

## 24 MARCH CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1. Fitch Ratings reduce India's FY23 growth forecast to 8.5%



- **Fitch Ratings** has slashed India's GDP growth forecast for the fiscal **FY 2022-2023 to 8.5 per cent** in its **Global economic Outlook-March 2022**.
- Earlier this rate was estimated at **10.3%**. The downwards projection is due to sharply higher energy prices because of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. The Rating agency Fitch has revised upwards the GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal FY 2021-2022, by 0.6 percentage points to **8.7 percent**.
- With the Omicron wave subsiding quickly, containment measures have been scaled back, setting the stage for a pick-up in GDP growth momentum in the June quarter this year.

## 2. 75 Women felicitated by NITI Aayog at 5th Women Transforming India Awards



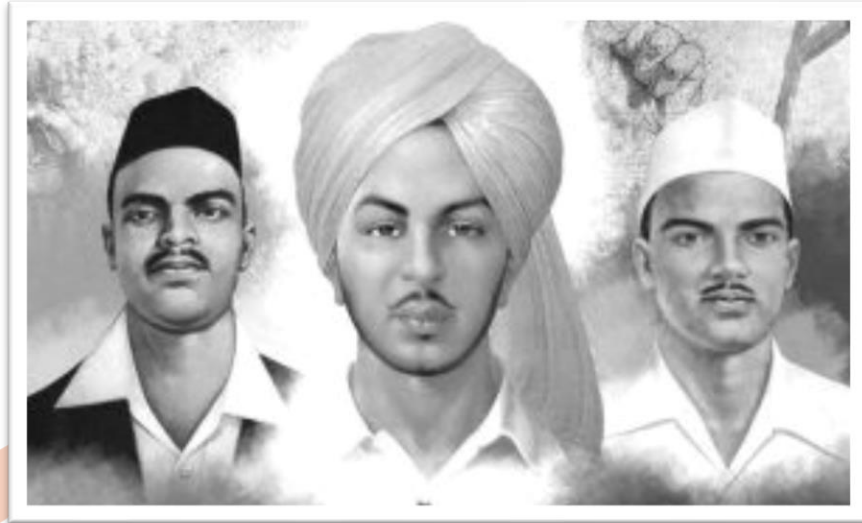
- The Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) of the NITI Aayog organised the 5th edition of the Women Transforming India Awards (WTI).
- As part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, to celebrate 75 years of India's independence, the WTI Awards have been conferred 75 women achievers for their contribution towards a **'Sashakt Aur Samarth Bharat'**.
- The Women Transforming India Awards has been presented since 2018 by NITI Aayog, under the aegis of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), to highlight the commendable and ground-breaking endeavours of India's women leaders and change-makers, with a special focus on entrepreneurship.

### 3. Lakshya Sen finishes runner-up; loses to Axelsen in final Of All England Championship's



- **Lakshya Sen, who won bronze at the World Championships, placed second at the 2022 All England Open Badminton Championships after losing to world number one Viktor Axelsen in the men's singles final on Saturday.**
- **Sen, rated No. 11 in the world, was defeated by reigning Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen 10-21, 15-21. On his route to the top of the podium, the world No. 1 was unstoppable and didn't drop a single game.**

#### 4. Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day Observed On 23rd March



- Every year, the Nation was observed on **March 23rd** as **Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Day)**.
- The day was observed to pay tribute to the death anniversary of the freedom fighters **Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru**, who laid their lives for the freedom of India. Also, **30 January** is observed as Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas in the memory of **Mahatma Gandhi**.
- They were hanged to death for assassinating **John Saunders**, a British police officer in 1928. They had mistook him for British police superintendent **James Scott**. It was Scott who had ordered lathi-charge, which eventually led to the death of **Lala Lajpat Rai**.

## 5. World Meteorological Day 2022: “Early Warning and Early Action”



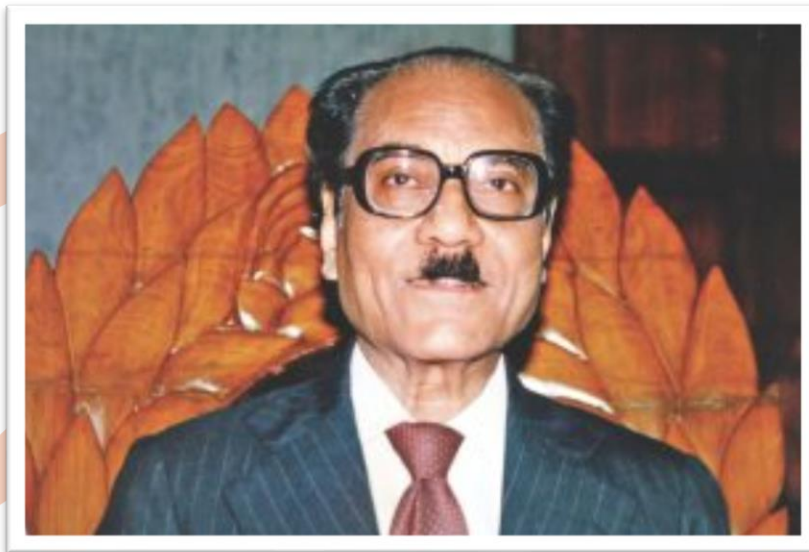
- **World Meteorological Day** is celebrated globally on **March 23rd** every year. The day is celebrated as the establishment of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, and it concentrates on the behaviour of Earth’s atmosphere. The day also helps people be aware of their role in protecting Earth’s atmosphere.
- World Meteorological Day is a significant day as it focuses on the global acknowledgement of different issues of planet earth. The day is conducted by raising awareness about multiple concerns of the Earth around the globe. World Meteorological Day is celebrated with a different motto every year. This year World Meteorological Day is celebrated keeping the theme of **Early Warning and Early Action**.
- World Meteorological Day is celebrated as the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), which was established on **March 23, 1950**. Today, it’s been 72 years of the organization, and it has made immense



progress and helped the world to be a better place. WMO headquarters is situated in **Geneva, Switzerland.**

- **World Meteorological Organization Head: David Grimes.**

## 6. **Bangladesh's former president Shahabuddin Ahmed passes away**



- **Shahabuddin Ahmed**, the former **President of Bangladesh** has passed away at the age of 92 in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. He was the interim head of state as the consensus nominee of all parties amid a mass upsurge in 1990 to topple ex-military dictator HM Ershad.
- Shahabuddin Ahmed also served as the President of Bangladesh from 1996 to 2001. He was responsible for holding a “free and credible” election in the country in February 1991.

## 7. Former Malian Prime Minister Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga passes away



- The former Prime Minister of Mali, **Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga** has passed away due to illness. Maiga served as prime minister of Mali from 2017 until 2019. He had been detained since August 2021 after the country was taken over by a military junta.
- He was appointed Keita's prime minister in 2017 but resigned in April 2019 over a massacre that left 160 people dead.
- **Mali Capital: Bamako**
- **Mali Currency: West African CFA franc**
- **Mali Continent: Africa**

## 8. Tamil Nadu's Narasingapettai Nagaswaram got geographical identification tag



- **Geographical Indication tag** has been awarded to the **Narasingapettai Nagaswaram** under the category of musical instruments of class 15.

Narasinghapettai nagaswaram is a classical wind music instrument that is traditionally made in a village near **Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu**.

- The nagaswaram that is being used by artists nowadays is named **pari nagaswaram** and that is longer than the thimiri. This musical instrument has a body that is cylindrical in shape and takes the shape of a bell at the bottom. This form of the nagaswaram provides volume and tone. The instrument's length is two and a half feet.