

11th March 2020 Current Affairs

EXAMSDAILY

National Affairs

Govt plans to have at least one PMBJP Kendra in each block of country by end of 2020

Union Government plans to have at least one Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanAushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendra in each block of the country by end of current year.

- This was stated by Union Minister of State in the Prime minister's Office Dr. Jitendra Singh while participating in 'Jan Aushadhi Diwas' celebration in Kathua. He said the government launched the PMBJP to promote affordable and quality generic medicines among the people.

Ranchi University Launches Its Own Community Radio Station KHANCHI 90.4 FM

Ranchi University launched its own Community Radio Station RADIO KHANCHI 90.4 FM Aap Sabka Radio on International Women's Day, inaugurated by Governor cum Chancellor Draupadi Murmu.

- 1st University in the East Zone to be gifted with a CRS by Ministry of I&B.
- Union I&B Minister: Prakash Javadekar State Affairs

International Affairs

Maharaja Ranjit Singh named greatest world leader in BBC Poll

Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the 19th century ruler of the Sikh Empire in India, has named as the 'Greatest Leader of All Time' in a poll conducted by BBC World Histories Magazine. Singh was praised for creating a new tolerant empire, by 5,000 voted readers.

- African Independence Fighter Amilcar Cabral is at the second.

Traditional 'Fagli' festival celebrated in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur on March 10, 2020

The traditional "Fagli" festival at Kinnaur district in Yangpa village, Himachal Pradesh. This festival is celebrated to denote the end of the winter and the start of the Spring. It is mainly celebrated on the moonless night.

State Affairs

Jegan Mohan Reddy launched NIGHA app to control electoral malpractices in Run-Up to Local Body Polls

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the 'NIGHA' mobile application where citizens can report electoral malpractices in the run-up to the local body elections in the state.

- The app launched by the Department of Panchayati Raj empowers citizens to report illegal distribution of money and liquor, and has provisions to upload photos and videos as well.

About Andhra Pradesh (AP):

- Capital- Amaravati.
- Governor- Biswabhusan Harichandan.

Ranking & Index**India ranks 46th out of 100 countries, Sweden tops : Inclusive Internet Index 2020**

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) released the 4th iteration of the Inclusive Internet Index 2020 for 100 countries where India is overall ranked in 46th place & Sweden in 1st place.

- The 1st country ranked is Sweden, followed by New Zealand(2nd) & the US(3rd). Australia & Denmark both ranked 4th, followed by South Korea (6th), Canada(7th), the United Kingdom(8th), France(9th) , Spain(10th) & Pakistan(76th).

About EIU:

- Headquarters- London, United Kingdom
- Managing Director– Robin Bew

Jack Ma overtook Mukesh Ambani to become Asias richest man

Jack Ma topped the list with a \$44.5 billion fortune, which is \$2.6 billion more than Ambani. Earlier, in mid-2018, Ma topped the list.

- Bloomberg Billionaires Index reported that Jack Ma became Asia's richest man. Mukesh Ambani, who stood as Asia's richest man, has moved to the second position after oil prices collapsed along with global stocks.
- The novel coronavirus erased \$5.8 billion from Ambani's net worth on and pushed him to No.2 on the list of Asia's richest people.

About Alibaba Group Holding Limited:

- Founded on: 4 April 1999
- Founder: Jack Ma
- Executive Chairman and CEO: Daniel Zhang

Awards

V Praveen Rao wins MS Swaminathan Award

Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor V Praveen Rao has won the 7th Dr MS Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-2019.

- The Selection Committee has decided to select Praveen Rao for the award recognising his contributions in the fields of agricultural research, teaching, extension and administration.
- The MS Swaminathan award was constituted by Retired ICAR Employees Association (RICAREA) and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited (NSL).

About Telangana:

- Chief Minister - K Chandrasekhar Rao
- Governor - Tamilisai Soundararajan

Sports Affairs

PV Sindhu was awarded the 2019 BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year

Top Indian shuttler PV Sindhu won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2019. The award ceremony was hosted by BBC Director-General Tony Hall.

- She has secured five world championship medals. She is the first Indian singles badminton player to win an Olympic silver medal.
- Also, Veteran athlete PT Usha was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. She was awarded for her contribution to Indian sports and for inspiring generations of players.

Maltese Footballer Andre Schembri announced retirement

Maltese Footballer Andre Schembri, 33 years old, is currently playing for Chennaiyin FC's (Football Club) announced that he will retire from professional football after the Hero Indian Super League (ISL) final against ATK FC in Goa on March 14, 2020. He announced retirement from international football in November 2018 after 94 appearances for his nation.

Shafali Verma loses the top spot in the ICC women's T20 International rankings

Indian batting sensation Shafali Verma today lost the top spot in the ICC women's T20 International rankings as she slipped to third after managing only two runs in the World Cup final against Australia in Melbourne.

- Deepti, Radha Yadav and Poonam Yadav occupied the sixth, seventh and eighth spots in the bowlers ranking led by England's Sophie Ecclestone.

- Australia's Megan Schutt got the second spot while South African Shabnim Ismail secured third place among bowlers.

Books & Authors

Tahira Kashyap to launch her book 'The 12 commandments of Being A Woman'

On the occasion of International Women's Day Sunday, Writer-filmmaker Tahira Kashyap announced that she is coming up with her new book, titled The 12 commandments of Being A Woman.

- The books authored by her are "I Promise", "Souled Out" and in the year 2015 she co-authored Ayushmann's biography "Cracking the Code: My Journey in Bollywood".

Important Days

CISF celebrated 51st raising day on 10 March

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) celebrated the 51st raising day on 10 March. The day was celebrated by CISF personnel and their families.

About CISF:

- CISF was established on 10 March 1969. It is a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) in India. There are around 2,800 personnel in CISF. It functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- CISF is headquartered in New Delhi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is the Minister in charge of the force.