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History of March 20

- ◆ **1351** : Muhammad bin Tughlaq, the Sultan of Delhi, died.
- ◆ **1602** : The United Dutch East India Company was established.
- ◆ **1904** : C.F.Andrews came to India to join the freedom movement with Mahatma Gandhi.
- ◆ **1739** : Delhi Sultanate was captured by Nadirshah.
- ◆ **1977** : Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was defeated in the Lok Sabha elections.
- ◆ **1956** : The Soviet Union conducted a nuclear test.
- ◆ **1982** : France conducted a nuclear test.

Current Affairs Related to 20 March

- ◆ The Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi will host the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2023 from March 15 to 26. Mahindra has been roped in by the Boxing Federation of India as the title sponsor of the event, while MC Mary Kom and Bollywood actor Farhan Akhtar have been roped in as brand ambassadors. India is serving as the host country for the third time in the history. The presence of Mary Kom and Bollywood superstar Farhan Akhtar will give a big boost to BFI's goal of promoting women's boxing participation. The biennial international competition will feature over 350 competitors from 12 weight categories and 74 countries.
- ◆ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented a budget of Rs 1,18,500 crore for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the next financial year. The total budget estimate for the financial year is Rs 1,18,500 crore, of which development expenditure is Rs 41,491 crore. The capital component of the budget has increased significantly. The expected revenue receipts are Rs 1,06,061 crore, while the revenue expenditure is expected to be Rs 77,009 crore, leaving a revenue surplus of Rs 29,052 crore available for capital expenditure.
- ◆ The ground station of the India-Bhutan satellite BhutanSat was inaugurated. This ground station is built in Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. It was inaugurated by the Indian Space Research Organization and the Government of Bhutan. This station is a ground-based facility, which will help to communicate with and receive information sent by the satellite. This ground station will enable Bhutan to receive data from the India-Bhutan SAT over its territory directly from the satellite and process it in real time.
- ◆ In its World Air Quality Report released by Swiss firm IQAir, India has been named the eighth most polluted country in the world in 2022, up from fifth last year. India has 39 out of 50 cities in the list of most polluted cities in the world.
- ◆ Pfizer is spending about \$43 billion to acquire CGen in a bid to delve deeper into new cancer treatments. Which target tumor cells while sparing the surrounding area of healthy tissue. Pfizer President and CEO Albert Bourla told PTI that it will pay \$229 in cash for each share of CGen Inc.
- ◆ Environmental, social and governance legal issues have become an important area of concern for businesses, governments and individuals around the world. India is no exception to this trend, with the country's corporate sector and regulators focusing on ESG related matters. As we enter 2023, it is worth taking a closer look at the State of Environment, Social and Governance Law India 2023 and what the future holds for this fast-growing sector. Environmental law has been a major area of focus for regulators in India for decades.
- ◆ A new project known as beggar free city has been launched in Maharashtra's Nagpur. Nagpur City Police Commissioner Amitesh Kumar announced that notification 144 of the CPC has been issued in this regard. The Social Welfare Division of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation and the Nagpur City Police are partners in this effort. NMC has developed special provisions to accommodate homeless people in its shelters.
- ◆ NMDC Director Amitabh Mukherjee has taken over the additional charge of CMD. Mukherjee, a 1995 batch officer of the Indian Railway Accounts Service, is also a cost accountant. In a filing to BSE, NMDC said that it was under Mukherjee's leadership that the demerger of NMDC Steel Limited from NMDC Limited was completed in a time-bound manner.
- ◆ SpaceX launched a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station with 40 more internet satellites for rival OneWeb, after the rocket's first stage booster landed back at the Florida spaceport.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is the International Day of Happiness celebrated every year?

- (A) 18th March (B) 20th March
(C) 22nd March (D) 25th March

(B) International Day of Happiness is celebrated every year on 20 March. The International Day of Happiness aims to make people around the world realize the importance of happiness within their lives. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 June 2012. The International Day was celebrated for the first time in 2013.



2. When is World Sparrow Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th March (B) 21st March
(C) 22nd March (D) 23rd March

(A) World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on 20 March. The main purpose of World Sparrow Day is to raise public awareness of the plight of house sparrows and other common birds in urban environments. March 20 is designated as the day for this observance. On March 20, 2011, NFS to honor those who helped in sparrow conservation and environment work. Sparrow Award was also started by the Government in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



3. Recently, the banks of how many countries got the approval of RBI by the central government for trading in rupees?

- (A) 11 (B) 15
(C) 18 (D) 20

(C) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has allowed banks in 18 countries to open special Vostro Rupee accounts to settle rupee payments. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad said that the Reserve Bank has given 60 such approvals.



4. Who has recently unveiled the first methanol-run buses in Bengaluru?

- (A) Nitin Gadkari (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Amit Shah

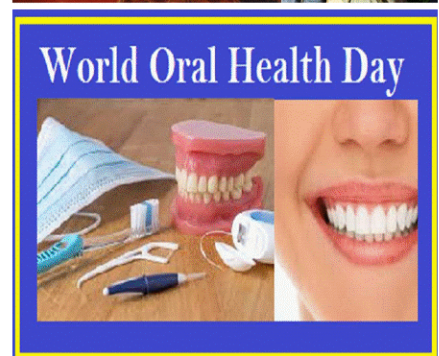
(A) The first methanol-powered buses in Bengaluru will be unveiled by Union Road and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, NITI Aayog, Indian Oil Company and Ashok Leyland are working together to drive this initiative, which aims to reduce the level of pollutants.



5. When is World Oral Health Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th March (B) 22nd March
(C) 23rd March (D) 24th March

(A) The World Dental Federation started celebrating World Oral Day in the year 2013 to keep people clean and keep their mouth healthy. Since then, World Oral Health Day is celebrated every year on 20 March. Its main objective is to make people aware of oral hygiene. Doctors always advise people to brush twice a day.





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6. Who is the chairman of the National Startup Advisory Council?

- (A) Union Finance Minister
- (B) Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
- (C) Prime Minister
- (D) Union Home Minister

(B) Recently the sixth meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council was held in New Delhi. The National Startup Advisory Council was constituted by the Commission and the Department for Promotion of Internal Trade. It advises the government on measures needed to create a strong ecosystem for promoting innovation and startups in the country. It aims to promote sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities.



7. In which state is the Katarniaghat Ghat Wildlife Sanctuary located recently?

- (A) Haryana (B) Bihar
- (C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Uttar Pradesh

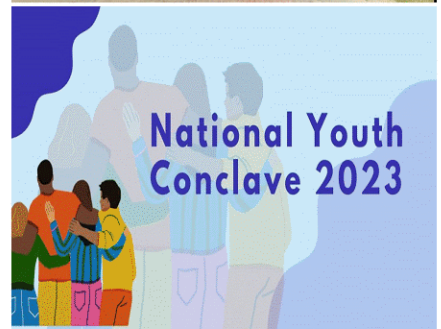
(D) Recently a rare albino deer has been sighted in the Katarniaghat Ghat Wildlife Sanctuary. Katarniaghat Ghat Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the upper Gangetic plain of Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh. The Katarnia Ghat Forest provides a strategic link between the tiger habitats of Dudhwa and Kishanpur in India and Nepal.



8. Which of the following is not related to the National Youth Conclave 2023?

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (C) Department of Youth Affairs
- (D) National Institute of Urban Affairs

(A) Recently National Youth Conclave was organized. It was organized by Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Department of Youth Affairs and Institute of Urban Affairs. National Youth Conclave is the biggest youth summit of India. The event is held under the aegis of India's G20 Presidency in 2023 and is aligned with the Urban 20 and Youth 20 engagement groups.



9. Mount Merapi volcano is located in which country?

- (A) Italy (B) Malaysia
- (C) Japan (D) Indonesia

(D) The recent eruption of Mount Merapi volcano spread ash in the surrounding areas. Mount Merapi is a volcanic mountain peak located near the island of Java, Indonesia. It is the most active of Indonesia's 130 active volcanoes. Its largest eruption ever occurred in 1006, whose ash spread throughout Central Java.



10. Which has recently become the longest-lived tropical cyclone?

- (A) Cyclone Asani (B) Cyclone Freddy
- (C) Cyclone Fani (D) Cyclone Taute

(B) Recently Cyclone Freddy became the longest-lived tropical cyclone. This cyclone has been active over the South Indian Ocean for 32 days. The cyclone has had a widespread impact on people in Madagascar and Mozambique. This has killed 21 people and displaced thousands.

