

# 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### 1) 2022 Nobel Peace Prize

- Ales Bialiatski, a leading defender of human rights in Belarus and a candidate for the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize, was given a 10-year prison term in Minsk, the Capital of Belarus.

#### 2) Framework Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications

- India and Australia signed a Framework Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications that will help ease the mobility of students and professionals between the two countries.

- While the two countries will recognise the degrees, professional registrations of engineering, medicine and law pass-outs will remain outside the framework's ambit.

## 3) World Bank's Women, Business and the Law Report 2023

- Economic growth and strength are boosted by gender equality, according to the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law Report 2023.

- It increases labour force participation and results in a more effective allocation of resources. Women may engage more fully in the economy and realise their full potential when they have equal access to economic opportunities, which boosts productivity and growth.



#### NATIONAL

#### 1) 'Catch the Rain 2023'

- The 'Catch the Rain 2023' campaign was introduced by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi. The campaign's central idea is the sustainability of drinking water sources.

- Addressing at the ceremony, the President stated that since India only has 4% of the world's water resources, water management and conservation are India's most pressing challenges.





## 2) Tamil Nadu-based Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India imposed a Rs 5,000 cap on withdrawals by individual customers from Tamil Nadu-based Musiri Urban Co-operative Bank as part of several restrictions slapped on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition.

# 3) ABSLI Nishchit Aayush Plan

- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance, the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited launched a new-age savings solution ABSLI Nishchit Aayush Plan, which aims to provide financial security to policyholders while also providing long-term savings benefits.

## 4) Exercise Shinyuu Maitri

- The Indian Air Force participated in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with the Japan Air Self-Defence Force.

- The Exercise Shinyuu Maitri is being organized on the sidelines of the Indo-Japan Joint Army Exercise, Dharma Guardian, which was conducted from 13 February 2023 to 02 March 2023 at Komatsu, Japan.



# 5) "SWAYATT,"

- The government e-Marketplace (GeM) held a celebration to celebrate "SWAYATT," a programme to support start-ups, women, and youth advantage through e-Transactions on GeM, which has been a major success.

- SWAYATT is a programme that seeks to increase the benefits of e-Transactions on government e-Marketplaces (GeM) for startups, women, and young people.

#### 6) National Pension System

- In a major move, a select group of central government employees have been given a one-time option to opt for old pension scheme, according to a Personnel Ministry order.



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- The employees who joined the central government services against posts advertised or notified before December 22, 2003, the day National Pension System was notified, are eligible to join the old pension scheme under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), said the order.

## **STATE NEWS**

## 1) 'The Wealth Report 2023'

- Mumbai's jumped to rank 37 from 92 in a global list of movement in prices of luxury homes as the city saw a gain of 6.4 percent during the 2022 calendar year. Property consultant Knight Frank virtually released 'The Wealth Report 2023' in which Mumbai has ranked 37th.

- Knight Frank Report states that the value of the Prime International Residential Index (PIRI 100) which tracks the movement in luxury house prices across the world increased by 5.2 percent YoY (year-on-year) in 2022.

## 2) 7th International Dharma Dhamma Conference 2023

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 7th International Dharma Dhamma Conference 2023 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- Over 15 countries will participate in the three-day conference.

- The 7th edition of the conference has a theme of "Eastern Humanism for the New Era" and has been planned in collaboration with Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies, whose vice chancellor Dr Neerja Gupta also joined President Murmu.



#### 3) Tata Steel Mining Limited

- In order to reduce carbon footprint in its operations, Tata Steel Mining Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding with GAIL (India) Limited for supply of natural gas to its ferro alloys plant at Athgarh in Odisha's Cuttack district.





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- According to the MoU, GAIL will supply the agreed quantity of natural gas through its pipeline from Gujarat to Athgarh.

# 4) Gold deposits have been found at different locations

- Steel and Mines Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik has informed the state Assembly that Gold deposits have been found at different locations in three districts of Odisha, including Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.

- The Minister informed that the State Directorate of Mines and geology and the Geological Survey of India (GSI) conducted a preliminary survey and found the presence of gold deposits in the Adas area of Deogarh, Gopur, Gazipur, Kusakala, Adal, Saleikana, Dimirimunda, and Karadanga area of Keonjhar.

# 5) Bengaluru's international airport

- A 300-acre plot adjacent to Bengaluru's international airport has been agreed upon by Foxconn, a Taiwanese company that assembles iPhones, as the location for its largest technology manufacturing campus in India.

- The Foxconn company plans to make incremental investments totaling less than \$1 billion, helping the southern state establish itself as a hub for electronic manufacturing and positioning itself as a rival to China for suppliers.

- Over the following few years, it is estimated that the financing would create 100,000 additional jobs.



# 6) National Youth Parliament Festival Fourth Edition

- National Youth Parliament Festival Fourth Edition was held in the Parliament of India in the national Capital, New Delhi.

- On the first day of the National Youth Parliament Festival finals in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi, Minister of State for Youth and Sports Affairs Shri Nisith Pramanik gave a speech. During the first day, a continuation of the competitive session was planned.





# **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

# 1) Porter Prize 2023

- Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has received the Porter Prize 2023. It recognized the government's strategy in managing COVID-19, also the approach, and involvement of various stakeholders especially involvement of ASHA workers in the industry to create PPE Kits.

- The prize was announced during The India Dialog at Stanford University. The country's contribution in developing and manufacturing vaccines was also lauded.

- The theme of the two-day conference was The Indian Economy 2023: Innovation, Competitiveness and Social Progress.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### 1) National Safety Day

- National Safety Day is observed on March 4 annually with an in aim to promote safe working environment and ensure safety of people in all aspects.

- National Safety Day 2023 is marked to raise awareness about safety measures and protocols so that any kind of untoward incident can be averted.

- The campaign is comprehensive, general and flexible with an appeal to the participating organisations to develop specific activities as per their safety requirements. This year will mark the onset of the 52nd National Safety Day.



#### 2) National Security Day

- India celebrates National Security Day on March 4 every year. Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas is another name for it, and it is a holiday honouring the Indian Security Forces.

- The purpose of the National Security Day is to express gratitude to our nation's security forces, which include the police, paramilitary units, guards, commandos, army officers, and other units involved in preserving the safety and security of our citizens.

- They spread awareness about numerous tragedies and issues that Indian leaders and individuals need to be informed about.





- They hope to educate people about many topics during the week-long event and try to improve the lives of their inhabitants.

# 3) World Obesity Day

- World Obesity Day is observed on March 4 every year to promote practical solutions and help people achieve and maintain a healthy weight while undertaking proper treatment.

- Obesity is a global problem that affects everyone. Around the world, approximately 800 million people are living with the disease while millions are at risk to get affected.

- The World Obesity Day highlights one of the biggest health crises faced by about 1 billion people across the planet, today.

- That number is expected to climb to 1.9 billion people, by 2035. Obesity in children is expected to jump by 100 per cent between 2020 and 2035. One in every four people may be obese by 2035.

# **OBITUARY**

## 1) Former Chief Justice of India A.M. Ahmadi has passed away at the age

- Former Chief Justice of India A.M. Ahmadi has passed away at the age of 90. Ahmadi was the chief justice from 1994 to 1997.

- His judicial career as a City Civil and Session Court judge in Ahmedabad, he was the only Chief Justice of India who started at the very lowest rank to rise to the highest position of the Indian judiciary.

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