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Indian History of 20th March

- ◆ **1351** : Sultan Mohammad bin Tughlaq of Delhi died.
- ◆ **1739** : Nadishah captured the Delhi Sultanate.
- ◆ **1904** : C.F. Andrews joined the independence movement with Mahatma Gandhi.
- ◆ **2010** : World Sparrow Day was celebrated for the first time in the name of Gauraiya.
- ◆ **2014** : India's famous journalist, writer, novelist and historian Khushwant Singh passed away.

Current Affairs Related 20th March 2024

- ◆ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to sign an MoU with the Union Ministry of Education to implement the Sree School Scheme in the state. This information has been given by the Tamil School Education Department. The consent will be signed by the state government before the start of the 2024-2025 academic session. Under the scheme more than 14500 SSLC soldiers will be selected as SRI School. Central Government, State Government, Central UP Pradesh and Local Bodies are eligible for Shree School Scheme.
- ◆ Startup Mahakumbh is being organized in New Delhi. It will continue till 20 March 2024 at Bharat Mandapam. It will have pavilions on AI, B2B, Agritech, Deeptech, Climate Tech, Fintech, Gaming, eSports, Incubators and Accelerators. The event aims to connect startups with venture capitalists, investors and potential corporate partners. More than 2000 startups, 30000 prospective entrepreneurs and 50000 business visitors and more than 500 incubators and delegations from ten countries will participate in the event.
- ◆ Sheetal Devi has been declared by the Election Commission as its National Persons with Disabilities Icon. His name was announced in an exhibition cricket match between the Indian Deaf Cricket Association team and the Delhi and District Cricket Association team. The match was held in Delhi and organized by the Election Commission. The Election Commission organized the match in collaboration with the Board of Control for Cricket in India to promote voter education and inclusivity.
- ◆ Vladimir Putin has won the Russian presidential election for the fifth time. He received another six-year term with 87 percent of the vote. Other candidates got less than 5 percent of the votes. Communist candidate Nikolai Kharitonov came second and Vladislav Davankov came third.
- ◆ New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra became the youngest recipient of the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal. He also received the Best Male Cricketer of the Year award in New Zealand.
- ◆ The global industry is witnessing a significant shift from China to India, with rights recognized by major applicants, protectionism and major trade decisions involving various factor responsibilities. What may be a loss in China's toy manufacturing sector is proving to be a profitable deal for India. India's toy industry has grown rapidly between FY15 and FY23 with a massive growth of 239 per cent in participants.
- ◆ The country's first oil palm plant has started in the United States under Mission Palm Oil. 3F Oil Palm, one of the largest oil palm companies in the country, has been established. This plant has been established in Roing in Dibang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh. The direction of self-reliance in edible oils is an important achievement. This is an oil palm plant. Both palm oil company and refining facilities are available in it.
- ◆ In the final match of the Women's Premier League 2024, RCB defeated Delhi Capitals and won the title. The women's RCB team created history by ending the franchise's 16-year trophy streak. The final match of the Women's Premier League was played between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals. This match between the two teams was played at Aruna Stadium in Delhi.
- ◆ With the announcement of the election schedule by the Election Commission of India, the Model Code of Conduct has been implemented to ensure recruitment of clerks in the world's largest democracy.
- ◆ India's position in DHL Global Connectedness shares is estimated to rise significantly, reflecting its majority role in the global industry. From 67th position in 2022, India has reached 62nd position in 2023, which is increasing its importance in the Vaishya sector. India moved up to 62nd position in the DHL Connectedness rankings for 2023, a significant improvement from 67th position in 2022.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Day of Happiness celebrated every year?

- (A) 19th March (B) 20th March
(C) 21st March (D) 22nd March

(B) International Day of Happiness is celebrated every year on 20 March. Since 2013, the United Nations celebrates this day to acknowledge the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world. The United Nations launched 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 to eliminate poverty, reduce poverty and protect our planet, the three core goals that lead to well-being and happiness.



2. When is World Sparrow Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th March (B) 21st March
(C) 22nd March (D) 23rd March

(A) World Sparrow Day is celebrated on 20 March to raise awareness about the conservation of sparrows. On this day people also celebrate shopping among sparrows, love towards sparrows, awareness about their importance in our lives etc.



3. When and how long is the recent joint military exercise 'Shlamitiye-2024' being held?

- (A) From 16th to 22nd March (B) From 17th to 25th March
(C) From 18th to 27th March (D) From 20th to 29th March

(C) Joint military exercise 'Shlamitiye-2024' is being organized from 18 to 27 March. A contingent of the Indian Army will participate in the 10th edition of joint military exercise Lamitiye with the Seychelles Defense Forces. Exercise Lamitiye 2024 is important to boost cooperation between India and Seychelles.



4. Which country will recently legalize aid in dying?

- (A) China (B) France
(C) India (D) Japan

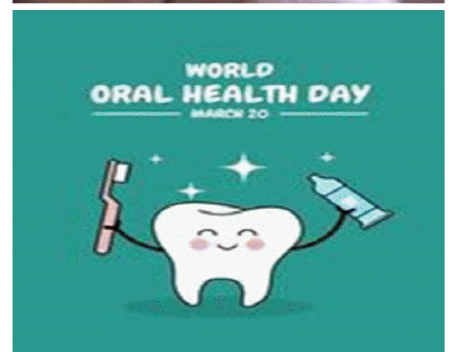
(B) French President Emmanuel Macron has announced plans to introduce new laws that would legalize aid in dying for adults facing end-of-life illnesses. The historic decision follows a report last year indicating strong public support for end-of-life choices in France.



5. When is World Oral Health Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th March (B) 21st March
(C) 22nd March (D) 23rd March

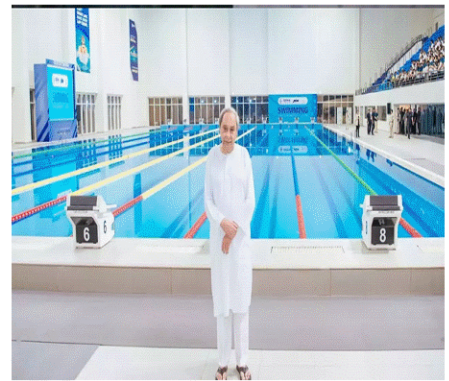
(A) World Human Health Day is celebrated globally on 20 March every year with the primary objective of making significant contributions to human health. The day is celebrated on 20 March to encompass the wonderful aspects of good health, spread awareness about good health and promote cleanliness.



6. Where has India's first indoor athletics and aquatics center been inaugurated recently?

- (A) Chennai (B) Kolkata
(C) Bhubaneswar (D) New Delhi

(C) Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated India's first indoor athletics center as well as a state-of-the-art indoor aquatic hub at the Kalinga Stadium. He also laid the foundation stone of the indoor diving center in the stadium premises itself. Naveen Patnaik said that these new indoor facilities will help the athletes to practice and participate in competitions throughout the year without any weather hassles.



7. In which country has India's Numaligarh Refinery Limited recently inaugurated its first international office?

- (A) Saudi Arabia (B) Bangladesh
(C) UAE (D) Pakistan

(B) Recently Numaligarh Refinery Limited inaugurated its first international office in Dhaka Bangladesh. India-based Numaligarh Refinery Limited has inaugurated its first overseas office in Dhaka Bangladesh, marking a significant expansion of its operations beyond national borders.



8. Who has recently been appointed as the new president of CBSE?

- (A) Rahul Singh (B) Nitin Mishra
(C) Narendra Garg (D) None of these

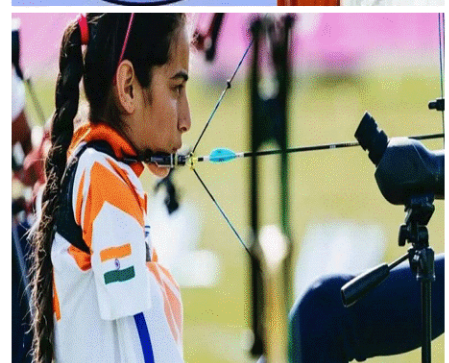
(A) Recently, IAS officer Rahul Singh has been made the new CBSE Chairman. Earlier, IAS Nidhi Chhibber was the head of CBSE. These decisions have come as part of the large-scale administrative review in the top level management by the Government of India. Now Rahul Singh will take over the entire responsibility of the Central Board of Secondary Education.



9. Who has been declared the National Disabled Icon by the Election Commission?

- (A) Azim Premji (B) Sudha Murthy
(C) Sheetal Devi (D) None of these

(C) Iconic Para Aeronautics and Arjuna Award winner Sheetal Devi has been declared a national icon in the false category. The Election Commission of India, in collaboration with the Board of Control for Cricket in India, organized a show cricket match between the Indian Deaf Cricket Association team and the Delhi and District Cricket Association team. This announcement was made during this time.



10. Recently, what has Fitch Ratings estimated India's growth rate for the financial year 2025?

- (A) 6.5% (B) 7.0%
(C) 7.2% (D) 8.2%

(B) Recently India's GDP growth rate estimate for the current and next financial year has been revised. The agency expects the economy to continue its strong expansion. The agency has reduced its forecast for China. The company has cited the property crisis in China as the reason behind this.

