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Indian History of 19th March

- ◆ **1944** : Azad Hind Fauj hoisted the national flag in India.
- ◆ **1972** : Friendship treaty was signed between India and Bangladesh.
- ◆ **1953** : The Academy Awards were broadcast on television for the first time.
- ◆ **2004** : America sued China for the first time in the World Trade Organization.
- ◆ **1954** : Indian educationist Indu Shahani was born.
- ◆ **2013** : About 30 people died in a bus accident in Maharashtra.

Current Affairs Related to 19th March 2024

- ◆ **Max India Limited announced a partnership between its subsidiary Intera Assisted Care Limited and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.** The objective of this collaboration is to develop solutions to the challenges faced by the Indian population by improving the quality of life of their population. Its objective is to design solutions specifically keeping in mind the elderly and adolescents to improve cognitive disability and health.
- ◆ **Britain has successfully tested its Dragonfire Laser Directed Energy Weapon,** demonstrating its ability to destroy enemy products and missiles at low cost. A demonstration in January in Scotland illustrated the laser's use in prototyping and destroying airships, making the venture a particular game-changer in air defense technology.
- ◆ **Excise Minister Hardeep Singh Puri unveiled Ethanol 100, an automotive gel aimed at reducing turnover and promoting sustainability.** This is part of a broader strategy to increase ethanol blending in petrol for the first time, in which significant progress has already been made in increasing the spice and solid grades in select states. Ethanol 100 with a high-octane rating typically between 100.105 is suitable for high-performance engines, producing better efficiency and power while reducing knock-on effects.
- ◆ **Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Navy Building.** This is the new state-of-the-art headquarters of the Indian Navy in Delhi Cantonment. The Navy has established its first independent headquarters in Delhi. The Navy earlier operated from 13 different locations.
- ◆ **Navneet Kumar Sehgal became the new chairman of Prasara Bharati.** Navneet Kumar Sehgal is a retired bureaucrat of 1988 batch of UP cadre. He succeeds A Surya Prakash who completed his tenure as chairman in 2020.
- ◆ **RBI has imposed penalties for non-compliance of its directions on interest rate on deposits,** customer service in banks, interest rate on advances and others. The fines are also for non-compliance with RBI directions on amendment in reporting to the Central Repository of Information on Large Loans and membership of credit information companies. The penalties are also for non-compliance with RBI directions on membership of credit information companies. The penalties are also for violation of the provisions of the Credit Information Companies Rules 2006. A financial penalty of Rs 29.55 lakh has been imposed on Bandhan Bank by RBI.
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- ◆ **The We Dem Institute's Democrat Democracy Report is published, revealing the global level of democrats.** India's 2018 report, following a decline in shamelessness, described freedom as proportionate. The report highlights the decline of democratic principles, particularly in the framework of freedom of expression, media freedom and civil liberties.
- ◆ **Sansa's Purvanchal Ratan Tata has been honored with the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award.** He has been awarded for his outstanding philanthropic contribution. He received the award for his outstanding philanthropic contribution.
- ◆ **Election Commission released electoral bond data on its website.** This data was provided by State Bank of India following the instructions of the Supreme Court. According to the data, Bharatiya Janata Party received electoral bonds worth Rs 6060 crore from 12 April 2019 to 24 January 2024. Trinamool Congress redeemed bonds worth Rs 1609 crore. Congress stood third with Rs 1422 crore.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, which state government will provide free seed kits to promote millet production?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Bihar
(C) Karnataka (D) Uttar Pradesh

(A) Rajasthan government has taken this decision to promote millet production. It has decided to provide free mini kits of maize seeds to 12 lakh farmers. It has also decided to provide free mini kits of millet to 8,000,000 farmers. Rajasthan government will provide free mini kits of mustard seeds to 7,00,000 farmers and moong seeds to 4,000,000 farmers.



2. What position has India held in the recently released Global Human Development Index?

- (A) 115 (B) 130
(C) 134 (D) 164

(C) Recently the United Nations Human Development Index 2022 was released. India has been placed at 134th position in the list of 193 countries in the index. In the year 2021, India was ranked 135 in the list of 191 countries. India saw improvement in all HDI indicators life expectancy, education and per capita gross national income in 2022.



3. Who has recently won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix?

- (A) Max Verstappen (B) Sergio Perez
(C) Charles Leclerc (D) None of these

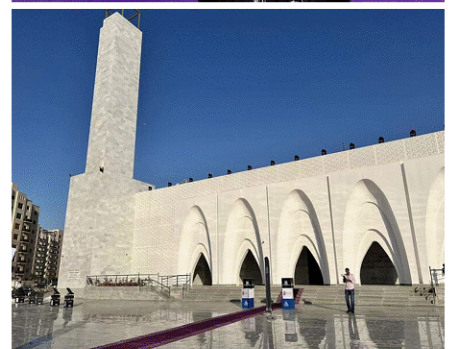
(A) Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix after starting from pole. This is Red Bull's second consecutive one-two finish in the 2024 Formula One season. Verstappen's Ajay Streak Verstappen celebrates his back-to-back win at the start of the season.



4. Which country recently unveiled the world's first 3D printed mosque?

- (A) Iran (B) Saudi Arabia
(C) UAE (D) England

(B) A businesswoman named Wajnat Abdulwaheed paid tribute to her late husband by recently completing the construction of the world's first 3D printed mosque in Al Jawhra suburb of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The Abdulaziz Abdullah Sharbatli Mosque was constructed using 3D printing technology obtained from Chinese firm Guanli.



5. Who has recently launched a new fuel called Ethanol 100?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Nitin Gadkari
(C) Hardeep Singh Puri (D) Rajnath Singh

(C) Recently Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri unveiled Ethanol 100 fuel which offers clean emissions and high efficiency. Available at 183 outlets in five states. Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri unveiled Ethanol 100, an automotive fuel aimed at reducing emissions and promoting sustainability.



6. Where was Eastern India's first state-of-the-art honey testing lab inaugurated recently?

- (A) Gangtok (B) Ranchi
(C) Guwahati (D) None of these

(B) Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda laid the foundation stone of Madhu Testing Lab in Ranchi. This lab, which will be built at a cost of Rs 11 crore, will benefit the honey producing farmers of neighboring states including Jharkhand. Apart from this, after certification, the way for export to western and Gulf countries will open.



7. Who has recently received the PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award?

- (A) Ratan Tata (B) Azim Premji
(C) Sudha Murthy (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Sansa's predecessor Ratan Tata has been honored with the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award. He was presented the award for his outstanding philanthropic contribution. Ratan Tata has been commended for his remarkable and sustained efforts in the field of philanthropy. His contributions have positively impacted many communities across the country.



8. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state launched India's first LNG powered bus?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Gujarat
(C) Kerala (D) Maharashtra

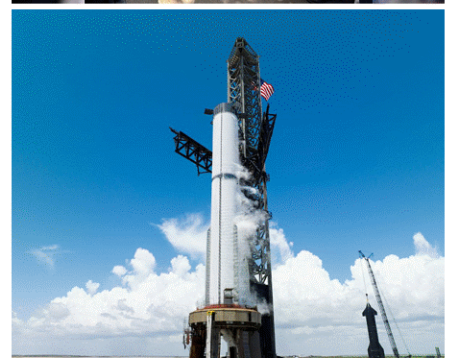
(D) Maharashtra's first LNLV fuel bus converted from diesel was inaugurated by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. The initiative aims to convert 5000 diesel buses of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation into LNG fueled buses in the first phase to reduce carbon emissions and tackle rising diesel prices.



9. Who has recently launched the world's most powerful rocket Starship?

- (A) SpaceX (B) NASA
(C) CNSA (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the world's most powerful rocket Starship was launched from Boca Chica, Texas. The third test of the world's most powerful rocket Starship was almost successful. It was launched from Boca Chica, Texas. SpaceX, the company of world's third richest businessman Elon Musk, has built this rocket.



10. How many prisons in India have been certified as Eat Right Campus by FSSAI recently?

- (A) 60 (B) 70
(C) 80 (D) 100

(D) In its efforts to ensure access to safe and nutritious food for prisoners and prison staff, food regulator FSSAI has certified around 100 prisons across the country as Eat Right Campuses. Which is an important milestone in the aim of promoting safe and healthy eating habits across various campuses.

