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History of March 29

- ◆ **1561** : Akbar attacked Sarangpur, the capital of Malwa and defeated Bajbahadar.
- ◆ **1943** : Freedom fighter and leader Laxman Nayak was hanged in Berhampur jail.
- ◆ **1954** : The Indian Institute of Public Administration was inaugurated.
- ◆ **1857** : Sepoy Mangal Pandey became known as a freedom fighter in the Bengal Native Infantry Rebellions against British rule in India and the long-running Sepoy War of Independence.

Current Affairs Related to 29 March

- ◆ The Finance Minister has proposed to set up a committee to look into the issue of pension. According to the proposal, a committee will be constituted under the Finance Secretary. The committee will also evolve an approach that meets the needs of the employees while maintaining fiscal prudence. A committee will be set up to reform the new pension system to address the concerns of employees and maintain fiscal prudence. Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have reverted to the old pension scheme.
- ◆ An MoU has been signed between the Indian Army and the National Thermal Power Corporation Renewable Energy Limited. The project will be set up along the northern borders as well as in forward areas that are not connected to the national and state grids. Indian Army is providing land on lease for 25 years. It is committed to purchase the generated power through a power purchase agreement. NTPC will set up the proposed project on Build, Own and Operate model at a jointly identified location in Eastern Ladakh.
- ◆ The government has amended the export policy for bio fuel. It has allowed export of biofuels from Special Economic Zones and Export Oriented Units for fuel and non-fuel purposes without any restrictions. This is applicable only when the biofuel is produced using imported feed stock. Restrictions on the export of biofuels were imposed by the government on 28 August 2018.
- ◆ Uttar Pradesh Quality Resolution launched in Lucknow. It has been launched by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Quality Council of India in collaboration with industry associations. The industry associations are Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Institute of Actuaries of India and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. UP's Deputy CM Shri Brajesh Pathak inaugurated the resolution.
- ◆ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the Green Tug Transition Program. Under this programme, all tugboats running on non-fossil fuels like methanol, ammonia and hydrogen will be converted into green hybrid tugs. The Green Hybrid Tugs will be powered by the Green Hybrid Propulsion System. About 50% of all tugs will be converted to green tugs by 2030. This will help in reducing carbon emissions.
- ◆ DigiClaim has been launched for claim delivery through National Crop Insurance Portal. It has been launched under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Claims will now be delivered electronically. This will benefit the farmers of six states. This includes farmers from Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana. The claims under this module will be paid directly to the farmers in their respective bank accounts in a transparent and accountable manner.
- ◆ Air Force Technical College and IISc Bangalore have signed MoU. The MoU will promote academic co-operation and research in defense related areas. It will enhance the scientific understanding of the adopted defense technologies. The MoU was signed by Air Commodore Ratnesh Gupta of the Technical College and Captain Shridhar Warriar of the Indian Institute of Science. The partnership will also allow college trainee officers to access IISc libraries.
- ◆ A rare bronze idol of Chola-era Hanuman has been brought to India after a long struggle by the Idol Wing CID of the Tamil Nadu Police. In 2012, the Hanuman idol was stolen from the Varadarajaperumal temple in Ariyalur district. Unknown persons had looted the bronze idols of Varadharaja Perumal, Sridevi, Bhudevi and Hanuman.
- ◆ Rae Bareilly's hockey stadium is named after Rani Rampal, the star hockey player of the Indian team. She has become the first female player from India to achieve this feat. MCF Rae Bareilly has renamed the Hockey Stadium as Queen's Girls Hockey Turf.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. How many crores fine has been imposed by the NGT on the Kerala government for failing to protect Ramsar sites?

- (A) 2 crores (B) 5 crores
(C) 7 crores (D) 10 crores

(D) The National Green Council's premier bench penalized the Kerala government with a fine of Rs 10 crore, citing their inability to stop rampant pollution. The decision shows the failure of the Kerala government to stop rampant pollution despite being designated Ramsar sites.



2. By how many wickets did Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals in the recent WPL 2023 final?

- (A) 5 (B) 7
(C) 9 (D) 11

(B) Mumbai Indians defeated Delhi Capitals by seven wickets in the final for the Women's Premier League 2023 played at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai. Delhi Capitals, who decided to bat after winning the toss, scored a target of 132 runs while batting first. In response, Mumbai Indians reached the target by scoring 134/3 in 19.3 overs.



3. Recently in which state did Himanta Biswa Sarma start the Mission Lifestyle for Environment?

- (A) Assam (B) Kerala
(C) Jharkhand (D) Odisha

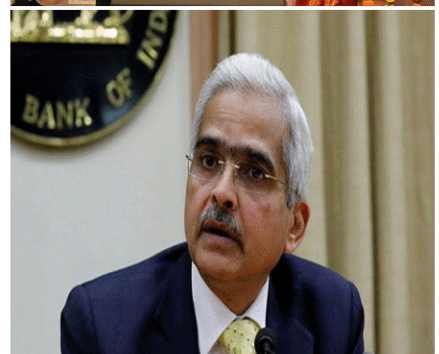
(A) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Mission Lifestyle for Environment, a global mass movement led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the state. Sarma said that the objective of this initiative is to increase awareness towards the environment, in which the focus will be on the use of resources instead of expenditure.



4. In which state RBI's data center and cyber security training institute has been set up recently?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Telangana
(C) Odisha (D) Chhattisgarh

(C) Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das launched the setting up of a greenfield data center and an enterprise computing and cyber security training institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, for which a foundation stone laying ceremony was held. The new data center and training institute, which will cover an area of 18.55 acres, will be able to meet the emerging requirements of the RBI and the financial sector, according to a statement from the central bank.



5. How many rupees per quintal MSP has been fixed by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for raw jute for the season 2023-2024?

- (A) Rs.2350 per quintal (B) Rs.4040 per quintal
(C) Rs.5050 per quintal (D) Rs.6050 per quintal

(C) Farmers will get a return of 63.20% on all India weighted average cost of production. The new MSP for raw jute is in line with the principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production. This principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production was announced by the government in the 2018-2019 budget.





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6. Recently the Ministry of Defense has signed a contract with BEL for the procurement of how many Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 5 (D) 7

(A) Ministry of Defense and Bharat Electronics Limited Hyderabad signed a contract for two Integrated Electronic Warfare Systems Project Himshakti worth Rs 3000 crore. The project is under the procured category which includes contemporary and specialized technologies. Indian electronics and allied industries are encouraged to participate as sub-vendors of BEL under Project Himshakti.

7. Who inaugurated the Sagar Manthan Real Time Performance Dashboard recently?

- (A) Piyush Goyal (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Sarbananda Sonowal (D) None of these

(C) Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched Sagar Manthan, the real time performance monitoring dashboard of MOPSW. Sagar Manthan is a digital platform for all integrated data related to Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. This platform has been developed by MOPSW under the guidance of Mr. Sudhanshu Pant in less than 1.5 months.

8. For the beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana, the subsidy of how many rupees on twelve cylinders per year has been extended for one more year?

- (A) 100 rupees (B) 200 rupees
(C) 300 rupees (D) 500 rupees

(B) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has extended the subsidy of Rs 200 per LPG cylinder under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana for one year. There has been a sudden increase in the prices of LPG in the international market, in view of which it has been decided to provide relief to the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.

9. Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched India's first mega textile park in which state?

- (A) Kerala (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Telangana (D) Odisha

(B) India's first Prime Minister's Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Park for the textile industry has been launched at E.Kumaralingapuram in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and Union Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal jointly launched the park, coinciding with the signing of an MoU between the state and the Centre.

10. Which state assembly recently passed the Right to Health Bill?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Kerala

(A) The Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the Rajasthan Right to Health Bill 2022. Rajasthan is the first state in India to pass such a bill. According to the bill, people of Rajasthan will be entitled to emergency care in private hospitals without any prepayment. It will also entitle the residents to avail free out-patient department services and in-patient department services at all public health facilities.

