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MARCH 2020 CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **BP Kaunungo** was reappointed as the **deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.
2. **DheeYantra**, the pioneers in Indian languages **NLP and conversational AI**, has launched "**Aham!**", a **virtual assistant**.
3. **Sudhir Rajkumar**, a senior official from **India**, has resigned from his position of **Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)**
4. Tokyo Olympics organizers are planning to host the **Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics in July 2021**.
5. **Tech giant Apple** has released a new dedicated app and website for users across the US. The app provides accurate and credible information to users about the **COVID-19 pandemic**
6. **Indian Army** has launched an initiative christened '**Operation Namaste**' to extend all possible assistance to the government in **containing the spread of coronavirus**.
7. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced that all banks and Non-bank financial institutions (NBFCs) have been permitted to allow a **moratorium of 3 months on repayment of term loans** outstanding on 1 March 2020.
8. **Sameer Aggarwal** is appointed as **CEO of Walmart India**.
9. The **World Meteorological day** is observed on **23 March**
10. **World Water Day** is observed on **22nd March every year**
11. United Nations released the **World Happiness Report 2020**. The World Happiness Report ranks 156 countries by how happy their citizens perceive themselves
12. United Nations celebrates **International Day of Forest** on **March 21**. The Day is celebrated since 2012.
13. The **World Energy Statistics** published by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** in 2019 states that **India is the 3rd largest producer of electricity in the world**.
14. **International Day of Happiness** is celebrated on **20 March**.

15. Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) **Ranjan Gogoi** took oath as a **member of Rajya Sabha** on 19 March 2020. He was nominated by President Ram Nath Kovind.
16. **Google appointed Karan Bajwa as Managing Director (MD) of Google Cloud in India.**
17. **The first human trial of a vaccine against coronavirus (COVID-19) began at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI) in Seattle, the US.**
Covid-19 vaccine trial:
The vaccine is called **mRNA-1273.**
18. Government of India reported that the **BhoomiRashi portal** of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (M/oRTH) has significantly expedited **error-free and transparent land acquisition for National Highways (NH).**
19. The international animal welfare charity, World Animal Protection, released the **global Animal Protection Index 2020. India has ranked second** as the better-performing countries in the **Animal Protection Index**
20. According to **KPMG's "2020 Global Technology Industry Innovation Survey"** report, **India shared the second position with China** as the most promising source of **disruptive technology in the world**
21. The world's first **Digital Solutions Exchange** in the cloud "**GOKADDAL**" has been launched in India. **GOKADDAL** will revolutionize the way **digital solutions are sourced, delivered, and managed.**
22. **Wings India 2020**, an International conference and exhibition on the Civil Aviation sector, **has begun on 12 March in Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, India**
23. Tamil Nadu State government is to host the **first-ever regional event "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing the abilities in disabilities a unique cultural"** event at Kalaiwanar Arangam, Chennai on 12 March 2020
24. **World Kidney Day** is observed on **12 March.**
25. Top Indian shutters **PV Sindhu** won the **BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2019.**
26. India stands as the **world's second-largest arms importer** as per the "**Trends in international arms transfers 2019**" report of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) data. The data was released on 9 March. **Saudi Arabia topped the list.**
27. **Lt Gen KJS Dhillon** is appointed as the Director-General Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) and **Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Intelligence) (DCIDS) on 9 March**

28. As per Government data, **Gujarat has topped** the list in the **installations of solar rooftop** plants. It is followed by Maharashtra. The aim of the installations of solar rooftop plants is to achieve renewable power generation goals.
29. Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (**TIFAC**) launched the **Vigyan Jyoti scheme** on 8 March 2020. The scheme aims to **encourage women to pursue science**.
30. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has set up the **Delimitation Commission** for the process of delimitation of Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies. The Commission was formed under the **chairmanship of former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai**.
31. Government plans to set up at least one **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanAushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendra** in every block of **India by the end of 2020**.
32. **Fourth International Diabetes Summit 2020** inaugurated at **JW Marriot Hotel Pune**.
33. **The Competition Commission of India (CCI)** organized the **Fifth National Conference on Economics of Competition Law at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**, on 6 March 2020.
34. **Smt Amita Pandove** was sworn in as the **Information Commissioner**, Central Information Commission (CIC). The oath of office was administered by the **Chief Information Commissioner, Shri Bimal Julka**.
35. **Janez Jansa**, an anti-immigrant politician, was elected as the **new Prime Minister of Slovenia**
36. The former Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Secretary **Bimal Julka** was sworn in as the **next Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) on 5 March**. The oath of office was administered by President Ram Nath Kovind
37. "**International Conference on Nano Science and Technology**" (ICONSAT) is being held from 5-7 March at **Kolkata**.
38. **Gairsain** was made the **new summer capital of Uttarakhand**. The announcement was made by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat at the assembly session convened in Gairsain
39. **Janaushadhi week** is celebrated in India from **1-7 March 2020**. During this occasion, various activities like **health checkup Camp, Jan Aushadhi Paricharcha, Jan Aushadhi ka sath** are being undertaken

40. The Union Minister Jitendra Singh announced that **ISRO's Chandrayaan-III** would be launched in the **first half of 2021**. A slight delay might happen in the launching of the **third moon mission**
41. **Luxembourg** has become the **first government to have made free public transport free**. The move came with effect from 1 March.
42. **Indian-American Seema Verma** was **appointed** as a key member of the **White House Coronavirus Task Force**
43. **Khelo India University Games 2020** was held for the **first time** at **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
44. **National Security Day** or **Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas** is observed on **4 March every year**
45. **World Wildlife Day** is being celebrated on the **3rd of March every year**
46. **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** claimed **victory in Israel's** general election 2020.
47. **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Varad** was **commissioned** into the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** by Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya at L&T Kattupalli shipyard, near Chennai. **The vessel was built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**.
48. **World Defence Day** is celebrated on **1 March 2020**.
49. **Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** was conferred the **Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee award 2020 for Politics** on 28 February. The award was conferred by the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Speaker of People's Majlis of Maldives Mohamed Nasheed at the 6th India Ideas Conclave in Gujarat. He was awarded for his work in integrating the nation and to take Mukherjee's vision and philosophy forward.
50. **International Women's Day** is observed every year on **March 8** to celebrate the women's movement and struggle for equality
51. On **March 1, 2020, Zero Discrimination Day** was observed globally. The day was observed to challenge discrimination and inequality faced by women and girls\
52. The Government of India submitted **two nomination** dossiers for their inclusion in **World Heritage List for the year 2020**. They are as follows **Dholavira, A Harappan City Monuments and Forts of Deccan Sultanate**
53. On March 5, 2020, **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)** has signed **MoU with Amazon** to e-market products made by **self help groups in India**.
54. On March 6, 2020, **India joined the Indian Ocean Commission as the fifth observer**. The other four observers in the grouping are **Malta, China, European and OIF (International Organization of La Francophonie)**.

55. On the eve of Women's Day, the **final match of T20 (Twenty 20) was held at Melbourne, Australia. India lost the T20 world cup to Australia**
56. The **Agharkar Research Institute of Pune** has isolated 45 strains of **methanotrophic bacteria**. These bacteria are capable of **reducing methane emissions in rice plants**
57. The ruling party (BJP) member of **Rajya Sabha Shri Rakesh Sinha** has issued a notice to the Chairman to permit to **move a resolution**. The resolution **aims to drop the word "Socialist" in the Constitution**
58. The **NASSCOM** (National Association of Software and Service Companies) recently launched the **"Innovate for Accessible India" campaign along with Microsoft**.
59. Scientists at the **INST (Institute of Nano Science and Technology)**, that operates under the Department of Science & Technology, have developed starch based **'Hemostat'**
Hemostats are surgical tools that are used to control bleeding.
60. United Nations released the World Happiness Report on the **International Day of Happiness, 2020**. **Finland ranked first** in the report and **India ranked 144**. **Around 156 countries** were assessed under the ranking
61. **Project Arunank** - The Project Arunank is being implemented by **BRO in the state of Arunachal Pradesh**. The project aims at **linking remote regions of the borders with well developed strategic roads**.
62. The Norwegian Academy of Science is to award the **Abel Prize for the year 2020** to the **two great mathematicians Hillel Frustenberg and Gregory Margulis**. They are being honoured for their work towards **probability and dynamics in number theory, combinatorics and Group Theory**.

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