

Current Affairs 13th March,2026

1.Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells have been sanctioned under which scheme?

- [A] Van Dhan Yojana
- [B] Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan
- [C] Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- [D] Aspirational Districts Programme

Correct Answer: B [Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan]

Notes:

The Central Government has expanded the mandate of Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells to strengthen implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 at State and Union Territory levels. FRA Cells were sanctioned under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DAJGUA). The objective is to provide technical and administrative support without interfering in statutory decision-making. They help in recognition of Individual Forest Rights (IFR) and Community Forest Rights (CFR). They assist Gram Sabhas and claimants in preparing claim documents and collecting evidence. They support digitisation of land records and tracking of claims.

2.A new groundwater fish species, Gitchak nakana, has been discovered in which northeastern state?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Manipur
- [C] Mizoram
- [D] Arunachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: A [Assam]

Notes:

A new groundwater fish species, Gitchak nakana, has been discovered in Assam. It belongs to a newly described genus under the family Cobitidae (loaches). The name comes from the Garo language: "Gitchak" means red, referring to its blood-red colour, and "na-tok" and "kana" mean blind fish. It shows subterranean adaptations like absence of visible eyes, translucent pigmentless body, and extreme miniaturisation. It completely lacks a skull roof, with the brain covered only by skin. It lives in groundwater aquifers, which are difficult to access.

3. Which cricket team won Ranji Trophy title 2025-26?

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Saurashtra

Correct Answer: A [Jammu and Kashmir]

Notes:

Jammu and Kashmir cricket team won its maiden Ranji Trophy title by defeating Karnataka cricket team at KSCA Rajnagar Stadium. J&K scored 584 in the first innings, while Karnataka managed 293. With this win, J&K joined teams like Vidarbha, Saurashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh in recent title winners, showing wider growth of Indian domestic cricket.

4. Where was Gujarat SemiConnect Conference 2026 held?

- [A] Surat
- [B] Vadodara

[C] Rajkot

[D] Ahmedabad

Correct Answer: D [Ahmedabad]

Notes:

The Gujarat SemiConnect Conference 2026 was held on March 1 and 2, 2026. It took place at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar. The conference focused on strengthening India's semiconductor ecosystem. It brought together policymakers, industry leaders and technology experts. The event highlighted progress under India's semiconductor mission and future roadmap for electronics and chip manufacturing.

5.Zero Discrimination Day is observed annually on which day?

[A] March 1

[B] March 2

[C] March 3

[D] March 4

Correct Answer: A [March 1]

Notes:

Zero Discrimination Day is observed annually on 1st March. It is organised by the United Nations. The day promotes global solidarity to end all forms of discrimination. It encourages inclusion, compassion, peace, and positive social change. The observance educates people on equality and the importance of respecting human rights for everyone.

6.The Controller General of Accounts (CGA) functions under which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of Corporate Affairs



[C] Ministry of Finance

[D] Ministry of Science and Technology

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Finance]

Notes:

Recently, the Controller General of Accounts launched the Government Bank Dashboard and Government Bank Manual in New Delhi. CGA is the Principal Accounting Adviser to the Government of India. It was established for departmentalisation of Union Government accounts. It manages central government exchequer control and conducts internal audits. It prepares and consolidates accounts of the Union Government. It functions under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

7. India Meteorological Department (IMD) functions under which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

[B] Ministry of Science and Technology

[C] Ministry of Earth Sciences

[D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Earth Sciences]

Notes:

India Meteorological Department has forecast above-normal heatwave days across most parts of India from March to May. It was established in 1875. It is the National Meteorological Service of India. It works under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The headquarter is located in New Delhi, with observation stations across India and Antarctica.

8. Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park has been established at which place?

- [A] Coonoor
- [B] Kolli Hills
- [C] Kodaikanal
- [D] Yercaud

Correct Answer: B [Kolli Hills]

Notes:

Tamil Nadu launched its first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, Namakkal district to promote astro-tourism. It was inaugurated remotely from Chennai by Forest Minister R S Rajakannappan. Kolli Hills was selected due to high altitude, dense forest cover and minimal light pollution within 1.5 km radius. The park enables clear viewing of stars, planets, Milky Way galaxy and the Moon.

9.The MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission was launched by which space agency?

- [A] National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- [B] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- [C] Canadian Space Agency (CSA)
- [D] European Space Agency (ESA)

Correct Answer: A [National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)]

Notes:

Researchers detected a lightning-like “whistler” radio signal in the Martian ionosphere, first evidence of such electromagnetic activity on Mars. Detection was made using data from Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission. The MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution) mission was launched by the National Aeronautics and Space



Administration (NASA). It is the first spacecraft dedicated to studying the Martian upper atmosphere to understand how the planet lost its atmosphere and water over time.

10. Which state/UT government has launched the Lakshpati Bitiya Scheme, Saheli Pink Smart Card, Meri Poonji Mera Adhikaar, and the Free LPG Cylinder Scheme?

- [A] Delhi
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Jammu and Kashmir
- [D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: A [Delhi]

Notes:

The Delhi government, under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, launched the Lakshpati Bitiya Yojana (restructured Ladli scheme), Meri Poonji Mera Adhikaar, Saheli Pink Smart Card for free bus travel, and a free LPG cylinder scheme for 15 lakh poor families. The new schemes aim to instil confidence in women and encourage them to achieve new heights. The launch event was attended by government officials and Delhi administration representatives.

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