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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 12 - 13 March 2023

### Rudraprayag & Tehri Top Landslide Index: ISRO Report

- The 2 Hilly Districts Of Uttarakhand, Rudraprayag (1<sup>st</sup>) And Tehri (2<sup>nd</sup>), Are Most Prone To Landslides According To The 'Landslide Atlas' Report Of ISRO's Hyderabad-based National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC).
- Kerala's Thrissur & Palakkad Districts Are At 3<sup>rd</sup> And 5<sup>th</sup> Place.
- Rudraprayag Has 32 Old Landslide Zones, The Maximum Of Which Are Located On NH-107.
- Chamoli District (Joshimath Landslides) Is At Number 19 Among The Districts At Risk Of Landslides.
- Rajouri & Pulwama (J&K), Kozhikode & Malappuram (Kerala), & South Sikkim and East Sikkim (Sikkim) Are The Other High-Risk Districts.



### Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway In Karnataka

- **PM Narendra Modi** Dedicated To The Nation The **Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway In Karnataka**.
- The **118 Km Long Bengaluru-Mysore Expressway** Will Reduce The Travel Time Between Bengaluru And Mysuru From **3 Hours To About 75 Minutes**.

- The **NH-275** Segment Between **Bengaluru, Nidaghatta, And Mysuru** Will Have **6 Lanes** Constructed As Part Of The Project, Which Has A Total Development **Cost** Of About **Rs 8,480 Crores**.



## India & Australia Target \$100 Billion Bilateral Trade In 5 Years

- **India & Australia** Will Target **\$100 Billion Trade** In The **Next 5 Years** Because Both The Countries Are Currently Dissatisfied With The **\$30 Billion Trade**.
- **Both Countries** Expressed Their Commitment To **Complete Negotiations To Expand** The Scope Of The Existing **Free Trade Agreement** By The End Of This Year.
- **Both** The Countries Are Now **Negotiating** To Expand Its Scope For **A Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)**.
- **India And Australia** Implemented An **Economic Cooperation And Trade Agreement (ECTA)** On **29 December 2022**.
- **India's Exports To Australia-** **Manufactured Goods** Such As **Petroleum, Medicaments, Diamonds, Jewellery, Railway Coaches And Vehicles, Milled Rice And Herbicides**.
- **India's Imports To Australia - 82% Of Its Imports From Australia** Are **Coal, Gold, Copper Ore, Aluminum Oxide, Liquefied Natural Gas, Manganese Ore, Aluminum Waste, Pigments, Lentils, Etc**





## Indonesia Shifts Capital From Jakarta To Borneo

- The New Capital City Of The Country Will Be Called **Nusantara** Is Located In **The East Kalimantan Province Of Borneo**.
- **President Joko Widodo** Has Envisioned The Construction Of A New Capital, So That The Country Can Have A "**Sustainable City**."
- **Jakarta** Has Been Described As **The World's Fastest-sinking City** And It Is Estimated That A **3<sup>rd</sup> Of The City** Could Be **Submerged By 2050**.
- The Main Reason For This Is **Uncontrolled Groundwater Extraction**, But The **Rising Java Sea Due To Climate Change** Has Increased This Possibility.
- **Its Air & Groundwater Are Highly Polluted**, It **Floods Regularly** And Its **Streets Are So Congested**.
- **The New Capital Will Be A Sustainable Forest City** Which Will Be **Developed** Keeping In Mind The Environment And Will Aim To Achieve **Zero Carbon Emissions By The Year 2045**.



## Rohit Jawa: New CEO And MD Of Hindustan Unilever Ltd

- He Was Appointed As The **New Managing Director And Chief Executive Officer** Of Company **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)**.
- **Rohit Jawa Will Succeed Sanjiv Mehta**, The Current Managing Director And Chief Executive Officer (CEO), **Who Will Retire On March 30, 2023**.
- **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)**
- Headquarters - **London, England**
- Head Office In India - **Mumbai**
- Established - **17 October 1933**



## Silicon Valley Bank Collapse in USA

EXAMS

- California-based **Silicon Valley Bank (SVB)**, The **16<sup>th</sup> Largest Bank In The USA**, Was **Closed On 9 March** By The **California Department Of Financial Protection And Innovation**.
- It Is The **Biggest Banking Failure Since The 2008** Financial Crisis.
- It Is Considered The Biggest Financial Crisis Since The Collapse Of **Washington Mutual And Lehman Brothers** During The 2008 Recession.
- As Of **December 31, 2022**, The Silicon Valley Bank Had Approximately **\$209.0 Billion** In Total Assets And About **\$175.4 Billion** In Total Deposits
- The Widespread **Slowdown In The Startup Industry** Led To **High Deposit Withdrawals** In The Bank.
- SVB Announced The **Sale Of Securities Worth \$21 Billion** From Its Portfolio.
- The Company Said That To Strengthen Its Financial Position, Shares **Worth \$ 2.25 Billion** Are Being Sold.
- The **Increase In Interest Rates By The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp** Also Messed Up SVB Bank's Math



## India-US 5<sup>th</sup> Commercial Dialogue Meeting Held In New Delhi

- The Meeting Was Attended By Union Commerce And Industry Minister Piyush Goyal And US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo.
- The Bilateral Goods And Services Trade Is Set To Almost Double Since 2014, Surpassing A Recorded US\$ 191 Billion In 2022.
- It Will Take Forward Cooperation On Start-ups, SMEs, Skill Development And Entrepreneurship, Including Digital And Emerging Technologies.
- An MoU Was Signed Between The 2 Countries On Establishing A Semiconductor Supply Chain & Innovation Partnership.
- India Is The 9<sup>th</sup> Largest Trading Partner For The US, While The US Is India's Largest Trading Partner And Largest Export Destination.
- The Last India-US Commercial Dialogue Was Held In February 2019.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Top Landslide Index In 'Landslide Atlas' Report

- A. Palakkad
- B. Tehri
- C. New Delhi
- D. Rudraprayag

**ANSWER: D**

2. Nandaprayag Lies At The Confluence Of The \_\_\_ & \_\_\_

- A. Alaknanda River and Dhauli Ganga River
- B. Alaknanda River and Bhagirathi River
- C. Alaknanda River and Nandakini River
- D. Alaknanda River and Mandakini River

**ANSWER: C**

3. Rudraprayag Lies At The Confluence Of The \_\_\_ & \_\_\_

- A. Alaknanda River and Bhagirathi River
- B. Alaknanda River and Dhauli Ganga River
- C. Alaknanda River and Nandakini River
- D. Alaknanda River and Mandakini River

**ANSWER: D**

4. Karnaprayag Lies At The Confluence Of The \_\_\_ & \_\_\_

- A. Pindar Ganga And Bhagirathi River
- B. Alaknanda River And Pindar Ganga River
- C. Pindar Ganga And Nandakini River
- D. Pindar Ganga And Mandakini River

**ANSWER: B**



**5. NH-275 Lies Between \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Kochi, Kozhikode, Kollam
- B. Telangana, Warangal & Sambalpur
- C. Bengaluru, Nidaghatta, And Mysuru
- D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: C**

**6. World's Longest Railway Platform Is In \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Gorakhpur
- B. Hubballi
- C. Kharagpur
- D. Varanasi

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Indonesia Shifts Capital From Jakarta To \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Nusantara
- B. Sumatra
- C. Java
- D. Kalimantan

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Borneo Island Is The \_\_\_\_\_ Largest Island In The World**

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- B. 1<sup>st</sup>
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D. 4<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Who Is The Current President Of Indonesia ?**

- A. Megawati Sukarnoputri
- B. Joko Widodo
- C. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono



D. None Of The Above

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Rohit Jawa Will Succeed \_\_\_\_ To Become New CEO Of Hindustan Unilever Ltd**

- A. NC Rao
- B. Kulbhushan Singh
- C. Rajiv Mehta
- D. Sanjiv Mehta

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Hindustan Unilever Limited Was Established In \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. 1943
- B. 1933
- C. 1947
- D. 1955

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Silicon Valley Bank Collapse Due To \_\_\_\_**

- A. The Widespread Slowdown In The Startup Industry Led To High Deposit Withdrawals
- B. The Increase In Interest Rates By The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp
- C. None Of The Above
- D. Both A And B

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Silicon Valley Bank Was Founded In \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. 1983
- B. 1975
- C. 1992
- D. 1999

**ANSWER: A**

**14. India Is The \_\_\_ Largest Trading Partner For The USA**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 9<sup>th</sup>
- C. 7<sup>th</sup>
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ANSWER: B**

**15. \_\_\_\_\_ Is The Largest Trading Partner For The India.**

- A. Australia
- B. China
- C. Israel
- D. USA

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Who Is The Current Union Minister For Commerce And Industry ?**

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Ravishankar Prasad
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Pramod Sawant

**ANSWER: C**

**17. India-US 5<sup>th</sup> Commercial Dialogue Meeting Held In \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Jaipur

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Silicon Valley Bank Is The \_\_\_ Largest Bank In The USA**

- A. 16<sup>th</sup>
- B. 5<sup>th</sup>
- C. 7<sup>th</sup>
- D. 9<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Was Born In \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Mysuru
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Sivamogga
- D. Ballari

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Vijayanagar Empire Was Founded By \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Krishna Dev Raya
- B. Deva Raya 2
- C. Virupaksha
- D. Harihara

**ANSWER: D**

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