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History of 11th March

- ◆ **1399** : After wreaking havoc in **Delhi and North India**, **Dom Lung** crossed the Indus River.
- ◆ **1881** : A memorial statue of **Sun Tagore** was installed in the Town Hall in **Kolkata**.
- ◆ **1689** : **Aurangzeb** killed Sambhaji, son of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**.
- ◆ **1999** : **Infosys** was the first Indian company to enter the **NASDAQ** international stock rating list. In 1399,

Current Affairs Related to 11th March

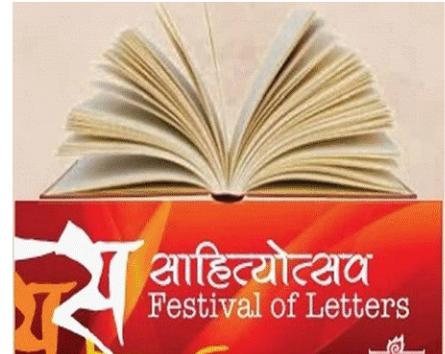
- ◆ **UBS estimates India's real GDP growth rates for fiscal years 2025 and 2026** at 7% and 6.8%, respectively. Despite this, India is expected to retain its position as one of the fastest growing global industries. The report highlights continued growth momentum in the first three quarters of FY2024, driven by cyclical recovery and reform reforms.
- ◆ **Meghalaya State Skill Development Society launches Skillrate Connect in collaboration** with Ministry of Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for Livelihood Promotion. Several skills initiatives have been launched in Meghalaya in the last five years. Nearly 70,000 youth are joining the workforce every year in Meghalaya. Youth can choose youth skill programs through various providers available on the portal. Skill development of youth will reduce the unemployment rate.
- ◆ **United States Coast Guard Ship Bartholome arrived at Port Blair for joint exercises to strengthen** bilateral cooperation. Sea Defenders 2024 Codenamed WAL, this joint exercise was conducted off the coast of Port Blair. During the exercise, scenarios involving piracy and challenging asymmetric threats were simulated. Additionally, a simulated medical evacuation procedure was also conducted to increase readiness in emergency situations.
- ◆ **India has been awarded the prestigious Measles & Rubella Champion Award** by the Measles & Rubella National Championship. The award reflects India's instrumental role in preventing measles and rubella outbreaks.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the first National Creator Award** at the India Museum in New Delhi. The event marked an important milestone in the lectures by various influential contributors and celebration of their birthdays.
- ◆ **The Department of Science and Technology in collaboration with T-Hub has launched the Machine Learning and Artistic Scientific Technology Hub in Residents.** The objective of this initiative is to accelerate musical innovation, facilitate creativity and promote a supportive orchestra mechanism. Center of Excellence MATH I aims to create more than 500 AI related jobs by 2025.
- ◆ **The Indian government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved** a new investment of \$1.24 billion. Its first goals began with the creation of a pan-India Torch Mechanism, incorporating India's technological strengths and promoting innovation in architecture. A powerful high performance system developed to serve as the Central Torch Restaurant of India.
- ◆ **The great fast bowler James Anderson, who took the most wickets for England in Test history,** has made a big achievement in his name. Here Anderson took the 700th wicket of his Test career by dismissing Kuldeep Yadav. He is the first fast bowler in the world to achieve this feat, while he is the third bowler overall.
- ◆ **Rabb Prasad Goyal, Director, NHPC, has assumed the additional charge of Chairman** and Managing Director of NHPC Limited, a leading hydropower company of India and an 'A' Enterprise under the Government of India. This transition marks a significant moment in the company's leadership, bringing Goyal's extensive experience and expertise to the fore. Goyal's journey within NHPC began on 18 November 1988 as a finance professional.
- ◆ **India was honored with the prestigious Measles and Rubella Champion Award at the Red Cross** Headquarters in Washington DC, USA for its tireless efforts to combat the disease Measles and Rubella. The award was received by Sripriya Ranganathan, Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington DC, on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, when is the annual literary festival of Sahitya Akademi being organized?

- (A) From 11th to 16th March (B) From 12th to 17th March
(C) From 13th to 18th March (D) From 14th to 19th March

(A) The annual literary festival of Sahitya Akademi is going to be organized from 11 to 16 March 2024. This year the National Sahitya Academy of India is completing 70 years of its establishment. To commemorate this occasion, the literary festival celebrated every year by the Academy is being celebrated this time as the world's biggest literary festival. The presentation ceremony of the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023 will be the main attraction of the festival.



2. Recently, how many bands will the Department of Telecommunications auction on May 20?

- (A) 5 (B) 6
(C) 8 (D) 9

(C) The Department of Telecommunications will auction eight bands in the upcoming spectrum auction. The government will auction eight spectrum bands for mobile phone services at a base price of Rs 96,317.65 crore or \$11.6 billion. Companies interested in purchasing spectrum can apply till April 22. A total of 10A523.8 MHz spectrum will be auctioned.



3. Where will the recent joint exercise Bharat Shakti of the three armies of India be held?

- (A) Srinagar (B) Jaisalmer
(C) Almora (D) None of these

(B) The biggest exercise of India's three military forces - Army, Navy and Air Force - is being conducted at Asia's largest field rifle range named Bharat Shakti located in the fort districts of Rajasthan. Modi's visit Prime Minister Narendra Modi can visit Pokhran on 12 March 2024 to see this show of strength by the Indian Armed Forces.



4. Who has recently launched the National Cooperative Database?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Sarbananda Sonowal
(C) Nirmala Sitharaman (D) Narendra Modi

(A) National Cooperative Database has been launched by Union Co-operative Minister Amit Shah. This will help in the expansion and development of cooperative societies in the country. There are more than 8 lakh registered societies in India. More than 30 crore people are connected with them. This cooperative database will play an important role in the expansion of cooperative societies, digital development and distribution through the database.



5. What is the percentage increase in enrollment under PMFBY in the recent current year?

- (A) 15% (B) 20%
(C) 27% (D) 32%

(C) In the last 8 years, 56.80 crore farmer applications have been enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. 23.32 crore farmers have received claims. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is a demand based scheme for farmers. During 2021.2022 and 2022.2023, the number of farmer applications has increased by 33.4% and 41% respectively year on year.



6. Where will India's first driverless metro train be launched recently?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Bengaluru
(C) Gurugram (D) None of these

(B) Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited recently received the first set of six train coaches for its upcoming driverless metro line, called the Yellow Line. This 18.8 km long line connecting RV Road and Bommasandra will be India's first driverless train system.



7. Recently Sea Defenders 2024 exercise will be held between India and which country?

- (A) America (B) Japan
(C) Russia (D) Germany

(A) The recent arrival of US Coast Guard Commander Bartholfe at Port Blair marks the beginning of Sea Defenders 2024, a joint exercise between the United States Coast Guard and the Indian Coast Guard. Its objective is to promote maritime security and maintain the rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region.



8. With whom has the Reserve Bank of India recently entered into an agreement to promote the use of local currencies?

- (A) Bank Indonesia (B) New Development Bank
(C) Asian Development Bank
(D) None of these

(A) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Bank Indonesia BI signed an MoU in Mumbai to promote the use of local currencies Indian Rupee and Indonesian Rupiah for cross-border transactions. The MoU was signed by Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das and Bank Indonesia Governor Perry Warjio.



9. Recently, the Prime Minister of which country has advocated a common currency for Muslim countries?

- (A) Iran (B) Malaysia
(C) Indonesia (D) Bangladesh

(D) Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has stressed the need to increase trade through Bangladesh's currency Taka and India's currency Rupee. During her meeting with External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference in Germany, Prime Minister Hasina said trade between the two countries has already started through exchange of taka and rupee but there is a need to increase it further.



10. Which country has recently become the 32nd member country of NATO?

- (A) Spain (B) Sweden
(C) Finland (D) None of these

(B) Sweden became the 32nd member of NATO. After a wait of two years, it was officially announced in Washington DC. Sweden applied to join NATO in 2022 following military action against Ukraine. But Türkiye's opposition remained an obstacle in Sweden's path.

