

Weekly Current Affairs (22nd-28th March 2023)

Q1) Isha Ambani wins GenNext Entrepreneur Award at 2023 Forbes India Leadership event.



- Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. Director, Isha Ambani wins the GenNext Entrepreneur Award at the **12th** “Forbes India Leadership Awards 2023”
- She is the head of \$800 billion Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. And launched the JioMart.

Other Awardees

CEO of the Year	C.K Venkatraman (MD of Titan)
Lifetime Achievement Award	AM Naik (Chairman of L&T)
Emerging Innovator	Pawan Chandana & Naga Bharath Daka (founders of Skyroot Aerospace)
Turnaround Star	Tata Communications

Q2) Former President of Brazil Dilma Rousseff named as new Chairman of NDB



- Former President of Brazil **Mrs. Dilma Van Rousseff** has been appointed as the new President of the “New Development Bank”(NDB) or previously referred as the BRICS Development Bank.
- She will replace Marcus Prado Troyjo.
- She served as the President of the Federation Republic of Brazil between January 2011 to August 2016.
- She was elected as the President of Brazil for two consecutive terms.
- She was also the Minister of Mines and Energy from 2003 to 2005.

About NDB

- NDB is a multilateral financial institution set up by the **5 BRICS countries (India, Brazil, Russia, China & South Africa)**
- In May 2022, the New Development Bank set up a regional office in **India in the Gujarat state.**

Formation - **2014**
Headquarter - **Shanghai (China)**

New Members of BRICS Development Bank – **Bangladesh, UAE, Uruguay
& Egypt**

Q3) Indian duo Satwik-Chirag wins Swiss Open Super 3000 title 2023



- Indian Badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty have won the Men's Doubles title in the "Swiss Open Super 3000" held in **Basel (Switzerland)**.
- They beat the Chinese pair of Ren Xiang Yu and Tang Qiang by 21-19 & 24-22.

Other Winners

Men's Singles title - **Koki Watanabe (Japan)**

Women's Singles title - **Pornpawee Chochuwong (Thailand)**

- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian Badminton Pair in the history to win two badminton matches during the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

Q4) Mumbai Indians wins the inaugural Women's Premier League 2023 title



- The Mumbai Indians has won the inaugural season of the “Women's Premier League 2023” played at the Brabourne stadium, Mumbai.
- They defeated the Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets in the final.
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** is the captain of the Mumbai Indians team.
- The inaugural season of the **TATA WPL 2023** saw a total 5 teams (Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals, UP Warriorz, Royal Challenger Bangalore & Gujarat Giants)

Other Winners

Player of the series	Hayley Matthews (Mumbai Indians)
Orange cap winner (Most runs)	Meg Lanning (Delhi Capitals)
Purple cap winners (Most wickets)	Hayley Matthews (16)
Most valuable award	Hayley Matthews
Powerful striker of the season	Sophie Devine (RCB)
Fairplay award	Mumbai Indians & Delhi Capitals
Emerging player of the Season	Yastika Bhatia (Mumbai Indian)
Catch of the season	Harmanpreet Kaur (Mumbai Indians)

Q5) Centre appoints Chief Justice of Allahabad, Chattisgarh & Patna High Court

- The Government has announced the appointment of new Chief Justices to Allahabad, Chattisgarh and Patna High Court.
- Justice Pritinker Diwaker has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.
- Justice Ramesh Sinha has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Chattisgarh High Court.

- Justice K Vinod Chandran of Kerala HC as Chief Justice of Patna High Court.

Additional Information

- Chief Justice of HC are appointed by the **Indian President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India and the Governor of that state under Art. 217.**

Q6) MT Vasudevan Nair Honoured with the Kerala's highest civilian award



- Kerala Governor **Arif Mohammad Khan** presented the 1st-ever “Kerala Puraskarngal” for his outstanding contribution in various spheres of social life.
- The awards were given mainly in three categories: 1) “Kerala Jyothi” (highest civilian award) 2) “Kerala Prabha” 3) Kerala Shri”.
- The highest civilian award “Kerala Jyothi” was awarded to MT Vasudevan Nair
- The second-highest award “Kerala Prabha” was shared by actor Mammotty, former civil service officer T Madhava Menon and writer Omcherry NN Pillai
- In 2021, Kerala government instituted the civilian award on the model of the Padma Awards.

Recent Awards

32nd Vyas Samman 2022 - Gyan Chaturvedi (for Pagalkhana)

Saraswati Samman for 2022 - Sivasankari (for Surya Vansam)

Pritzker Prize 2023 - David Chipperfield (British Architect)

Q7) cabinet approves increases MSP for Raw Jutes for 2023-24



- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by PM Modi has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Raw Jutes by Rs. 300 at **Rs. 5,050/ quintal** for 2023-24.
- The approval is based on the commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices recommendations.
- This would ensure a return of 63.20% over the all-India weighted average cost of production.

About MSP

- MSP is the rate at which the government buys food grains from farmers.
- This is based on the calculation of **at least one and a half times the cost of production incurred by the farmers.**
- The Indian govt. fixes the MSP for 24 items twice a year.
- The MSP price is calculated by an expert committee under the Ministry of Agriculture.

Q8) Assam NGO wins Children's Champions Award 2023



- An Assam-based NGO, a student's welfare mission that cares for special and autistic children has won the "Children's Champions Award 2023".
- The Mission popularly known as Tapoban has been awarded in the **health and nutrition category**.
- The Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, Justice S Murlidhar presented the award to Kumud Kalita, founder-president of Tapoban, in New Delhi on March 25.
- The award carries ₹75,000, a certificate and a plaque.
- The award was instituted by the Delhi Commission for the protection of Child Rights.

Establishment of Tapoban mission - **2005**

Chief Minister of Assam - **Himanta Bishwa Sharma**

Governor of Assam - **Gulab Chand Kataria**

New year of Assam is called **Bohag Bihu/ Rongali Bihu**

Q9) Union Environment Minister launches Aravalli Green Wall Project in Gurgaon



- Union Environment, Forest and Climate change Minister **Bhupendra Yadav** inaugurated the “Aravalli Green Wall Project” on March 26 at Tikli village in Gurgaon, Haryana on the occasion of International Forest Day.
- The project will increase the green cover and biodiversity of Aravalli’s through Afforestation, reforestation and restoration of water bodies.
- It will also improve
- soil infertility, water availability and climate resilience of the region.
- The objective of this initiative is to buffer a green zone of about 5 km of Aravalli Mountain range spread across 5 states.
- The project covers the states of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat & Delhi where the Aravalli Hills are situated.

Additional Information

- Aravalli Range is the **Oldest Mountain Range in the World.**
- Highest peak is **Guru Shikhar in Mt. Abu (Rajasthan)**
- “International Forests Day” is observed annually on 26 March.
- The theme for this year’s was “**Forests and Health**”

Q10) PM Modi addressed “One World TB Summit” at Varanasi



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 24 March addressed the “One World TB Summit” at **Varanasi (UP)**
- Organised by the Health and Family Welfare Ministry and Stop TB Partnership.
- During the event, PM Modi launched various initiatives including TB-free panchayat initiative.
- International delegates from more than 30 countries participated in the event.
- In March 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to eliminate TB from India by **2025**, while the rest of the world aims to achieve the TB-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.
- The PM also awarded selected States/UT’s for their progress towards ending TB.
 - State level - **Karnataka & J&K**
 - District level - **Nilgiris, Pulwama and Anantnag**

About Stop TB Programme

- Stop TB Programme was founded in **2001**
- It aims to eliminate TB (tuberculosis) as a public health problem.

Secretariat- **Geneva (Switzerland)**

Q11) Bangladesh commissioned its 1st Submarine Base



- Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina inaugurated its 1st Submarine Base “**BNS Sheikh Hasina’ at Pekua in Cox’s Bazaar.**
- This new submarine base will help the Navy to enhance its operational capability to secure the vast maritime resources.
- The government of Bangladesh is working on “Forces Goal 2030” to transform its military force into a modern organization appropriate for the times.
- Bangladesh Navy has completed construction of 5 petrol vessels at Khulna Shipyard.

- The Bangladesh Government has signed an agreement with China in September 2019 for the construction of the Submarine base.

Q12) Sarabjot Singh wins Gold in the ISSF Shooting World Cup



- India's Sarabjot Singh has won gold in the 10-m air pistol at the “International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) Rifle/Pistol World Cup 2023” held in **Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy in Bhopal** on Sunday.
- Indian shooter Sift Kaur Samra won a bronze medal in women’s 50m rifle 3 positions on the final day of the tournament.
- India ended the ISSF World Cup 2023 Bhopal with a total of seven medals - one gold, one silver and five bronze.
- China topped the medals tally with eight gold medals, two silver and two bronze.
- The next stage of the ISSF World Cup 2023 for rifle and pistol shooters will be held in Lima, Peru from April 11 to 24.

Top rank - **China (G-8, S-2, B-2; total-12 medals)**

India’s rank - **2nd (G-1, S-1, B-5; total- 7 medals)**

Indian medallists:

Varun Tomar-Rhythm Sangwan	10m air pistol mixed team	Silver
Varun Tomar	Men's 10m air pistol	Bronze
Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil	Men's 10m air rifle	Bronze
Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil-Narmada Raju	10m air rifle mixed team	Bronze
Manu Bhaker	Women's 25m pistol	Bronze
Sift Kaur Samra	Women's 50m rifle 3 positions	Bronze

Other Indian Shooters: **Bhavesh Shekhawat, Mandeep Singh, Ankur Goel, Vijayveer Sidhu, Anish Bhanwala, Manini Kaushik, Anjum Moudgil, Shriyanka Sadangi, Ashi Chouksey**

Q13) Archana Suseendran beats Hima Das to win sprint doubles gold in Indian Grand Prix 2



- Tamil Nadu's sprinter Archana Suseendran has clinched two gold medals in **100 m and 200m** at the "AFI Indian Grand Prix 2" held in Kerala on 27 March 2023.
- In the women's 100 m, she defeated the Assam's sprinter Hima Das and completed the race in 11.52 seconds, 0.22 seconds ahead of Hima Das.
- She completed her 200m race in in 23.21 seconds.
- In the Men's 100 m race category **Sanjeet from Haryana** clinched the gold.
- The AFI Indian Grands Prix 3 and 4 will be held in Bengaluru on April 10 and 15.

Other winners

	Category
Eldhose Paul	Men's triple jumper
Mohammad Anas	Men's 200 m race
Jinson Johnson	Men's 1500 m race
Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Men's Short Put

Q14) Sacred Hopi Site in Arizona wins the ICOMOS Water and Heritage Shield 2023



- A site located in Arizona (United States) and sacred to the Hopi Native America nation has been awarded a “Water and Heritage Shield” by the “International Committee on Monuments and Sites International Science Committee” (ICOMOS)
- The Shield was awarded to the Black Mesa Trust (BMT) a Hopi grassroots organization.

Q15) 30 year of Project Elephant: Govt. notifies DNA profiling of 270 captive Elephants



- Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change announced that the DNA of the **270 of the 2,675 captive elephants in the country** has been completed ahead of the 30-years of “Project Elephant”.
- The DNA profiling was started in August 2022 for “Gaj Soochna Mobile App”.
- DNA profiling is the process where a specific DNA pattern called a profile is obtained from a sample of bodily tissue.

Additional Information

- The Indian President Draupadi Murmu on 7 April, will inaugurate 2- day “Gaj Utsav 2023” festival in Assam’s **Kaziranga National Park**.
- India launched Project Elephant in 1991 as a centrally-sponsored scheme to protect elephants, their habitat and corridors
- Project Elephant is mainly implemented in 16 states.
- Elephant is a national heritage animal protected under **Schedule I of the “Wild Life Protection Act, 1972”**.
- India accounts for more than 60 per cent of the global wild elephant population.

Short News:

- PM Modi inaugurated **Whitefield (Kadugodi) for “Krishnarajapura Metro Line” in Bengaluru**.
This Metro line is a part of “**Namma Metro Project**”

Distance- 15.5 km and has 14 stations
Total cost of project - 4,200 crores

- Government constitutes a committee to monitor the **stock of Tur (Arhar) Daal**
Chairmanship- **Nidhi Khare**
- Government of India launched “National Rabies Control Program” (NRCP)
- G20 Infrastructure Working Group Summit begins in **Visakhapatnam**
Chaired by - Australia & Brazil
- Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman awarded with the “Literary Prize 2023”
- The Lok Sabha passed **Rs.1.18 Lakh Cores budget** for the Jammu & Kashmir for 2023-24.
- The 26th edition of “Elevate Expo” was held in Dubai (UAE).
- NASA’s **OSIRIS-REx spacecraft (launched in 2016)** completed its journey after collecting samples from the rocky surface of **asteroid Benu**.
- MNREGA wage rates revised by up to 10% for 2023-24,