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History of 17th March

- ◆ **1527** : Ranawat Singh I of Chittorgarh was defeated by Babar in the battle of Agra in 1527.
- ◆ **1782** : The Treaty of Sallabai was signed between the East India Company and the kings.
- ◆ **1959** : Buddhist religious leader Dalai Lama came to India from Tibet.
- ◆ **1987** : IBM released PC-DOS version 3.3.
- ◆ **1672** : England declared war against the Netherlands.
- ◆ **2016** : Famous magician Paul Daniel passed away.

Current Affairs Related to 17th March

- ◆ **TikTok will be banned by the United States.** The US House of Representatives has passed a historic bill. Which could ban TikTok in the US if the app is not separated from its Chinese parent company ByteDance. This is a major challenge for one of the world's most popular social media platforms, used by 170 million Americans. But it still needs Senate approval and the President's signature to become law.
- ◆ **Digital Crime Management System and NIA branch offices launched by Home Minister Amit Shah.** The newly developed CCMS will enable NIA personnel to better coordinate terrorism and organized crime cases to improve justice delivery. Two new branch offices of NIA in Jammu and Kochi and a residential complex in Raipur were also inaugurated. These will strengthen the reach and presence of the agency.
- ◆ **Senior bureaucrat Rahul Singh has been appointed the new chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education.** He will replace Nidhi Chhibber, who has been appointed advisor to NITI Aayog. This appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He is an Indian Administrative Service officer of Bihar cadre, who served as Additional Secretary in the Department of Personnel and Training.
- ◆ **The share of private banks in total deposits has increased from 25% in 2017-2018 to 34% by December 2023.** Higher interest rates and better customer relationship management have helped increase this. On the other hand, the share of public sector banks in total deposits has decreased to 59%. According to RBI data, it was 66% at the end of the financial year 2017-2018. Deposits in private sector banks have also increased faster than public sector banks.
- ◆ **The PM Modi-led committee has selected Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Gyanesh Kumar as the new election commissioners.**
- ◆ **The high-level committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind on One Nation, One Election** submitted its report to the President. The committee recommended three-tier simultaneous elections for Panchayats, Assemblies and Parliament. The panel suggested that Lok Sabha and state assembly elections should be held simultaneously and then municipality and panchayat elections should be held within 100 days. According to the report, simultaneous voting will promote the development process and social cohesion. This will deepen the foundation of democracy.
- ◆ **13.01% stock shares of local entertainment network Viacom 18 Media from Reliance Industries** Paramount Global are on the rise. This deal between the two offices has been done for \$517 million. After the completion of this fort, Reliance's shares in Viacom 18 will increase from 57.48% to 70.49%.
- ◆ **SpaceX's Moon-bound rocket Starship has failed during re-entry on its third mission.** It made it to Extreme Backpack but failed the restart ignition test. SpaceX's Starship rocket, aimed at lunar missions and beyond, got another goal as it was the third test during the flight.
- ◆ **Dr. Opposition Singh unveiled the Decade Report of Science Technology Panorama** for Self-reliant India at Vigyan Bhawan. Government of India's Enterprise ASA, led by Professor Ajay Sood Kumar, in collaboration with Fast India, has made a comprehensive assessment of India's technological progress over the last decade in this report.
- ◆ **In a significant step towards promoting innovation and advancing the automotive and electric vehicle sector,** the Heavy Industry Ministry and the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee have signed an MoU. The signing ceremony in the presence of Industry Minister Dr. Mahendra Singh Dhami marks an important moment in leveraging academic and industrial experience to shape the future of transportation.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, in which state will Tata Motors invest Rs 9000 crore?

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Jharkhand
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Odisha

(C) India's leading four-wheeler manufacturer Tata Motors has signed an MoU worth Rs 9000 crore with the government of Tamil Nadu. Under which Tata Motors Company will invest in one of its cutting edge vehicle manufacturing facilities in the state of Tamil Nadu. It is believed that after this investment of Rs 9000 crore by Tata Motors, about 5000 jobs can be created.



2. Which bank has recently imposed penalty on Bank of India and Bandhan Bank?

- (A) SBI (B) RBI
(C) HDFC Bank (D) ICICI Bank

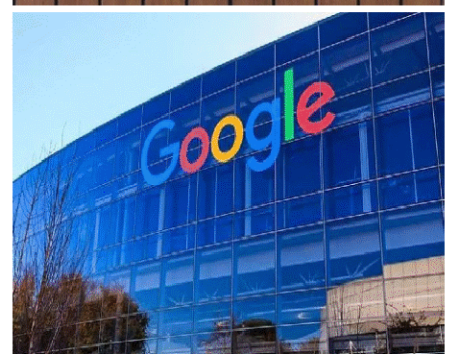
(B) The Reserve Bank of India has placed an additional amount of Rs 1.40 crore on the Bank of India for certain facilities issued by the Central Bank. The RBI observed instances of statutory oversight and non-compliance with its supervisory assessment of the bank with respect to its financial position as at March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.



3. Who has recently partnered with ECI for information about the voting process?

- (A) Google (B) Meta
(C) X (D) Amazon

(A) Google has partnered with the Election Commission of India to provide official information for voting in the upcoming general elections. Access important information about Fusion including how to register and vote through Google search and YouTube videos.



4. Who has recently launched Prasar Bharati's new service called PB Shabd?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Amit Shah
(C) Anurag Thakur (D) None of these

(C) Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated PB SHABD, which brings news to Doordarshan people without media constraints. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the central websites of DD News and All India Radio News and an updated News on Air mobile app as well as news sharing service PB SHABD at the National Media Centre, New Delhi.



5. Who has recently been named as the next director of NHPC Ltd ?

- (A) Rajendra Prasad (B) Sanjay Kumar Singh
(C) Kishore Makwana (D) None of these

(B) After recently being appointed as the Director of the Public Enterprises Selection Board, Sanjay Kumar Singh is preparing to step into the role of Director in NHPC Limited. Currently, Tambu Singh has emerged as the Chief General Manager in SJVN Limited among the twelve office bearers.



6. How many writers have been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award recently?

- (A) 14 (B) 20
(C) 24 (D) 28

(C) Twenty-four writers, including English writer Neelam Saran Gaur, received the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2023. The awards are given for nine books of poetry, six novels, five short stories, three essays and one literary study. Sanjeev received the Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel *Mujhe Pehchaon* in Hindi.



7. Recently Rajkumar Vishwakarma has been appointed the Chief Information Commissioner of which state?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(C) Recently, the Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh has taken a big decision and appointed former DGP of UP Rajkumar Vishwakarma as the Chief Information Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh state. Rajkumar Vishwakarma has been made Chief Information Commissioner for three years. Vishwakarma retired on 31 May in the year 2023.



8. Who has inaugurated the Prime Minister's Social Upliftment and Employment Benefit Public Welfare National Portal?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Amit Shah

(A) PM Modi inaugurated the portal during an event organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. PM Modi was the chief guest in this program. The ministry launched a nationwide initiative. Its objective is to provide loan assistance to the marginalized sections of the society. The Port provided credit support to 1 lakh entrepreneurs from underprivileged communities.



9. By how many places has India's rank increased significantly in the Gender Inequality Index recently?

- (A) 10 (B) 11
(C) 13 (D) 14

(D) India's rank in the Gender Inequality Index has increased significantly by 14 places. UNDP has released the Human Development Report 2023-2024. According to the report, India is ranked 108th out of 193 countries with a score of 0.437 in GII 2022. This is an increase of 14 ranks compared to GII 2021 rank.



10. Recently, after how many years has Mumbai won the Ranji Trophy?

- (A) 5 years (B) 7 years
(C) 8 years (D) 10 years

(C) Mumbai won the Ranji Trophy 2024 by defeating Vidarbha by 169 runs at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. This is also their 42nd title for Mumbai. Having last won the title in the 2015.2016 edition, Mumbai also ended their 8-year long wait to win the championship.

