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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 04/03/2026

1. Innovators Business Environment Index (IBEI) 2026:

Recent - StartupBlink released the Innovators Business Environment Index (IBEI) 2026, which measures foundational business conditions like regulation, capital, and infrastructure using a 0-100 score.

The IBEI evaluates national business environments based on their accessibility, predictability, and low-friction systems for innovators.

IBEI Rankings 2026: The United States ranked 1st with a perfect score of 100, while Singapore ranked 2nd and the United Kingdom ranked 3rd.

India's Performance: India is ranked 54th globally with a score of 55.035. India is ranked ahead of China, which is placed 85th.

2. Meningococcal Bacterial Infection:

Recent - The Meghalaya has issued a high-level health advisory following the death of two Agniveer trainees due to suspected meningococcal bacterial infection at the Assam Regimental Centre (ARC) in Shillong.

The disease is a severe, rapidly progressing infection caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*.

The meningococcal infection primarily leads to meningitis (inflammation of the brain and spinal cord lining) or meningococemia (a life-threatening blood infection/sepsis).

Spreads through direct contact with nose/throat discharges from infected individuals.

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3. NITI Aayog-JICA Cooperation on SDGs:

Recent - NITI Aayog and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed the Record of Discussions (RoD) for the "Project for Promotion of the Program for Japan-India Cooperative Actions Towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Phase II".

The project aims to strengthen policy frameworks and implementation systems across six key themes, i.e., Global Partnership, Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure.

4. Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing:

Recent - The Supreme Court of India has sought comprehensive details regarding the cost, feasibility, and infrastructure required to implement Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAT) in government hospitals, responding to a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) that advocates for the prevention of transfusion-transmitted infections.

The PIL, urges the Court to declare the "Right to Safe Blood" as an intrinsic facet of the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.