

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 7, 2022

TAMIL NADU

- On March 6, Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated an eco park on “sustainable mine closing practices” set up by Ramco Cements on their premises in Virudhunagar
- ✓ The company has converted their abandoned and unused limestone mines into a park on an area of 72 acres at an outlay of ₹5.2 crore



- ✓ Around 2.5 lakh trees, herbs and shrubs have been planted in the park, which includes nearly 200 native breed tree species
- ✓ Banyan, Indian date, fig, Spanish cherry, Arjuna tree, peepal tree, neem and bael are among these tree breeds.
- ✓ Other attractions of the park includes a rockery garden made of unused and unwanted stones, a Miyawaki forest on 40 acres, a hanging garden, an adenium section, aloe vera section, drought-resistant trees and huge pits to store rainwater
- ✓ The park also has herbs such as Solanum Trilobatum, Indian mint, Periwinkle and Eclipta prostrata, medicinal plants, flowering plants and decorative shrubs.
- ✓ The project was dedicated in the presence of Ramco Cements chairman P R Venkatramarajah, Ministers Thangam Thennarasu (industries) and K K S S R Ramachandran (revenue and disaster management).

- ✓ The park is planning to have 5 lakh native breeds of trees on 400 acres by next year.
- **Archaeological researchers – have discovered two stone inscriptions belonging to the 13th century AD at the Sundaravalli Amman temple near Tiruchuzhi in Virudhunagar district**



- ✓ On scrutinizing the message, the stones were found to be 700 years old belonging to the period of prominent Pandiya king Maravarman Sundarapandian (1216-1238 AD).
- ✓ The Pandiya King was known for making generous donations, including thousands of acres of land, to temples.
- ✓ One of the two stone inscription is 4. 5ft in length and 1. 5ft in width, while the second stone inscription is 4ft in length and 1ft in width
- ✓ A nine-line message on the first stone begins with “Sri Maran Sri Tirupuvana Chakkaravarthi”.
- ✓ It speaks of the land donations made to Easwaramudaiya Nayanar, a temple deity.
- ✓ The inscription has details about the method of irrigation and boundaries of the donated land
- ✓ It also mentions that a guardian, generally known as Mahana Devan, will be appointed to take care of the land areas and give the revenue from them to the temples.
- ✓ The second stone inscription, belonging to the 13th century AD, has a six-line inscription which too mentions about the boundaries of a donated land.

STATES

- **In a first, Assam - received its first consignment of foodgrains at Pandu in Guwahati from Patna through inland waterways via Bangladesh**
- ✓ Union minister of ports, shipping and waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, accompanied by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, received the consignment.



- ✓ Self-propelled vehicle MV Lal Bahadur Shastri carrying 200MT of foodgrains for Food Corporation of India (FCI) completed the maiden pilot run from Patna.
- ✓ The vessel sailed 2,350km from Patna on NW-1, the Indo Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route and NW-2
- ✓ Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has taken steps to connect Brahmaputra (National Waterway-2) with Ganga (NW-1) by the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route in Assam to facilitate the cargo transport
- ✓ The government is planning to revive historical trade routes via Bangladesh under the PM Gati Shakti scheme and is developing swift movement of cargo through the Brahmaputra.

NATIONAL

- **On March 6, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) - arrested Chitra Ramkrishna, former MD and chief executive officer of National Stock Exchange (NSE) in connection with its probe into the stock market manipulation**



- ✓ She has been arrested for her role in the co-location scam, which involved certain brokers who used NSE's co-location services between 2010 and 2014 to get preferential access to NSE's platform.

- ✓ This is the second high-profile arrest in the case, with the agency arresting Anand Subramanian, NSE's former group operating officer and Chitra's deputy, on February 25
- ✓ Chitra took over as the managing director and CEO of NSE in April 2013 and resigned from her post in November 2016.
- ✓ She is charged with leaking sensitive information, including Subramanian's appointment, claiming that she was acting on the advice of a so-called Himalayan yogi
- ✓ According to the CBI, some brokers obtained faster access to the Exchange's data feed and were given preferential access to the NSE's trading system
- ✓ Last month, a CBI team booked Sanjay Gupta, the owner and promoter of Delhi-based OPG Securities Pvt Ltd, and others.
- ✓ A SEBI technical advisory committee report found that OPG Securities had consistently logged in first on selected servers on most trading days in 2010-2014, and had access to servers with better hardware
- ✓ The agency is also probing unidentified officials of the Sebi and the NSE, Mumbai, and other unknown persons in the case.
- ✓ The regulator, Sebi has imposed a fine of ₹3 crore on Ramkrishna, ₹2 crore each on NSE, Subramanian and Narain, and ₹6 lakh on V R Narasimhan, the chief regulatory and compliance officer.

PERSONALITIES

- **Delhi-born Nishant Batra – is setting up first 4G network on Moon for NASA**



- ✓ Batra will establish the first extra-terrestrial cellular mobility that could be extended further to connect future robotic and human missions in space, and even to Mars.
- ✓ He is leading the efforts to provide mobile connectivity to NASA's ambitious Artemis moon-landing program.
- ✓ Nishant Batra, based in Espoo (Finland), is the global head of strategy and technology at the Euro 22-billion Nokia

- ✓ Batra joined Nokia as Chief Strategy and Technology Officer (CSTO) and a member of the Nokia Group Leadership Team in January 2021.
- ✓ Prior to joining the telecommunications major, Batra worked at Veoneer in Sweden, as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer.
- ✓ He had also spent 12 years at Ericsson holding several positions
- ✓ Batra is also leading the technology architecture and research at Bell Labs, which has to its credit nine Nobel Prize wins and five Turing awards.
- ✓ The lunar connectivity project was awarded by NASA to Nokia in October 2020
- ✓ NASA is planning a human landing on the moon by 2024 as a follow-up to the historic 1969 moon-landing mission led by Neil Armstrong
- ✓ It wants to use the Nokia-established network to help provide critical communications capabilities for tasks astronauts will need to carry out, like remote control of lunar rovers, realtime navigation and high-definition video streaming.
- ✓ The network will self-configure upon deployment and establish the first LTE communications system on the Moon.
- ✓ Batra's teams are also working on new-age technologies, including those related to 6G and the immersive and highly-responsive virtual digital world, commonly referred to as Metaverse.

SPORTS

- **On March 6, Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin - surpassed former Indian Captain Kapil Dev's 434 wickets in the second Test against Sri Lanka at IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali**

ASHWIN CLIMBING RANKS

MOST WICKETS IN MEN'S TESTS



BOWLER	WICKETS
Muthiah Muralidaran	800
Shane Warne	708
James Anderson	640
Anil Kumble	619
Glenn McGrath	563
Stuart Broad	537
Courtney Walsh	519
Dale Steyn	439
R Ashwin	436
Kapil Dev	434

- ✓ Ashwin dismissed Sri Lanka's Charith Asalanka for 20 with his off-spin on day three of the test match to achieve the feat

- ✓ With this, Ashwin became India's second highest wicket-taker behind spin legend Anil Kumble who finished his career with 619 Test scalps.
- ✓ He also became the ninth highest Test wicket-taker of all time, moving past New Zealand great Richard Hadlee (431) and Sri Lanka's Rangana Herath (433) as well, apart from Kapil.
- ✓ Kapil Dev ended his career after 131 Tests in 1994 above New Zealand pace ace Richard Hadlee (431) and held the wickets record till 2000.
- ✓ Only four Indian bowlers — Kumble, Ashwin, Kapil and Harbhajan Singh — have taken more than 400 wickets in Test cricket
- ✓ Ashwin has played 85 Tests since his debut in 2011 against West Indies in Delhi.

NATIONAL DAY

- **The 4th edition of Jan Aushadhi Diwas – was observed for a week from 1st to 7th March 2022 by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI).**



- ✓ The main event of “Jan Aushadhi Diwas” will be held on 7th March 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ✓ Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Bhagwant Khuba will grace the event.
- ✓ The event seeks to raise public awareness about the usages of generic medicines and benefits of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)
- ✓ Theme - “Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi”
- ✓ Under the PMBJP, all 739 districts of the nation have been covered, while 8,675 stores were launched, as on January 31, 2022
- ✓ In 2008, the PMBJP was launched by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers to ensure easy reach of affordable medicine to the people in every district of the country.

- ✓ The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,500 by the end of March 2025.
- ✓ At present three IT enabled warehouses of PMBJP are functional at Gurugram, Chennai & Guwahati and fourth one is ready to start operations at Surat.
- ✓ The product basket of PMBJP comprises of 1451 drugs and 240 surgical instruments.
- ✓ The first Jan Aushadhi Diwas was celebrated on 7th of March 2019.

