

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 07, 2024

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ **‘NITI For States’ Platform**

- ✓ Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw is set to inaugurate the ‘NITI For States’ platform, a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative by NITI Aayog, in New Delhi.



- ✓ The platform aims to enhance policy development and promote exemplary governance throughout the Indian states.
  - ✓ It encompasses ten key sectors: agriculture, education, energy, health, livelihoods and skilling, manufacturing, MSME, tourism, urban planning, and water resources & WASH, with additional focus on gender and climate change issues.
- #### ➤ **South Eastern Coalfield Limited’s Gevra Mine**
- ✓ South Eastern Coalfield Limited’s (SECL) Gevra mine, located in Chhattisgarh, is on the verge of becoming the largest coal mine in Asia.



**Gevra Mine: India's Largest Coal Mine set to become largest in Asia**

- ✓ The mine recently received environmental clearance to enhance its production capacity to 70 million tons per annum, up from the existing 52.5 million tons.
- ✓ This expansion marks a pivotal moment not only for SECL but also for the nation's energy sector, as India moves to bolster its coal production capabilities.
- ✓ This ambition reflects India's broader objective to enhance its coal mining efficiency and productivity, aligning with global best practices.

## SPORTS

### ➤ **Khelo India Medal Winners - Eligible For Government Jobs**

- ✓ Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), in collaboration with the Department of Sports, has introduced significant reforms in the recruitment, promotion, and incentive mechanisms for athletes.



**Khelo India Games Medal Winners Will now Be Eligible For Govt Jobs, Says Sports Minister**

- ✓ This initiative underscores the government's commitment to nurturing sporting talent and turning sports into a lucrative career option.
- ✓ Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, has announced that medal winners at the Khelo India Games—spanning Youth, University, Para, and Winter categories—are now eligible for government jobs.

