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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 06/03/2026

1. Dusky Eagle Owl:

Recent - a pair of rare dusky eagle owls has been sighted in the Phato tourism zone of the Terai West forest division, adjacent to the Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand after 15 years.

It is an owl species in the family Strigidae.

It is mainly found in Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh to Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia into China.

IUCN Red List: Least Concern.

2. Golestan Palace:

Recent - Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, Iran's capital Tehran was recently reported to have suffered significant structural damage, including to the historic Golestan Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

It is a historically significant site located at the heart of Iran's capital, Tehran.

Stemming from the Persian word "Golestan" which means "rose garden" or "flower garden", the palace is otherwise known as the "Rose Garden Palace".

Dating back to the 16th century, it is a crucial part of the Persian royal heritage, representing the long and influential reign of the Qajar dynasty, followed by the Pahlavi dynasty.

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Originally built as a citadel for Safavid rulers, it was transformed over centuries into a sprawling royal complex with gardens, palatial buildings, and collections of Persian and European artefacts.

It became the seat of government of the Qajar family, which came into power in 1779 and made Teheran the capital of the country.

It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

3. Sharavathi Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project:

Recent – The High Court of Karnataka recently ordered an issue of notice to the Centre and State government on a PIL petition, which had questioned the legality of the approval granted by the State Wildlife Board and the in-principle approval granted by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife for the Sharavathi PSHP.

It is a PSHP proposed on the Sharavathi River in the Shivamogga district, Karnataka.

This project, with its aim to generate 2,000 MW of power, will be the biggest of its kind in the country.

It is being developed by Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL).

4. Raisina Dialogue 2026:

Recent – Prime Minister recently inaugurated the 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi.

It is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-economics, committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the international community.

It is modeled on the lines of the Munich Security Conference and Singapore's Shangri-La Dialogue.

It is held annually since 2016 in New Delhi.

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The conference is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

This effort is supported by a number of institutions, organisations, and individuals who are committed to the mission of the conference.

It is the 11th edition of the dialogue.

Theme: “Saṃskāra – Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement”.

5. Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary:

Recent - the High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to issue a further notification to include the left-out areas of the Kappatagudda reserve forest as part of the Kappatagudda Wildlife Sanctuary.

It is located in the state of Karnataka.

The sanctuary features diverse habitats—dry deciduous forests, grasslands, scrublands, and riverine zones—earning it the nickname “Western Ghats of North Karnataka”.

The Sanctuary forms the major catchment for the River Tungabhadra in the district.