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## DAILY DOSE

### CURRENT AFFAIRS – 26/03/2026

#### 1. National District Mineral Foundation Summit:

**Recent** - Ministry of Mines organised the National District Mineral Foundation Summit 2026 under the theme “Effective Utilisation of District Mineral Funds for ADP/ABP Areas.”

Objective: The summit aimed to strengthen inter-governmental coordination to improve outcome-oriented utilisation of DMF funds.

District Mineral Foundation (DMF) is a statutory, non-profit trust established by State Governments in mining-affected districts.

#### 2. G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting:

**Recent** - EAM S. Jaishankar will attend the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in France.

While India is not a G7 member, it has been invited as a partner country by France, the current chair.

India will participate in discussions with the G7 and partner countries on global issues.

G7 is an informal group of 7 advanced economies: the USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, and Japan, along with the European Union.

#### 3. Variable Rate Repo (VRR):

**Recent** - Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a liquidity infusion of ₹1.25 lakh crore through Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions to manage year-end banking stability.

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VRR is a monetary policy instrument employed by the RBI under the Liquidity Management Framework to inject liquidity during temporary shortages.

Mechanism: Under VRR, banks borrow short-term funds from RBI by pledging eligible Government Securities (G-Secs) as collateral.

## 4. National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming:

**Recent** - National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF) organised a seminar and exhibition to promote organic and natural farming across India.

NCONF is the apex nodal organisation for promoting and developing chemical-free, sustainable agriculture like organic, natural, and regenerative farming.

Originally established in 2004 as National Centre of Organic Farming, it was renamed NCONF in 2022.

Administrative Setup: It operates under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare with its headquarters in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

## 5. Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*):

**Recent** - Scientists have recorded footage of sub-adult sperm whales headbutting, challenging the earlier hypothesis that only adult males used their heads for combat.

Sperm Whale is the largest toothed predator on Earth & the only living member of the genus *Physeter*.

Distribution: It has a cosmopolitan distribution across all deep oceans, from the equator to the edges of the Arctic and Antarctic.

Conservation Status: IUCN: Vulnerable; CITES: Appendix I; CMS: Appendix I; WPA: Schedule II