

CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH 03 2024

- Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has recently (in Feb '24) signed an MoU with National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (NICDC) to assess locations for setting up greenfield smart cities?
 - **IIT Delhi**

- In February 2024, Indian Ghazal singer and Padma Shri awardee Pankaj Keshubhai Udhas passed away.
In which year, Pankaj Keshubhai Udhas received the Padma Shri Award in the field of Art?
 - **2006**

- Which state's Governor has recently (in Feb '24) launched his 212th book titled "Basic Structure and Republic"?
 - **PS Sreedharan Pillai (Governor of Goa)**

- What was the theme of National Science Day (NSD) 2024 that was observed across the globe on 28th February 2024?
 - **Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat**

- Name the Union Minister who has recently (in Feb '24) unveiled a new database for India's startup ecosystem, named Bharat Startup Ecosystem Registry, a website, & logo of 'Startup Mahakumbh'.
 - **Piyush Goyal (Union Minister of Commerce and Industry)**

- Which regulatory body/Government agency has recently (in Feb '24) signed an MoU with the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana -National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to support rural women Self-Help Groups (SHGs)?
 - **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development**

- According to the amendments to the Green Credit Rules of the Green Credit Program (GCP) by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in February 2024, Green credits will be given to the tree plantation on degraded land under the administrative control of states that have been identified by forest departments.

The minimum land size for such projects is set at _____ hectares.

 - **5**

- In February 2024, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Railways (MoR) released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the _____ (years) of the All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) in an event held at Karnail Singh Railway Stadium in New Delhi, Delhi.
 - **100 years**

- In February 2024, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) notified Amendments to PFRDA (Retirement Adviser) Regulations 2016 with effect from 20th February 2024.

An application for grant of certificate of registration should be disposed of by PFRDA within _____ (days).

 - **30 days**

- Which company has recently (in Feb '24) signed a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MAHAGENCO) to

develop Gigawatt (GW)-scale Renewable Energy Parks in Maharashtra in a phased manner?

- **NTPC Green Energy Limited**

- Which company has recently (in Feb '24) signed a joint venture agreement (JVA) with the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) to establish an ammonium nitrate plant in Odisha?

- **Coal India Limited**

- In February 2024, Yard 128 (LSAM 18), the _____ Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge was launched at M/s Suryadipta Projects Private Limited (SPPL), Thane, Maharashtra.

- **4th**

- Who authored the book, 'Swallowing the Sun: A Novel', which was launched in February 2024

- **Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri**

- During the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s Financial Literacy Week (FLW), RBI launched the Financial Literacy Ideathon for Postgraduate (PG) students, currently enrolled in recognized educational institutions.

What is the theme of FLW 2024, which is being observed from 26th February to 1st March 2024

- **Make a Right Start - Become Financially Smart**