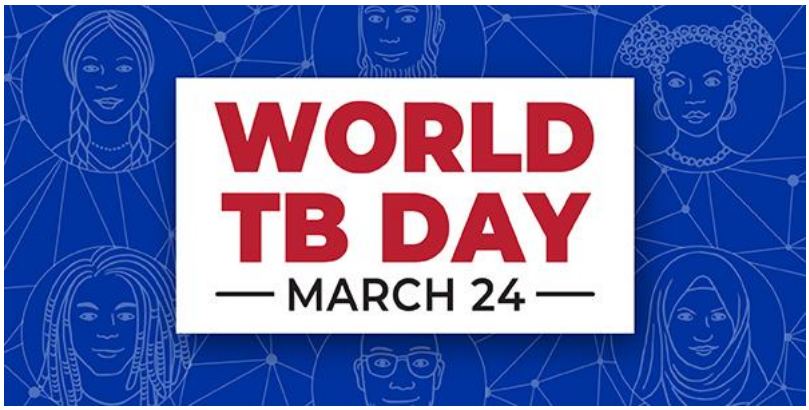
DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 24 March 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :IMPORTANT DAY



World Tuberculosis (TB) Day :24 March :-

Every year on March 24, World Tuberculosis Day is observed to increase efforts to end the global tuberculosis epidemic and to raise public awareness about the health, social, and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB). Because of the pale appearance of the patients, tuberculosis was dubbed "the white plague" in the 1700s. Dr. Robert Koch discovered the bacteria that causes tuberculosis on March 24, 1882. Despite being a preventable and curable disease, an estimated 9.9 million people became ill with tuberculosis (TB) and 1.5 million died from it globally in 2020, according to WHO.The theme for 2023 World Tuberculosis Day is "Yes! We can end TB!".

DAILY UPDATE 2 :AWARDS

INS Dronacharya Receives Prestigious President's ColourAward:-

President DroupadiMurmu paid a visit to INS Vikrant and presented the President's Colours to INS Dronacharya, the Indian Navy's gunnery school in Fort Kochi. The President's Colour, also known as the Nishan, is the highest honour bestowed by the Supreme Commander, President of India, on a unit for exceptional service to the nation. On the occasion, the Governor of Kerala, the Chief Minister of Kerala, the Chief of the Naval Staff, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command, and other senior service and civilian dignitaries were also presented.

DAILY UPDATE 3:RANK AND REPORT

Delhi Airport Adjudged Best Airport In South Asia: Skytrax:-

According to a report by international air transport rating organisation Skytrax, Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has been named the Best Airport in India and South Asia. Changi Airport in Singapore has been named the World's Best Airport for 2023, followed by Doha Hamad Airport in Qatar. Singapore was ranked third in 2022, while Doha Hamad was ranked first. The Skytrax World Airport Awards are based on an annual global airport customer satisfaction survey conducted between August 2022 and February 2023.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : ECONOMY

India's Forex Reserves Fall $2.40 Billion To 3-Month Low Of $560 Billion:-

According to Reserve Bank of India data, India's foreign exchange reserves fell by $2.397 billion, bringing the position to a three-month low of $560 billion on March 10, 2023. India's foreign exchange reserves had risen for the first time in five weeks, to USD 562.40 billion as of the week ended March 3. According to data, India's foreign currency assets fell by around $2.2 billion to $494.86 billion. As of March 10, India's gold reserves and SDR holdings had both decreased by $110 million and $53 million, respectively.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :ECONOMY

National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Approves HDFC And HDFC Bank Merger:-

The merger of HDFC and HDFC Bank has been approved by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). HDFC Ltd has already received approvals from the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), the PFRDA, the Competition Commission of India (CCI), and India's stock exchanges (BSE and NSE). The NCLT has also given permission to hold a shareholders' meeting in order to obtain approval for the proposed merger. The merger of HDFC and HDFC Bank is expected to be completed in the second or third quarter of FY24.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :INTERNATIONAL

US Recognized McMahon Line As International Border:-

The United States formally recognised the McMahon Line as the international border between India's Arunachal Pradesh and China, rejecting Beijing's claim that the northeastern state is Chinese territory. A bipartisan resolution, first introduced in the US Senate last month, recognised Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India and backed India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The resolution also condemned Chinese provocations in the region, such as the use of military force to alter the status quo along the Line of Actual Control.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : INTERNATIONAL

ICC Issues Arrest Warrant For Vladimir Putin Over Ukraine War Crimes:-

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin for war crimes in connection with the alleged abduction of Ukrainian children. On similar charges, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Maria AlekseyevnaLvova-Belova, the Russian Federation's Commissioner for Children's Rights in the President's Office. President Volodymyr Zelensky hailed the ICC announcement as a "historic decision" in war-torn Ukraine.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : AWARDS

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Renowned Tamil Writer Sivasankari Honored With Saraswati Samman 2022:-

The KK Birla Foundation announced that Tamil writer Sivasankari received the Saraswati Samman 2022 for her 2019 memoir Surya Vamsam. Sivasankari's writing career spans five decades. She has written 36 novels, 48 novellas, 150 short stories, 15 travelogues, seven essay collections, and three biographies, one of which is about former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. According to the foundation, Surya Vamsam, which means "daughter of a blazing sun," is unique among Sivasankari's works.

DAILY UPDATE 9 :INTERNATIONAL

India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline jointly inaugurated by PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina:-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP) virtually. Both Prime Ministers laid the groundwork for the pipeline's construction in September 2018. Since 2015, Numaligarh Refinery Limited has supplied petroleum products to Bangladesh. This is the second cross-border energy pipeline between India and its neighbours.Cooperation in the power and energy sector has become one of the hallmarks of India-Bangladesh relations.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :RANK AND REPORT

Literacy Rate In India: Bihar Lowest At 61.8%, Kerala Highest At 94%:-

Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in India, at 61.8%, followed by Arunachal Pradesh at 65.3% and Rajasthan at 66.1%, according to the Ministry of Education. Kerala has the highest literacy rate in India (94%), followed by Lakshadweep (91.8%) and Mizoram (91.33%). Annapurna Devi, Union Minister of State for Education, provided this information in response to a written question in the Lok Sabha. According to the ministry, a centrally sponsored scheme of Adult Education - Saakshar Bharat - was launched to improve the literacy rate among adults in the country.