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### 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

- Airbus Receives Order from India for Two ACH160 Helicopters
  Airbus Corporate Helicopters (Airbus) give to india ACH160 Helicopters an
  order has been received for, which marks the first sale of any helicopter in the
  H160 range in the region.
- ➤ MHA approves MOU between Indian & Nigerian Drug Control Agencies
  The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has proposes signing of Memorandum of
  Understanding (MoU) between Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of India and
  National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of Nigeria on Prevention of
  Illicit Trafficking in 'Narcotic Drugs', Psychotropic Substances and Precursor
  Chemicals Permission has been granted.

**About the Ministry of Home Affairs:** 

Union Minister- Amit Shah (Constituency-Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat)
Minister of State- Nityanand Rai (Constituency- Ujiarpur, Bihar); Ajay Kumar
Mishra (Constituescy- Kheri, Uttar Pradesh); Nisith Pramanik (ConstituecnyCoochbehar, West Bengal)

**About Nigeria** 

**President-** Muhammadu Buhari

Capital- Abuja

**Currency-** Nigerian Naira

- NSDC appoints ISB as knowledge partner for G-20 Education Working Group
  The Indian School of Business (ISB) is collaborating as a knowledge partner for
  G-20 Education Working Group (EWG) with National Skill Development
  Corporation (NSDC) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
  (MSDE).
- Digital payments awareness week 2023: RBI launches mission 'Har Payment Digital'

On March 06, 2023, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das launched the mission 'Every Payment Digital' as part of the Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW).

About Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**Governor-** Shaktikanta Das

**Deputy Governors-** Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrate Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar

Establishment-1st April 1935

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Conrad K Sangma sworn in as CM of Meghalaya for the second Term On March 7, 2023, National People's Party (NPP) President Conrad Kongkal Sangma (Conrad K. Sangma) was sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Meghalaya to lead the coalition government for the second consecutive term. About Meghalaya:

Chief Minister (CM)- Conrad Kongkal Sangma

Governor- Phagu Chauhan

Zoological Park- Lady Hydari Park; Nehru Park Cum Mini Zoo

Airport- Shillong Airport; Baljek Airport

NDPP leader Neiphiu Rio took oath as the Chief Minister of Nagaland for the 5th term

On 7th March 2023, Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader of Nagaland Neiphiu Rio was sworn in as the Chief Minister (CM) of Nagaland for the 5th time in the presence of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at Capital Cultural Hall, Kohima, Nagaland.

**About Nagaland:** 

**Chief Minister-** Neiphiu Rio

**Governor-** La Ganesan

**Wildlife Sanctuary**- Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary; Puliebadze Wildlie Sanctuary **Airport**- Dimapur Airport

- S.S. Dubey takes charge as the Comptroller General of Accounts of India On 6th March 2023, S.S. Dubey, a 1989-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer, took charge as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) with immediate effect.
- ➤ ISRO conducts deployment tests of Gaganyaan Pilot & ACS Parachutes
  As part of the preparations for the Gaganyaan human space flight mission on
  March 1 and 3, 2023, ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) has launched the
  Gaganyaan Pilot and Apex Cover Separation (ACS) tests in a cluster configuration
  at the Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh. Conducted rail
  track rocket sled deployment tests of parachutes.

About Indian Space Reserch Organisation (ISRO)

**Chairman-** S. Somanath

Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka

Establishment- 1969

➤ China communication satellite 'Zhongxing-26' launched Located in southwest China's Sichuan province and dedicated to China's most powerful launch vehicles, the Xichang Space Center (XLSC) to launch a communications satellite 'Zhongxing-26' or 'ZX 26' (also known as ChinaSat26) into geostationary orbit with a capacity of over 100Gbps (gigabits per second) by Long March 3B (CZ-3B) Launched.



KM Chandrasekhar wrote a new book titled "As Good As My Word: A Memoir"

KM Chandrasekhar, former Cabinet Secretary of India, has written a book titled "As Good as My Word: A Memoir", an autobiography published by HarperCollins. The book presents a critique of institutions and covers a turbulent time period.

Paytm partners with Andhra Pradesh government to promote financial inclusion MoU signed

In march 2023, digital financial services firm One97 Communications, owner of the Paytm brand, announced a partnership with Andhra Pradesh (AP) to promote mutual cooperation and financial inclusion in the areas of industrial development, financial inclusion, public health, cyber security and financial fraud prevention in AP. AP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Govt.

About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

**Chief Minister (CM)-** jagan Mohan Reddy

**Governor**- Syed Abdul Nazeer

**National Parks-** Sri Venkateshwara Park, Rajiv Gandhi Park, Panikonda National Park

Chhattisgarh CM presents Rs 1,21,501 crore state budget for FY24 On March 6, 2023 Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel presented a Rs 1,21,501 crore state budget for FY24 in his state assembly in Raipur.

**About Chhattisgarh:** 

Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan

**National Parks-** Guru Ghasidas National park, Kanger Valley National Park **Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Bhoramdeo Sanctuary, Tamor Pingla Sanctuary

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for Sikkim'Go Green, Go Organic' cover released

On March 6, 2023 Union Minister for Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav released a unique cover of Department of Posts for Sikkim, 'Go Green, Go Organic'.

**About Sikkim:** 

**Capital-** Gangtok

**Chief Minister-** Prem Singh Tamang

**Governor-** Lakshman Prasad Acharya





➤ BIS releases IS 18149:2023 Guidelines for Transport of Dangerous, Hazardous Goods

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued 'IS 18149:2023 - Transport of Dangerous Goods - Guidelines' to enhance safety in transport of dangerous, hazardous goods posing threat to public safety, properties and environment. These have been prepared under the Transport Services Sectional Committee, SSD 01 of BIS.

#### About Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):

It is the National Standards body of India. **Director General-** Pramod Kumar Tiwari **Headquarters-**New Delhi, Delhi **Establishment-** 1987

- FRINGEX-23: First Indo-French joint military exercise held in Thiruvananthapuram FRINJEX-23, the first edition of joint military exercise between Indian and French Army was conducted at Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on March 7-8, 2023.
- ➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> G20 GPFI meeting to be held in Hyderabad, Telangana March 06-07, 2023
  The Second Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, (GPFI) meeting was held in Hyderabad (Telangana) for two days from March 06-07, 2023 and was chaired by the Co-Chair of GPFI and G20 (Group of Twenty) India Presidency.
- ➤ First batch of 'Google for Startups Accelerator India Women Founders' program concludes
  on 7 March 2023 Google, an American multinational technology company, concluded the first batch of its startup accelerator program for Indian women
  - entrepreneurs. It launched its first edition of the three-month program **"Google for Startups Accelerator India Women Founders"** in 2022.
- ➤ British architect Sir David Alan Chipperfield wins Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023
  - on 7 March 2023, **Sir David Alan Chipperfield** (David Chipperfield), a 69-yearold British civic architect, urban planner and activist, won the **Pritzker Architecture Prize 2023**, the most prestigious award for architects, for his



timeless modern design that confronts the urgency of climate, changing social relationships and cities revives.

Delhi airport named one of the best and cleanest airport in Asia Pacific: 2022 ASQ Awards

Airport Council International (ACI) announced the winners of the 2022 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards, which recognize the best airports for customer experience around the world. Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) - The Delhi airport has been declared as one of the best and cleanest airports in the Asia Pacific region.

Manik Saha Sworn in for Second Term as CM of Tripura

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Dr. Manik Saha, 70 years old leader of Chief

Minister of Tripura for the second time (CM) Sworn in as Governor and was administered the oath of office by Governor Satyadev Narayan Arya at a ceremony held at the Vivekananda Stadium in Agartala, Tripura.

**About Tripura:** 

Chief Minister (CM) - Dr. Manik Saha

**Governor-** Satyadeo Narain Arya

National Park- Clouded Leopard National Park; Bison National Park
Wildlife Sanctuaries- Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary; Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary

Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani sworn in as Prime Minister of Qatar

on 7 March 2023, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani was sworn in as the Prime Minister (PM) of Qatar at the Amiri Diwan of the State of Qatar in Doha, Qatar in the presence of Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

**About Qater:** 

Capital- Doha

**Currency-** Qatari riyal

Emir of Qatar- Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

➤ Group Captain Shalija Dhami first to head combat unit IAF women officers. on 7 March 2023 Group Captain **Shaliza Dhami** of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has been selected to command a frontline fighter unit of the force along the Western Sector. He is currently posted in the Operations Branch of a Frontline Command Headquarters.



- ➤ ISROThe MT-1controlled re-entry experiment of a satellite Done successfully
  - on 7 March 2023Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Megha-Tropiques-1 (MT-1) An extremely challenging controlled re-entry experiment involving an orbiting satellite was carried out in an uninhabited area in the Pacific Ocean at 5 degrees south (°S) to 14°S latitude and 119°W (W) to 100°W longitude.
- ➤ International Women's Day 2023 March 8
  United Nations (UN) International Women's Day (IWD) March 8<sup>th</sup> to recognize the achievements of women around the world in their nationalCelebrated regardless of ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political differences.
- Jan Aushadhi Day-7 March 2023 and Jan Aushadhi Day Week 1-7 March 2023
  - To create awareness about the importance of generic medicines and to promote the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Project **PMBJP)** Jan Aushadhi Diwas (Generic Medicine Day) is celebrated across India on 7 March to highlight the benefits of generic medicines.
- Completion of AP GIS 352 projects worth Rs 13,05,663 crore happened with MoU March 3 to 4, 2023 During the two-day Advantage Andhra Pradesh Global Investment Summit (AP GIS) 2023 held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP), AP government along with various organizations executed projects worth Rs 13,05,663 crore, creating over 6 lakh jobs Entered into 352 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) to provide employment potential for execute projects.

About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

Chief Minister (CM)- Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

**Governor -** S. Abdul Nazeer

**Tiger Reserve-** Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctury (formerly known as Nagarjuna Sagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve)

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Kaundinya WLS; Penusila Narasimahaswamy WLS





- ▶ Indian Navy's biggest wargameTROPEX-2023 concluded in the Arabian Sea Indian Navy's biggest wargame and operational-level biennial exercise The 2023 edition of the "Theater Level Operational Readiness Exercise" (TROPEX-23), which took place in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), ended in the Arabian Sea.
- City Index 2023: India Has 5th Largest Number Of Women Billionaires Globally A new International Women's Day study of City Index 2023 according to the reportIndia has the fifth largest number of women billionaires in the world, based on an analysis by Forbes Live Billionaire Tracker (March 2023).

About United States (US):

**President-** Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.

Capital- Washington, D. C., US

**Currency-** US Dollar (USD)

- Colonel Geeta Rana near China border Became the first woman to command an EME unit
  - Following the Indian Army's sanction of 108 posts for women officers to command independent units in the Corps of Engineers, the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) **Colonel Geeta Rana** is the first woman officer to command an independent field workshop in the eastern Ladakh sector with China.
- ➤ ISRO Receives NISAR Satellite Developed Jointly by NASA & ISRO on 8 March 2023, an Earth-observation satellite, NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) (NISAR), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), California, United States (USA) was handed over to
- ➤ Dr Jitendra Singh:CSIR to provide a women's portal for research grants and grants for women scientists on 9 March 2023Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology announced that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has decided to introduce special research grants for women scientists under CSIR-ASPIRE.



- 74th International Boxing Tournament "Strandja" 2023 Sofia, held in Bulgaria; India got 8 medals International Boxing Tournament "Strandja" 74th edition of 2023 Sofia from 18 to 27 February 2023, was held in Bulgaria. India won 8 medals (3 silver and 5 bronze)
- World Kidney Day 2023 9 March world kidney day (WKD) It is a global campaign, which is celebrated every year on the 2nd Thursday of March to encourage people all over the world about the importance of kidneys in maintaining overall health and to raise awareness about the many kidney diseases.
- Himachal Pradesh becomes the first state in India to take up organic Licorice (Mulethi) cultivation
  Himachal Pradesh (HP) became the first state in India to start commercial cultivation of Licorice (Mulethi) (Glycyrrhiza glabra) with the distribution of planting material among farmers by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) Is.
- 'Aarogya Mahila': Telangana Health Minister launches new health program for Telangana women
   On the occasion of International Women's Day 2023 (8 March 2023),
   Telangana Health Minister Harish Rao launched a new health program 'Aarogya Mahila' for women in Karimnagar, Telangana.
- ➤ GRSE signs MoU with KEL for R&D of Lightweight Bailey Bridge
  Located in Kolkata (West Bengal), one of India's leading shipyards, Garden
  Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. Kerala Electrical & Allied, a state
  owned enterprise of Kerala for Joint Research and Development (R&D) of
  Lightweight Bailey Bridge with Carbon Fiber Composite Deck Engineering (KEL)
  has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



#### 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023

> 'WHO Global Report on Sodium Intake Reduction': Countries to reduce salt intake should make a 'widespread effort'

World Health Organization (WHO) Global Report on sodium intake reduction, states that nations should encourage people to consume less salt "Comprehensive efforts" should be made to reduce the risk of developing cancer, heart disease and stroke.

**About World Health Organization (WHO):** 

**Director- General-** Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Establishment- 1948

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

- Kochi Metro becomes first metro in India to accept digital currency for parking Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has become the **first metro** in India to accept the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The service will initially be available at parking lots near Thaikudam Metro station.
- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the first edition of Women Icons Leading Swachhta Awards 2023
   7 March 2023 (on the eve of International Women's Day 8 March)Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the first edition of "Women Icons Leading Sanitation (WINS) Awards" 2023 to highlight the impact of women in sanitation and waste management.
- Ministry of Tourism InternationalReceived Gold & Silver Star at 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' on 8 March 2023, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has awarded two Golden City Awards in the category 'TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International' respectively in the 23rd International Tourism Film and Multimedia Competition The Golden Citygate during ITB Berlin (Internationale Tourismus-Börse Berlin) 2023. win gate awards 2023.
- Ram Chandra Paudel of the Nepali Congress, the third President of Nepal elected

on 9 March 2023, Ram Chandra Poudel (79 years), a senior leader of the Nepali Congress, was elected as the third President of Nepal.

**About Nepal:** 

Prime Minister- Pushpa Kamal Dahal

**Capital-** Kathmandu

**Currency-** Nepalese Rupee



Xi Jinping elected as the President of the Republic of China for a third term

on 10 March 2023 Xi Jinping, a 69-year-old Chinese politician, was unanimously appointed as the President of China for the third time, making him China's longest-serving leader since founder Mao Zedong (1954–1959). Went.

**About China:** 

**President-** Xi Jinping

**Capital-** Beijing

**Currency-** Chinese Yuan

- Central government high priceDAM and Surplus Power Portal, PUShP) launched March 100n, 2023, the Central Government launched the High Price Day Ahead Market - HPDAM and Surplus Power Portal (PUShP) - to ensure greater availability of power during peak demand season. launched an initiative for
- > 54th Central Industrial Security Force Raising Day 10 March 2023 Central Industrial Security Force (CISF Raising DayTo protect the major establishments and integrity of IndiaIt is celebrated annually across India on 10 **March** to honor the service and commitment of CISF personnel. **About the Central Industrial Security Force:**

**Director- General-** Sheel Vardhan Singh

**Headquarters-** New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1969

> Punjab FM Harpal Singh Cheema presented a budget of Rs 1,96,462 crore for FY24

Finance Minister of PunjabFM) Harpal Singh Cheema Financial Year 2023-

**24**, Presented a state budget of Rs 1,96,462 crore for FY24), an increase from the amount allocated in the financial year 2022 2023 (FY23) with a focus on agriculture, education and health 26% higher.

**About Panjab:** 

**Chief Minister (CM)-** Bhagwant Mann

**Governor-** Banwarilal Purohit

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Bir Dosanjh WLS; Bir Bhadson WLS

Godrej AgrovetMoU signed with AP to set up edible oil refinery for Rs 100 crore Godrej Agrovet Limited, Mumbai (Maharashtra), a subsidiary of Godrej Industries Limited, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) during the Andhra Pradesh Global Investors Summit (APGIS) 2023 to be held from 3rd to 4th March 2023 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.



### 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

➤ MSME Minister Narayan Tatu Rane launched the MSME Competitive (LEAN) scheme

On 10th March 2023, Union Minister Narayan Tatu Rane, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) launched **MSME Competitive (LEAN) Scheme (MCLS)** and National Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) Conclave launched.

About Ministry of Micro, Small & Midium Enterprises (MoMSME): Union Minister- Narayan Tatu Rane (Rajya Sabha- Maharashtra) Minister of State- Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma (Constituency- Jalaun, Utter Pradesh)

➤ US Commerce Secretary Ms. Gina Raimondo's New Delhi Yatra - 7 - 10 March, 2023

Ms. Gina Raimondo, United States(US) Secretary of Commerce, Piyush Goyal visited New Delhi, India from March 7-10, 2023 at the invitation of Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles.

About the United States (US):
President- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.
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- Chetak Corps of the Indian ArmyDid 'Chetak Chowka' exercise On 11 March 2023, the X (Chetak) Corps of the Indian Army conducted "Exercise Chetak Chowk" with all stakeholders to strengthen rear area security.
- New India Vision: MCA appoints Grant Thornton India to assist in capacity building
  Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has appointed Grant Thornton India I.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has appointed Grant Thornton India LLP, one of the largest fully integrated assurance, tax and advisory firms in India, to conduct annual capacity building as a part of capacity building efforts amongst its cadre/positions and other organizations Plan (ACBP) to make them 'future ready' and meet the requirements of the **Vision of 'New India'**.

SpaceX launches 40 OneWeb internet satellites into orbit SpaceX's 2-stage Falcon 9 rocket launched 40 broadband satellites into orbit for United Kingdom (UK) company OneWeb from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States. With the launch of this mission, OneWeb 17, the total number of satellites in the network has gone up to 582.

- America's 4-time Olympic diving champion Pat McCormick passed away
  American Olympic athlete (competitive diver), Patricia Joanne
  McCormick (Pat McCormick) who won both the diving events (springboard and platform) in 2 consecutive Summer Olympics in 1952 and 1956, passed away at the age of 92 in California, United States (USA).
- MaharashtraDy CM & Finance Minister Devendra Fadnavis presented FY24 budget of Rs 5.47 lakh crore

Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra (DeputyCM) and state Finance Minister (FM) Devendra Fadnavis presented the first budget of the Eknath Shinde (CM)-led government for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) with an outlay of Rs 5,47,450 crore.

**About Maharashtra:** 

**Chief Minister-** Eknath Shinde

**Governor-** Ramesh Bais

Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS)- Nagzira WLS; Chikhaldara WLS

➤ Odisha for the tribal communityRs 500 crore livelihood scheme announced Odisha cabinetApproved the launch of a new Livelihood Cluster Development initiative for tribal people under "Mukhya Mantri Janjati Jeebika Mission" with a total outlay of Rs.500 crore.

**About Odisha:** 

**Chief Minister-** Naveen Patnaik

Governor- Ganeshi Lal

**Festivals-** Konark Dance Feshtival; Mahabishuva Sankranti

**Stadium-** Barabati Stadium; Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium

Mauganj of Madhya Pradeshbecame the 53rd district On 11 March 2023, the Chief Minister (CM) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the formation of a new district named Mauganj, taking the total number of districts in MP to 53.

**About Madhya Pradesh:** 

**Chief Minister-** Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor- Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

National Park- Kuno National Park; Ghughwa National fossils Park

Wildlife Sanctuary- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctury; Orchha Wildlife Sancturay



#### 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

> PM inaugurates the third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction

National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDR) The third session of the UN was inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on March 10, 2023 in New Delhi, Delhi with the overarching theme of "Building Local Resilience in a Changing Climate".

**About the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF):** 

**Director- General-** Atul Karwal

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

**Motto-** Sustained Disaster Response Service

- ➤ ISRO's Landslide Atlas of India: Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag and Tehri Garhwal top the landslide index in India
  Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)National Remote Sensing Center at Hyderabad (Telangana)NRSC)Rudraprayag (1) and Tehri Garhwal (2) of Uttarakhand are the most landslide-prone districts in India, according to the "Landslide Atlas of India" report prepared by the ISRO
- ➤ Union Energy MinisterRK Singh launched Voluntary Star Labeling Program & iDEEKSHA Portal central power and renewable energy& Renewable Energy Minister Raj Kumar Singh (RK Singh) during the program organized on the occasion of 21st Foundation Day (1st March 2023) of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in New Delhi, Delhi on the occasion of multi-door refrigerator, table and wall-mounted Launched voluntary star labeling program for fans, pedestal fans and induction hobs.
- ➤ SIPRI Report 2022: India to remain world's largest arms importer between 2018-2022 despite 11% decline in total imports

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (According to the report "Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2022" released by SIPRI) (Swedish think tank), despite India declining by 11% in arms imports from 2013-2017 to 2018- 2022 for five years between 2018 and 2022 remained the world's top arms importer.

**About Russia:** 

**Prime Minister-** Mikhail Mishustin

**President-** Vladimir Putin

**Capital-** Moscow

**Currency-** Russian Ruble



- ➤ Siddharth MohantyAppointed as interim chairman of LIC

  Life Insurance Corporation of India (lic)Siddharth Mohanty, one of the

  Managing Directors (MD) of LIC, has been appointed as the interim chairman of

  LIC for a period of 3 months or till the regular appointee takes over from 14

  March 2023.
- ➤ Japan's Nobel Prize winning author and pacifist Kenzaburo Oi passed away On 3rd March 2023, Nobel Literature Prize Winner (1994) Kizaburo Oi, Japanese pacifist, passed away at the age of 88 in Tokyo, Japan.
- Renowned Bengali litterateur Shastipada Chattopadhyay passed away Shastipad Chattopadhyay, the famous Bengali novelist and short story writerDied at the age of 82 in Howrah, West Bengal.
- ➤ Supreme court judge, V. Ramasubramanian released the book "India's Struggle for Independence The Gandhian Era: 1915- 1948" supreme court judge, Justice V. Ramasubramanian titled "India's Struggle for Independence The Gandhian Era: 1915-1948" authored by Dr. Justice P. Jothimani, former Judge of the Madras High Court and G. Balan, former Professor of History at Pachaiappa College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu Released the book.
- World Rotaract Day2023 13 March and World Rotaract Week 2023 13 19 March
  - World Rotaract DayPer yearMarch 13rotoractors around the world, and is celebrated to recognize and appreciate the services rendered by the members of Rotaract Clubs ('Rotaract' meaning 'Rotary in Action').
- SIBC signs MoU with Maharashtra government for cooperation in sustainable infrastructure, defense manufacturing
  On March 11, 2023, Sweden India Business Council (SIBC) signed an MoU with Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), Government of Maharashtra for cooperation in the fields of waste-to-energy, sustainable infrastructure and transportation, defense manufacturing, and investment (MoU) signed.

#### **About Maharashtra:**

**Governor-** Ramesh Bais

Chief Minister- Eknath Shinde

**Wildlife Sanctuaries-** Rekekuri Blackbuck Sancturary, Painganga Wildlife Ssncturary



**Tiger Reserves-** Bor Tiger Reserve, Tadoba- Andhari Tiger Reserve, Nawegaon- Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR)

➤ Puducherry CM N Rangasamy presented the budget for FY24

Union Territory of Puducherry (UT), who also holds the finance portfolio, N

Rangasamy has approved the government's Rs 11,600 crore budget for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) regional assembly.

**About the Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry:** 

Chief Minister (CM)- N. Rangasamy

Lieutenant Governor- Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan

Lake- Oussudu Lake

**Airport-** Puducherry Airport



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