

CURRENT AFFAIRS INDIA

'Petrol, diesel crisis developing worldwide': PM Modi cautions as ongoing conflicts continued to affect key energy regions. He urged citizens to remain united and avoid rumours, amid the evolving situation. He said global fuel markets have been affected, creating concerns around petrol and diesel availability.

India delivered 38,000 metric tonnes (MT) of petroleum to Sri Lanka, including 20,000 MT of diesel and 18,000 MT of petrol, the Indian High Commission in Colombo said in a statement on Saturday (March 28, 2026). The development comes after a phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on March 24, 2026, with a focus on the war in West Asia, disruption in global supply chains, and energy cooperation between New Delhi and Colombo.

LPG Gas Shortage in India News: Arunachal opens **biogas plant** to switch from LPG. As concerns over LPG supply and rising costs continue to affect households, the Arunachal Pradesh govt has taken a significant step towards energy self-reliance by inaugurating a biogas plant at the Central Cattle Breeding Farm (CCBF) in Nirjuli near Itanagar. Citizens have been asked to apply for piped gas, said food and civil supplies minister Chhagan Bhujbal on Saturday. With the ongoing US-Iran war, there should be an increased focus on switching to piped natural gas (PNG) which is cheaper and should be used more.

An educational institution in Gujarat is preparing more than 500 meals daily **using biogas**, eliminating the need for LPG cylinders under the state's Institutional Biogas Plant Scheme, officials said.

The Railways plans to increase train handling train capacity in Mumbai to boost handling efficiency through infrastructure upgrades and operational improvements. The Railways is also working to extend platform lengths at 34 stations.

Every year, the **World Happiness Report releases a global survey** of how people feel about their lives, not just in terms of wealth or growth, but trust, social support, freedom and overall well-being. This year, the report has once again **ranked India at 116th** out of more than 140 nations. For a country that is among the world's fastest-growing major economies and home to a young, aspirational population, is surprising. Hence it indicates that material progress alone does not translate into a happier society.

The Bollywood movie, **Dhurandhar 2: The Revenge**, has **crossed the ₹1,000 crore mark** at the worldwide box office in just seven days, becoming one of the fastest Hindi films to achieve this milestone.



CURRENT AFFAIRS INTERNATIONAL

According to the latest edition of the World Happiness Report, the three happiest countries in the world are Finland, Iceland, and Denmark. Costa Rica had a strong showing, coming in at No. 4, the highest ranking ever for a country from Latin America. Finland's deep commitment to cooperation helps explain its staying power at the top of the ranking.

Species Revival: Giraffes have returned to Angola, and a tiny, long-thought-extinct possum was discovered in West Papua.

Uganda reintroduces rhinos into a protected area where they had been poached to extinction since 1983.

On 25 March 2026, Ugandan wildlife authorities reintroduced rhinos into a remote protected area. It was an event seen by conservationists as a milestone in efforts to support the recovery of a species threatened by poaching.

Green Energy Growth: Renewable energy sources, particularly solar and wind, have officially surpassed coal as the largest electricity source globally.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak instructed the Energy Ministry to draft a resolution **banning gasoline exports** from April 1, the Russian government said. The crisis in West Asia, is leading to significant price fluctuations. At the same time, the high demand for Russian energy resources in foreign markets remains a positive factor, he added.

Trump says **'Cuba is next'** in his speech touting U.S. military successes in Venezuela and Iran. The President did not specify what precisely he plans to do with the island nation, but he believes the government in Havana, facing a severe economic crisis, is on the verge of collapse.

West Asia Conflict: Reports indicate U.S. Marines have arrived in the region as Israel faces new missile fire from Iran, while Iran claims its Revolutionary Guards targeted Bahrain and UAE aluminium plants linked to the U.S. military. Pentagon sources suggest plans for potential ground operations in Iran amid reports that Iran is considering exiting its nuclear weapons treaty.

Pakistani government is acting as mediator between the US and Iran. Top diplomats from Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey have gathered in Islamabad for two-day talks with their Pakistani counterpart on the US-Israel war on Iran, seeking to de-escalate the conflict. The talks are being led by Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

Global Security: North Korea has stepped up its military development, recently testing a solid-fuel engine for a missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland.





Other games that train AI

- **Ingress:** Trains AI using player-submitted real-world locations and AR scans to build detailed spatial maps.
- **Monster Hunter Now:** Uses player-scanned environments and objects to expand a global visual and 3D mapping database.

Earth hour, an International Movement
Supported by countries and organisations
Annually, the movement has participation
From 190+ nations to create awareness
Educate about Climate Change
Aid in reducing carbon emissions

On this day, lights are switched off
Even at monuments across the world
Every year, on a different date
Is the observation of The “Earth Hour “
But, celebrated on the last Saturday of March
Is totally clear

By switching off all non-essential lights
In the fight against global warming
We express “OUR SOLIDARITY “
Towards Ecological Footprint Reduction

The 4R's are the soul and the heart
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Respect
For having an “environment positive “ world
Use solar, nuclear, hydro and wind power
To show our support in this transition
Adapting to modern ways/non-polluting devices

We need an innovative strategy.

Did you know ?

Fairness, Partnership, Respecting local resource
And Inclusivity can form a strong foundation!!
Using what is surplus in our vicinity,
Available forever and distributable easily,
Can form the basics of renewable, cost efficient and smart energy,
Leading to Net zero emissions and access for all,
It will enable girls' education, keep families healthy
Ensure developing nations prosper and become wealthy.

Every step and person, big or small, will be critical
Switching of cars at traffic signal,
Using solar panels, biomass
Will help to reduce carbon footprint in every way

Alone, we can do so little

Together, we can do so much

Thus, lets UNITE

And take a stand to do what's right

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam must be our philosophy

For “The World is our family” !!

FEED FORWARD

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Hey everyone! 🙌 We are teenagers from a boarding school in the foothills, who believe change begins with us. The newsletter, a fortnightly, explores stories, events and ideas that shape our world. From happenings to global issues, we'll dive into it all. Join us, collaborate, critique and voice your opinions as we share our perspectives, insights, and creativity with you!

Your feedback and contributions would be a game changer!

Do write to us, @theworldthisweek4@gmail.com

For just 60 minutes, the world pauses together—switching off electricity—and ignites hope, responsibility, and unity.

When you switch off electricity, you switch on awareness.
 When you save energy, you protect our planet.
 When we act together, we create impact.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE & CLAIM YOUR CARBON CREDIT CERTIFICATE

- 1 **SWITCH OFF FOR EARTH** 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM | 28th March 2026
- 2 **CAPTURE YOUR ACTION** Take a photo or video in darkness
- 3 **SHARE YOUR COMMITMENT** Post on LinkedIn & Social Media with #+1GENEarthHour #EarthHour2026
- 4 **SUBMIT YOUR DETAILS** Fill the form at: [Forms.gle/BTDVILmABBKSHMTn6](https://forms.gle/BTDVILmABBKSHMTn6)
- 5 **AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT** Share your post & spread the word
- 6 **GET RECOGNIZED** Receive Your Official Carbon Credit Certificate

EARTH HOUR
Join the Biggest Hour for Earth

MARCH 28, 2026
8:30-9:30PM

"Art speaks where words are unable to explain"

Art is one of the most powerful ways through which humans express themselves. Through art, one can share thoughts, emotions, experiences and feelings without the need for words. It gives a voice to emotions and ideas that words can't fully capture.

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." Art isn't only limited to 'drawing'. In fact, art can be anything you're good at, such as music, painting, drawing, dance, writing, etc. Everyone has a unique perspective, and art helps bring that out in life. For example, a painting may express emotions like happiness and sadness, whereas music can convey deep emotions through rhythm and melody.

Art also helps us connect with people. People may relate to the message conveyed by an artwork, a song or a dance, or they may interpret it in their own way. You also come across various communities of different types of art. For example, if you like painting, you will come across various communities of art, helping you make friends that share the same interests as you and give you a place to display or share your creations.

Art also inspires us and boosts our creativity. Whenever we make a beautiful artwork, we immediately set a new goal in our minds - to make something superior or even cooler the next time.

Overall, art is an essential part of our lives which encourages originality and innovation. It gives us something fun to do and helps relieve stress and anxiety. It doesn't have any strict rules, permitting us to experiment and explore on our very own. I believe:

"Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable."

KABIR SINGH
GRADE 8
DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL
AMRITSAR



The United Nations has emphasized the importance of climate financing commitments and urged developed nations to fulfil the long-promised \$100 billion annual climate fund target to support developing countries in addressing climate change. At the same time, global oil prices have shown volatility, hovering around \$85-90 per barrel, which is influencing inflation trends in many emerging economies. The World Bank has also revised global growth projections slightly downward due to ongoing geopolitical tensions and disruptions in global supply chains. Alongside these economic concerns, discussions have continued worldwide on regulating Artificial Intelligence, with major economies pushing for ethical AI frameworks and effective governance mechanisms.

Geopolitical tensions in West Asia have intensified. Yemen's Houthis attacked Israel for the first time, raising concerns about the possibility of a broader regional confrontation. In another development, the United States indicated that its operation in Iran is expected to conclude in weeks rather than months. Additionally, Iranian missiles struck Qatar's Ras Laffan Industrial City, an important LNG hub, which has raised concerns about potential impacts on global LNG supply and India's energy security.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz could affect food, medicines and smartphones across the world. It's not just fuel that's been impacted by the conflict. According to the United Nations, around a third of the world's fertilisers - such as urea, potash, ammonia and phosphates - normally pass through the Hormuz Strait. Derivatives from petrochemicals - such as methanol and ethylene - are vital materials in the global production of pharmaceuticals, including painkillers, antibiotics and vaccines. Hence the supplies of these commodities too will get adversely affected.



MONEY MATTERS

Apple Reroutes India-Made iPhones: The Great Transit Shift of 2026

The “India-to-Dubai-to-World” pipeline—a cornerstone of Apple’s recent supply chain diversification—is being dismantled in real-time. As of March 18, 2026, the escalating US-Israel-Iran conflict has turned the UAE from a logistics asset into a liability.

Gold & Silver Update: Prices Steady Near ₹1.56 Lakh Amid Fed & Iran Conflict

As of midday Wednesday, March 18, 2026, the Indian bullion market is witnessing a “tug-of-war” between safe-haven demand and a dominating US Dollar. While the Iran-Israel conflict continues to push investors toward gold, the resulting surge in energy prices has fueled inflation concerns, leading many to believe the Federal Reserve will maintain a “hawkish hold”

Gold and Silver Prices at Record High In India

GOLD PRICE TODAY

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

HOW IRAN WAR HAS RIPPLED ACROSS THE WORLD

> **Australia planting less wheat.** Farmers are worried as fertiliser prices rise. A third of the world’s fertiliser is shipped through the Strait of Hormuz. US has lifted sanctions on Venezuela to export fertiliser

> **South Korea urges all to take shorter showers.** Much of the energy they use to heat water comes from West Asia

> **Thailand’s premier wears short-sleeved shirts to work and urges others to do the same.** Govt officials asked to cap air conditioner use to save energy

> **To conserve energy, the Philippines asks civil servants to skip the elevator, and Egypt curtails shopping hours five days a week**

> **Clothes pile up at airports in Bangladesh.** Textile exports have also been disrupted by the cancelled flights

> **Cancer drugs may not reach on time.** Shutdowns in cargo hubs like Dubai (UAE) and Doha (Qatar)



threaten medicines that must be kept refrigerated

> **Track suits, made from petrochemicals, could get more expensive amid rising fuel prices**

> **Party balloons may be harder to find.** Qatar produces a third of the world’s helium, a by-product of natural gas

> **With missiles targeting Gulf nations, Formula-1 races in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia were scrapped**

> **Shakira and Christina Aguilera and others postpone concerts over security concerns**

> **Buying a house in the US is more expensive.** Oil prices are driving fears of higher inflation, pushing up mortgage rates

> **Sugar may get costlier** as sugar mills in Brazil, the world’s biggest producer, may switch to making more biofuel to cash in on high energy prices

> **Gold has fallen** for myriad reasons including speculative investors cashing out gold investments

> **To curb commutes and conserve fuel, Sri Lanka declares Wednesdays a public holiday, and Laos adopts a 3-day school schedule**

Source: NYT

TECH TALKING

The Generation Restoration Microgrants are a Youth Task Force-led initiative, made possible through funding from the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, with the collaboration of Plant-for-the-Planet and Green Canopy Enviro-care.

The call was officially launched in November 2025 during the Youth Environment Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, and attracted strong interest from youth-led organizations across regions and ecosystems. The selected initiatives stood out from the 700+ applications received from around the world - a testament to both the global demand for youth-focused restoration funding and the high quality of proposals received.

This inaugural cohort of grantees reflects the diversity, creativity, and determination. As the first-ever Generation Restoration Microgrant cohort, these initiatives demonstrate the power of trusting youth with resources, leadership, and visibility. Supported by the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, the microgrants highlight how youth-led action delivers tangible environmental and social impact.



SPORTS SCOREBOARDS

And then the wait was over...
Sporting history is replete with fairytale runs, upsets, and triumphs ending long wait. It took 86 years before Boston Red Sox won a World Series in 2004. Here are a few such stories

J&K make Ranji history
End of a 67-year wait for national crown
Jammu and Kashmir won their first Ranji Trophy title beating Karnataka on first innings lead, a dominant performance ending their 67-year wait to become domestic cricket kings. Eight-time champions Karnataka had proven India players in KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Karun Nair, captain Devdutt Padikal and Prashid Krishna, besides IPL stars Shreyas Gopal and Vijaykumar Viswak. Yet, the team from the troubled territory, with pacer Anshu Habi and veteran Paras Dogra, the skipper, leading, helped script the greatest underdog in Ranji history

RCB win IPL 2025
End of an 18-year wait for IPL title
Royal Challengers Bengaluru ended their 18-year wait for an IPL title by defeating Punjab Kings in the 2025 IPL final. A complete team performance, highlighted by Virat Kohli’s game-changing spell and Jos Buttler’s batting at the death, saw RCB lead from start to finish in a high-stakes thriller and lift their first IPL trophy. It was also Virat Kohli’s first IPL crown as the star batter and former India skipper had been part of the RCB squad ever since the League’s inception in 2008. Among the biggest IPL teams, this was a wait that had gone on forever

SA’s WTC final triumph
End a 27-year wait for an ICC trophy
South Africa ended 27 years of hurt by beating Australia at Lord’s to win the ICC World Test Championship final last summer. Aiden Markram’s majestic 136 and his century stand with skipper Temba Bavuma sealed a five-wicket win, handing SA their first global title since their only success in the 1998 ICC Knockout tournament, precursor to Champions Trophy. David Bedingham and Kyle Verreynne brought up the winning runs, sparking joyous scenes from the sizeable SA contingent at the Lord’s and outpouring of emotions back in their country

Man City win 2012 Premier League
End of a 44-year wait to become champions
Sergio Agnero’s 91st-minute goal secured Manchester City a 3-2 victory over Queens Park Rangers after two goals in added time to secure their first English Premier League title in 44 years. It denied their neighbours and holders Manchester United a 20th league crown. The jubilation after the goal and final whistle encapsulated the emotions for City’s first league win since 1968