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History of 14th March

- ◆ **1988** : **Pi Day**, a special day for mathematics lovers, was celebrated for the first time.
- ◆ **1998** : **Sonia Gandhi** became the **President** of Congress for the first time.
- ◆ **1976** : **America** conducted nuclear tests in **Nevada**.
- ◆ **1963** : India's leading **freedom fighter** **Jayanarayan Vyas** passed away.
- ◆ **1931** : India's first **talking film** **Alamara** was screened in the metropolis.

Current Affairs Related to 14th March

- ◆ **The Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party government** announced the **implementation** of the Education Amendment Act, bringing the law back into nationalism. The aim is to provide a path to Indian citizenship to persecuted minority communities from neighboring countries, but it has faced criticism and opposition over the exclusion of minorities.
- ◆ **Asia's first certified green municipal bond** has been issued by **Vadodara Municipal Corporation**. It has fixed a semi-annual coupon of 7.90% on the issue. This will be used to create and enhance liquid waste water management infrastructure across the city. SBI Capital Markets and Tipsons Consultancy Services have arranged the bond issuance.
- ◆ **The Central Government** has implemented the **Citizenship Amendment Act**. It has notified the Citizenship Rules 2024. It makes minorities from six communities persecuted on religious grounds in three countries eligible for Indian citizenship. The six communities are Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist Jain, Parsi and Christian. These three countries are Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The CAA provides Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants from three countries who came to India till December 31, 2014.
- ◆ **SheRNI** is a **platform** launched by **UGC INFLIBNET**. It is an **expert profile network** system. It has been launched to connect and support women scientists and faculty members. It connects them to create a strong professional network with opportunities for advice, collaboration and professional achievement.
- ◆ **AS Rajiv** has been appointed as **Vigilance Commissioner**. He has been appointed under the power conferred under Section 4(1) of the Central Vigilance Commission Act 2003. The tenure of the Vigilance Commissioner is four years or till he attains the age of 65 years. He has 38 years of experience in four banks, Syndicate Bank, Indian Bank, Vijaya Bank and Bank of Maharashtra.
- ◆ **The Center for Information and Library Network of the University Grants Commission** inaugurated an opposite initiative known as the **She Research Network** in India. The objective of this initiative is to overcome gender deprivation in the sector by ensuring equal representation of women motorcyclists.
- ◆ **A Jeevan Suraksha Scheme** has been launched to provide financial protection along with natural deaths coverage to Indian blue collar workers in the UAE. It is specifically designed for Indian workers, especially blue-collar workers. There are approximately 35 lakh Indians living in the UAE, of whom approximately 65% are blue-collar workers. This insurance includes 24-hour global coverage and death benefits due to both natural and accidental causes. Compensation for total or partial disability resulting from accidents will also be covered under this insurance package.
- ◆ **The first successful flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile** equipped with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle technology was conducted by DRDO. This flight test named Mission Divyastra was conducted from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. This will ensure that a single missile can deploy multiple warheads at different locations. After the launch of Mission Divyastra, India has joined the select group of countries which have MIRV capability.
- ◆ **A National Curriculum 2024 for Early Childhood Care and Education** for children aged 3 to 6 years and a National Framework for Children up to 3 years of age were released by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The National Curriculum for ECCE 2024 covers all the development areas as per the National Curriculum Framework for the Foundation Stage 2022. It aims to improve the quality of child development and education in Anganwadi centers by giving priority to competency-based lesson plans and activities.

National & International Current Affairs

- When is Pi Day celebrated every year?**

(A) 12th March (B) 13th March
(C) 14th March (D) 15th March

(C) Pi Day is celebrated across the world on 14 March. Pi is a symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant. It is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter which is approximately 3.14. Pi is also used to measure the length of a river.
- When is International Day of Action for Rivers celebrated every year?**

(A) 14th March (B) 15th March
(C) 16th March (D) 17th March

(A) International Day of Action for Rivers is observed every year on 14 March to raise voice to protect rivers and demand improvements in policies for rivers. It is a day to educate each other about the threats facing our rivers and find solutions.
- In which state was the Chief Minister Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan Yojana launched recently to empower young entrepreneurs?**

(A) Odisha (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Kerala (D) Uttar Pradesh

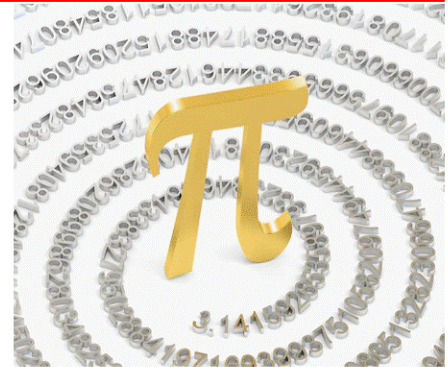
(D) Chief Minister Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan Yojana was launched by CM Yogi to empower young entrepreneurs in Uttar Pradesh. Its objective is to promote entrepreneurship among the youth of the state. The schemes aim to create one lakh young entrepreneurs every year by providing interest free loans for projects up to Rs 5 lakh.
- Who has recently inaugurated the Agriculture Integrated Command and Control Center established at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi?**

(A) Ramnath Kovind (B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Arjun Munda (D) Dr. S. Jaishankar

(C) The Agriculture Integrated Command and Control Center established at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi was inaugurated by Union Minister Arjun Munda. Its objective is to empower the farmers of the country by equipping them with information, services and facilities using digital technology. On this occasion, Shri Munda described it as an innovation of the government towards making the farmers across the country self-reliant.
- Who recently launched India's fastest router with 2.4 Tbps capacity?**

(A) Ashwini Vaishnav (B) Amit Shah
(C) Rajnath Singh (D) Narendra Modi

(A) India's fastest and indigenously designed IP/MPLS router has been launched by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav in Bengaluru. This router was developed in collaboration with the Government's Department of Telecommunications, CDOT and Nivety. The indigenously developed router will boost the Prime Minister's vision of Digital India.



6. Who was recently awarded the Miss World Humanitarian Award?

- (A) Nita Ambani (B) Jaya Bachchan
(C) Madhuri Dixit (D) None of these

(A) Recently, during the 71st Miss World Finale at Jio World Convention Centre, Reliance Foundation Founder and Chairperson Nita Ambani was honored with the prestigious Beauty with a Purpose Humanitarian Award. She was given the Humanitarian Award by the Miss World Foundation in recognition of her philanthropist and social worker achievements.



7. Which state government has recently launched the Ningal Nalama scheme for the upliftment of families?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Gujarat
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Telangana

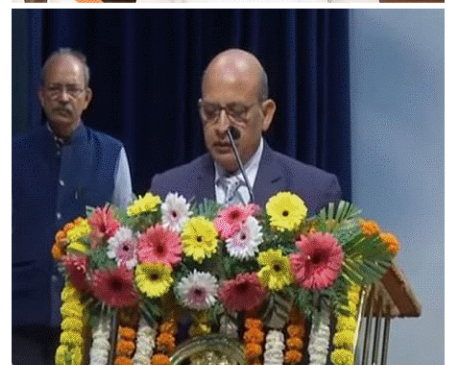
(C) Despite various political challenges recently, the State has reiterated its commitment for the upliftment of every family of Tamil Nadu through this initiative. Neengal Nalam Scheme is an important step towards ensuring transparency, accountability and effective implementation of welfare programs in Tamil Nadu.



8. Recently Justice Satyendra Singh has been appointed Lokayukta of which state?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra (D) Karnataka

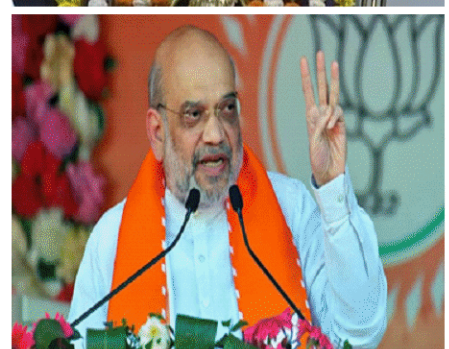
(B) Recently, Satyendra Kumar Singh has retired from the post of High Court judge only last year. He has held many important posts including Principal Registrar in the High Court. Its notification has been issued by the General Administration Department.



9. Who inaugurated the Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan project recently?

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

(A) Recently, Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated 41 regional piped sen gas and 178 various development cooperation under Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan. Its first objective is to improve footpaths and standard of living in rural areas of Delhi.



10. In which state has PM Modi recently inaugurated the Sela Tunnel?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Arunachal Pradesh (D) Kerala

(C) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's longest two-lane tunnel, Sela Tunnel, in Arunachal Pradesh. It has been built at an altitude of 13000 feet. This will ensure uninterrupted connectivity to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh in any weather. It has been built at a cost of Rs 825 crore. It has two tunnels and a link road.

