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### Maharashtra State Specific News

#### Martyrs' Day



#### Context:

- In India, **March 23rd** is commemorated as **Martyrs' Day**, also known as **Shaheed Diwas**.
- This day specifically honors the sacrifices of three **legendary freedom fighters: Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru**.

#### About:

- These **three revolutionaries** were hanged by the **British Raj** in **1931** for their role in resisting **British rule**.
- Martyrs' Day serves as a **day to remember all those who fought and died for India's freedom**.
- It's a time to express gratitude for their sacrifices and reflect on the importance of freedom.

#### Note:

- **January 30th** is also celebrated as **Martyr's day**.
- It commemorates the **assassination of Mahatma Gandhi**, the "**Father of the Nation**," in **1948**.

#### Climate change risk: Study

#### Context:

- A recent study suggests **temperatures during Holi** could **soar above 40°C** due to **climate change**.
- This rise in scorching temperatures is a **significant increase compared to the 1970s**.

#### About:

- In the **1970s**, **only three states** in India had a **more than 5% chance** of seeing temperatures cross **40 degrees Celsius** during **Holi—Maharashtra, Bihar, Chhattisgarh**.
- Today, that number has expanded to include **six more states, including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh**.
- The state with the **highest probability of crossing 40C** in **late March** is **Maharashtra**, with a **14% likelihood**.
- The **analysis by Climate Central** highlights a **troubling trend: hotter springs with summers arriving earlier and lasting longer**.
- This finding underscores the urgency of addressing climate change to protect traditional celebrations and public health.

#### Note:

- The warming trends were **detected in a new analysis from US-based Climate Central (an independent group of scientists & communicators)** that looked at **monthly average temperatures in the months of March and April since 1970**.



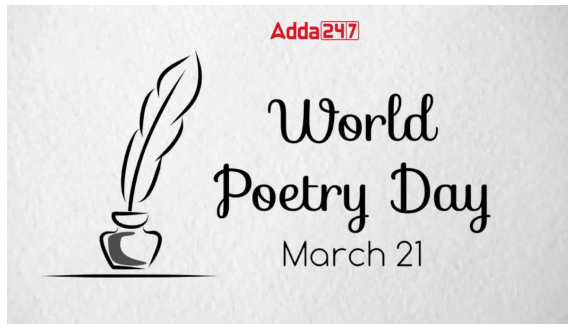
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**JSW Energy buys Rel Power's wind assets for ₹132cr**

**Context:**

- In a move to **expand its renewable energy portfolio**, JSW Energy, through its **subsidiary JSW Renewable Energy**, has agreed to purchase a **45 MW wind power project** from Reliance Power for ₹132 crore.
- The project is **located in Vashpet, Maharashtra**, and has a **power purchase agreement with Adani Electricity**.
- This acquisition strengthens JSW Energy's position in the renewable energy sector and aligns with India's growing focus on sustainable power generation.
- The funds from the sale will be used by Reliance Power to repay debt

**World Poetry Day**



**Context:**

- **World Poetry Day is celebrated annually on March 21st**
- It is a day to **celebrate the beauty and significance of poetry**.
- It was **established by UNESCO in 1999**

**It aims to:**

1. **Promote linguistic diversity:**
  - Poetry uses language in creative ways, highlighting the richness of different cultures and languages.
2. **Support endangered languages:**
  - World Poetry Day brings attention to languages at risk of disappearing, ensuring their voices are heard.
3. **Honor poets and revive traditions:**
  - It's a day to recognize the contributions of poets and encourage the oral tradition of poetry recitals.
4. **Make poetry accessible:**
  - World Poetry Day promotes the reading, writing, teaching, and enjoyment of poetry for everyone.

**Theme:**

- The theme for World Poetry Day 2024 is **"Standing on the Shoulders of Giants."**



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### World Down Syndrome Day



#### Context:

- **World Down Syndrome Day** is celebrated annually on **March 21st**
- It is a day to **raise awareness** about Down syndrome and **celebrate the contributions** of people with Down syndrome.
- The **date, 3/21**, reflects the **triplication (trisomy)** of the **21st chromosome** that causes Down syndrome.
- This day was **officially recognized** by the **United Nations** in **2012**.

#### About:

- Down's syndrome is a **genetic disorder** caused when **abnormal cell division** results in **extra genetic material from chromosome 21 (trisomy 21)**.
- This extra copy **changes how a baby's body and brain develop**.
- It can cause **both mental and physical challenges** during their **lifetime**.

#### Theme:

- This year's **theme** is **'End The Stereotypes'**.

### World Meteorological Day



#### Context:

- **World Meteorological Day** is celebrated on **March 23rd** every year.
- It marks the **anniversary of the establishment** of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** in **1950**.
- The day **highlights the importance** of **weather and climate information** for **society's safety and well-being**.

#### Theme:

- This year's **theme** is **"At the Frontline of Climate Action."**
- It **emphasizes the crucial role** of **weather observation, forecasting, and climate science** in **understanding and addressing climate change**.

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