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History of March 26

- ◆ **1552** : **Guru Amardas** became the **third** Guru of the Sikhs.
- ◆ **1668** : **England** took over **Bombay**.
- ◆ **1953** : **Dr. Jonas Salk** announced a **new** vaccine to prevent polio.
- ◆ **1973** : **Farmers in the Indian state** of Uttarakhand launched an **environmental protection** movement called the Chipko movement to protest the felling of trees.
- ◆ **1934** : **Pilot testing** began in the UK.

Current Affairs Related to 26 March

- ◆ **Income Tax Department** launched **AIS App** for taxpayers. AIS App will help the taxpayers to view their **Annual Information Statement**. This app will provide taxpayers with detailed information about each and every transaction. Taxpayers can also give feedback on the displayed AIS information through this app. It will also promote voluntary compliance and enable seamless prefilling of returns. Annual information statements can be assessed through mobile application and web portal.
- ◆ **The Executive Board of the IMF** has approved **Sri Lanka's bailout program** under the **Extended Fund Facility**. 2.286 billion special drawing rights package will be available in 4 years. This would equate to approximately \$3 billion. The decision of the Executive Board will allow immediate disbursement of \$333 million. This is Sri Lanka's 17th credit program with the IMF. Sri Lanka is going through its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** inaugurated **Bangladesh's first submarine base** **BNS Sheikh Hasina** at Pekua in Cox's Bazar. It is an ultra modern submarine base. The newly commissioned submarine base will enhance the operational capability of the Bangladesh Navy to secure vast maritime resources. Sheikh Hasina said that ships passing through the Bay of Bengal can seek help from the base. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said that the government is working on the goal of transforming its military force into a modern organization.
- ◆ **Finland** has installed the **world's first sand battery**. These batteries are capable of storing heat from renewable energy sources for months. A sand battery is a high temperature thermal energy storage device that uses sand or a sand-like material. It stores energy in the sand in the form of heat. This is a battery made of sand collected from construction sites, which can solve the problem of year-round energy supply.
- ◆ **Indian Space Research Organisation's launch vehicle Mark III** is ready for launch of **OneWeb India-2 mission**. The mission will be launched on March 26 from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This will be the rocket's sixth mission overall and second commercial mission. It is a dedicated commercial mission through NewSpace India Limited, the commercial arm of ISRO.
- ◆ **The B20 conference** held in **Gangtok, Sikkim** under **India's G20 chairmanship** focused on exploring business opportunities in tourism, hospitality, pharmaceuticals and organic farming. The event brought together delegations from 22 countries and over 100 Indian delegations to showcase Sikkim's potential in these fields. This meet will provide a unique opportunity to promote startups in North East India.
- ◆ **Rohan Bopana**, a **43-year-old Indian tennis player** and his **Australian partner Matthew Ebden** have become the oldest duo to win the ATP Masters 1000 title. They defeated top seeds Wesley Koolhof and Neil Skupski to win the men's doubles final at the Indian Wells Masters 2023 tournament in California.
- ◆ **Sampanna Ramesh Shelar**, a **graduate student in Physical Education**, has set a **new record** by becoming the fastest Indian to swim across the Palk Strait from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanushkodi in Tamil Nadu in the under-21 category. He covered the distance of 29 km in just 5 hours 30 minutes breaking the previous record of 8 hours 26 minutes.
- ◆ **G Krishnakumar** has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL**. G Krishnakumar is working in BPCL since last 36 years. He was instrumental in revolutionizing the downstream fuel retail industry in the country. Vetsa Ramakrishna Gupta is holding the additional charge of CMD. He also holds the additional charge of Director.



1. When is the Purple Day of Epilepsy observed every year?

- (A) 25th March (B) 26th March
(C) March 27 (D) March 28

(B) Purple Day of Epilepsy is observed every year on 26 March. It is observed on 26 March to spread awareness about epilepsy and its impact on people's lives. The day also reminds people with epilepsy that they are not alone. The day also focuses on removing the social stigma associated with the condition and encouraging people living with it to take action and spread awareness.



2. Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary will be set up in which state?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Haryana
(C) Telangana (D) Gujarat

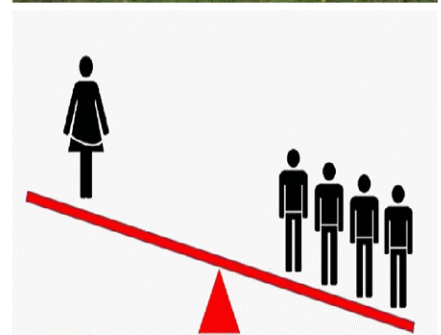
(A) This will be the 18th wildlife sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. It will be constituted by four forest ranges in Erode Forest Division. Reserved forest areas in Anthiyur, Bargur, Thattakarai and Chennampatti will come under the new sanctuary. 10 tigers, elephants, leopards, wild boars, gaurs and deer are found in these reserved forest areas. The sanctuary is located on the western edge of the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve.



3. According to the recent Women and Men in India 2022 report, what is the sex ratio of India expected to reach by 2036?

- (A) 77.2 (B) 907
(C) 943 (D) 952

(D) According to the recent report, India's sex ratio will increase from 943 in 2011 to 952 by 2036. Sex Ratio at Birth has increased from 904 in 2017-2019 to 907 in 2018-2020. The participation of women in India's labor force is still very low as compared to men.



4. Which two countries recently inaugurated the exhibition Geoffrey Bawa in New Delhi?

- (A) India and Sri Lanka (B) India and America
(C) China and Japan (D) Australia and England

(A) India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the exhibition titled 'Geoffrey Bawa Must Be There' at the National Gallery of Modern Art. The exhibition is a joint collaboration between the National Gallery of Modern Art Delhi, India, the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Delhi and the Geoffrey Bawa Trust. The exhibition showcases the architectural works of the late Geoffrey Bawa, the renowned Sri Lankan architect.



5. Under which act the Indian Ports Association was formed?

- (A) Major Port Authorities Act
(B) Indian Ports Act
(C) Societies Registration Act
(D) Major Port Trust Act

(C) Recently the Prime Minister of India said that the port sector of India is growing rapidly and it is contributing to the economic progress of the country. The Indian Ports Association has been established to promote the growth and development of major ports in India. It was formed in 1966 under the Societies Registration Act.





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6. Recently in which state it was announced to create 19 new districts?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Bihar
(C) Assam (D) Uttar Pradesh

(A) Recently, it has been announced to create 19 new districts in Rajasthan. Along with this, three new divisions will also be created. These new divisions include Sikar, Pali and Banswara. A budget provision of 2000 crores has also been announced for the supply of these new districts and needs.



7. Who was recently named as the CMD of Cotton Corporation of India?

- (A) Manoj Sharma (B) Kamlesh Ahuja
(C) Sanjay Sharma (D) Lalit Kumar Gupta

(D) Cotton Corporation of India is a public sector company under the Ministry of Textiles. Gupta will hold the post of CMD, Cotton Corporation of India with immediate effect for a period of five years or until further orders. He is currently working as Director in Cotton Corporation of India.



8. At which place the International Ayurveda Conference on Veterinary Medicine and Ayurveda was inaugurated recently?

- (A) Patna (B) Champawat
(C) Dehradun (D) Haridwar

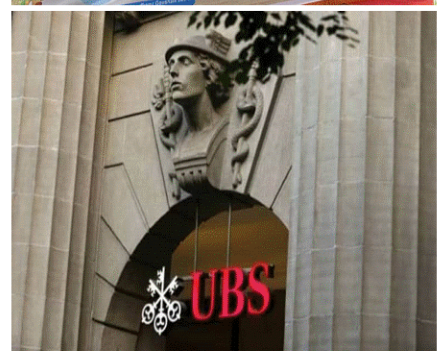
(D) Recently the International Ayurveda Conference on Veterinary Medicine and Ayurveda was inaugurated at Haridwar. The program was inaugurated by Sanjeev Baliyan, Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. In his speech, Baliyan highlighted the historical use of Ayurveda in animal treatment and the government is working towards recognizing it.



9. Who has acquired Credit Suisse Bank, a Swiss bank facing financial crisis?

- (A) HSBC (B) Standard Chartered
(C) UBS Group (D) Crédit Agricole

(C) Financial crisis-hit Swiss bank Credit Suisse has been bought by UBS Group AG for 3 billion francs under an all-stock deal. Credit Suisse was the second largest bank in Switzerland. Which has been bought by its biggest rival UBS Group AG. The US Federal Reserve and other central banks also sought to ease fears through a coordinated effort to increase liquidity in the banking sector.



10. Who has won the singles title of Indian Wells Masters?

- (A) Carlos Alcaraz (B) Daniil Medvedev
(C) Matt Ebden (D) Rafael Nadal

(A) Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated Russia's Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2 to win the singles title at the Indian Wells Masters. With this, he became the ninth and youngest player to win the Indian Wells and Miami titles. With this, Alcaraz has reached the No. 1 spot in the World ATP Rankings.

