



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 11th March 2024

### National News

#### 1.UGC Introduces SheRNI, Helping Female Scientists And Faculty Connect



The University Grants Commission's (UGC) Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre unveiled a groundbreaking initiative, known as the 'She Research Network in India' (SheRNI).

This initiative aims to address the gender disparity in the field of science by ensuring equal representation of women scientists.

SheRNI challenges stereotypes and serves as a beacon of inspiration for future generations of female scientists, researchers, and faculty members. The primary goal of SheRNI is to establish a national-level expert platform for women faculty members.

#### 2.PM Modi Inaugurates Gurgaon Stretch Of Dwarka Expressway



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gurgaon stretch of the Dwarka Expressway alongside Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

The 29-km-long expressway spans 18.9 km in Haryana and 10.1 km in Delhi, starting from Shiv-Murti on National Highway 8 and culminating near the Kherki Daula toll plaza. The project, with an estimated cost of Rs 9,000 crore, is divided into four parts, comprising two segments in Delhi and two in Haryana.

### **3. India Becomes Second-Largest Mobile Phone Producer Globally**



At the end of the decade from 2014 to 2024, India has emerged as the world's second-largest producer of mobile phones. According to the India Cellular and Electronics Association, the mobile phone sector has transformed from being 78 percent import-dependent in 2014 to achieving 97 per cent self-sufficiency by 2024. Only 3 per cent of the total mobile phones sold in India are now imported. This remarkable achievement highlights the growth of India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

### **4. PM Modi Unveils Bronze Statue Of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan In Assam's Jorhat**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 125-foot bronze statue of the legendary Ahom general, Lachit Borphukan, at his burial site in eastern Assam's Jorhat district.

The 125-foot statue, designed and constructed by renowned sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar, stands on a pedestal of 41 feet, making the total structure 125 feet tall. The foundation of the statue was laid by former President Ram Nath Kovind in February 2022. Lachit Borphukan was a legendary army commander of the Ahom kingdom (1228-1826).

### **5.Prime Minister Narendra Modi Virtually Inaugurates Sela Tunnel**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during the Viksit Bharat Viksit North East programme in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh on March 09, 2024, virtually dedicated the Sela Tunnel project to the nation.

Constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at an altitude of 13,000 feet, the tunnel is situated on the road from Tezpur, Assam, to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district.

The project, valued at Rs 825 crore, aims to provide all-weather connectivity and bolster the Armed Forces' readiness in the region. Employing the Austrian Tunneling Method, the tunnel meets the highest safety standards.

### **6.North India's First Government Homeopathic College To Be Established In Kathua, J&K**



Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, announced the establishment of North India's first Government Homeopathic College in the Jasrota area of Kathua district, J&K.

The project, funded centrally at Rs 80 crore, reflects a significant stride in healthcare and education infrastructure development in the region.

The college will cover an area of over 8 acres, with provisions to expand further. It will include a hospital complex, college facilities, administrative block, and separate hostels for male and female students.

## **7. Union Minister Arjun Munda Inaugurates National Dairy Mela And Agricultural Exhibition In Jharkhand**



The 3-day National Dairy Mela and Agricultural Exhibition at Chaibasa in Jharkhand was inaugurated by Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Agriculture, and Farmers Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda.

Organized by the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana, this event marks the first of its kind in Jharkhand, aimed at fostering the comprehensive development of livestock and agriculture in tribal areas.

The event witnesses participation from over 6 thousand stakeholders including cattle rearers, farmers, input dealers, entrepreneurs, students, and government officials.



## International News

### **8.Sea6 Energy Launches World's First Large-Scale Mechanized Tropical Seaweed Farm**



Sea6 Energy, a pioneer in the Blue Economy, has launched the world's first large-scale mechanized tropical seaweed farm off the coast of Lombok, Indonesia.

The one-square-kilometer seaweed farm is a significant milestone in establishing the scalability of sustainable tropical seaweed cultivation for various industrial applications. Sea6's vertically integrated technology platform automates various workflows, from seeding to harvesting, and enhances the seaweed feedstock's shelf life, increasing smallholder farmer productivity.

## State News

### **9.Maharashtra Unveils Fourth Women's Policy For Holistic Development**



The state of Maharashtra has announced its fourth women's policy, which aims to promote the holistic development of women.

Aditi Tatkare, the Women and Child Development Minister, unveiled this policy on the eve of Women's Day during the golden jubilee year of the Women's Economic Development Corporation.

Maharashtra is the first state in India to introduce a women's policy. The state has previously announced three women's policies, all aimed at promoting women's development

## **Banking News**

### **10.RBI Cracking Down On P2P Credit Card Transactions**



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has intensified its oversight on peer-to-peer (P2P) credit card payments facilitated by third-party service providers.

This follows the discovery of retail customers utilizing credit cards for rent and tuition fee payments through third-party apps, prompting regulatory action.

RBI defines credit cards as payment instruments with pre-approved credit limits for purchasing goods/services or withdrawing cash..