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## Today in History on 10 MAR

➤ **1990 - Lithuania declares independence.**

Lithuania declares independence from the Soviet Union on March 11, 1990. The declaration was made by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania. The declaration restores the sovereignty of the Lithuanian state, which was abolished by foreign powers in 1940. The declaration emphasizes the restoration and legal continuity of wartime Lithuania under Soviet occupation. The declaration restores the pre-occupation constitution of 1938.



➤ **1999 - Infosys became the first Indian company to be listed on the Nasdaq International Stock Exchange.**

Infosys shares were listed on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange in 1999 as American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), making it the first Indian company to be listed on the Nasdaq. The share price rose to ₹ 8,100 by 1999, making it the most expensive stock in the market at the time. Infosys Limited is an Indian

multinational technology company that provides business consulting, information technology and outsourcing services. Founded in 1981, the company is headquartered in Bengaluru



➤ **1918 - Moscow became the capital of Russia.**

Moscow became the capital of Russia in March 1918. It became the capital of the Soviet state. On March 16, 1918, the Fourth All-Russian Congress of Soviets approved this decision. Moscow is situated on the banks of the Moskva River. Moscow is the center of political, economic, religious, financial, and educational activities of Russia. Moscow is the most populous city in Russia. Moscow is the industrial, cultural, scientific, and educational capital of Russia.







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#### ➤ 2011 - Earthquake near Tohoku triggers tsunami and Fukushima nuclear plant accident in Japan.

A magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck off the east coast of Japan on March 11, 2011, triggering a tsunami and an accident at the Fukushima nuclear plant. This was Japan's largest earthquake ever. The earthquake and tsunami killed thousands of people and caused massive economic damage. The tsunami washed away sea walls. The earthquake and tsunami caused extensive damage to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. The accident released radioactive material. Thousands of people were evacuated after the accident.



#### ➤ 1948 - The country's first modern water vessel 'Jal Usha' was launched in Visakhapatnam.

In 1948, the country's first modern water vessel 'Jal Usha' was launched in Visakhapatnam. Seth Walchand Hirachand formed Scindia Steam

Navigation Company Limited in 1941. It is known today as Hindustan Shipyard Limited. The foundation stone for the shipyard was laid on 21 June 1941 by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who was the Congress President at that time. The first ship built completely in India after independence was built at Scindia Shipyard. It was named 'Jalusha'. It was launched on 11 March 1948 in the presence of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.



#### Important NEWS on 10 MAR

#### ➤ LIC Ranked World's 3rd Strongest Insurance Brand

LIC has been ranked 3rd strongest insurance brand globally with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 88/100, as per the Brand Finance Insurance 100 (2025) report. Poland's PZU secured the top spot (BSI: 94.4), followed by China Life Insurance (BSI: 93.5). LIC also holds the 12th position in brand value, while SBI Life is the only other Indian insurer in the top 100, ranking 76th. The insurance sector



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grew by 9% in 2025, driven by higher investment returns, economic recovery, and rising demand.



#### ➤ DPIIT and Mercedes-Benz India Sign MoU to Boost Manufacturing, Road Safety, and Sustainability

The DPIIT and Mercedes-Benz India have signed an MoU to enhance manufacturing, road safety, and sustainability in India. This partnership aims to support startups by providing infrastructure, mentorship, funding, and market linkages while fostering technological advancements and sustainable innovations. The collaboration will also strengthen industry-academia linkages, promote green solutions, and facilitate international knowledge exchange to drive impactful innovations in the automotive sector.



#### ➤ IndiaAI Mission: Union IT Minister Launches Compute Portal and AIKosha Dataset Platform

Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the IndiaAI Compute Portal and AIKosha Dataset Platform under the IndiaAI Mission to accelerate AI innovation in India. The Compute Portal provides access to 18,000+ GPUs, cloud storage, and AI-related services, supporting students, startups, researchers, and government departments. It aims to offer affordable, high-performance AI computing and facilitate the development of India's own foundational AI model.



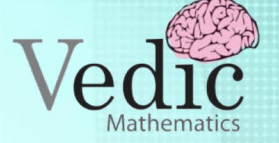
#### ➤ Eyal Zamir Appointed as Israel's New Military Chief Amid Ongoing Conflict

Israel has appointed Eyal Zamir as its new Chief of Staff amid ongoing military operations and rising regional tensions. A former tank commander and defence ministry director, Zamir succeeds Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi, who resigned after the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack. His leadership



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will focus on Gaza operations, Iran tensions, and West Bank security. Prime Minister Netanyahu has expressed confidence in Zamir's ability to achieve "absolute victory" against Hamas.



#### ➤ Trump Announces Reciprocal Tariffs on India and Other Nations

U S President Donald Trump, in his first congressional address of his second term, announced reciprocal tariffs on countries with high tariffs on U S goods. Effective April 2, the policy targets India, China, the EU, Brazil, Mexico, and Canada, aiming to ensure a "level playing field" for American businesses. Trump cited "very unfair" trade practices as the reason, potentially impacting U S-India trade relations.



#### ➤ Uttar Pradesh Adopts Digital Monitoring for Routine Child Vaccination Through RISE App

Uttar Pradesh has launched the 'Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement' (RISE) app to strengthen its immunization program. Designed for nurses, ANMs, and health workers, the app enhances vaccination tracking, training, and safety management. It provides real-time updates on vaccination schedules, cold chain management, and adverse effect monitoring, replacing traditional training with digital learning for improved efficiency and outreach.



#### ➤ Assam Names Electronics City After Ratan Tata

The Assam government has named the upcoming Electronics City in Jagiroad as Ratan Tata Electronic City, honoring Ratan Tata's contributions to the state's industrial and economic growth. Announced after Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit (Feb 2025), the move recognizes the Tata Group's impact in





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semiconductors, electronics manufacturing, and investment in Assam.



(c) Punjab

(d) Bihar

**Answer: (c) Punjab**

In a significant step taken to strengthen the safety of women and children in Punjab, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur officially launched 'Project Hifazat'. It involves providing immediate relief to women and children affected by violence through a first-of-its-kind 24x7 integrated consortium, coordination of various government collaborations and ground response mechanism.

### Current affairs MCQS on 10 MAR

**Q.1. Recently, Pashu Drug Initiative has been launched under which program?**

- (a) National Agricultural Development Scheme
- (b) Livestock Health and Disease Control Program (LHDCP)
- (c) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
- (d) National Livestock Mission

**Answer: (b) Livestock Health and Disease Control Program (LHDCP)**

The government will open "Pashu Aushadhi" stores across the country to provide affordable veterinary medicines. It follows the model of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) for low-cost generic medicines. The initiative is part of the Revised Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP). The stores will be run by cooperatives and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSK). Ethnoveterinary medicines based on traditional knowledge will also be available. Rs 75 crore has been allocated to ensure affordable, high-quality veterinary medicines for farmers.

**Q.2. Recently, which state has launched "Project Hifazat" for the safety of women?**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala

**Q.3. Recently, which Union Minister has introduced India AI Computer Portal?**

- (a) Ashwini Vaishnav
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Ashwini Vaishnav**

Marking a significant milestone in India's artificial intelligence (AI) journey, Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav launched the IndiaAI Compute Portal and AIKOSHA Dataset Platform, among several other initiatives. These steps taken under the IndiaAI Mission are aimed at increasing access to AI resources, encouraging innovation and developing India's AI capabilities.

**Q.4. Recently, the 24th World Sustainable Development Summit 2025 was concluded at which place?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Russia
- (c) Spain
- (d) Nepal

**Answer: (a) New Delhi**

The 24th World Sustainable Development Summit 2025 concluded in New Delhi. The World Sustainable Development Summit, which claims to be the only independently organised international summit on sustainable development and







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environment in the Global South, was held in New Delhi.

**Q.5. Recently, Federal Bank has appointed whom as its brand ambassador?**

- (a) Kareena Kapoor
- (b) Alia Bhatt
- (c) Vidya Balan
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Vidya Balan**

Federal Bank has appointed actress Vidya Balan as its first brand ambassador. The announcement was made at a special ceremony in Mumbai, where the bank's Managing Director and CEO KVS Manian presented a commemorative memento to Ms. Balan. MVS Murthy, Chief Marketing Officer of the bank, said Ms. Balan was a strategic choice to attract people's attention across geographies, genders and generations.

**Q.6. Recently, the Indian Navy has participated in which exercise Sea Dragon 2025?**

- (a) Guam
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Kolkata

**Answer: (a) Guam**

The five-nation naval exercise Sea Dragon 2025, which also includes the Indian Navy, began off the coast of Guam in the Western Pacific Ocean. Exercise Sea Dragon 2025 is being conducted by the 7th Fleet of the United States Navy. It is a multilateral naval exercise that invites allies and partner nations to improve tactical and command interoperability among the United States.

**Q.7. Who has been appointed as the CMD of NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation) recently?**

- (a) Anurag Shukla
- (b) Ajay Bhadoo
- (c) Amitav Mukherjee
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Amitav Mukherjee**

Public sector iron ore mining company NMDC announced the appointment of Amitav Mukherjee as its new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD). Mukherjee was till now holding the additional charge of CMD of the company. NMDC said in a regulatory information to the exchange that Amitav Mukherjee has been appointed as CMD on the board of the company.

**Q.8. Who has recently launched the 'Insurance Heroes' campaign for women?**

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) LIC
- (c) Star Health
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) PhonePe**

PhonePe has launched the 'Insuring Heroes' campaign to promote financial security for women with special discounts on insurance. The campaign offers up to 30% off on term life insurance and up to 15% off on health insurance. Available on the PhonePe app, this initiative encourages women to secure their financial future.

**Q.9. Who has recently been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2024?**

- (a) Ritesh Agarwal
- (b) Manoj Mehta
- (c) Nitin Kamath
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Nitin Kamath**

Nithin Kamath, founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of online stock broking company Zerodha Ltd, has been awarded the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 India Award. Nithin Kamath will represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Awards to be held in Monte Carlo in June 2025.

**Q.10. Recently Fred Stahl has passed away. Who was he?**

- (a) Journalist
- (b) Writer







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(c) Singer

(d) Tennis player

**Answer: (d) Tennis player**

Tennis fans around the world are mourning the death of legendary player Fred Stolle. Tennis Australia confirmed that he died at the age of 86. Stolle is remembered for his exceptional playing talent and respected commentary. An important member of Australia's golden tennis era in the 1960s, Stolle left an indelible mark on and off the court.

**Q.11. Who has recently won the Prague Masters 2025 chess title?**

(a) Pranav Venkatesh

(b) Arvind Chidambaram

(c) Adez Gurel

(d) None of the above

**Answer: (b) Arvind Chidambaram**

Grandmaster Arvind Chitambaram continued India's dominance in chess by winning the first major title of his career. He defeated many veteran players to secure first place in the prestigious Prague Masters chess tournament. 25-year-old Arvind from Tamil Nadu won the title with a total of six points after drawing against Turkey's Gurel Ediz in the ninth and final round.

**Q.12. Where was the Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum organized recently?**

(a) Gandhinagar

(b) Mumbai

(c) New Delhi

(d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Gandhinagar**

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Smt. Raksha Khadse, inaugurated the Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on Wednesday. The two-day forum is a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at strengthening sports cooperation between the two nations.

**Q.13. Recently the cabinet of which state has approved the implementation of the Integrated Pension Scheme?**

(a) Madhya Pradesh

(b) Gujarat

(c) Uttarakhand

(d) Kerala

**Answer: (c) Uttarakhand**

The Uttarakhand Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, has approved the Integrated Pension Scheme, which will come into effect from April 1, 2025. The New Excise Policy 2025 was also approved, which aims to regulate the sale of liquor and de-licensing near religious places. Additionally, financial assistance will be provided to 45 writers this year to aid literary preservation.

**Q.14. Recently the Inland Waterways Authority of India has signed MoU with which Union Territory to promote river cruise tourism?**

(a) Andaman Nicobar

(b) Ladakh

(c) Jammu and Kashmir

(d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Jammu and Kashmir**

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Jammu and Kashmir government to develop river cruise tourism in the Union Territory. The initiative aims to promote tourism, generate employment, boost economic growth and encourage water-based leisure tourism.

**Q.15. Recently which state government has launched an app called "Rise" to improve regular vaccination of children?**

(a) Himachal Pradesh

(b) Gujarat

(c) Uttar Pradesh

(d) Uttarakhand

**Answer: (c) Uttar Pradesh**

The state of Uttar Pradesh has taken a significant step towards scaling up its immunization





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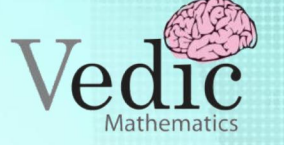
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programme by introducing the 'Rapid Immunization Skill Enhancement' (RISE) app. This digital platform will be used by staff nurses, auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs) and health workers to efficiently monitor and manage routine immunization among children.

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