

7 MARCH CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Rs 11,400 Crore Pune Metro Rail Project



- The Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Pune Metro Rail Project** on March 06, 2022, and also interacted with differently-abled, visually impaired students present inside the metro coach, during his 10-minute ride in the **Pune Metro**.
- Pune Metro Rail Project has been built at a total cost of **INR 11,420 Crore**. It has a total length of **33.2 km and 30 stations**.
- Pune Metro is the first metro project in the country to have Aluminum body coaches, indigenously manufactured under the Make in India policy of GoI. PM Modi also unveiled the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the premises of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple developmental projects in Pune

2. India's first FSRU Hoegh Giant Arrives at Jaigarh Terminal



- H-Jaigarh Energy's Terminal in Maharashtra has received India's first **floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU)**. On **April 12, 2021**, the **FSRU Höegh Giant** arrived at **Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra** after sailing from **Keppel Shipyard in Singapore**. This will be India's first **FSRU-based LNG** receiving terminal, as well as Maharashtra's first year-around LNG facility.
- The Höegh Giant, which was erected in **2017**, has a storage capacity of **1,70,000 cubic metres** and a regasification capacity of **750 million cubic feet per day** (equivalent to about six million tpa). FSRU has been chartered for a **10-year period by H-Energy**.
- The Höegh Giant LNG terminal will be connected to the national gas grid via the **56-kilometer Jaigarh-Dabhol natural gas pipeline**.
- The facility will also deliver **LNG** to onshore distribution via truck loading facilities. Reloading **LNG** into small-scale **LNG** vessels for bunkering services is also possible at the plant
- H-Energy also plans to boost the region's small-scale LNG market, utilising **FSRU** for **LNG** storage and reloading into smaller boats.

3. Study in India meet 2022 inaugurated in Dhaka



- The two-day-long **Study in India (SII) 2022** meeting was inaugurated in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. The event organised by the High Commission of India was inaugurated by the Education Minister of Bangladesh **Dr Dipu Moni** and the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh **Vikram Doraiswami**.
- Education Minister of Bangladesh said the educational exchange between the two countries will further strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries. She said that students of today have the responsibility to find solutions for the common issues like poverty that are faced by the countries of South Asia.
- A large number of students from various educational institutions took part in the event. They explored the opportunity for studying abroad provided by some of the best colleges and universities in India.

4. Mobile World Congress 2022 held in Barcelona



- The **Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA)** has organised the **2022 Mobile World Congress (MWC)**, which took place in **Barcelona, Spain** from 28 February to 3 March.
- The focus on 5G and maximizing its potential for benefiting countries and economies is the centrepiece of MWC this year which is taking place amid an ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.
- Global Mobile Economy Report expects 5G connections globally to reach **1 billion in 2022** by 5G adoption. An increase in the 5G network connection will increase the global GDP by **5% up to \$5 trillion in 2025**.
- **GSMA Established: 1995**
- **GSMA Headquarters: London, United Kingdom**
- **GSMA Chairperson: Stéphane Richard**

4. Telangana topped the Country in terms of Per Capita Net State



- **Telangana** became the top-performing state in India with a population over one crore in terms of the growth rate of **Per Capita Net State Domestic Product** at Current Prices by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**. It succeeded other states like **Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu**.
- The Gross State Domestic Price (GSDP) of Telangana increased from Rs 359434 crores in 2011-12 to Rs 1,154,860 crores in 2021-22. It recorded GSDP growth by 31.12 per cent from 2011-12. It is one of the highest growth rates for any state in the country.
- In terms of the percentage growth in GSDP, Telangana has shown the most rapid increase in its growth rate by around 17% from 2020 to the present.
- Major projects include Rythu Bandhu scheme for farmers, the world's largest lift irrigation Kaleshwaram project to provide water to the fields, and the Arogya Laxmi scheme for pregnant and lactating women.

- **Telangana Capital: Hyderabad**
- **Telangana Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan**
- **Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao**

5. **SBI named ex-Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO Nitin Chugh as DMD**



- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has appointed former Ujjivan Small Finance Bank CEO, **Nitin Chugh** as **Deputy Managing Director (DMD)** to drive digital banking operations. He has been appointed for an initial term of three years.
- Prior to this appointment, Chugh was CEO and managing director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. He joined there from HDFC Bank where he served as the Group Head of Digital Banking.
- According to public notice by SBI, the position would be responsible for envisioning, developing and executing of bank's digital banking strategy and business plan for imparting digital knowledge/skills in a constructive, empowering and collaborative way.

6. Minister of Electronics & IT inaugurates Tech Conclave 2022



- **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** has partnered with governments on digital initiatives. We've constructed **state-of-the-art PAN-India ICT infrastructure**, digital platforms, and solutions for the government's exclusive usage over the years. We've helped the federal and state governments automate their procedures and deliver public services electronically.
- NIC has been hosting a Tech Conclave on **Emerging Technologies**, which are particularly useful in **e-Government**. "**Next Gen Technologies for Digital Government**" is the theme of this year's Tech Conclave.
- The benefits can range from gaining a better grasp of the industry's **ICT** best practises to disseminating awareness of the latest technologies and trends that are useful in the society's big digital transition.
- The **Tech Conclave** will provide **IT managers** from government ministries and departments with information on the

latest ICT technology and their applications, as well as industry best practices.

7. Future Generali India Insurance Launches 'FG Dog Health Cover' Insurance



- **Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited (FGII)** has announced the launch of **FG Dog Health Cover**, comprehensive health insurance for pet dogs, along with industry-first 'Emergency Pet Minding' cover. The FGII also focuses on a digital campaign named 'Oh My Dog!' with an aim to create awareness on purchasing dog health insurance cover and also targets on social media like Instagram and Twitter.
- The insurance policy covers pet dogs aged between six months to four years for giant breeds and seven years for small, medium, and large breeds. The exit age is ten years for small, medium, and large breeds and six years for giant breeds.
- This comprehensive cover will protect pet parents against the cost of their dogs' surgery and hospitalisation, terminal illness, mortality, and funeral expenses. With add-on covers, pet parents will, also, be able to

insure their dogs against third-party liability, theft or loss, emergency pet minding, veterinary consultation, and doctor on call.

- With FG Dog Health Cover, pet parents will be able to choose their a veterinarian, budget their pet care costs, and avoid the dip into emergency funds with easy documentation.
- **FGII CEO: Anup Rau**
- **FGII Headquarters location: Mumbai**
- **FGII Founded: 2000**

8. India's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG completes sea level trials



- India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer, '**HANSA-NG**', successfully completed the sea-level trials at **Puducherry**. HANSA-NG was flown from **Bengaluru to Puducherry** on February 19, covering a distance of 140 nautical miles in 1.5 hours at a cruising speed of **155 km/hr**.

- The objectives of sea level trials is to evaluate handling qualities, climb / cruise performance, balked landing, structural performance including positive & negative G, power plant and other systems performance.
- The aircraft has been designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- HANSA-NG is one of the most advanced flying trainers, designed to meet the Indian flying club needs and it is an ideal aircraft for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL) due to its low cost and low fuel consumption.
- A trainer aircraft is designed specifically to facilitate flight training of pilots and aircrews.

9. BCCI named RuPay as the official partner for Tata IPL 2022

ONLINE LEARNING WITH EXPERTS



- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s, **Indian Premier League (IPL)** Governing Council has announced **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**'s flagship product RuPay as an official partner for the **Tata IPL 2022**. This will be a multi-year partnership. RuPay offers tech-led, innovative, and customized offerings to people across India, being accepted in India and internationally.
- Tata IPL 2022 will be co-presented by **Dream11** and co-powered by Tata and CRED. Swiggy, Prystin Care, Zepto, Livspace, L'Oreal, and Spinny have been signed-on as associate sponsors.
- The 15th edition of Tata IPL 2022 will start on **26th March 2022**. A total of 70 league matches will be played across four international venues in Mumbai and Pune. The venue for the playoff matches will be decided later.
- **BCCI Founded: 1928**
- **BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**
- **BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly**
- **BCCI Vice president: Rajeev Shukla**
- **BCCI Secretary: Jay Shah**
- **BCCI Men's coach: Rahul Dravid**
- **BCCI Women's coach: Ramesh Powar**

10. Mithali Raj becomes first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cups



- Indian women cricket captain, **Mithali Raj** has become the first woman to appear in six **World Cups**. She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad.
- She has played in the **ICC women's cricket world cup events in 2000, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017 and now in 2022**. The ICC women's cricket world cup 2022 is being held in New Zealand.
- In the women's game, the Indian batter surpassed former New Zealand cricketers, **Debbie Hockley and Charlotte Edwards of England**. Fast bowler Jhulan Goswami, Raj's India teammate for the longest time, stands second on the list with five World Cup appearances.