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## **Indian History of 13th March**

- ♦ 1940: Indian revolutionary Udham Singh fired on General Dyer to take revenge of Jallianwala Bagh from the British.
- ◆ 2009 : SAARC Literary Festival started in Agra.
- ◆ 2004 : India's famous sitar player Vilayat Khan passed away.
- ♦ 1997: Mother Teresa was chosen as the leader of the Sisters of the Indian Missionaries of Charity.

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- The benefits under the RoDTEP scheme have been extended by the Center to EOUs, units of SEZs and AA holders. Export oriented units, units in Special Economic Zones and advance authorization holders will get these benefits. The extension of exemption benefits on duties and taxes on exported products to additional sectors is currently till 30 September 2024. These surplus and untouched sectors constitute about 25% of India's exports. RoDTEP scheme is a scheme for refund of implicit taxes and duties on exported products.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Mahtari Vandan Yojana from Kashi in Uttar Pradesh to Chhattisgarh. The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to women in the state. PM Modi gave the first installment of Rs 1,000 to 70,12,417 women of Chhattisgarh. The state government has contributed Rs 655.57 crore for this purpose. Under this, Modi has planned to give regular monthly subscription of Rs 1,000.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the Agricultural Construction and Control Center at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The objective of this initiative is to provide information, services and facilities to the farmers of the country using digital technology. On this occasion, Arjun Munda said that this is an innovation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, which aims to make the farmers of the entire country self-reliant.
- Majuli has received two prestigious Geographical Indication tags from the Government of India for its traditional craft Majuli Produced Paintings and Majuli Paintings. GI tag identifies plants with a spe-cific blend from a specific geographical region.
- ♦ Gamini, one of the leopards brought from South Africa to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, has given birth to five cubs. In such a situation, it is being considered a big achievement for India's Project Cheetah program.

- Devendra Jhajharia has been elected President of the Indian Paralympic Committee. The Sports Ministry of India has recently lifted the suspension of the Indian Paralympic Committee. The ministry had suspended the committee after it failed to conduct the elections on time. Deepa Malik was the previous chairperson of the committee. Malik took charge in 2020. The first Para Shooting World Cup in India is being held in New Delhi from March 9 to 15. Around 500 athletes from 50 countries will participate in this event.
- INS Tir, the lead ship of the first training 1TS, participated in Exercise Cutlass Express-24 conducted at Port Victoria Seychelles. The President of Seychelles inaugurated the exercise in the presence of dignitaries from India, the US and African countries. The training sessions covered theoretical and practical aspects of maritime interdiction, operations, visit board search and seizure procedures and diving operations.
- Primate Research Center NE India, Assam Forest Department, Bodoland Territorial Council, Salim Ali Center for Ornithology and Natural History and Conservation Himalaya completed the survey in two phases. The Golden Langur is found in the Manas Biosphere Reserve and all the fragmented forests of the western part of Assam. The second phase of the survey focused on the habitats of golden langurs in Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar and Dhubri districts of western Assam.
- ♦ Oppenheimer received six Oscar nods, including Cillian Murphy for Best Actor and Christopher Mallon for Best Director. Along with this, this film has also received awards for Best Film Editing, Cinematography and Original Score.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the automobile section of Dwarka Expressway along with Haryana CM Manohar Lal section and Union Minister Nitin Das. The expressway is inspected for pedestrians, which is important for transporting supermarkets.

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## National & International Current Affairs

- 1. Where will the recently developed Bharat Ambassador Artist Workshop 2024 be organized?
  - (A) Mumbai (B) Bengaluru (C) Kolkata (D) New Delhi
  - (D) Artist Workshop was organized at Purana Qila, Delhi under the Vikas Bharat Brand Ambassador. Painting lovers from different states across the country participated in it. Small children, elderly, youth, women all took part in it. School children also participated. Artists displayed the glimpse of developed India through paintings.



- (A) Kerala (B) Maharashtra (C) Karnataka (D) Odisha
- (B) Maharashtra state has announced its fourth women policy, which aims to promote the overall development of women. Adult Tatkare told supporters of the faith that the newly declared fourth ethic of the Goddess is meant to promote gender equality and establish a society where women and other linguistic groups do not have to struggle for their identity and rights.



- (A) Narayan Rane (B) Piyush Goyal
- (C) Rajnath Singh (D) Amit Shah
- (A) Union Minister Narayan Rane laid the foundation stone of MSME Technology Center in Sindhudurg. The Government of India is setting up 20 new technology centers and 100 extension centers across the country to expand access to technology by micro, small and medium enterprises. The project of MSME Technology Centre, Sindhudurg is being set up at an estimated cost of Rs 182 crore.
- 4. Recently India has signed how many billion dollars of free trade deal with the European Free Trade Association?
  - (A) 40 billion dollars (B) 60 billion dollars
  - (C) 80 billion dollars (D) 100 billion dollars
  - (D) India will remove most significant tariffs on industrial goods from four countries in return for investment over 15 years. EFTA includes Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, all non-EU nations. This agreement is known as India EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement.
- 5. When is No Smoking Day celebrated every year?
  - (A) 11th March (C) 13th March (D) 14th March
  - (C) No Smoking Day is celebrated every year on 13 March. This day is celebrated to make people aware about smoking and to motivate people to quit smoking. The theme of the year 2024 is to protect children from tobacco products. No Smoking Day was first observed in the Republic of Ireland in the year 1984.













- 6. Which country recently became the second largest mobile phone producing country in the world?
  - (A) India (B) China (C) America (D) Russia
  - (A) India is now the second largest mobile phone producer in the world. According to the India Cellular and Electronics Association, the sector changed from 78% import dependence to 97% self-sufficiency in 2014. Currently, imports account for only 3% of all mobile phones sold in India. India's mobile phone manufacturing is worth about Rs 20 lakh erore.



- (A) Johnny Byrne (B) Robert Downey Jr.
- (C) Christopher Nolan (D) Killian Murphy
- (D) Academy Awards 2024 have been announced. The awards ceremony was held at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles. Oppenheimer, directed by Christopher Nolan, stole the show and won 7 awards. Cillian Murphy was awarded the Best Actor Award for the film Open Hammer.



- (A) David Chipperfield (B) Riken Yamamoto
- (C) Balkrishna Joshi (D) Kenjo Tange
- (B) Japanese architect Riken Yamamoto was declared the winner of the 2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize, the highest international award in the field, sometimes called the Architecture Nobel. The award has been awarded every year since its establishment in 1979, and Yamamoto is the ninth laureate from Japan.



- (A) Dubai (B) Rome
- (C) Paris (D) None of these
- (A) Dubai Sustainable City announces Immersi, a new arts and culture center within the Ma'am Institute focusing on sustainability education. The net zero emissions facility, powered entirely by solar energy, aims to promote sustainable living through art and technology integration.



- (A) Australia (B) Bangladesh (C) Indonesia (D) None of these
- (C) Recently, Sea6 Energy inaugurated the world's first large-scale mechanized tropical seaweed farm in Lombok, Indonesia, with the aim of sustainable industrial applications. Symbolic of India-Indonesia collaboration in blue economy, the project draws attention to its potential in biofertilizers, bioplastics and renewable energy sources while promoting local green job creation.











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