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## History of March 25

- ◆ **1898** : Swami Vivekananda initiated Sister Nivedita into celibacy.
- ◆ **1954** : The country's first helicopter S-55 was landed in Delhi.
- ◆ **1807** : The British government abolished the slave trade.
- ◆ **1788** : The first advertisement in the Indian language, Bengali, was published in the newspaper Calcutta Gazette.
- ◆ **1883** : Sagar Kenya, the world's most modern oceanographic research vessel, was launched.

## Current Affairs Related to 25 March

- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that PM MITRA Mega Textile Parks will be set up in seven states. PM Mitra Mega Textile Parks will be set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, MP and UP. PM Mitra Mega Textile Park will attract investment and create lakhs of jobs. These parks will provide infrastructure for the textile sector. PM Mitra Mega Textile Park will be a great example of Make in India and Make for the world. PM Mitra Park will help in achieving United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9. It will develop integrated large scale and modern industrial infrastructure for the entire value chain of the textile industry.
- ◆ The book **Snakes in the Ganges: Breaking India 2.0** written by Mr. Rajeev Malhotra and Madam Vijaya Viswanathan is gaining a lot of recognition in India. The book highlights various threats to India's national security from the United States, which are not known as major threats by the common Indian. While many see the major threats to Indian national security as coming from Pakistan, China, terrorism, illegal immigration from Bangladesh, leftist hegemony and Islamic extremism, the book also sees the US as a significant threat to India's security.
- ◆ Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State for the Ministry of Statistics and Program Estimates launched the 24th edition of Women and Men in India 2022 in New Delhi. The publication provides detailed information on a variety of topics such as political participation, employment and health, while it also provides gender disaggregated data that can help us understand how different groups of men and women live in different regions of India. What is the difference between
- ◆ Women and Men in India 2022 was launched by Minister of State Rao Inderjit Singh.
- ◆ The Financial Services Institutions Bureau has suggested that Ashwini Kumar, executive director of Indian Bank, be appointed as the managing director of UCO Bank. Kumar has previously held positions in several other public sector banks such as Bank of Baroda, Corporation Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and Punjab National Bank. FSIB interviewed 11 candidates from various PSBs for the post of MD & CEO. The final decision on appointment will be taken by the Appointments Committee appointed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ◆ The government set up a centralized facility for voluntary closure of companies. The government has set up a Center for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exits at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs in Haryana. It has been established under section 396 of the Companies Act. The new centralized facility will make decisions on corporate requests for closure. Now companies will not need to go to the Registrar of Companies in the state. The faceless approach will reduce human discretion and any subjectivity in the process.
- ◆ India's KR Parvathi has been appointed as the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations in Tajikistan. India's Kavilamadam Ramaswamu Parvathy has served in key roles in WFP in Turkey and Afghanistan. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has been appointed as the UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan.
- ◆ The Falcon LLM has been developed by the Technology Innovation Institute Abu Dhabi, UAE. Falcon is a large language model with 40 billion parameters and trained on 1 trillion tokens. It has been created by the AI Cross Center Unit of the AI and Digital Science Research Center.
- ◆ Researchers have discovered a new species of gecko in Gujarat. This new species is a Palearctic nugget-toed gecko of the genus Certopodion.





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## National & International Current Affairs

**1. Recently 5th Poshan Pakhwada is being celebrated since when**

- (A) From 20th March to 2nd April
- (B) From 20th March to 3rd April
- (C) March 23 to April 3
- (D) March 25 to April 5

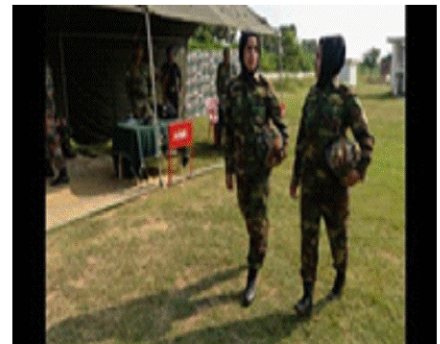
**(B)** Poshan Pakhwada 2023 is being celebrated by the Ministry of Women and Development with various programs across the country. This year the 5th Poshan Pakhwada is being organized. It aims to create awareness about the importance of nutrition and promote healthy eating habits through mass movement and public participation. The theme of Poshan Pakhwada 2023 is Nutrition for All: Together, Towards a Healthy India.



**2. From when to when the second edition of the Africa India field training exercise will be held in Pune.**

- (A) 15-24 March (B) 18-27 March
- (C) March 19-29 (D) March 21-30

**(D)** The second edition of the Africa India field training exercise will be held in Pune on March 21-30. The event will be attended by representatives of the Chiefs of Army Staff and Chiefs of Staff of 21 African countries. The joint exercise will promote the idea of Africa India Militaries for Regional Unity. The main objective of the exercise is to improve the tactical skills and drills of the participating teams.



**3. Which cricketer has been appointed by stationery manufacturer Lakshya Writing Instruments Pvt Ltd as its latest brand ambassador recently?**

- (A) Virat Kohli
- (B) Rohit Sharma
- (C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (D) Rishabh Pant

**(A)** Stationery manufacturer Lakshya Writing Instruments Pvt Ltd has appointed noted cricketer Virat Kohli as its latest brand ambassador. Kohli is known as one of the top cricketers because of the many records he has made in his career. He will represent Lakshya's stationery products and help the company increase its appeal among young writers, thus cementing its position as the leading writing instrument provider in the country.



**4. The Bureau of Financial Services has ordered the appointment of Ashwini Kumar as the MD and CEO of which bank?**

- (A) Oriental Bank (B) Punjab National Bank
- (C) UCO Bank (D) Bank of Baroda

**(C)** The Financial Services Institutions Bureau has suggested that Ashwini Kumar, executive director of Indian Bank, be appointed as the managing director of UCO Bank. Kumar has previously held positions in several other public sector banks such as Bank of Baroda, Corporation Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and Punjab National Bank.



**5. Recently which state government is planning to appoint 600 young Gajmitras for the protection of elephants?**

- (A) West Bengal (B) Andhra Pradesh
- (C) Himachal Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

**(A)** A unique human-led initiative called Gajmitra has been launched by West Bengal to check the increasing incidents of human-elephant conflict. Under the scheme, the state forest department has started the process of appointing 600 local youths as these Gajmitras from HEC-prone areas in North Bengal as well as South Bengal.





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**5. Who wrote the book Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform?**

- (A) Manisha Ahuja (B) Rachna Biswat Rawat  
(C) Kalpana Singha (D) Janhvi Ahuja

**(B)** The book is published by Penguin Brave, a publication of Penguin Random House. The book focuses on the life, personality and principles of General Bipin Rawat, who became India's first Defense Minister. Bipin Rawat was one of the most notable military leaders of India who was tragically killed in a helicopter crash in 2021.



**7. Which country has become the first country to import CO2 and store it under the sea?**

- (A) Denmark (B) Saudi Arabia  
(C) Colombia (D) Iran

**(A)** Denmark became the first country to import CO2 and store it under the sea. Recently Denmark inaugurated a project to store 1800 meters of carbon dioxide under the North Sea. After which Denmark has become the first country in the world to bury CO2 imported from abroad.



**8. Recently Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav became the third Vice President of which country?**

- (A) Bhutan (B) China  
(C) Nepal (D) None of these

**(C)** Ram Sahai Prasad Yadav, a leader of the Janata Samajwadi Party, has won the election to become the third Vice President of Nepal. He was successful in defeating Astalakshmi Shakya and Mamta Jha of the Janmat Party with the support of the ruling coalition including Nepali Congress, CPN and CPN. The voting for the election was done at the New Baneshwar based Federal Parliament House in Kathmandu.



**9. Which country has recently been thrown out of the list of least developed countries of the United Nations?**

- (A) Bhutan (B) Japan  
(C) India (D) Bangladesh

**(A)** Recently, the country of Bhutan was thrown out of the list of least developed countries of the United Nations. At the United Nations Least Developed Countries Summit in Doha, Qatar, it was decided that the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan would no longer be on the list of LDCs and would become only the seventh country to graduate from the list.



**10. Who wrote the book Snakes in the Ganges: Breaking India 2.0?**

- (A) Mr. Rajeev Malhotra (B) Smt. Vijaya Vishwanathan  
(C) A and B Both (D) None of these

**(C)** The book highlights various threats to India's national security from the United States, which are not perceived as major threats by the common Indian. The authors point out that some United States media outlets, intellectuals, universities and political parties are working to promote an agenda of sowing division on the basis of race.

