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History of 3rd March

- ◆ **1575** : The Indian **Mughal emperor Akbar** defeated the **Bengal army** in the battle of Tukroi.
- ◆ **1716** : **Raja Rao Nandlal Mandloi** founded the city of **Indore**.
- ◆ **1923** : **Time magazine** was **published** for the first time.
- ◆ **1939** : **Mahatma Gandhi** founded the **Civil Agyeya Movement**.
- ◆ **1983** : The seventh **Non-Aligned Conference** was held in **New Delhi**.
- ◆ **2013** : The **United Nations** officially announced the celebration as **World Wildlife Day**.

Current Affairs Related to 3rd March

- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India** has introduced a robust banking structure for the **Bharat Bill Payment System** with effect from April 1, 2024. The changes are aimed at streamlining bill payments, promoting wider participation and strengthening consumer protection measures in light of the diversity of payment scenarios. NBCB, in its capacity as BBPCU, is mandated to formulate partnerships, establish operating rules and set technical standards. In addition, NBABEL will have to conduct secretariat checks of all secretariat and fund flows through any technical service provider that will benefit.
- ◆ **Defense Research and Development Organization** has conducted two successful flight tests of Very Short Range Air Defense System missile. It was launched from a launcher located at the test site. The system's capability to intercept and destroy high-speed unmanned aerial targets under various interdiction scenarios was demonstrated off the coast of Odisha.
- ◆ **Peru has declared a health emergency in response to rising cases of fever** across the country. Health Minister Cesar Vasquez announced that more than 31,000 cases had been reported inside eight buildings before 2024, including 32 children. The emergency declaration will include 20 of Peru's 25 regions.
- ◆ **Less than two years after being demoted to the Rival Action Task Force's gray list**, the United Arab Emirates has been swiftly removed from the Illicit Financial Sector, indicating significant progress the organization has made in the country. The Paris-based watchdog approved a move to strengthen the UAE's anti-money laundering watchdog and militant Stockholm, allowing it to carry out mass surveillance in the country.
- ◆ **Public sector power generating company NTPC. Ltd.** He said that **Ravindra Kumar**, the director of the company, has taken cooperation with immediate effect. The company had earlier given a statement to NTPC Limited. He was the Officer on Special Duty to the Director.
- ◆ **India has undertaken several important construction works on Agalega Island** in Mauritius to further strengthen international maritime security. This will further strengthen India's maritime security. Also, new opportunities will arise between the two countries in terms of trade and security.
- ◆ **TelecomPB and Hindustan Republic signed an agreement to promote financial inclusion** in rural Rajasthan, committing over \$3.5 million to engage SHG farmers and youth. India Post Palaces Bank and Hindustan Democratic Limited signed an MoU to enhance financial inclusion in rural Rajasthan.
- ◆ **The 21st edition of BioAsia began in Hyderabad.** **Asia's premier biotechnology** and life sciences conference, BioAsia 2024 began in Hyderabad. The life sciences sector in Telangana has grown rapidly in the last two years. This conclave was inaugurated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The theme of the conclave is Redefining the possibilities of data and AI. Biotech and biopharm companies, research institutes, academicians, investors, service providers and policy makers are participating in the conclave.
- ◆ **President Draupadi Murmu has appointed Justice AM Khanwilkar as the new Lokpal.** He will take over as the new Lokpal. Six other members have also been appointed along with him. The three judges who will serve as judicial members of the Lokpal are Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy, Justice Sanjay Yadav and Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi.
- ◆ **Four astronauts Prashant Nair, Angad Pratap, Ajit Krishnan and Shubhanshu Shukla** have been named for India's first manned space mission. Prime Minister Narendra Modi revealed the names of four astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission. The astronauts completed a one-year training course in the Russian city of Zvyozdny Gorodok.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Wildlife Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st March (B) 2nd March
(C) 3rd March (D) 4th March
(C) World Wildlife Day is celebrated globally on 3 March. And this is closely linked with Sustainable Development Goal 12 i.e. Life Without Water, which focuses on marine species and highlights the problems of marine wildlife, important issues in our everyday lives.



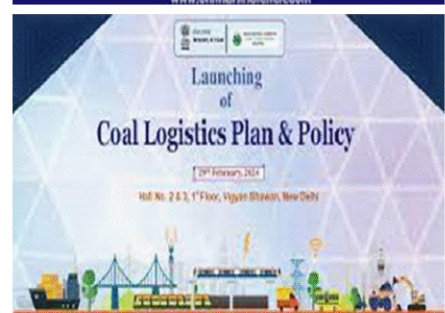
2. When is World Hearing Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st March (B) 2nd March
(C) 3rd March (D) 4th March
(C) World Hearing Day is an annual global ISO event to raise awareness of hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care and select actions to address hearing loss and related studies. Each year the event is celebrated on March 3, covering a specific theme.



3. Who recently unveiled the coal logistics plan and policy?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Prahlad Joshi
(C) Sarbananda Sonowal (D) Piyush Goyal
(B) Union Minister Prahlad Joshi unveiled the National Coal Logistics Plan and Policy 2023, which aims to shift to central railway-based coal transportation, which is expected to lead to cost savings of Rs 21,000 crore. The policy aims to increase the use of railways in coal transportation to more than 87 percent by the financial year 2029-2030.



4. Which government recently unveiled the universal life insurance scheme?

- (A) Nagaland (B) Manipur
(C) Telangana (D) Kerala
(A) The Nagaland government under the leadership of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has launched an initiative aimed at reducing financial burdens that lead to untimely death of the head of a family. These schemes, as parts of the state budget, are a step towards ensuring the welfare and safety of its citizens. Chief Minister Universal Life Insurance Scheme is funded by the state government.



5. Recently, Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba was banned for how many years due to doping?

- (A) 2 years (B) 3 years
(C) 4 years (D) 5 years
(C) Recently, Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba has been suspended from football for four years on doping charges. The former Manchester United star tested positive for testosterone, leading to a temporary suspension in September.



6. Who recently inaugurated the Swami Narayan Institute of Medical Science and Research in Gujarat?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Narendra Modi
(C) Rajnath Singh (D) None of these

(A) Shri Bhupendra Patel and other radicals inaugurated the Swaminarayan Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at Shri Swami Narayan Vishwamangal Gurukul in Kalol, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. During the inauguration, Shri Amit Shah highlighted the contribution of Swami Narayan sect to the society, emphasizing its role in education, social reform and healthcare.



7. Which country's cricketer Neil Wagner recently retired from international cricket?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Australia
(C) New Zealand (D) Pakistan

(C) New Zealand cricketer Neil Wagner suddenly announced his retirement from international cricket. Wagner took this conscious decision after talking to coach Gary Stead. Wagner released his saint 48 hours before Australia's upcoming two-Test series. Left arm pacer Neil Wagner was born in South Africa.



8. Recently, India has stopped the water of Ravi river going to which country by building a dam?

- (A) Pakistan (B) Russia
(C) Kazakhstan (D) Iran

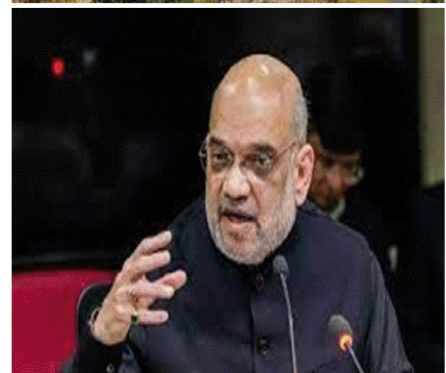
(A) India has stopped the water of Ravi river leading to the settlement. India has been waiting for its completion for 45 years. By building a dam the water going from Ravi river to Pakistan has to be consumed. In the World Bank's observation, India has exclusive rights over the waters of the Ravi under the Indus Water Treaty signed in 1960.



9. Recently, the Center banned the Muslim Conference and two groups of Kashmir from joining which state?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Odisha
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(C) The central government has declared the Muslim group as an illegal organization. Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that this organization is hollow in solidarity against sovereignty and integrity. Akhtar said that the soldiers of the Narendra Modi government have been removed from the JD and placed in the criminal category and those facing illegal liabilities will be kept in a serious status.



10. Which IIT has launched India's largest drone pilot training facility?

- (A) IIT Guwahati (B) IIT Mumbai
(C) IIT Varanasi (D) IIT Delhi

(A) Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati has launched India's largest drone pilot training institute in line with the Prime Minister's NaMo Drone Didi initiative. This training center was launched in collaboration with EduRade, a brand owned by RC Hobbytech Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

