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History of March 23

- ◆ **1931** : The great revolutionaries Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged.
- ◆ **1940** : The All India Muslim League demanded a separate country for Muslims.
- ◆ **1986** : The first women's company was trained in the Central Reserve Police Force.
- ◆ **1880** : Basanti Devi, freedom fighter of India, was born.
- ◆ **1950** : The United Nations World Meteorological Department was established.

Current Affairs Related to 23 March

- ◆ Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha that the Indian Railways has set a target of becoming a net zero carbon emitter by 2030. Railways is planning to achieve this ambitious target in two phases. Full transition to electric trains by December 2023 and powering trains and stations mainly through non-renewable sources by 2030. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has set a target for Indian Railways to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2030. Railway Minister said that the energy requirement of Railways is expected to be around 8200 MW in 2029-30.
- ◆ IDFC First Bank an Indian private sector bank has become the official banking partner of Mumbai Indians, the franchise cricket team participating in the Indian Premier League. As the Official Banking Partner, IDFC First Bank will provide Mumbai Indians and its players with various financial products and services including banking solutions, credit cards and digital banking services.
- ◆ Despite the government's efforts to promote sanitation and eliminate open defecation in India, recent surveys have cast doubt on the success of these initiatives. Some of the four government surveys released from 2018 to 2021 have refuted the claim that all Indian villages are free of open defecation.
- ◆ The Bureau of Indian Standards has launched the Learning Science via Standards initiative to promote science learning among school students. The objective of the program is to improve student learning outcomes in science and foster interest in science education by providing them access to national and international standards related to science. The initiative is part of BIS's efforts to improve the quality of education in India and supports the government's efforts to make India a global leader in science and technology. Learning Science Via Standards initiative for students which focuses on providing lesson plans related to products used in daily life.
- ◆ Viacom18 has appointed MS Dhoni as its brand ambassador to encourage digital sports viewing. Dhoni in association with Viacom18 will encourage fans to watch their favorite sports on digital platforms. He will participate in various network initiatives and feature in the upcoming Tata IPL campaign for JioCinema, as well as promote the brand on his social media accounts. MS Dhoni has partnered with Viacom18 to promote the digital platform with an aim to make it the ultimate access point for sports fans.
- ◆ Domestic rating agency CRISIL believes that the country's economy will grow at a rate of 6 percent in the financial year 2023-2024. According to the agency, the country's economy will grow at an average rate of 6.8 percent for the next five years. This estimate of CRISIL is similar to other estimates made about the growth of the economy. The agency believes that there could be double digit growth in the earnings of companies in the next financial year.
- ◆ Assam Finance Minister Ajanta Neog presented a deficit budget of Rs 935.23 crore with an outlay of Rs 1,39,755 crore in the Assembly. Government announced that 40,000 candidates will be recruited for government jobs till 10th May and another 18,000 will be recruited soon.
- ◆ Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has been adjudged the best in India and South Asia for the fifth time in a row. Sky Trax has given this airport a 4 star rating. It has also been included in the list of top airports around the world since 2020. The overall ranking has also improved to 36th position. Last year it was ranked 37th.
- ◆ Delhi has got the fourth place in the list of 50 most polluted cities of the world. Delhi ranks fourth in terms of PM 2.5 levels in 2022, according to IQAir's World Air Quality Report.



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National & International Current Affairs

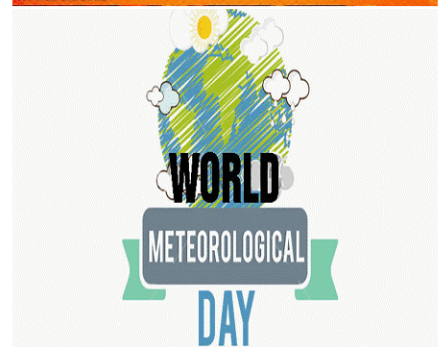
1. When is Martyr's Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 23rd March (B) 24th March
(C) 25th March (D) 26th March
(A) Every year 23 March is celebrated as Martyr's Day in India. Martyr's Day is celebrated every year to honor the freedom fighters of the country. This day is celebrated to pay tribute to the great men who fought for India's pride, glory, welfare and freedom.



2. When is the World Meteorological Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th March (B) 18th March
(C) 20th March (D) 23rd March
(D) World Meteorological Day is observed annually on 23 March. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make people aware of the weather and the reasons for the changes taking place in it. The World Meteorological Organization plays an important role in celebrating World Meteorological Day. Various programs and meetings are organized on this day in different countries of the world. World Meteorological Day also makes people aware of their role in protecting the Earth's atmosphere.



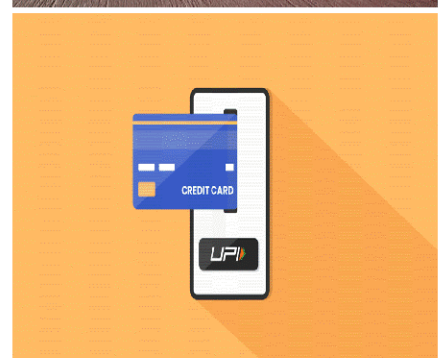
3. When will the United States Navy host the Sea Dragon 23 exercise?

- (A) 10-20 March 2023 (B) 12-24 March 2023
(C) 15-30 March 2023 (D) 16-31 March 2023
(C) The United States Navy will host the exercise until 15.30 March 2023. The capability of the aircraft to track simulated and live underwater targets will be tested in the Sea Dragon 2023 exercise. Exercise Sea Dragon 23 is the third edition of the coordinated multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare exercise for long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft.



4. Which bank has recently launched RuPay Credit Card on UPI?

- (A) Canara Bank (B) Allahabad Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) None of these
(A) To leverage the strength of UPI's range and credit card products, Canara Bank in association with National Payments Corporation of India launched RuPay Credit Card using BHIM app. This integration allows customers to connect their RuPay credit card to UPI and transact with merchants.



5. Recently the Defense Acquisition Council has approved proposals worth how many crores for the purchase of various weapon systems for the Indian Defense Forces?

- (A) Rs 20,000 crore (B) Rs 45,000 crore
(C) Rs 56,000 crore (D) Rs 70,500 crore
(D) The Center has approved the procurement of various weapon systems for the defense forces. The Defense Acquisition Council is headed by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh. The additional procurement of Brahios missile systems will enhance maritime strike capabilities and anti-surface warfare operations. The Shakti Electronic Warfare System will equip and modernize frontline naval ships to counter naval operations by adversaries.





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6. The Union Home Ministry has announced 10 percent reservation for ex-Agniveers in which security force?

- (A) CISF (B) CRPF
(C) ITBP (D) RAF

(A) The Union Home Ministry has announced 10 percent reservation for ex-firefighters in the Central Industrial Security Force. Ex-Agniveers will get relaxation in upper age limit and they will also be exempted from physical efficiency test. The announcement comes days after the ministry announced a similar 10 percent reservation for ex-firefighters in the Border Security Force.



7. Which Indian-American has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force?

- (A) Neil Mohan (B) Vivek Ramaswamy
(C) Ravi Choudhary (D) Arun Subramaniam

(C) Indian American Ravi Chaudhary has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force. The US Senate has appointed Ravi Chaudhary, an American citizen of Indian origin, as the Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force, giving him important responsibility. He has become the first Indian American to reach this position.



8. Which airport topped the list of world's top airports released by Skytrax?

- (A) Singapore Changi Airport
(B) Indira Gandhi International Airport
(C) Munich Airport
(D) Zurich Airport

(A) British consultancy Skytrax has recently released the list of 100 best airports in the world. In this list of 2023, Singapore's Changi Airport has been given the first place. Changi Airport has been named the world's best airport for the 12th time. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport was awarded the best airport in India and South Asia.



9. In which city the Union Agriculture Minister has inaugurated Agriunifest?

- (A) Patna (B) Bengaluru
(C) Jaipur (D) Lucknow

(B) Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated Agriunifest in Bengaluru Karnataka. It was a 5 day cultural program organized by Bangalore Agricultural University in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research. More than 2500 students from 60 universities participated in it. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is an autonomous body that coordinates agricultural education and research in India.



10. The recently talked about online safety bill is related to which country?

- (A) United Kingdom (B) Mexico City
(C) India (D) Japan

(A) During a recent visit to the United Kingdom, the head of WhatsApp said that WhatsApp will not comply with the country's proposed online safety bill. Because this would effectively invalidate end-to-end encryption. The Online Safety Bill or Online Safety Bill is a proposed British law.

