

# **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 20 March 2023**

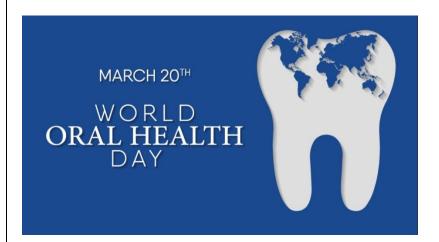
# **DAILY UPDATE 1: IMPORTANT DAY**



#### International Day of Happiness :20 March:-

The United Nations observes International Day of Happiness on March 20 each year. The International Day of Happiness aims to raise awareness about the importance of happiness in one's life and the overall impact it can have on one's well-being. On July 12, 2012, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 20 as International Day of Happiness, recognising the importance of happiness and well-being as common aims and ambitions in the lives of people worldwide. The theme for International Day of Happiness 2023 is 'Be Mindful. Be Grateful. Be Kind.'

# **DAILY UPDATE 2: IMPORTANT DAY**



#### World Oral Health Day: 20 March:-

Every year on March 20, the world oral health day is observed to raise awareness about oral health by promoting oral hygiene, reducing risk factors for oral diseases, and increasing access to oral health services. Oral health is a broad term that refers to the overall health of the teeth, gums, and oral-facial system, which aids in smiling, speaking, and chewing.



Oral health is an important indicator of overall health, happiness, and quality of life. The theme of the World Oral Health Day is 'Be Proud of Your Mouth' for 2021-2023.

# **DAILY UPDATE 3:MISCELLANEOUS**



Women's World Boxing Championships 2023: MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar Named Brand Ambassadors:-

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has named legendary boxer MC Mary Kom and Bollywood star Farhan Akhtar as the brand ambassadors of the IBA Women's World Championships 2023 at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi. Ajay Singh, President, the Boxing Federation of India said, "We are delighted to welcome Mahindra Automotive as our lead sponsor. And the presence of Mary Kom and Farhan Akhtar as the brand ambassadors for the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships will add immense value to our mission of encouraging women's participation in boxing."

# DAILY UPDATE 4: SCHEMES AND COMMITTEES



#### A New Initiative Called 'Beggar-Free City' Started In Nagpur, Maharashtra:-

In Maharashtra, a new initiative known as 'beggar-free city' has begun in Nagpur. Amitesh Kumar, the Commissioner of Police for Nagpur City, stated that begging will not be permitted in public places. This is a collaboration between Nagpur City Police and the social welfare department of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC). The NMC has made special



arrangements to house homeless people in its shelters. The civic body has prepared a bus and an ambulance to transport beggars detained by police to its shelter home.

# DAILY UPDATE 5 :APPOINTMENT



#### LIC Appoints Tablesh Pandey And M Jagannath As New MDs:-

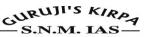
The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has appointed M Jagannath and Tablesh Pandey as managing directors (MD), following the appointment of former MD Siddhartha Mohanty as interim chairman for three months. Pandey, who is currently an executive director, will take over for BC Patnaik on April 1, 2023, while Jagannath will take over immediately. Jagannath was previously the Zonal Manager (in-charge) of Hyderabad's South Central Zone, which included Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka.

### **DAILY UPDATE 6: OBITUARIES**



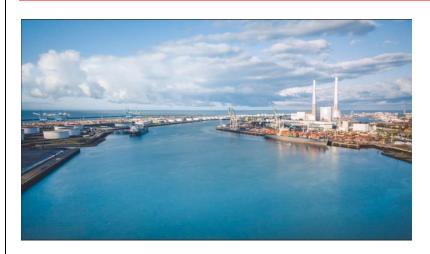
### Veteran actor Sameer Khakhar passes away at 71:-

Sameer Khakhar, a veteran Indian actor best known for his roles in TV shows such as Nukkad, died on March 15. He was 71. Sameer, who appeared in Salman Khan's film Jai Ho, passed away as a result of multiple organ failure. Sameer Khakhar worked for nearly four decades. His roles in the TV shows 'Nukkad' and 'Circus' catapulted him to fame. He also



appeared in the films 'ShrimaanShrimati' and 'Adaalat'. He also appeared in films such as 'HaseeTohPhasee,' 'Jai Ho,' and 'Patel Ki Punjabi Shaadi'. He was most recently seen in the OTT series 'Farzi,' starring Shahid Kapoor.

# **DAILY UPDATE 7: INTERNATIONAL**



#### Denmark, The First Country To Import CO2 And Bury It Undersea:-

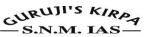
Denmark has launched a project to bury imported CO2 1,800 metres beneath the North Sea, making it the first country in the world to do so. The CO2 graveyard is located on the site of an abandoned oil field, where carbon is injected to prevent further warming of the atmosphere. The "Greensand" project, led by British chemical giant Ineos and German oil company WintershallDea, is expected to store up to eight million tonnes of CO2 per year by 2030. It received an operating permit in December to begin its pilot phase.

# **DAILY UPDATE 8: ECONOMY**



### CCI Clears Reliance's 2850 Cr Buy Of Metro's Local Business:-

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL) Rs 2,850-crore acquisition of German retailer Metro AG's Indian business. The agreement, which was announced nearly three months ago, will assist Reliance in strengthening its wholesale format. Metro has been active in the Indian market since 2003, reporting sales of



approximately 7700 crore rupees for the fiscal year ending September 2022. It has 31 stores in 21 cities and primarily serves restaurants and small businesses.

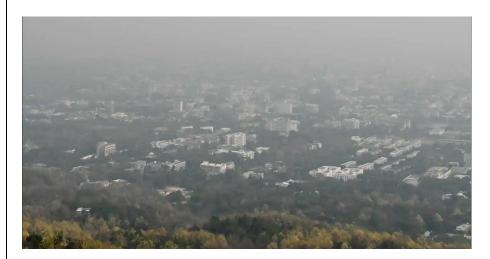
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#### Amitava Mukherjee Assumes Additional Charge As NMDC CMD:-

Amitava Mukherjee, Director (Finance) at National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), has been appointed Chairman-Cum-Managing Director. Mukherjee, an Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer from the 1995 batch, is also a Cost Accountant with a Master's Degree in Commerce from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya in Bilaspur. Under his direction, the demerger of NMDC Steel Ltd from NMDC Ltd was completed on time. His areas of expertise include project management, digital initiatives, and policy formulation.

# DAILY UPDATE 10 : RANK AND REPORT



#### India 8th Most Polluted Country In The World: Swiss Firm IQAirReport:-

According to the 'World Air Quality' report released by the Swiss firm IQAir, India is the world's eighth most polluted country in 2022, down from fifth the previous year. According to the data, the The PM2.5 level of most polluted Indian cities stands at 53.3. The two Indian cities in the top ten most polluted cities are Bhiwadi, on Delhi's outskirts, with

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S.N.M. IAS  Empowering Dreams, Through Knowledge pollution levels of 92.7, and Delhi, with pollution levels of 92.6. The concentration of lung-damaging airborne particles
known as PM2.5 is used by IQAir to determine air quality levels.

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