

March 9th news:

National:

PM launches National Nutrition Mission

PM Modi launches National Nutrition Mission and expansion of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign to mark the International Women's Day celebrations in the country;

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8th March inaugurated the pan-India expansion of flagship programme--Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao.

Giving a fillip to the Government's initiative to save and educate the girl child, the programme expanded from the existing 161 districts to 640 districts all over the country.

Prime Minister also launched the National Nutrition Mission nationwide. He said that this will be executed in a mission mode using technology for maximum benefits.

Telugu Desam Party Ministers quit NDA Cabinet

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) on 8th March quit the NDA government, with its ministers P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju (Civil Aviation) and Y.S. Chowdary (Science and Technology) submitting their resignations. The two ministers drove to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence and handed over their resignations in accordance with the party's decision to resign over the TDP's charge that the Centre was not granting special status to Andhra Pradesh.

Meanwhile two BJP Ministers in Andhra cabinet submitted their resignation to the CM Chandrababu Naidu in Hyderabad.

Earlier, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has said that the Centre is committed to give Andhra Pradesh a financial assistance equivalent to a special category state.

Economy:

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant launches Women Entrepreneurship Platform

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant on 8th March launched the Women Entrepreneurship Platform, WEP, on the occasion of International Women's Day. The platform aspires to substantially increase the number of women entrepreneurs who will create and empower a dynamic New India.

WEP will provide opportunities to women to realize their entrepreneurial aspirations, scale-up innovative initiatives and chalk-out sustainable, long-term strategies for their businesses. It aims to promote women entrepreneurship and provide industry linkages and partner support to women entrepreneurs.

Nominations for the third edition of the Women Transforming India Awards 2018, was also opened on the occasion.

United Nations Resident Coordinator for India Yuri Afanasiev said Women Entrepreneurship Platform launched is a logical continuation of Women's transforming India awards.

Environment:

Govt launches biodegradable sanitary napkin Suidha

The Government on 8th March launched 'Biodegradable Sanitary Napkins' under the 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana', on the occasion of International Women's Day.

After launching the 'Biodegradable Sanitary Napkins' which is named 'Suidha', Union Chemicals & Fertilizers Minister Ananth Kumar said that keeping the health and hygiene issues faced by women the government has come up with the initiative.

A pack of 4 napkins will be available in the market at a price of Rs 10 which is much lesser than the price of similar products in the market.

Sports:

India finish with three gold, two bronze in Asian Archery

Indian junior archers bagged three gold and two bronze medals to finish their Asia Cup Archery Stage 1 campaign on a high in Bangkok on 8th March.

On the final day, Promila Daimary won second individual gold medal for India as she defeated Natalia Erdynieva of Russia 7-3 in the women's recurve individual.

Indian trio of Akash, Gora Ho and Gaurav Lambe defeated Mongolian rivals 27-26 in the tie-breaker to clinch the third gold.

Madhu Vedwan beat Altangerel Enkh TUYA of Mongolia 6-5 in the shootoff after being locked 5-all for the bronze. Earlier, India had bagged a gold in the women's compound individual section after Muskan Kirar beat Nadhirah Zakaria Sazatul of Malaysia 139-136

Muskan also ended up pocketing a second medal in the form of bronze when she along with Divya Dhayal and Mrinal Hiwrale defeated their Indonesian opponents 227-221 in the third-place playoff.

In the semifinals, India lost to Vietnam 224-227. India also lost in the compound men's team in the third place playoff and the compound mixed team bronze playoff.

Persons in news:

Niephui Rio: People's Democratic Alliance, PDA's leader Niephui Rio has been sworn-in as the new Chief Minister of Nagaland on 8th March while State BJP Legislatures leader Y. Patton has been appointed as Deputy Chief Minister.

Nagaland Governor PB Acharya administered the Oath of office and Secrecy to Rio and 10 of his Cabinet Ministers apart from Deputy Chief Minister at Kohima Local Ground