

INDIA & ASSAM CURRENT AFFAIRS — MARCH 2026

Competitive Examination Special

Period: 1 March – 31 March 2026

Total Questions: 30

Assam Current Affairs

1. The Election Commission announced that the 2026 Assam Legislative Assembly election would be held on which date?

- A. 2 April 2026
- B. 9 April 2026
- C. 15 April 2026
- D. 19 April 2026

Answer: B. 9 April 2026

Explanation: The Election Commission announced a single-phase election for all 126 Assembly constituencies of Assam on 9 April 2026. Counting was scheduled for 4 May 2026.

2. The counting of votes for the 2026 Assam Assembly election was scheduled for:

- A. 30 April 2026
- B. 2 May 2026
- C. 4 May 2026
- D. 6 May 2026

Answer: C. 4 May 2026

Explanation: According to the ECI election schedule, counting of votes was fixed for 4 May 2026.

3. How many constituencies are there in the Assam Legislative Assembly?

- A. 120
- B. 122
- C. 126
- D. 130

Answer: C. 126

Explanation: The 2026 Assam Assembly election covered all 126 Assembly constituencies in the state.

4. Who was appointed Special Observer for the 2026 Assam Assembly elections?

- A. Sunil Arora
- B. Manjeet Singh
- C. Rajiv Kumar
- D. Anurag Goel

Answer: B. Manjeet Singh

Explanation: The Election Commission appointed retired IAS officer Manjeet Singh as Special Observer for the Assam Assembly elections. The appointment was made under Article 324 of the Constitution.

5. Under which Article of the Constitution was the Special Observer for Assam appointed?

- A. Article 280
- B. Article 324
- C. Article 356
- D. Article 368

Answer: B. Article 324

Explanation: Article 324 vests the Election Commission of India with powers relating to the superintendence, direction and control of elections.

6. In March 2026, the BJP released how many candidates in its first major list for the Assam Assembly election?

- A. 78
- B. 82
- C. 88
- D. 94

Answer: C. 88

Explanation: The BJP announced 88 candidates for the Assam Assembly election. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was renominated from Jalukbari.

7. Himanta Biswa Sarma was renominated from which Assembly constituency in the 2026 Assam election?

- A. Dispur
- B. Jalukbari
- C. Sonapur
- D. Barkhetry

Answer: B. Jalukbari

Explanation: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was renominated from the Jalukbari Assembly constituency.

8. Which former Congress leader and sitting Nagaon MP was fielded by the BJP from Dispur?

- A. Gaurav Gogoi
- B. Pradyut Bordoloi
- C. Rakibul Hussain
- D. Debabrata Saikia

Answer: B. Pradyut Bordoloi

Explanation: The BJP fielded Pradyut Bordoloi, a former Congress leader and sitting Nagaon MP, from the Dispur Assembly constituency.

9. How many candidates were found eligible after scrutiny of nominations for the 2026 Assam Assembly election?

- A. 689
- B. 729
- C. 789
- D. 818

Answer: C. 789

Explanation: After scrutiny, 789 candidates were declared eligible. Initially, 818 candidates had filed 1,391 nomination papers.

10. The first randomisation of EVMs and VVPATs in Assam in March 2026 covered how many Assembly constituencies?

- A. 120
- B. 124
- C. 126
- D. 128

Answer: C. 126

Explanation: EVM/VVPAT randomisation was completed across all 126 Assembly constituencies in Assam, covering all 35 districts.

11. In March 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Assam to launch development projects worth approximately:

- A. ₹12,000 crore
- B. ₹18,000 crore
- C. ₹25,000 crore
- D. ₹32,000 crore

Answer: D. ₹32,000 crore

Explanation: The Prime Minister's March 13–14 Assam visit included projects worth more than ₹32,000 crore across Kokrajhar, Guwahati and Silchar.

12. The major greenfield high-speed corridor associated with the March 2026 development announcements in Assam connects:

- A. Guwahati–Dibrugarh
- B. Silchar–Umiam
- C. Tezpur–Tawang
- D. Jorhat–Itanagar

Answer: B. Silchar–Umiam

Explanation: The Umiam–Silchar expressway was highlighted as Northeast India's first greenfield high-speed corridor project.

13. Assam Science City, inaugurated in March 2026, is located at:

- A. Sonapur
- B. Jorhat
- C. Silchar
- D. Tezpur

Answer: A. Sonapur

Explanation: The Assam Science City was inaugurated at Tepesia, Sonapur, near Guwahati. The project was reported as having a cost of about ₹300 crore.

14. Assam Science City was spread over approximately how many bighas?

- A. 100 bighas
- B. 150 bighas
- C. 200 bighas
- D. 250 bighas

Answer: D. 250 bighas

Explanation: The Assam Tribune reported that the Science City at Tepesia, Sonapur, is spread across approximately 250 bighas.

15. The Khorsing Terang Ingjarkap Flyover is located in which Assam district?

- A. Dima Hasao
- B. Karbi Anglong
- C. Cachar
- D. Golaghat

Answer: B. Karbi Anglong

Explanation: The four-lane Khorsing Terang Ingjarkap Flyover is located in Diphu, Karbi Anglong. It was named after the first Chief Executive Member of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council.

16. What was the approximate cost of the Khorsing Terang Ingjarkap Flyover?

- A. ₹128 crore
- B. ₹178 crore
- C. ₹228 crore
- D. ₹328 crore

Answer: C. ₹228 crore

Explanation: The flyover in Diphu was constructed at a reported cost of approximately ₹228 crore.

17. Which Assam river island received a development roadmap in March 2026 that included plans for a medical college?

- A. Umananda
- B. Majuli
- C. Dibrugarh
- D. Sualkuchi

Answer: B. Majuli

Explanation: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced a development roadmap for Majuli, including plans for a medical college and additional support for Majuli University for Culture.

18. How much was sanctioned for the development of Majuli University for Culture under the March 2026 roadmap?

- A. ₹100 crore

- B. ₹150 crore
- C. ₹200 crore
- D. ₹250 crore

Answer: D. ₹250 crore

Explanation: The Assam Tribune reported a proposed ₹250 crore allocation for developing Majuli University for Culture into a full-fledged university.

19. Which political party entered the 2026 Assam Assembly election with its first list of 14 candidates in March?

- A. AAP
- B. CPI(M)
- C. NCP
- D. BSP

Answer: A. AAP

Explanation: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) announced its first list of 14 candidates for the Assam Assembly election in March 2026.

20. Which of the following was identified as an important issue in the 2026 Assam election discourse?

- A. Infiltration
- B. Eviction drives
- C. Child marriage
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

Explanation: The Assam Tribune identified infiltration, eviction drives, the crackdown on child marriage, development and welfare issues, among others, as important issues in the election discourse.

India Current Affairs

21. In March 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the extension of Jal Jeevan Mission up to:

- A. March 2027
- B. December 2027
- C. December 2028
- D. March 2030

Answer: C. December 2028

Explanation: The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Jal Jeevan Mission up to December 2028, along with enhanced outlay and restructuring under JJM 2.0.

22. The Cabinet approved the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme for which period?

- A. 2025–30
- B. 2026–31
- C. 2027–32
- D. 2026–30

Answer: B. 2026–31

Explanation: The Cabinet approved the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.

23. What does IVFRT stand for?

- A. Indian Visa Facilitation and Foreign Registration Technology
- B. Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking
- C. Indian Foreign Visa Registration and Tracking
- D. Immigration and Foreign Visitors Registration Technology

Answer: B. Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration & Tracking

Explanation: The IVFRT Scheme modernises and integrates immigration, visa issuance and foreigner registration/tracking functions.

24. For how long was the IVFRT scheme extended from April 2026?

- A. 3 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 5 years
- D. 10 years

Answer: C. 5 years

Explanation: The Cabinet approved continuation of IVFRT from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031, a five-year period, with an outlay of ₹1,800 crore.

25. India's 14th Ministerial Conference of the WTO in March 2026 was held in:

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Nairobi, Kenya
- C. Yaoundé, Cameroon
- D. Paris, France

Answer: C. Yaoundé, Cameroon

Explanation: The 14th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC14) was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 26–29 March 2026. India's delegation was led by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

26. Who led India's delegation to the WTO's 14th Ministerial Conference?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. S. Jaishankar
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer: C. Piyush Goyal

Explanation: Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, led the Indian delegation to MC14.

27. India's Free Trade Agreement network had reached how many FTAs spanning how many countries, according to a March 2026 PIB release?

- A. 7 FTAs, 30 countries
- B. 8 FTAs, 35 countries

- C. 9 FTAs, 38 countries
- D. 10 FTAs, 40 countries

Answer: C. 9 FTAs, 38 countries

Explanation: A March 2026 PIB release stated that India had expanded its FTA network to nine FTAs covering 38 countries.

28. The fourth edition of ISRO's START-2026 programme focused on which theme?

- A. Space for Agriculture
- B. Observation from Space
- C. Human Spaceflight
- D. Space for Sustainable Development

Answer: B. Observation from Space

Explanation: ISRO's Space Science and Technology AwaReness Training (START-2026) focused on "Observation from Space" and ran from March 11 to April 2, 2026.

29. The 23rd National Space Science Symposium (NSSS-2026) was conducted at:

- A. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Umiam, Meghalaya
- C. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D. Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Answer: B. Umiam, Meghalaya

Explanation: The 23rd National Space Science Symposium was conducted at the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC), Umiam, Meghalaya.

30. What was the theme of World TB Day 2026?

- A. End TB Now
- B. Invest to End TB
- C. Yes! We Can End TB!
- D. TB-Free World by 2030

Answer: C. Yes! We Can End TB!

Explanation: WHO's 2026 World TB Day theme was "Yes! We can end TB! — Led by countries. Powered by people." India's national event also used the same theme.

March 2026 — Quick Revision

- Assam Assembly seats — 126
- Assam polling — 9 April 2026
- Assam counting — 4 May 2026
- Special Observer — Manjeet Singh
- Constitutional Article — Article 324
- 789 candidates cleared after scrutiny
- BJP first major list — 88 candidates

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- Himanta Biswa Sarma — Jalukbari
- Pradyut Bordoloi — Dispur
- Assam Science City — Tepesia, Sonapur
- Science City — about 250 bighas
- Khorsing Terang Ingjarkap Flyover — Diphu
- Flyover cost — ₹228 crore
- Majuli University for Culture — ₹250 crore proposed allocation
- AAP first Assam list — 14 candidates
- Jal Jeevan Mission — extended to December 2028
- IVFRT — extended 2026–31
- WTO MC14 — Yaoundé, Cameroon
- India's WTO delegation — Piyush Goyal
- India FTA network — 9 FTAs / 38 countries
- ISRO START-2026 theme — Observation from Space
- NSSS-2026 — Umiam, Meghalaya
- World TB Day 2026 — Yes! We Can End TB!

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