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History of March 18

- ◆ **1944** : Azad Hind Fauj of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose crossed the border of Burma.
- ◆ **1910** : He presented his proposal to Gopal Krishna Gokhale for the provision of compulsory and free primary education.
- ◆ **1922** : A British court sentenced Mahatma Gandhi to six years in a sedition case after the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- ◆ **1956** : Narayan Shastri Marathe, famous Marathi scholar, passed away

Current Affairs Related to 18 March

- ◆ According to IT services provider Tech Mahindra, former Infosys chairman Mohit Joshi has been appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of the company for a five-year term beginning December 20, 2023, ending on December 19, 2028. Mohit Joshi will replace Gurnani, one of the longest serving CEOs in the Indian IT industry.
- ◆ Siddhartha Mohanty has been elected as the interim chairman of Life Insurance Company of India for a period of 3 months. Currently the Managing Director and CEO of LIC Housing Finance, Mohanty will take over as the MD of Life Insurance Corporation on February 1, 2021. Siddhartha Mohanty was proposed to lead as MD of LIC, till his superannuation on 30 June 2023. The current MDs of LIC are Bishnu Charan Patnaik, IPE Mini, Siddharth Mohanty and Raj Kumar while the chairman of the company is Mr. Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar.
- ◆ India's struggle for independence continued in the Gandhian era. Supreme Court Judge Justice V. Ramasubramanian has released a book titled Gandhian Era of India's Struggle for Independence. The book, written by former Madras High Court judge P. Jyothimani and former Pachaiyappa College history professor G. Balan and published by Vanathi Pathipagam, was released at an event organized at the University of Madras. The book covers aspects such as the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ◆ The first Supreme Audit Institution meeting of 20 senior officials was held in Guwahati. This meeting is part of the G20 summit. It started with the theme Blue Economy and Responsible Artificial Intelligence. Supreme Audit Institution 20 aims to bring together an ecosystem in which Supreme Audit Institutions are active participants in governance. Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu presided over the meeting.
- ◆ Knight Frank, a global real estate consultancy, released its Health Report 2023, which provides insights into the trends and performance of key residential property markets around the world. Among Indian respondents, the advisor said that UHNWI wealth is expected to increase by 88 percent in 2022. Going forward, Indian respondents expect the wealth of the ultra wealthy to continue to rise in 2023.
- ◆ Oscar Awards 2023: The 95th Academy Awards have announced that RRR's Naatu Naatu has won the Best Original Song. The song had to beat songs like Tell It Like a Woman's Applause, Top Gun: Forever's Lift Me Up and Yeh Jeevan Hai. The Oscar was accepted by lyricist Chandra Bose and music composer Keeravani. The lyrics of the song were penned by Chandrabose, with music by MM Keeravani and it was performed by Kaal Bhairav & Rahul Sipliganj.
- ◆ Kochi Metro has become the first Metro to accept digital currency in its parking facilities. IDFC First Bank has partnered with Anantham Online to enable acceptance of digital money at parking facilities of Kochi Metro. Anantham Online is a technology startup focused on digital parking. With the help of this initiative, users of Kochi Metro will be able to make payments from CBDC wallets of their respective banks. The CBDC is currently in the first phase of implementation with four banks. IDFC First Bank is one of them.
- ◆ The International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023 in the categories of TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International were won by the Indian Ministry of Tourism and Government of India respectively. The award has been given to promotional films/television commercials created by the Ministry as part of a global effort on advertising in the post-Covid period to re-open opportunities in India. The award was accepted by Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary Government of India at ITB, Berlin.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Sleep Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th March (B) 17th March
(C) March 18 (D) March 20

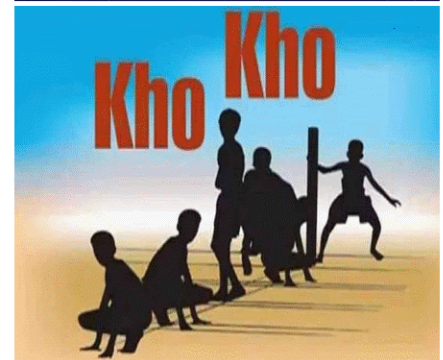
(C) World Sleep Day is observed every year on 18 March. World Sleep Day is a celebration of sleep and a call to action on important issues related to sleep, including medical, education, social aspects, and driving. It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep with the aim of reducing the burden of sleep problems on society.



2. Where will the 4th Asian Kho Kho Championship be organized recently?

- (A) Goa (B) Assam
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Odisha

(B) Recently, the fourth season of the fourth men's and women's Asian Kho Kho Championship will be held in Assam from March 20 to 23. More than 800 players and officials from 12 countries will participate in the four-day tournament to be held at Tamulpur in the Bodoland territorial region. The championship will be organized under the aegis of Kho Kho Federation of India.



3. Where will India's first geological park be established?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Haryana
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Bihar

(C) Approval has been given to establish the country's first Geo Park on the banks of Narmada river in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh. Jabalpur's BJP MP Rakesh Singh said that the Geological Survey of India, which comes under the Union Ministry of Mines, has given its approval. This park will be built in Lamheta village, located about 20 km from Jabalpur district headquarters.



4. Recently India's trap shooter Prithviraj Tondaiman has won which medal in Path World Cup?

- (A) Bronze (B) Silver
(C) Gold (D) None of these

(A) Tramp shooter Prithviraj Tondiman won the bronze medal in the ongoing ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2023 in Doha, Qatar. This was India's first medal in the ongoing ISSF World Cup at the Lusail Shooting Complex in the capital of Qatar. Prithviraj Tondiman was on course to qualify for the two-man gold medal round from the four-man medal, but had to be content with a bronze after missing three of his last five shots with a score of 20/25.



5. Who has been awarded the Oscar Award 2023 in the Best Original Song category?

- (A) Hold my hand (B) Everything everywhere all at once
(C) Natu Natu (D) Lift Me Up

(C) The Oscar Award 2023 in the Best Original Song category has been awarded to Naatu Naatu. The song had to beat songs like Tell It Like a Woman's Applause, Top Gun: Forever's Lift Me Up and Yeh Jeevan Hai. The Oscar was accepted by lyricist Chandra Bose and music composer Keeravani.





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6. Recently which state's cabinet has approved the new sports policy 2023?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Rajasthan
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

(C) Recently the cabinet of Uttar Pradesh state has approved the new sports policy 2023. In the new sports policy, special care has been taken from the physical fitness of the players to their training. Along with this, State Sports Authority will also be formed on the lines of new State Sports Authority of India. And private academies and school-colleges will be linked with sports.



7. The recently discussed Kodaikanal is related to

- (A) Solar Observatory (B) Tribal Groups
(C) Form of Theater (D) Sangam Age Literature

(A) The Kodaikanal Solar Observatory has been observing the Sun for more than a century. The Kodaikanal Solar Observatory is one of the oldest observatories in the world to study the Sun. The observatory is capturing images of the sunspot as well as recording changes in its behaviour.



8. Which has become the first state in India to cultivate organic licorice?

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

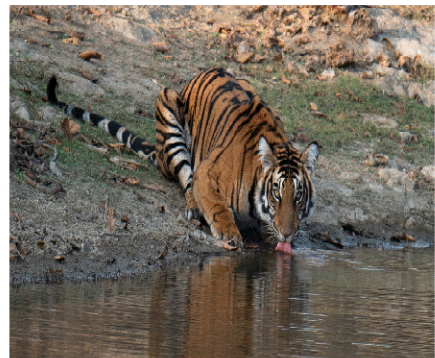
(A) For the first time, Himachal Pradesh has started commercial cultivation of liquorice with the distribution of planting material among the farmers by Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Licorice is in high demand in India, which is used not only as a spice but also in Ayurvedic medicines.



9. In which state is the Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve located?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Telangana
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Andhra Pradesh

(C) Recently researchers have observed a rare moth species *Mymusemia ceylonica* for the first time in the buffer zone of the Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve. *Mymusemia ceylonica* is a moth species. It was last seen 127 years ago in 1893 in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.



10. Which body/organization has recently released the Landslide Atlas of India?

- (A) NITI Aayog
(B) Indian Space Research Organization
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) Defense Research and Development Organization

(B) Recently the Indian Space Research Organization has released the Landslide Atlas of India. ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad has created a database of landslide prone areas of India mainly along the Himalayas and Western Ghats based on the occurrences during 1998-2022.

