

## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 11 April 2023**

### **DAILY UPDATE 1 :IMPORTANT DAY**



#### **National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) :11 April:-**

National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is observed on April 11th each year to raise awareness about proper women's healthcare and maternity facilities for pregnant and lactating women. The day is observed in recognition of the White Ribbon Alliance India's (WRAI) initiative to provide and educate women about healthy lifestyle choices. In 2003, the Government of India declared 11 April as National Safe Motherhood Day, the anniversary day of Kasturba Gandhi's birth, the wife of Mohan das Karam Chand Gandhi, the father of the nation.

### **DAILY UPDATE 2 :RANK AND REPORT**



#### **Elon Musk Becomes Most Followed Twitter User:-**

Elon Musk, the CEO of Twitter, has the most followers on the platform. The 51-year-old tycoon has more than 133 million users, breaking the record held by former US President Barack Obama since 2020. Twitter has approximately 450 million monthly active users, according to Guinness World Records. Elon Musk assumed control of Twitter on October

27, 2022. He had approximately 110 million users at the time. After Barack Obama and Justin Bieber, he was the third most followed Twitter user. Within five months, the figure had risen to 133 million.

## DAILY UPDATE 3:APPOINTMENT



### Hitachi Payment Services Named SumilVikamsey As MD:-

Hitachi Payment Services, an integrated payments solutions provider and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hitachi, has appointed SumilVikamsey as MD in addition to his responsibilities as CEO-Cash Business. He was also appointed to the company's board of directors, effective April 1, 2023. Vikamsey took over for current MD Rustom Irani, who announced his retirement on March 30. Irani, who has been with the company since 2011, will continue to work as an advisor for Hitachi Payment Services. Anuj Khosla will remain as Hitachi Payment Services' CEO-Digital Business.

## DAILY UPDATE 4 :SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



### India Launches Space Sector Design Lab For Start-Ups:-

India has unveiled a cutting-edge design lab in Ahmedabad to help space sector start-ups quickly translate innovative ideas into workable models. The Space Systems Design Lab of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) was inaugurated by ISRO Chairman S Somanath at Bopal in Ahmedabad. He said the lab resources will

help build prototypes with the least iterations, thus significantly reducing the turnaround time and research and development costs for start-ups.

## DAILY UPDATE 5 :INTERNATIONAL



### Finland Becomes 31st NATO Member:-

Finland becomes NATO's 31st member, completing its historic strategic shift with the submission of its accession documents to the alliance. Pekka Haavisto, Finland's foreign minister, signed a document on the country's accession to NATO at the alliance's headquarters. He described the signing ceremony as "historic." Finland was admitted to NATO in an official ceremony held at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels. President Sauli Niinistö, Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto, and Defence Minister Antti Kaikkonen all attended the ceremony.

## DAILY UPDATE 6 :STATE



### Haryana Becomes First State In India To Have 100% Electrified Railway Network:-

Indian Railways has reached a significant milestone by electrifying the entire railway network in Haryana State. Haryana's existing Broad Gauge network is 1,701 route kilometres long and is now 100% electrified, resulting in savings due to reduced line haul cost (about 2.5 times lower), heavier haulage capacity, increased sectional capacity, reduced



operating and maintenance cost of electric loco, energy efficient and eco-friendly mode of transportation with less reliance on imported crude oil, and foreign exchange savings.

## DAILY UPDATE 7 : SPORTS



### Sri Lanka Fail To Qualify Directly To ICC Cricket World Cup 2023:-

Following another defeat in Hamilton, New Zealand, Sri Lanka has failed to qualify directly for the ICC One-Day International World Cup. Sri Lanka were bowled out for 157 runs in their first innings, with Matt Henry, Henry Shipley, and Darryl Mitchell each taking three wickets. Sri Lanka has been eliminated from finishing in the top eight of the ICC Super League, with the top eight teams receiving direct qualification for the World Cup. Sri Lanka will now be required to compete in the ICC World Cup qualifiers in Zimbabwe in June and July.

## DAILY UPDATE 8 : STATE



### Himachal Pradesh's Kangra Tea Gets European GI Tag:-

Kangra Tea from Himachal Pradesh recently received a European Union Geographical Indication Tag. (GI tag). The label will help Kangra tea gain access to the European market. Kangra tea was designated as an Indian Geographical Indication (GI) in 2005. Since 1999, tea cultivation and development in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra region have steadily improved. Kangra tea is a type of tea made from the leaves, buds, and tender stems of the *Camellia sinensis* plant, which is grown in the Kangra valley. (Himachal Pradesh, India).

## DAILY UPDATE 9 :APPOINTMENT



### **Rajib K Mishra Appointed As CMD Of PTC India:-**

PTC India, the Power trading company has announced the appointment of Rajib Kumar Mishra as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD). Mishra was holding the additional charge of CMD of the company. He was appointed Director (Marketing and Business Development) to the PTC Board in February 2015. He was appointed CMD on March 29, the company announced in a statement. Mishra was previously the Executive Director of PTC, where he was in charge of Operations, Business Development, Retail, and Advisory Services.

## DAILY UPDATE 10 :RANK AND REPORT



### **India Current Account Deficit Narrows To 2.2% Of GDP In Q3:-**

According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's current account deficit (CAD), which is the difference between the inflow and outflow of foreign exchange, has narrowed to \$18.2 billion or 2.2 percent of GDP in the October to December quarter (Q3FY23) from 4.4 percent of GDP in the September quarter. More than half of the narrowing is due to a reduction in the goods trade deficit, suggesting weakening domestic demand in Asia's third-largest economy.