



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 13th March 2023

### National News

#### 1. New initiative called 'beggar-free city' being started in Maharashtra's Nagpur



- In Maharashtra, a new initiative called 'beggar-free city' has been started in Nagpur. Commissioner of Police of Nagpur City, Amitesh Kumar said that, notification of 144 CrPC has been issued in this regard.
- Notices have been served to people. While speaking to reporters he said that they will strictly enforce this and begging will not be allowed in public places.
- This is the joint venture of Nagpur City police and Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) social welfare department.
- The NMC has made special arrangements to accommodate homeless people in the shelters owned by it.
- The civic body has kept a bus and an ambulance ready to shift the beggars caught in police drive to its shelter home.

## 2. Ahmedabad Test: 4th & final test match of Border-Gavaskar trophy between India & Australia ends in a draw



- The fourth and final test match of the Border-Gavaskar trophy between India and Australia ended in a draw at Ahmedabad today.
- In their second innings, the visitors scored 175 for two wickets. Travis Head scored 90 while Marnus Labuschagne made 63 runs.
- Yesterday, with the help of Virat Kohli's Test century of 186 runs hosts scored 571. Kohli had good support from Axar Patel, who scored 79 runs.
- They had the highest 162-run partnership for hosts. Axar was also the third-highest scorer for India.
- Earlier, Shubman Gill's sparkling century gave India a solid standing in the game.
- Virat Kohli was declared the Player of the Match while Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja were named joint winners of the Player of the Series award.
- Australia scored 480 runs in their first innings. India had resumed their first innings at the score of 289 for 3 yesterday morning.

- India have retained the trophy after winning the first two Tests of the four-match series.

### 3. Nepali Congress leader Ram Chandra Paudel sworn in as President of Nepal



- Newly-elected President of Nepal Ram Chandra Paudel took the oath of office and secrecy today at Sheetal Niwas in Kathmandu.
- The Office of the President hosted a special ceremony at Sheetal Niwas to administer the oath to President-elect Paudel, after which political leaders, dignitaries and ambassadors of different countries in Nepal came to congratulate the new President.
- Ram Chandra Paudel, veteran Nepali congress leader, was elected the President of Nepal by the electoral college on March 9 defeating Subash Chandra Nembang.
- Acting Chief Justice of Nepal Hari Krishna Karki administered the oath of office and secrecy to the newly-elected President of Nepal.
- The Constitution of Nepal has a provision that there would be a President in the country and the President as a patron of the Constitution shall work to promote national unity.

- It is the President's main responsibility to comply with and protect the Constitution.
- The country had adopted the practice of the President System with the establishment of a republic as an outcome of the 2006 April Uprising in Nepal which led to the demolition of the 240-year-old Monarchy.

#### 4. India creates history by winning two Oscars



- In 95th Academy Awards ceremony, India's 'Naatu Naatu song' from SS Rajamouli's film RRR today made history by becoming the first Indian film to win an Oscar for best original song.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed his delight at the country's achievements at the Oscars in Los Angeles today.
- Congratulating the entire team of the movie RRR for winning in the best original song category, Mr Modi said that the popularity of the song 'Naatu Naatu' is global.
- In a tweet, he remarked that the song will be remembered for years to come.
- The Prime Minister also congratulated the entire team of the documentary short film The Elephant Whisperers for their win at the event.
- He lauded their work, which he said, wonderfully highlights the importance of sustainable development and living in harmony with nature.

- Home Minister Amit Shah has congratulated the team of movie RRR and short film The Elephant Whisperers on their win at Oscars.
- In a tweet, Mr Shah remarked it as a landmark day for Indian cinema. He said that the Naatu Naatu song from the RRR movie created history by winning the Oscar Award.

## 5. Govt appoints Siddhartha Mohanty as interim Chairman of LIC



- For a period of three months beginning March 14, the Center has chosen Siddhartha Mohanty as the interim chairman of the Life Insurance Company of India (LIC).
- Currently the managing director and CEO of LIC Housing Finance, Mohanty will take over as MD of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) on February 1st, 2021.
- Up to his retirement on June 30, 2023, Siddhartha Mohanty was proposed to lead LIC as its MD.
- LIC's current MDs are Bishnu Charan Patnaik, Ipe Mini, Siddhartha Mohanty, and Raj Kumar, while the company's chairman is Shri Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar.
- Mohanty currently serves as the CEO and MD of LIC Housing Finance. Beginning on February 1st, 2021, he will serve as the MD of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).
- Siddhartha Mohanty was proposed to take over as MD of LIC until his superannuation on June 30 in place of TC Suseel Kumar, who was slated to retire on January 31, 2021.

## 6. PM Modi inaugurates world's longest railway platform at Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi station



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated World`s longest railway platform of 1.5 kilometres at Sri Siddhaarooda railway station in Hubballi in the state of Karnataka.
- The inauguration of the platform was done during the PM's Karnataka visit in the presence of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.
- It is to be noted that Indian Railways, South Western Railway Zones Hubballi is now registered in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest platform.
- The world's longest railway platform will cater to the transportation needs of the Hubballi-Dharwad region and will help in enhancing the operational capacity of the yard.
- Furthermore, it will enable the operations of trains in both directions.
- Gorakhpur platform in Uttar Pradesh is the second longest at 1,366.33 meters, and Kollam Junction in Kerala has the third longest platform at 1,180.5 meters.

- **Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also inaugurated the 118-km long Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway.**
- **This new project is expected to aid the social and economic growth in the region.**

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