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History of March 22

- ◆ **1739** : The invader **Nadir Shah** allowed his army to massacre in **Delhi**.
- ◆ **1882** : The deadly infectious disease **TB** was identified.
- ◆ **1888** : The **English Football League** was established.
- ◆ **1942** : **Britain** signed a treaty to liberate **Jordan**.
- ◆ **1977** : **Mrs. Indira Gandhi** resigned from the post of **Prime Minister**.
- ◆ **1978** : **France** conducted a nuclear test.

Current Affairs Related to 22 March

- ◆ A new announcement has been made by the government regarding the **Gaganyaan mission**. Accordingly, the first abort mission of **Gaganyaan** will be launched in **May**. It is the first of four aborted missions for India's manned space mission using test vehicles or test rockets. Under this, the first test vehicle mission **TV-D1** is scheduled in **May 2023**. This will be followed by the second test vehicle **TVD2** mission in the first quarter of **2024**, which is the first unmanned mission of **Gaganyaan**.
- ◆ The **Bar Council of India** has taken a major decision regarding the legal profession in the country. Under the decision, **BCI** has allowed foreign lawyers and law firms to practice in **India** for the first time. For this, the apex body of lawyers, **BCI** has notified the **Rules for Registration and Regulation for Foreign Lenders and Foreign Law Firms in India 2022**. This decision will be confirmed with some restrictions.
- ◆ The spacesuit has features to help astronauts conduct scientific experiments on the lunar surface. Spacesuits would be a better fit for female astronauts. According to **NASA**, the suit should be ready for the **Artemis III** mission to the **Moon** in **2025**. **NASA** had earlier promised to send the first woman to the lunar surface. Earlier plans to send female astronauts into space had failed due to the lack of spacesuits of their size.
- ◆ **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das** has been given the **Governor of the Year award at the Central Banking Awards 2023**. The award has been given to **Shaktikanta Das** because he steered the financial markets through several crises. These crises include inflation and epidemics caused by the war in **Ukraine**. Former **Gunner Raghuram Rajan** was the first Indian to receive the award in **2015**. **Das** is currently in his second term as the **RBI governor**. He is the **25th Governor of RBI**. He was appointed as the **RBI governor** in **December 2018**.
- ◆ **Banking partnership Indian Premier League team Royal Challengers Bangalore** has signed **Equitas Small Finance Bank** as its banking partner for the **IPL 2023** season. This partnership means that **Equitas Small Finance Bank** will provide **Royal Challengers** with a range of banking services such as salary accounts, foreign exchange and other related financial services.
- ◆ According to a published study, **58 percent of people in 31 countries are facing freshwater shortage**. The report is published ahead of the **United Nations 2023 Water Conference** to be held in **New York** on **March 22-24, 2023**. The objective of the conference is to raise awareness, define the roadmap and advance the water agenda.
- ◆ The **US, Australia and Britain** have announced a deal to provide **Australia** with nuclear attack submarines. This decision is an important step towards counteracting the growing activities of **China** in the **Indian Pacific region**. **US President Joe Biden**, **Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese** and **UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** announced the **AUCS** project agreement at the **US Naval Base in San Diego, California**.
- ◆ **Denmark** has launched a project to store carbon dioxide under **1800 meters of the North Sea**. It will become the first country in the world to store carbon dioxide imported from abroad. **Project Greensand** is being led by **German oil major Wintersall DEA** and **British chemical firm Ineos**. The project will store eight million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually by **2030**. The project has **23 Danish and international partners**.
- ◆ The **US** recognized the **McMahon Line** as the international boundary between **India and China**. The **McMahon Line** was recognized by the **United States** as the international boundary between **India's Arunachal Pradesh** and **China**.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Water Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 21st March (B) 22nd March
(C) 23rd March (D) 24th March

(B) Every year World Water Day is celebrated on 22 March. 71 percent of the earth is covered with water. 1.6 percent water is found under the ground. 97 percent of the water found on the surface of the earth is in the seas and oceans, which is not useful for drinking, only 3 percent of the water is drinkable.



2. In which city was the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship organized?

- (A) New Delhi (B) Guwahati
(C) Bengaluru (D) Patna

(A) Recently, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship in New Delhi. The Boxing Federation of India is hosting the tournament from March 15 to 26. In this championship, 324 women boxers from around 65 countries are participating in the championship in 12 weight categories.



3. Recently Honeywell International has appointed whom as its new CEO?

- (A) Ajay Mathur (B) Ravi Chikara
(C) Vimal Kapoor (D) Mridul Agarwal

(C) Recently Honeywell International has appointed Vimal Kapoor as its new CEO. Vimal Kapoor will assume his charge on June 1, 2023. Honeywell International is an American publicly traded conglomerate headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.



4. Which state has recently become the first to launch an insurance scheme for silk growers?

- (A) Uttarakhand (B) Chhattisgarh
(C) Karnataka (D) Telangana

(A) The Uttarakhand government has launched the Silkworm Insurance Scheme to protect the silk growers of the state. In the first phase of the pilot project, 200 silk growers in five blocks of four districts are insured against climate change, water scarcity and other hazards. This scheme has been started in Dehradun, Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar and Nainital districts of Uttarakhand.



5. Which constitutional amendment act is known as mini-constitution?

- (A) 39th Constitutional Amendment Act
(B) 40th Constitutional Amendment Act
(C) 41st Constitutional Amendment Act
(D) 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act

(D) Indian constitution is a unique constitution in the world because of its features. Its provisions have been borrowed from almost every constitution in the world. But still the Indian Constitution has several salient features, which differentiate it from the constitutions of other countries.

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6. Recently the Reserve Bank of India has tied up with the Central Bank of which country to promote innovation in financial products?

- (A) Australia (B) Japan
(C) UAE (D) Italy

(C) The Reserve Bank of India and the Central Bank of the UAE have signed an MoU to promote innovation in financial products and services. According to the MoU, the two central banks will work together to explore central bank digital currencies and investigate interoperability between central bank digital currencies.



7. In which year was the Shanghai Cooperation Organization established recently?

- (A) 2001 (B) 2003
(C) 2005 (D) 2007

(A) Recently India hosted the meeting of Tourism Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Kashi. Varanasi has been designated as the first cultural capital of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. India is the current chairman of this organization. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is an intergovernmental organization established on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai.



8. According to the report of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, which country is the world's largest arms importer?

- (A) China (B) France
(C) Qatar (D) India

(D) The world's five largest arms importers during 2018-2022, according to a Stockholm International Peace Research Institute report released by defense think-tank SIPRI, India remained the world's top arms importer, but its imports fell by 11 percent between 2013-2017 and 2018-2022. has declined.



9. Recently Sameer Khakhar has passed away, he was related to which field?

- (A) Journalism (B) Acting
(C) Medicine (D) Singing

(B) Recently Sameer Khakhar has passed away, he was related to acting field. He was best known for his role in the 1980s classic serial Nukkad. He had worked in the best films like Shahenshah Mera Shikar, Guru, Parinda, Hatred Ki Aandhi. Apart from this, Sameer was also seen in G5's web series Sunflower.



10. Which actress won the Best Actress Award at the Oscar Awards 2023?

- (A) Michelle Yeoh (B) Jennifer Lawrence
(C) Anne Hathaway (D) Emma Watson

(A) Michelle Yeoh won the Best Actress Oscar for Breathing Everywhere All at Once. Malaysian-born Yeoh became the first actress of South-east Asian descent to win a Best Actress Oscar for her role as laundromat manager Evelyn Wang. Also, Hnu Quan was given the Best Supporting Actor Award for the same film.

