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History of 5th March

- ◆ **1699** : Maharaja Jai Singh captured the throne of Amber.
- ◆ **1851** : Geological Survey of India was established
- ◆ **1949** : Jharkhand Party was established in India.
- ◆ **1931** : Mahatma Gandhi ended the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- ◆ **1968** : Martin Luther King was assassinated.
- ◆ **2008** : India successfully tested the Brahos sea-to-land missile.

Current Affairs Related to 5th March

- ◆ **PM Surya Ghar: Free electricity scheme** will promote rooftop solar installation in India. Under this scheme, 300 units of free electricity will be provided to 1 crore families. The government will bear 60% of the cost of setting up a 2 kW system and 40% of the cost of a 2.3 kW system. Families will have to apply for the subsidy through a central portal. The national portal will also provide relevant information like suitable system size, profit calculator, vendor rating etc.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the International Big Cat Alliance** headquartered in India. It will be set up with an investment of Rs 150 crore for a period of five years from 2023-2024 to 2027-2028. PM Modi formally announced the launch of the International Big Cat Alliance on 9 April 2023. The International Big Cat Alliance aims to secure the future of big cats, including tigers, lions, leopards, snow leopards and cheetahs. This alliance will ensure sustainable use of natural resources and mitigate the challenges posed by climate change.
- ◆ **The logo and website of the Alliance for Global Good Gender Equity and Equality** has been released by Union Minister Smriti Irani. Bill Gates, co-chairman of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Chandrajit Banerjee, director general of the Confederation of Indian Industry, were also present at the event. The Alliance for Global Good Gender Equity and Equality was launched at the Davos 2024 summit. This is an important step in the global effort for gender equality.
- ◆ **Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation Limited.** The establishment of this umbrella organization will help in achieving the goal of prosperity through cooperation. The main objective of this initiative is to modernize and strengthen the urban cooperative banking sector. It will act as the apex organization for the urban co-operative banking sector.
- ◆ **Minister for Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Democrat Pradhan** launched Project O Udyamsavra in Sambalpur to prepare young graduates of Odisha for employment opportunities in the financial services sector. In this program, our Commerce Minister said that in this project the youth of all the countries will be promoted, they will be given more employment and their efforts will be fulfilled.
- ◆ **Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi marked an important moment** in the country's journey towards self-reliance by dedicating the Hindustan Central and Chemical Limited Syndra Central Plant in Dada Kedri Sint, Jharkhand. This inauguration is a proof of the government's review to promote self-reliant India. The collective target of these initiatives is to produce 60 lakh tonne meters which symbolizes the country's journey towards self-reliance.
- ◆ **Flight test of Very Short Range Air Defense System successfully conducted by DRDO.** These tests were conducted from a ground based portable launcher off the coast of Odisha at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur. These were aimed at destroying high-speed unmanned aerial targets under various interception scenarios. The missile incorporates advanced technologies including short response control system and integrated avionics.
- ◆ **The Central Government appointed Daljit Singh Choudhary** as the Director General of National Security Guard. Daljit Singh Chaudhary is currently serving as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal. He has been given additional charge of NSG.
- ◆ **Reserve Bank of India S. Russi has taken** an important step by appointing him as part-time Chairman of Tamil Nadu Marketile Bank Limited. Which is a new chapter in the leadership of the bank.
- ◆ **India's Goods and Services Tax collection** witnessed a significant growth of 12.5% year on year, reaching Rs 1.68 lakh crore in February.



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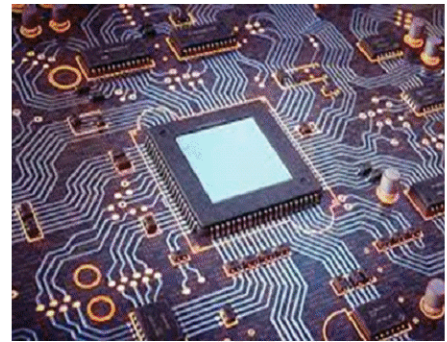
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National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, in which state will the country's first semiconductor fab be established?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra
(C) Karnataka (D) Telangana

(A) In a significant step towards creating an indigenous semiconductor ecosystem in India, the Government of India has approved a proposal by Tata Electronics to build a mega semiconductor fabrication facility in Dholera, Gujarat. In partnership with PSMC. Fab construction will begin this year with a total investment of up to Rs 91,000 crore.



2. Which state government will establish Water Informatics Center recently?

- (A) Odisha (B) Karnataka
(C) Haryana (D) Maharashtra

(A) Odisha Government has decided to establish State Water Information Centre. Its main objective is to coordinate, store and disseminate water resources data. With acceptance the APP will provide a comprehensive repository of hydro meteorological data for Odisha. The Information Center will function under the Water Resources Department and will be staffed by a team skilled in water resources management, data handling, and administration of water resources.



3. Recently in which state has the two-child rule for government jobs been approved by the SC?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Maharashtra
(C) Haryana (D) Bihar

(A) The Supreme Court has upheld the Rajasthan government's eligibility criteria of two children for public employment, ruling that it is not discriminatory and does not violate the Constitution. A bench headed by Justice Surya Kant said that the objective of the Rajasthan government behind this provision is to promote family planning.



4. Which country will recently make abortion a constitutional right?

- (A) Spain (B) Sweden
(C) France (D) None of these

(C) Recently, France is preparing to include constitutional rights in its constitution. If Congress approves the move, France would become the only country in the world to explicitly protect the right to terminate a pregnancy in its basic law.



5. Recently in which state NTPC Urja Green Limited and MAHAGENCO have partnered to develop an environmental energy park?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala
(C) Karnataka (D) Odisha

(A) NTPC's subsidiary Nagel has partnered with DHW and signed a joint venture project to develop Creative Energy Park in Maharashtra. This agreement supports Uttarakhand and India's energy conservation goals towards radiation green energy initiatives.





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6. Who recently laid the foundation stone of Dharma Path in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Nitin Gadkari
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Narendra Modi

(B) This religious path will connect Jaunpur with Ayodhya, Varanasi and Mirzapur. In this, the government will build a four-lane road from Hauz to Purvanchal University and from Purvanchal University to Shahganj at a cost of Rs 3405 crore. Under National Highway No. 135A, a four-lane road will be built on Jaunpur to Akbarpur road.



7. Recently, Modi inaugurated the sale of how many crores of rupees in West Bengal?

- (A) Rs 7200 crore (B) Rs 7500 crore
(C) Rs 8200 crore (D) Rs 9500 crore

(A) PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of a budget of Rs 7200 crore related to rail, port, oil pipeline waste water treatment in Arambagh, Hooghly, West Bengal. The development is linked to sectors such as passenger rail, ports, oil pipelines, factories and waste water treatment.



8. Who has recently launched National Birth Defect Awareness Month 2024?

- (A) Ministry of Education
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) None of these

(B) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana is an ambitious scheme that covers the health of half of India's population and can complement the existing National Child Health Program as well as improve child health. The theme of this National Birth Defects Awareness Month 2024 is Breaking Barriers Inclusive Support of Children with Birth Defects.



9. Which bank has recently launched Smart Choice Gold Loan?

- (A) BOB (B) PNB
(C) Yes Bank (D) Kotak Bank

(D) Recently, Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced the launch of Smart Choice Gold Loan for aspiring investors. The private lender said in a statement that the loan offers five key features and will become an attractive alternative to traditional loan options.



10. In which state has a new species of sea slug been found recently?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Odisha (D) Kerala

(C) Recently the sea slug has been named Melanochlamys draupadii. This species belonging to the Melanochlamys genus has been discovered in Digha on the West Bengal coast and Udaipur on the Odisha coast. This new species of head shield sea slug is not found anywhere in the world except India.

