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## History of March 30

- ◆ **1919 :** Mahatma Gandhi announced his opposition to the Rowlatt Act.
- ◆ **1949 :** The state of Rajasthan was established and Jaipur was made its capital.
- ◆ **1867 :** America bought Alaska from Russia.
- ◆ **1976 :** There was a huge demonstration in the name of Land Day in Palestine against illegal occupation.
- ◆ **1977 :** Swami Agnivesh merged his Indian Arya Sabha party with the Janata Party.

## Current Affairs Related to 31 March

- ◆ Global merchandise trade is expected to grow by 1% in the first quarter of 2023, according to the United Nations Organization for Trade and Development. Service business will increase by 3%. Global trade to reach over \$32 trillion in 2022 but turned negative last quarter. The United Nations Organization for Trade and Development predicted trade stability for the first quarter of 2023. As per the report, uncertainty for business will remain due to ongoing geo-political tensions, inflation, high commodity prices etc.
- ◆ Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Vedic Heritage Portal in New Delhi. The primary objective of the portal is to communicate the messages contained in the Vedas and make it more accessible to the common people. According to Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy, the Vedic Heritage Portal now has audio-visual recordings of all the four Vedas.
- ◆ RBI will set up new data center and cyber security training institute. The foundation stone for setting up a Greenfield Data Center and Enterprise Computing and Cyber Security Training Institute has been laid by Shaktikanta Das, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. Greenfield Data Center and Enterprise Computing and Cyber Security Training Institute to be set up in Bhubaneswar Odisha. The institute will cater to the emerging requirements of RBI and financial sector.
- ◆ From April 1, the government will remove notification of disturbed areas from one more district in Assam, three more police stations in Nagaland and four more police stations in Manipur. Now AFSPA will be applicable only in eight districts of Assam. AFSPA is in force in Nagaland since 1995. On April 1, 2022, the government had removed AFSPA from 15 police station areas of seven districts.
- ◆ Indian Space Research Organization successfully launched its heaviest rocket LVM 3 for the sixth time from Sriharikota Space Port.
- ◆ ICICI Lombard General Insurance launched Anywhere Cashless for its health insurance holders. This feature allows them to avail cashless facility at any hospital, irrespective of whether it is currently a part of ICICI Lombard's hospital network or not. However, to use this feature, the hospital has to agree to accept the cashless facility.
- ◆ Rubber Board has launched CRISP Mobile App. It will inform the growers about rubber cultivation and provide online solutions. The Crisp app has been developed by the Rubber Research Institute of India in association with the Digital University of Kerala. The app has been launched by J P Patel, Vice Chancellor, Navsari Agricultural University Gujarat. Now farmers can get RRII's recommendation on increasing production and productivity with the help of CRISP. Presently these facilities are provided to the farmers through traditional extension methods.
- ◆ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin released the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Plan 2023, which lists action plans in case of various natural and man-made disasters. The plan lists detailed action plans to deal with disasters such as earthquakes, cyclone tsunamis, floods, urban flooding, industrial and chemical disasters, biological and public health emergencies, nuclear and radiological disasters and fire. The objective of this policy is to develop a new culture of prevention, preparedness and quick response for the management of disasters.
- ◆ Amit Shah virtually inaugurated Maa Sharda Temple near LoC in Kashmir. Maa Sharda Devi Temple and a Gurdwara were inaugurated at Teetwal on the banks of Kishanganga River in the border district of Kupwara near the Line of Control. It is an ancient Hindu temple in the Neelum Valley in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, which has been off limits since 1947.





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## National & International Current Affairs

1. According to the United Nations World Water Development Report 2023, India will be the most severely affected country by water scarcity by which year?

(A) 2024 (B) 2025  
(C) 2029 (D) 2030

(D) It has been reported in this report that about 80% of people living under water pressure are in Asia, especially Northeast China, India and Pakistan. The estimated global urban population facing water scarcity is expected to increase from 933 million in 2016 to between 1.7–2.4 billion people by 2050, with India projected to be most severely affected.



2. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has announced the establishment of a university in the Kumaon region of Haldwani city?

(A) Uttarakhand (B) Tamil Nadu  
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka

(A) Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced that the government will set up a sports university in the Kumaon region of Haldwani city. Dhami made this announcement on the occasion of completion of one year of the formation of his government, and pointed out that several sports associations had been clamoring for such a university. He said that the International Stadium of Haldwani would be upgraded into a Sports University.



3. Recently which amendment of the Financial Bill 2023 was passed in the Lok Sabha?

(A) 62nd (B) 63rd  
(C) 64th (D) 65th

(C) The government passed the 64th amendment in the Finance Bill 2023. The Finance Minister requested the Reserve Bank of India to bring payments through credit cards for foreign visits under the Liberalized Remittance Scheme. Under the amendments, the securities transaction tax on options and futures trading has been increased to 25%. This offer will be applicable for investments made on or after April 1, 2023.



4. Which of the following best describes the word Arudhara that has been in the news recently?

(A) Submarines (B) Anti-Tank Guided Missiles  
(C) Torpedo (D) Medium Power Radar

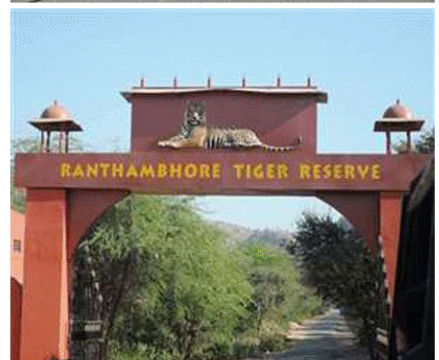
(D) India is rapidly moving towards self-reliance in the defense sector. In this sequence, the Indian Air Force has decided to buy medium power radar Arudhara and radar warning receivers to enhance electronic warfare capabilities. Recently the Ministry of Defense has signed two contracts with Bharat Electronics Limited worth more than Rs.3700 crores.



5. Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Sariska Tiger Reserve, which were in news recently, are located in which state?

(A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Rajasthan  
(C) Odisha (D) West Bengal

(B) Recently a tigress has been shifted from Ranthambore Tiger Reserve to Sariska Tiger Reserve. Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Alwar district of Rajasthan. It consists of mountains, grasslands, dry deciduous forests and rocks, spread over an area of 2800 square kilometres.





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**6. What is the Learning Science Via Standards initiative related to?**

- (A) Bureau of Indian Standards
- (B) Indian Space Research Organization
- (C) NITI Aayog
- (D) Defense Research and Development Organization
- (A)** Recently the Bureau of Indian Standards has started the Learning Science via Standards initiative to promote the habit of learning science among school students. The aim of this initiative is to help students understand the practical applications of scientific concepts and principles. This initiative is part of the Bureau of Indian Standards' efforts to improve the quality of education in India.

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**7. The Call Before You Dig mobile application is an initiative of which ministry/institution?**

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- (C) Ministry of Communications
- (D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (C)** Recently the Prime Minister of India has launched the Call Before You Dig app. The objective of this mobile application is to facilitate coordination between excavation agencies and underground property owners to prevent damage due to excavation of roads. It is an initiative of the Department of Telecom, Ministry of Communications.



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MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS

**8. Who has recently launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project?**

- (A) Bhupendra Yadav (B) Piyush Goyal
- (C) Sarbananda Sonowal (D) Narendra Modi
- (A)** Recently the Aravalli Green Wall Project was inaugurated by Bhupendra Yadav. He also unveiled the National Action Plan to combat desertification and land degradation through forestry interventions. The Aravalli Green Wall Project is an initiative to green a 5 km buffer zone around the Aravalli hill range in four states.



**9. An app called Call Before You Dig was launched by**

- (A) Piyush Goyal (B) Amit Shah
- (C) Narendra Modi (D) S. Jaishankar
- (C)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched an app called Call Before You Dig to avoid planned digging that could damage underground utility assets such as optical fiber cables. The app has been jointly developed by the Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics, under the Ministry of Land and Information Technology of India and the Government of Gujarat.



**10. Recently a new species of moray eel was discovered in the name of which state off the Cuddalore coast?**

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Kerala
- (C) Telangana (D) Odisha
- (A)** A new species of moray eel fish has been discovered by a scientific team from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research off the Cuddalore coast of Tamil Nadu. The new species will be known as *Gymnothorax tamilnaduensis* and will be known as Tamil Nadu brown morayeel.

