

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH 19 2024**

- Name the country that has recently (in March '24) signed an MoU with India to enhance cooperation on legal and dispute resolution services.
  - **Singapore**
  
- Which country has recently (in March '24) signed the protocol for the establishment of the Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) with India?
  - **Dominican Republic**
  
- According to 'Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2023' released by Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in March 2023, \_\_\_\_\_ (country) was the world's top arms importer for the period 2019-23.
  - **India**
  
- Name the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) that has recently (in March '24) signed an MoU with the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) to encourage innovation and advance the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.
  - **IIT Roorkee**
  
- Which company has recently (in March '24) signed contracts worth Rs 8073.17 crore with Ministry of Defence (MoD) to acquire the 34 Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Dhruv Mk III for Indian Army and Indian Coast Guard?
  - **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**
  
- Name the personality who has recently (in March '24) launched the revamped website of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) & handed over MoUs under the Adopt a Heritage 2.0.

- **Meenakshi Lekhi (Union Ministers of State of Culture)**

➤ In March 2024, L&T Finance Holdings Ltd. signed a loan agreement with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for USD \_\_\_\_\_ to improve financial access in India's lagging states.

- **125 million**

➤ Name the bank that has recently (in March '24) launched 'Vikas Spoorty', a new loan scheme to strengthen the rural credit delivery system.

- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**

➤ Which Institute has recently (in March '24) signed a multi-year MoU with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to conduct joint research on Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology?

- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore**

➤ Who is the current (as of March '24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati?

- **Gaurav Dwivedi**

➤ Which organisation has recently (in March '24) signed USD 181 Million Loan Agreement with the Ministry of Finance (MoF) for the 'Ahmedabad Peri-urban Livability Improvement Project'?

- **Asian Development Bank**