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## History of 24th March

- ◆ **1855** : A long **distance message** was sent for the first time by telegraph between **Kolkata and Agra**.
- ◆ **1977** : **Morarji Desai** became the fourth Prime Minister of India and formed the first **non-Congress government** at the Centre.
- ◆ **1990** : The Indian Army **completed** its **repatriation**.
- ◆ **1892** : India's **famous scientist** and patriot **Haribhau Upadhyay** was born.
- ◆ **1855** : The **British Mission** entered India in **1855**.

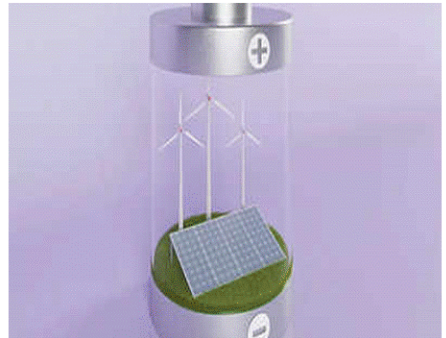
## Current Affairs Related to 24th March 2024

- ◆ **India will join one of the four cooperative action programs launched under the Clean Energy Pillar** of IPEF. India is also considering two other cooperative work program initiatives. India will join the Cooperative Working Group on Carbon Markets through the Ministry of Power. Bureau of Energy Efficiency will be the nodal body. The Indo Pacific Economic Framework is an initiative led by US President Joe Biden.
- ◆ **Definite anti-dumping duty has been imposed on imports of cast aluminum alloy wheels or alloy road wheels from China.** The fixed anti-dumping duty will be valid for five years in the range of \$0.23 per kg to \$1.71 per kg. Cast aluminum alloy wheels or ARW are mainly used in motor vehicles.
- ◆ **CII UK India Business Forum relaunched in London. It has been launched** at a time when India and the UK are about to finalize a free trade agreement. The objective of this forum is to enhance cooperation and deepen relations.
- ◆ **Before the elections, Pashupati Paras has resigned from the post of Union Minister.** A statement issued by Rashtrapati Bhavan said that President Draupadi Murmu has accepted the resignation of Union Food Industry Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras. Economics Minister Kiren Rijiju has been given additional provision of Food Industry Ministry.
- ◆ **Reserve Bank of India has not paid some rebate on advance interest rate on DCB Bank** and Tamil Nadu Market Bank. RBI said in its statement that DCB Bank has outstanding of Rs 63.6 lakh. According to the press release of RBI, TML Marketile Bank has incurred a loss of Rs 1.31 crore.
- ◆ **According to Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi, the insurance sector in India** has received a huge revenue of Rs 53,900 crore in the form of foreign direct investment in the last 9 years. The country covers 70 insurance products. For this reform, the private sector was opened to the private sector by the government in 1993. Initially the foreign company had a 26% ownership stake. This F portfolio was later increased to 49% in 2015 and then to 74% in 2021.
- ◆ **Leading non-banking finance company Poonawala Fincorp has appointed Arvind Kapil** as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He replaces its current Managing Director and CEO Abhay Bhutada, who is taking premature retirement. Arvind Kapil brings over 26 years of experience in the Moscow region to his new role. He has been associated since 1998, and has held various key positions in the hostage-taking countries where he currently operates.
- ◆ **Airtels Bank in collaboration with Noise and Mastercard offers a leading solution** for contactless payments through Airtels Bank Smart Watch. This innovative company aims to provide convenience and accessibility to urbanites by revolutionizing digital laptops. Users can easily make unnecessary payments by contacting using the Tap and Pay feature directly from the smart watch.
- ◆ **All India consumer price data for February 2024 based on agricultural data and rural data** remained stable at 1258 and 1269 respectively. However, flourishing production was seen among the continental states. A decline in Sea Cruise AL is projected in eight states, while a similar trend is projected in Sea Cruise-AL in seven states, with two states showing no change.
- ◆ **Vaughan Gething, who currently serves as Wales's Economic Minister,** has been elected as the new leader of the Welsh party. His victory is a historic milestone as he becomes the first lawyer to lead a European country. Gething was born in Zambia in 1974 to a Welsh father and a Zambian mother.



## National & International Current Affairs

1. **When is World Tuberculosis (TB) Day celebrated every year?**  
(A) 22nd March (B) 23rd March  
(C) 24th March (D) 25th March  
(C) World TB Day is observed every year on 24 March to commemorate the date when Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB, in 1882. This day is celebrated to educate people about TB, its impact around the world.
2. **Recently, which country's first battery storage gigafactory will start functioning in Jammu and Kashmir by October?**  
(A) America (B) China  
(C) India (D) Australia  
(A) This battery storage factory will reduce carbon emissions by more than 5 million tonnes annually. This will support India's commitment to achieve net zero by 2070. These projects are important for India's goal of reaching 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.
3. **Recently which country will host the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024?**  
(A) India (B) Germany  
(C) Malaysia (D) Pakistan  
(A) Recently, India will host the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024. The World Standardization Sector is a quadrennial program and serves as the governing conference of the ITU standardization sector. It is one of three world conferences organized by the International Consulting Association, a unit of the United Nations system.
4. **What position has India held in the recently released World Happiness Index?**  
(A) 112th (B) 117th  
(C) 126th (D) 130th  
(C) India was recently ranked 126th out of 143 countries in the World Happiness Index. It says older age is associated with higher life satisfaction in the world's most populous country. Finland has emerged as the world's happiest country, topping the World Happiness Report 2024, marking the seventh consecutive year that the country has topped the list.
5. **Where did the third edition of North Eastern Games 2024 start recently?**  
(A) Nagaland (B) Assam  
(C) Mizoram (D) Manipur  
(A) Recently, the 3rd edition of North Eastern Games 2024 began in Nagaland with a grand opening ceremony at the Regional Center of Sports Excellence, SOVIMA. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially declared the games open. On this occasion, Chief Minister Rio said that there is immense potential for sports in the North-East.





6. Recently the joint military exercise Tiger Triumph-24 has started between India and which country?

- (A) Indonesia (B) America  
(C) Malaysia (D) Japan

**(B)** The joint military exercise between India and the United States named Tiger Triumph-2024 began on March 18 and will continue till March 31. This exercise is taking place on the eastern seaboard of India. The main objective of this exercise is to improve cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.



7. Recently, Indian Navy has partnered with which IIT for research?

- (A) IIT Kharagpur (B) IIT Delhi  
(C) IIT Kanpur (D) IIT Mumbai.

**(A)** Recently, Indian Institute of Technology IIT Kharagpur and Indian Navy have partnered to promote innovation through research. It added that this is a step towards an exemplary divert between academia and the military, promoting Adaptive Motorola for innovation and knowledge.



8. Recently, in the current financial year, direct tax collection has increased by what percent to Rs 18.90 lakh crore?

- (A) 10% (B) 15%  
(C) 17% (D) 20%

**(D)** Recently, in the current financial year, direct tax collection has increased by 20% to Rs 18.90 lakh crore. The Central Board of Direct Taxes, the body of the Income Tax Department, said in a statement that the total direct tax collection stood at Rs 18,90,259 crore. In which apart from corporate tax of Rs 9,17,469 crore and personal income tax, securities transaction tax of Rs 9,72,224 crore is also included.



9. Who has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Food and Processing Industries recently?

- (A) Piyush Goyal (B) Amit Shah  
(C) Kiran Rijji (D) None of these

**(C)** Recently, Earth Sciences Minister Kiren Rijiju took additional charge of the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Earlier, President Draupadi Murmu had accepted the resignation of Union Food Processing Industries Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras. Rijiju has been given additional charge of the ministry.



10. Recently Vinay Kumar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which country?

- (A) Russia (B) France  
(C) Italy (D) Germany

**(A)** Vinay Kumar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation. He is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Myanmar. India-Russia relations are an important pillar of India's foreign policy. Relations between India and Russia have evolved from a strategic partnership to a special and privileged strategic partnership since 2010.

