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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 14/03/2026

1. *Osbeckia zubeengargiana*:

Recent - Researchers from Gauhati University recently discovered a new plant species named *Osbeckia zubeengargiana* in Assam.

It is a new plant species.

It was discovered in the grasslands of Manas National Park in Baksa District, Assam.

It has been named after celebrated Assamese singer Zubeen Garg, marking a rare tribute from the world of botany to a cultural icon of the region.

The plant belongs to the Melastomataceae family, a group known for its diverse flowering shrubs found across tropical and subtropical regions.

2. Kharg Island:

Recent - Kharg Island is in the news after the United States launched airstrikes on military targets there amid escalating tensions with Iran, raising concerns about disruptions to global oil supply.

It is a small coral island in Iran in the northern Persian Gulf.

It lies about 30 Km from the Iranian mainland.

Its area is 25 sq.km., its length is 8 km, and its width is 4.5 km.

This rocky limestone island is unique because it is one of the few islands in the Persian Gulf with freshwater, which has collected within the porous limestone.

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3. **Myiophanes kempii:**

Recent - researchers rediscovered *Myiophanes kempii* in limestone caves in the Andaman Islands after almost 100 years gap.

It is a slender-bodied assassin bug belonging to the subfamily of Reduviidae.

It was first described by British entomologist Willian Edward China in 1924.

It was previously described from Siju Cave in Meghalaya a century ago.

4. **Silverpit Crater:**

Recent - New research has confirmed that the Silverpit Crater was formed by a massive asteroid impact millions of years ago.

Location: It lies about 700 meters beneath the seabed in the North Sea, roughly 80 miles off the coast of Yorkshire, United Kingdom.

Silverpit is buried under a huge layer of sediment and was only discovered in 2002.

Formation: It was formed by a high-velocity space rock striking the seabed roughly 43 to 46 million years ago.

Scientific Evidence: Researchers identified "shocked" quartz and feldspar crystals in rock samples from a nearby oil well that only form under the extreme shock pressures of a high-velocity space impact.

5. **Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV):**

Recent - About 92 inmates of Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home (JCCH) in West Bengal were infected with the Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) between August 20, 2025, and March 9 this year, with seven of the infected inmates losing their lives.

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Herpes simplex virus (HSV), known as herpes, is a common infection that can cause painful blisters or ulcers.

There are two types of HSV:

HSV-1: This type primarily causes oral herpes, characterized by cold sores or fever blisters that appear around your mouth or on your face.

HSV-2: This primarily causes genital herpes, which involves sores that appear on or around your genitals, anus, buttocks, and inner thighs.

HSV is highly contagious. It is spread by skin-to-skin contact with someone who carries the virus.

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