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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 11/03/2026

1. Bascule Bridge:

Recent - The Union government recently approved a Rs 117.54 crore project for the renovation of the Bascule Bridge at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.

It is a type of bridge that can be raised to provide clearance for waterway traffic and is also referred to as a lifting bridge or a drawbridge.

It makes use of a counterweight to balance a span or leaf through its upward trajectory.

The balance of the weight is sometimes adjusted according to the frequency of waterway traffic.

2. Devon Island:

Recent - NASA uses Devon Island to study Mars, primarily because it's barren and its freezing, polar desert conditions allow researchers to test next-generation rovers.

It is located in the Canadian arctic archipelago, within the zone classified as the High Arctic.

It is the world's largest uninhabited island.

Ellesmere Island lies to the north of Devon Island and Baffin Bay lies to its east.

3. National Leprosy Eradication Programme:

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Recent - The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare informed the Rajya Sabha about the National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

It is a centrally sponsored scheme under the overarching umbrella of National Health Mission (NHM).

Aim: The primary aim is controlling leprosy through early detection and treatment.

Goal: Its goal is to make India leprosy-free by interrupting transmission, eliminating stigma, and ensuring dignified care for all affected individuals.

4. Blue-and-White Flycatcher:

Recent – A male blue-and-white flycatcher, a small and striking migratory bird rarely seen in India, was recently spotted on Pavagadh Hills, Gujarat.

It is a migratory songbird in the Old World flycatcher family, Muscicapidae.

Scientific Name: *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*

It is also known as the Japanese flycatcher.

It breeds in Japan, Korea, and in parts of northeastern China and the Russian Far East.

It winters in Southeast Asia, especially in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Sumatra, and Borneo.

5. PB-SHABD Platform:

Recent - Prasar Bharati's Shared Audio-Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (PB-SHABD) will provide free access to logo-free daily news content till March next year.

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It is a news feed service from Prasar Bharati.

It provides access to logo free, daily news items across various formats including video, audio, text, and photos to media organizations.

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