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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 12/03/2026

1. National Shipping Board:

Recent - the government of India held a high-level interaction with the National Shipping Board (NSB) to address sectoral challenges amid global maritime uncertainty.

It is a permanent statutory body established in 1959, under Section 4 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.

Function: It advises the Govt. of India on matters related to shipping including the development.

It has played a very distinguished role in the Maritime development of the country, as its deliberation and recommendations have contributed to the evolution of a sound and pragmatic National Maritime Policy over the years.

2. Nevado Ojos del Salado:

Recent - a professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has summited the Nevado Ojos del Salado peak.

Location: It is located in the Andes Mountain Range on the boundary between Chile and Argentina.

It is also the highest mountain (6,893 meters) in Chile.

It is the world's highest active stratovolcano.

It was largely formed from the accumulation of lava flows and explosive volcanic material.

3. Van Allen Probe A:

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Recent - NASA's 600 kg Van Allen Probe A satellite is falling back to Earth, raising questions about whether people on the ground should be concerned.

NASA's Van Allen Probes mission was the first mission to use two spacecraft in tandem to study Earth's radiation belts.

Originally designed for a two-year mission, the Van Allen Probes A and B launched on Aug. 30, 2012, and gathered unprecedented data on Earth's two permanent radiation belts — named for scientist James Van Allen — for almost seven years.

4. Cobalt:

Recent - According to a new report, the world's largest cobalt producing company has caused serious environmental and public health damage in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

It is a hard, lustrous, silver-grey metal.

It is a ferromagnetic strategic alloying metal.

It is a chemical element with the symbol Co and atomic no.27.

It is associated mostly with copper, nickel and arsenic ores.

Cobalt is extracted as a by-product of copper, nickel, zinc or precious metals.

Major World reserves of cobalt: Democratic Republic of Congo, Russia, Canada, Philippines and Cuba.

Occurrences of cobalt in India: Jharkhand, Odisha, Rajasthan, Nagaland and Madhya Pradesh.

5. Spotted Hyena:

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Recent - According to a new study the spotted hyena (*Crocuta crocuta*) has emerged as an unlikely 'eco-warrior' in Ethiopia's second-largest city Mekelle.

It is also called the laughing hyena.

It is a strong and capable hunter and the largest member of the hyena family.

Habitat: It inhabits savannas, open and dense dry woodland, grasslands, mountains, tropical rainforests, semi-deserts, and coastal areas.

Distribution: It is mainly found throughout sub-Saharan Africa (Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Angola, Namibia, and parts of South Africa).