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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 21/03/2026

1. Neodymium-Iron-Boron Magnet:

Recent - a Pilot Plant for the manufacture of Nd-Fe-B (Neodymium-Iron-Boron) rare earth permanent magnets was established at the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad.

The NdFeB magnet is the strongest permanent magnet in the world.

It is a tetragonal crystal formed of neodymium, iron, and boron.

It is made mainly from a combination of Neodymium, Iron, Boron, Cobalt and varying levels of Dysprosium and Praseodymium.

2. Chapchar Kut:

Recent – Mizoram's most important and largest spring festival Chapchar Kut concluded a week-long series of cultural festivities.

It is a spring festival celebrated in the state of Mizoram.

Background: It is estimated to have started in 1450–1700 A.D. in a village called Suaipui.

It is celebrated during March after completion of their most arduous task of jhum operation i.e., jungle-clearing (clearing of the remnants of burning).

During this festival, both the men and women get dressed in their traditional attire with distinguished headgears and traditional jewelry.

3. National Productivity Council:

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Recent – the National Productivity Council (NPC) has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to function as the Environment Audit Designated Agency (EADA).

It was established in 1958 as an autonomous organization.

It works under the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It is a multipartite, non-profit organization with equal representation from employers' & workers' organizations and the Government, apart from technical & professional institutions and other interests.

Headquarters: New Delhi.

4. Navroz:

Recent – The Prime Minister of India greeted people on the occasion of Parsi New Year, Navroz.

Navroz is an Iranian and Persian New year.

The word 'nov' means 'new' and roz means 'day'. Therefore, the word translates to a new day.'

It marks the beginning of the spring season and is celebrated with great fervour by members of the Parsi community across the globe.

5. Diego Garcia:

Recent - Iran recently fired two ballistic missiles toward the joint U.S.-U.K. military base at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

Location: It is a coral atoll located in the central Indian Ocean.

It is the largest and southernmost member of the Chagos Archipelago.

It is part of the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) and accounts for more than half the land area.

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It was discovered by the Portuguese in the early 16th century, it was for most of its history a dependency of Mauritius.

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