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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 19/03/2026

1. UNIGME Report 2025 on Child Mortality:

Recent - A recent report on child mortality was released by the United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UNIGME).

Report highlights the global slowdown in reducing child mortality, while India shows steady progress.

Key Highlights of the Report

Around 4.9 million children under five died in 2024, including 2.3 million newborns, highlighting a major global health concern.

Global under-five mortality has declined by over 50% since 2000, but progress has slowed by more than 60% since 2015, threatening SDG targets.

Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 58% of total under-five deaths, indicating major regional disparities.

2. Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA):

Recent - Union Cabinet approved Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) with a total outlay of ₹33,660 crore.

The scheme aims to make India a global manufacturing hub by developing 100 plug-and-play industrial parks.

The parks will range from 100 to 1,000 acres, with a minimum of 25 acres in the Northeast and hilly regions.

3. Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme:

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Recent - Union Cabinet approved the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme for FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

It aims to install a total of 1,500 MW of small hydropower capacity over five years in targeted regions.

The scheme focuses on run-of-the-river projects in remote, hilly, and North Eastern terrains.

It is managed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

4. Aravalli Hills Definition Committee:

Recent - Supreme Court has ordered a fresh committee to define the Aravalli range after controversies over earlier criteria.

Existing Mapping (2011): Forest Survey of India (FSI) had already scientifically mapped the Aravallis using GIS and slope-based criteria, making redefinition arguably unnecessary.

A committee in 2025 proposed defining Aravalli hills using a 100 m height threshold.

5. Silverpit Crater:

Recent - New research has confirmed that the Silverpit Crater beneath the North Sea was formed by an asteroid impact 43–46 million years ago, likely triggering a massive tsunami.

Location: Located beneath the North Sea, about 130 km off the coast of the United Kingdom.

Discovery: Discovered in 2002 through seismic surveys during oil and gas exploration.

Depth: The structure lies around 700 metres beneath the seabed, buried under thick sediment layers.

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Scientific Evidence: Presence of shocked quartz and feldspar crystals, which form only under extreme pressure from meteorite impacts.

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