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## History of 4th March

- ◆ **1999** : UN employees announced the survival of their children.
- ◆ **2009** : A new version of BrahOS missile was tested from Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- ◆ **1931** : The British Viceroy, Governor General Edward Frederick Lindley Wood and Mahondas Karamchand Gandhi announced consultation and agreement regarding the release of the Great Political Rejection and the exemption of universal use of salt.

## Current Affairs Related to 4th March

- ◆ **Central Electricity Authority Ministry of Power** is organizing the 4th edition of Lineman's Day on 4th March 2024 in New Delhi. On this day, the important work and service of linemen and ground maintenance employees is being celebrated for the related details. Which play the most important role in the work of electricity distribution across the country. The theme of the fourth edition of the festival, organized in collaboration with Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited, is Service, Safety, Room, which celebrates the selfless service of linemen across the country.
- ◆ **January 2024 saw growth in the production of coal, steel, cement, electricity, natural gas and crude oil.** The growth rate of steel sector declined from 14.3% in January 2023 to 7% in January 2024. Similarly, the growth rate of power sector decreased from 12.7% in January 2023 to 5.2% in January 2024.
- ◆ **King Charles III of the United Kingdom has honored Sunil Bharti Mital with an honorary knighthood.** Sunil Bharti Mital has become the first Indian citizen to receive this award. As a result of the award Mr Mittal has received the title of Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. The award recognizes his achievements in developing closer trade relations between India and the UK. Honorary knighthood is the highest honor bestowed upon a citizen by the British Crown.
- ◆ **Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of head-shield sea slug from the Bay of Bengal.** This new species, discovered from Udaipur and Digha coast of Odisha and West Bengal, has been named Melanochlamys draupadi. This species is a small invertebrate, reaching a maximum length of 7 mm. It is brownish black in color with a ruby red spot at its rear end. Presently the spread of this species has been recorded within a radius of 3 kilometers of Digha Udaipur coast.
- ◆ **Finance Secretary TV Somanathan will lead the committee on Uniform Know Your Customer.** The committee will include members from various ministries and regulators. The Financial Stability and Development Council had decided to formulate a strategy to digitize and simplify the KYC process in the financial sector. He said this would be simplified through a risk-based approach rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.
- ◆ **A joint venture agreement has been signed between NTPC Green Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, and Maharashtra State Power Generation Company.** It has been signed for the development of renewable energy parks in the state of Maharashtra. The company to be set up under the joint venture will develop GW scale renewable energy parks and launch projects of this scale in a phased manner. This agreement is in line with NTPC's green energy objectives and is another step in the Government of India's efforts towards the energy transition.
- ◆ **The number of leopards has increased by more than 1000 in the last four years.** Status report of leopards in India has been released by Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav. The number of leopards in the country has now reached 13874, in 2018 it was 12852. The highest population of leopards has been recorded in Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ **PM Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius jointly inaugurated developmental projects in Agaliga Island, Mauritius.** The projects inaugurated include the new airstrip and St. James Jetty along with six community development projects. These facilities will boost the socio-economic development of Agalega Island. India has undertaken several infrastructure projects, such as the construction of a sports council, a metro line, social housing, a community development project, an ENT hospital and a civil services college.



## National & International Current Affairs

- When is National Security Day celebrated every year?**

(A) 2nd March (B) 3rd March  
(C) 4th March (D) 5th March

(C) National Security Day is celebrated on 4 March by the National Security Council in India. This day is celebrated to keep people safe from financial crisis, health problems and other problems coming in their life. The National Security Council in India was established on 4 March 1972.
- Recently FIU-Ind has imposed a fine of how many crores on Paytm Payments Bank?**

(A) 3.69 crore (B) 4.89 crore  
(C) 5.49 crore (D) 7.69 crore

(C) Financial Intelligence Unit India has imposed this penalty for money laundering violations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. FIU Ind initiated investigation into Paytm Payments Bank Limited after receiving information from law enforcement agencies about certain institutions and their network of enterprises involved in various illegal acts.
- How many proposals has the government recently approved to set up semiconductor units in India?**

(A) 2 (B) 3  
(C) 4 (D) 5

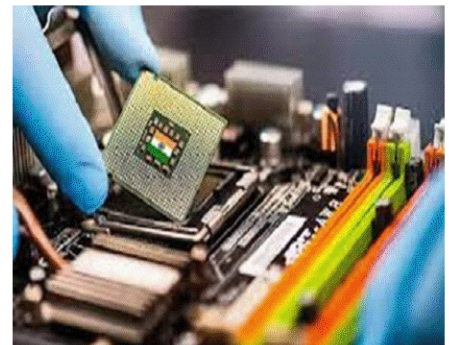
(B) Tata Group will set up two semiconductor units in Gujarat and Assam. A semiconductor unit will be set up in Gujarat by Murugappa Group-owned CG Power. Construction of all three units will start within 100 days. An investment of Rs 1,26,000 crore will be made in these three units.
- Which state government recently decided to establish the State Water Informatics Centre?**

(A) Odisha (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Punjab

(A) Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved the establishment of the State Water Informatics Centre. This will provide a comprehensive repository of hydrometeorological data for the state. It will have an efficient team that will handle water resources management, data handling and information technology. SWIC will seamlessly collaborate with the National Water Informatics Centre.
- Recently, UP has become the first state in the country to issue how many crore Ayushman cards under Ayushman Bharat PMJAY.**

(A) 3 crores (B) 4 crores  
(C) 5 crores (D) 6 crores

(C) Uttar Pradesh Government has issued 50,017,920 Ayushman cards and benefited 74,382,304 persons. A total of 3716 hospitals are listed in the state under this scheme. A total of 3,481,252 health claims have been filed under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, out of which 3,275,737 claims have been settled, representing a settlement rate of 92.48% in the state.





6. How many factions of Muslim Conference were declared illegal associations in Jammu and Kashmir recently?

- (A) 1 (B) 2  
(C) 3 (D) 4

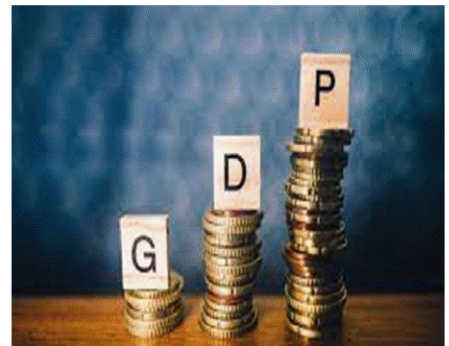
(B) The government has taken this decision under Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities Act, 1967. This will come into effect with immediate effect and will last for five years. The government accused the Muslim Conference Jammu and Kashmir of indulging in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India.



7. Recently, India's GDP growth increased to what percentage in the third quarter of financial year 2024?

- (A) 8.4% (B) 9.5%  
(C) 10.4% (D) 11.2%

(A) Recently, India's GDP had increased by 4.3% in the same period last year. Gross domestic product increased by 7.6% in the second quarter of fiscal year 2024. GDP at constant prices in the third quarter of 2023-2024 is estimated to be Rs 43.72 lakh crore.



8. In which state several developmental projects were inaugurated recently in programs organized in Aurangabad and Begusarai?

- (A) Bihar (B) Telangana  
(C) Karnataka (D) Mizoram

(A) Recently, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several developmental projects in Bihar in programs organized in Aurangabad and Begusarai. These development projects are worth more than Rs 48,000 crore. These projects in the oil and gas sector are spread across various states like Bihar, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Karnataka.



9. Recently, the Defense Ministry has signed five capital acquisition contracts worth more than how many crores of rupees?

- (A) Rs 19,000 crore (B) Rs 30,000 crore  
(C) Rs 39,000 crore (D) Rs 49,000 crore

(C) One of the five contracts was with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for procurement of aero engines for MiG-29 aircraft. This includes two contracts with Larsen & Toubro Limited for the procurement of Close in Weapon System and procurement of High Power Radar. It also includes two agreements with BrahOS Aerospace Pvt Ltd for ship-borne and BrahOS missiles for the Indian Defense Forces.



10. Which country's former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has passed away recently?

- (A) Canada (B) India  
(C) America (D) Iran

(A) Conservative leader Brian Mulroney was the 18th Prime Minister of Canada from 1984 to 1993. Mulroney led Canada through the final days of the Cold War and negotiated a free trade agreement with the United States. Mulroney began his career as a lawyer and business executive before taking over as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and becoming Prime Minister.

