



CURRENT AFFAIRS 11th March 2023

National News

1. India beat world champions Germany 3-2 in FIH Pro League in Odisha



- In Hockey, India stunned world champions Germany 3-2 in the FIH Pro League at Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, Odisha yesterday, March 10.
- Indian skipper Harmanpreet Singh had given the home side the lead in the 30th minute through a penalty corner conversion.
- Sukhjeet Singh's second-half brace helped India to take an unassailable lead. He scored in the 31st and 42nd minutes and both goals came from field efforts.
- India were 3-0 up in the 42nd minute before Paul-Philipp Kaufmann and Michel Struthoff struck for Germany in the 44th and 57th minutes respectively. Sukhjeet Singh was adjudged player of the match.

2. Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway important project, will contribute to Karnataka's growth, says PM Modi



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today expressed confidence that the Bengaluru Mysore Expressway will contribute to Karnataka's growth trajectory.
- He said this while quoting a tweet by Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari informing that the expressway project entails the development of four rail overbridges, nine significant bridges, 40 minor bridges, and 89 underpasses and overpasses.
- The Union Minister's project also aims to improve accessibility to regions including Srirangapatna, Coorg, Ooty, and Kerala, thereby bolstering their tourism potential.

3. Central government announces 10% reservation for Ex-Agniveers in BSF recruitment



- **The Central government has announced that 10 percent reservation will be given to Ex-Agniveers in the BSF recruitment. In a notification issued by the Home Ministry yesterday, the government has amended the recruitment rules of the Border Security Force.**
- **The amended rules state that Ex-Agniveers will be exempted from the physical efficiency test.**
- **The Government has also announced that the upper age limit will be relaxable up to five years for the candidates of the first batch of Ex-Agniveers.**

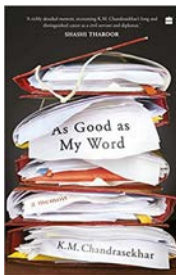
4. Maharashtra will introduce 4th women's policy to give more opportunities to women: Devendra Fadanvis



- Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadanvis informed the Maharashtra's Legislative Council that the state will introduce the fourth women's policy to give more opportunities to women by considering the issues of women from all groups.
- On the occasion of International Women's Day, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Council Neelam Gorhe tabled a proposal to provide equal and dignified positions to women in all sectors.
- While replying to the proposal, Mr Fadanvis said that apart from education, and employment, the women's policy will consider other important aspects, including economic empowerment and gender equality.
- He also announced that the government will introduce a rehabilitation scheme for those above 18 years old girls from the orphanage.
- Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced in assembly that the state will start a Hirkani Room(Kaksha) for breastfeeding mothers at each police station in the state.

- He also announced that Residential and Commercial properties will be promoted to open such rooms and 250sq. feet of such a room will not be counted in FSI.

5. Former bureaucrat KM Chandrasekhar's memoir offers a ringside view of the workings of India's corridors of power



- “As Good as My Word,” written by KM Chandrasekhar, who served as the Cabinet Secretary from 2007 to 2011, begins as an autobiography with descriptive descriptions of his early years, academic career, and college years, all of which take place inside the walls of a modest but orderly Malayali home.
- The book offers a front-row seat to Indian politics and bureaucracy during the UPA era.
- In his book, Chandrasekhar gives a thorough overview of the UPA administration during one of its most difficult periods and talks about his own role in navigating India through many crises.
- The life of a civil servant who successfully navigated difficult facets of public life is told in the book As Good as My Word.
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- In this autobiography, he provides a detailed account of the UPA administration during one of its most trying times as well as his own crucial contribution to guiding India through some of her most difficult crises, including the Great Recession of 2008, the oilmen's strike in 2009, and the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, as well as scams, such as the 2G Spectrum case and the 2010 Commonwealth Games corruption scandal.

6. B Gopkumar takes over Axis Mutual Fund as CEO Chandresh Nigam steps down



- B Gopkumar, the managing director and CEO of Axis Securities, has been named the new CEO of renowned fund house Axis Mutual Fund by Axis Asset Management Company.
- Chandresh Nigam, the previous CEO of the company, is replaced by Gopkumar.
- As head of equities from July 2009, Nigam became MD & CEO in May 2013 and oversaw the fund house for two stints totaling ten years
- Gopkumar has more than 28 years of experience working in the financial services sector.
- He has a masters degree in business management and is an enthusiastic marathon runner, reader, and fitness fanatic.
- Another event is the hiring of Ashish Gupta as Chief Investment Officers (CIO) of the mutual fund at Axis AMC. Gupta headed the stock research for India at Credit Suisse.
- He has been conducting equities research for more than 25 years.

7. Nepal elects Ram Chandra Paudel as its next president.



- **Ram Chandra Paudel has been elected to serve as the new president of Nepal.**
- **According to the Nepalese Election Commission, he received 33,800 electoral votes, while his opponent, Subash Chandra Nembwang, received 15,500 votes.**
- **Ram Chandra Paudel received votes from 352 members of provincial assemblies and 214 members of parliament.**
- **An electoral college made up of representatives from the federal parliament and the provincial assembly chooses the president.**
- **The overall number of electors in Nepal's presidential election is 882, including 550 representatives from each of the country's seven provincial assemblies and 332 members of the parliament.**
- **As Nepal's new president, he will take over from Bidya Devi Bhandari.**