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Today in History on 10 MAR

➤ 2010: Women's Reservation Bill passed in Rajya Sabha.

The Women's Reservation Bill or the Constitution (108th Amendment) Bill, March 2010, is a bill passed in the Parliament of India that amends the Constitution of India to reserve 1/3 of the seats for women in the lower house of the Parliament of India, the Lok Sabha, and all state legislative assemblies. The Narendra Modi government introduced the bill as the 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2023 during a special session of Parliament in the Lok Sabha in the new Parliament House. The Nari Shakti Vandan Act will go to the Rajya Sabha again after being passed by the Lok Sabha.



➤ 2003: North Korea tests a cruise missile.

North Korea has a military nuclear weapons program and by 2024, it is estimated that it will have an arsenal of about 50 nuclear weapons and enough

fissile material to produce six to seven nuclear weapons per year. North Korea has also stockpiled a significant amount of chemical and biological weapons. In 2003, North Korea withdrew from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Since 2006, the country has conducted six nuclear tests at increasing levels of expertise, leading to sanctions.



➤ 1985: India won the Benson & Hedges Cricket Championship.

Under the captaincy of Sunil Gavaskar, India won the Benson & Hedges Cricket Championship on March 10, 1985. This victory was achieved by defeating Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia. This victory is also called the 'Mini World Cup'. The tournament was part of the celebrations to commemorate the 150th anniversary of European settlement in Victoria. All the teams playing Test matches till then participated with matches played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Sydney Cricket Ground.





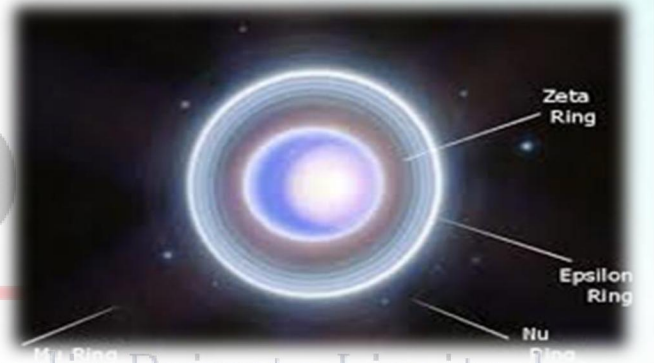
➤ 1801: The first census takes place in Great Britain.

The first British census in 1801 covered only England, Wales and Scotland. Only in 1821 were all parts of the United Kingdom and adjacent island dependencies synchronised, but the questions asked differed from country to country. Indeed the Irish Census Commissioners developed extensive data sets, quite different from those of England and Wales or Scotland.



➤ 1977: Rings were discovered around the planet Uranus.

In 1977, rings were discovered around the planet Uranus. These rings were discovered by James L. Elliot, Edward W. Dunham, and Jessica Mink. Uranus' rings are the second ring to be discovered after Saturn's. Uranus' rings are less complex than Saturn's rings and simpler than Jupiter and Neptune's rings.



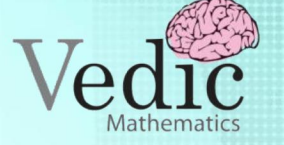
Important NEWS on 10 MAR

➤ Kerala Police Strengthens Cybersecurity with Advanced Security Operations Centre (SOC)

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Advanced Cybersecurity Operations Centre (SOC) of the Kerala Police Cyber Division to strengthen cybersecurity infrastructure. Developed by C-DOT, the TRINETRA system enhances police system security and critical infrastructure protection. This

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initiative highlights India's commitment to indigenous cybersecurity solutions.



➤ PM Modi Conferred 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the prestigious 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' for his strategic leadership and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Union Minister Pabitra Margherita accepted the award on his behalf at a ceremony in Bridgetown, attended by Barbadian President Dame Sandra Mason, PM Mia Amor Mottley, and Foreign Minister Kerrie Symmonds. This honor underscores India's strong diplomatic ties with Barbados and its commitment to global cooperation and development.



➤ SEBI's Total Income Rises 48% to ₹2,075 Crore in 2023-24

SEBI recorded a 48% YoY growth in total income, reaching ₹2,075 crore in FY 2023-24, driven by higher fees and subscriptions from stock exchanges, market participants, and companies. While investment and other income also increased, total expenditure rose to ₹1,006 crore. SEBI reported substantial funds in its General Fund, Investor Protection & Education Fund (IPEF), and Disgorgement Fund, highlighting its strong financial position.



➤ Anju Rathi Rana Appointed As The First Woman Law Secretary

Anju Rathi Rana has made history as India's first woman Law Secretary, marking a significant milestone in the Ministry of Law and Justice. A distinguished Indian Legal Service (ILS) officer, she succeeds Niten Chandra, breaking a long-standing tradition of male leadership in the role. Her

appointment reflects the government's commitment to gender inclusion in top administrative positions.



➤ IWAI Signs MoU with J&K Government for Boosting River Cruise Tourism in J&K

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) signed an MoU with the Jammu & Kashmir government to develop river cruise tourism, aiming to boost tourism, employment, and economic growth. Announced during Chintan Shivir in Srinagar in the presence of Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, the initiative focuses on three national waterways—River Chenab (NW-26), River Jhelum (NW-49), and River Ravi (NW-84)—with infrastructure development and navigational improvements to facilitate cruise operations.



➤ China Increases Defence Budget by 7.2% in 2025 Amid Rising Regional Tensions

China has announced a 7.2% increase in its 2025 defence budget, raising total spending to approximately \$245 billion, as revealed at the National People's Congress (NPC). The budget focuses on modernizing military technology, reinforcing territorial claims, and countering U.S. influence in Asia. Despite being the world's second-largest defence spender, analysts estimate actual expenditure could be 40% higher due to unaccounted costs in other sectors.



➤ SIDBI and Federal Bank Partner to Strengthen MSME Financing

SIDBI and Federal Bank have signed an MoU to enhance financial support for MSMEs, offering project finance, equipment loans, working capital support, and loans against property. The collaboration will also explore joint financing options to improve credit access for MSMEs,

reinforcing their role in India's manufacturing and industrial growth. This initiative aligns with PM Narendra Modi's vision of strengthening the MSME sector, recognized as India's economic backbone.



Current affairs MCQS on 10 MAR

Q.1. Which Indian table tennis player has recently announced his retirement?

- (a) Sharath Kamal
- (b) Manav Thakkar
- (c) Harmeet Desai
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Sharath Kamal

India's legendary table tennis player Achantha Sharath Kamal has announced his retirement from professional table tennis. His farewell tournament will be the WTT Star Contender event, scheduled to take place at the Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai from March 25 to 30, 2025. The 42-year-old, a 10-time national champion and five-time Olympian, has had an illustrious career, earning wide recognition for his achievements at the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and the Olympics.

Q.2. Recently, Mushfiqur Rahim, a player from which country, has announced his retirement from One Day International cricket?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Pakistan

(d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Bangladesh

Bangladesh veteran cricketer Mushfiqur Rahim announced his immediate retirement from ODI cricket, stating his decision on social media. Rahim, who played 274 ODIs and scored 7795 runs, made his debut nearly 20 years ago. He expressed gratitude for the support of his family, friends and fans. Rahim continues to play Test cricket and aims to play 100 Tests.

Q.3. Recently, which country has increased its military expenditure by 7.2% in the year 2025?

- (a) America
- (b) China
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan

Answer: (b) China

China has announced a 7.2% increase in its defence budget for 2025, continuing its strategy to modernise and expand its military capabilities. The budget, worth around \$245 billion, was presented at the annual meeting of the National People's Congress (NPC). Through the move, China is attempting to strengthen its territorial claims, upgrade military technologies and counter the US military presence in Asia.

Q.4. Who has recently tested hydrogen-powered heavy trucks?

- (a) Eicher
- (b) Tata
- (c) Mahindra
- (d) Force

Answer: (b) Tata

Tata Motors has launched the first test of hydrogen-powered heavy-duty trucks in New Delhi using hydrogen internal combustion engine (H2-ICE) and fuel cell (H2-FCEV) technologies to promote clean transportation. These hydrogen-powered trucks will be tested on key freight routes, reinforcing Tata Motors' commitment to reduce emissions in the



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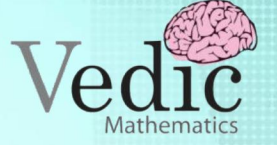
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heavy-duty vehicle sector and advance green mobility solutions in India.

Q.5. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state has inaugurated the Advanced Cyber Security Operations Center?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Goa
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (a) Kerala

Taking a significant step towards strengthening the cyber security infrastructure in Kerala, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the advanced Cyber Security Operations Centre (SOC) of the Kerala Police Cyber Division through video conferencing. This SOC is designed to enhance the security of the police system and critical infrastructure, ensuring effective protection against cyber threats.

Q.6. Who has recently inaugurated the second edition of 'Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity'?

- (a) Draupadi Murmu
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Amit Shah

Answer: (a) Draupadi Murmu

President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the second edition of 'Amrit Mahotsav of Diversity' at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The festival showcases the rich cultural heritage of India, with each edition showcasing different regions. This time the event focuses on the states of South India – Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Union Territories – Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

Q.7. Who has recently been appointed as Executive Director by RBI?

- (a) Anurag Shukla
- (b) Ajay Bhadoo
- (c) Ajit Ratnakar Joshi

(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Ajit Ratnakar Joshi

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Dr Ajit Ratnakar Joshi as its new Executive Director (ED). Dr Joshi will oversee the Department of Statistics and Information Management (DSIM) and the Financial Stability Department (FSD). He comes to the position with over 30 years of experience in statistics, information technology and cyber risk management.

Q.8. Who has recently inaugurated the Gujarat Semiconnect Conference 2025?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Bhupendra Patel
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Bhupendra Patel

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said that Gujarat is poised to play a key role in the global semiconductor demand-supply chain. In this context, he said that in this era of modern development, it is impossible to imagine industrial progress without semiconductors. With many state-of-the-art facilities related to electronics and semiconductors, Gujarat has become the top choice for setting up semiconductor units in the country.

Q.9. Who has recently been appointed as Secretary of Legal Affairs?

- (a) Dr. Suborno Bose
- (b) Manoj Mehta
- (c) Dr. Anju Rathi Rana
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Dr. Anju Rathi Rana

India has achieved a significant milestone in its legal and administrative history with the appointment of Anju Rathi Rana as the country's first woman Law Secretary. A distinguished officer of the Indian Legal Service (ILS), Rana's appointment is a historic moment in the Ministry of Law and Justice.





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Q.10. Recently Godavari Singh passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Sculptor
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Musician

Answer: (b) Sculptor

Leading woodcraft craftsman Padmashree Godavari Singh passed away in Varanasi. Godavari Singh had spread the art of making wooden toys from the streets of Banaras to the entire country and the world. He was awarded Padmashree in the year 2024 for his amazing artistry in woodcraft.

Q.11. Recently the 86th meeting of the Joint River Commission between India and which country was held in Kolkata?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (a) Bangladesh

An 11-member Bangladeshi delegation of the Joint River Commission arrived in Kolkata to attend the 86th meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint River Commission. The delegation, led by Mohammad Abul Hussain, visited the Farakka Barrage in Bengal to assess the implementation of the previous water treaty, observe the water flow of the Ganga and the erosion taking place at Farakka.

Q.12. Where will the Khelo India Para Games be held recently?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer: (a) New Delhi

The second phase of the Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) will begin in New Delhi from March 20 to 27. Around 1230 para athletes, including international players, will participate in these games. Many of these para athletes are medalists from the 2024

Paris Paralympics and the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China. They will compete in six events - para archery, para athletics, para badminton, para powerlifting, para shooting and para table tennis.

Q.13. Recently PM Modi participated in the winter tourism program in which state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Uttarakhand

Answer: (d) Uttarakhand

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off a trek and bike rally to promote perennial tourism in Harshil, Uttarakhand. After this, he participated in the winter tourism program. During this, Prime Minister Modi said that there should be no off season in Uttarakhand and tourism should continue here in every season.

Q.14. Recently which state government has waived the application fee for essential documents like caste, income and nationality certificate?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Goa

Answer: (b) Maharashtra

In a landmark decision aimed at easing the financial burden on parents and citizens, the Maharashtra government has announced to waive the ₹500 stamp duty previously required for submitting affidavit along with essential documents like caste certificate, income certificate, residence certificate, non-criminal certificate, nationality certificate and others at government offices.

Q.15. Recently the Centre has approved the Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji ropeway project, it is in which state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Uttarakhand





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(d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: (c) Uttarakhand

The central government has approved the construction of a 12.4 km long ropeway project from Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji in Uttarakhand, a significant step under the National Ropeway Development Programme - Parvatmala Pariyojana. The project will provide all-weather last-mile connectivity to a major pilgrimage site for Indian pilgrims as well as boost tourism and local employment.

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