassador**

Awards

- **Vairamuthu Selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award for 2025**
- **Naman Awards 2026: BCCI to honour Rahul Dravid, Mithali Raj, Roger Binny with Lifetime Achievement Awards**
- **"One Battle After Another" Dominates Oscars 2026 with Six Awards; Michael B. Jordan Wins Best Actor**
- **Sahitya Akademi Announces Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 Honouring Excellence in 24 Languages**

- **Chandrasekaran** Conferred **Honorary Knighthood** by **United Kingdom**

Science

- **Gujarat** Achieves **Space Milestone** with **First Sounding Rocket Launch** at **Dholera**
- **India** Successfully Tests **Indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System** for **Advanced Ocean** and **Wind Monitoring**

Defence

- **Indian Navy** Participates in **U.S.-Led 'Sea Dragon 2026'** ASW Exercise in **Guam**
- **Sagar Defence** Lays Foundation of **World's First Autonomous Shipbuilding Centre** in **Nellore**

Sports

- **Mayank Chakraborty** Becomes **India's 94th Chess Grandmaster**, First from **Assam**
- **Armand Duplantis** Sets **New Pole Vault World Record** of **6.31m** at **Mondo Classic**
- **Kimi Antonelli** Wins **Chinese Grand Prix**, Becomes **Second-Youngest F1 Race Winner**
- **Sarfaraz Ahmed** Announces **Retirement** from **International Cricket**
- **India Tops** Medal Table with **208 Medals** at **World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026, New Delhi**
- **Chandrika Pujari** Wins **Gold** as **India** Secures **Five Medals** at **World Boxing Futures Cup**
- **India** to **Host World Indoor Athletics Championships 2028** in **Bhubaneswar**
- **Lionel Messi** Becomes **Second Footballer** to **Score 900 Career Goals**
- **FIFA Fines Israeli FA \$190,700** Over **Anti-Discrimination Violations**

Important day

- **15 March – International Day to Combat Islamophobia**
- **13 March – World Sleep Day** (Theme 2026 – Sleep Well, Live Better)
- **15 March -World Consumer Rights Day** (Theme 2026 – Safe Products, Confident Consumers)
- **16 March – National Vaccination Day**
- **March 18 Observed as Ordnance Factories Day in India**
- **14 March – International Day of Mathematics** (Theme 2026 – Mathematics and Hope)
- **20 March – International Day of Happiness**
- **20 March – World Sparrow Day**
- **Narcotics Control Bureau Marks 41st Raising Day (17th March)** with Nationwide Campaign for Drug-Free India
- **20 March – World Sparrow Day** (Theme 2026 – Creating Bird-Friendly Cities & Communities)
- **21 March – World Forestry Day** (Theme 2026 – Forests and Economies)
- **21 March – World Poetry Day** (Theme 2026 – Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion)
- **21 March – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** (Theme 2026 – Mobilizing political will: 60 years of commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)
- **21 March – International Nowruz Day**
- **21 March – World Down Syndrome Day**
- **21 March – World Day for Glaciers**
- **22 March – Bihar Diwas**
- **22 March – World Water Day** (Theme 2026 – Water and Gender)

Obituary

- **Former General Secretary of All India Football Federation Kushal Das** passes away

- **Actor Madhu Malhotra** dies at 71

