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History of 29th March

- ◆ **1561** : Akbar attacked Malwa's capital Sarangpur and defeated Bajbahadur.
- ◆ **1857** : Sepoy Mangal Engels became known as a freedom fighter in the 1857 Netiva Infantry Rebellion in Bengal against British rule in India and the long-running freedom struggle.
- ◆ **1943** : Freedom fighter and leader Laxman Nayak was hanged in Berhampur jail.

Current Affairs Related to 29th March 2024

- ◆ Eveready Industries India has announced its partnership with National Olympics gold medalist and men's world No. 1 Neeraj Chopra as its new brand ambassador. Through this support, Eveready aims to strengthen its growth towards innovation by launching the excellent new Ultima alkaline battery series. The brand hopes to enhance its connect with the youth by offering long-lasting and value-for-money solutions for high-drain appliances used by the new generation in India.
- ◆ S&P Global Ratings estimates US policy rate adjustment norms by RBI to increase the repo rate by up to 75 basis points in 2024-2025. Despite steady recruitment and growth, there are expectations of reservation in vacancies. The moves mirror US policy in LCD's studio, which most investors expect to happen by the end of the fiscal year. The agency also expects similar rate adjustments in Indonesia, New Zealand and the Philippines.
- ◆ Innovity Panels and Concerto Software have received Pavilion Aggregator License from the Reserve Bank of India, marking a significant milestone in India's digital payments landscape. Innovity PA operates Innovity Link, which serves 2500 offline services, while Cornesto Software's gateway Vega is in the league of specialized PA solutions. Nearly two years later, Innoviti finally received its PA license.
- ◆ UNESCO, on behalf of UN Water, published the United Nations World Water Development Report 2024. The report highlights that tensions over water are fueling conflict around the world. To maintain peace, countries should promote international cooperation and cross-border agreements.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India has taken action against five associate institutions for violation of various bank accounts. These penalties have been imposed on the basis of non-existent deficiencies and the associates' associates with intentions have not been questioned.
- ◆ The first Global Inequality Research Award was presented to Bina Agarwal and James Boyce. The World Inequality Lab has joined hands with Sciences Po's Center for Research on Social Inequalities to present the first edition of the Global Inequality Research Award. The purpose of this award is to honor researchers from all disciplines who have made significant contributions to the understanding of global inequalities. The Global Inequality Research Prize will be awarded every two years.
- ◆ India's current account in the third quarter of 2023-2024 was US\$10.5, which is lower than the previous quarter and the same period last year. Service increased by 5.2%. India's current account balance in the third quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024 showed a deficit of US \$ 10.5 million, which is equivalent to 1.2 percent of GDP. This is less than US\$ 11.4 billion in the previous quarter and less than US\$ 16.8 billion in the same quarter of the last financial year.
- ◆ Two streams of stars that helped form our galaxy 12 billion years ago have been discovered by the European Space Agency's telescope Gaia. An unprecedented insight into the history of our galaxy the Milky Way has been gathered by the European Space Agency. The researchers were examining data collected by Gaia when they noticed the currents, which they named Shakti and Shiva.
- ◆ Lakshmi Narayanan Seshu, a beloved personality of the Tamil entertainment industry, breathed her last at a private hospital in Chennai. The industry's famous comedy actor Lakshmi Narayanan Sheshu née Lolu Sabha Sheshu has passed away.
- ◆ Hong Kong lawmakers unanimously passed the National Security Protection Bill. Article 23 of the Basic Law states that the Hong Kong government must freely make laws prohibiting national security crimes.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Piano Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 28th March (B) 29th March
(C) 30th March (D) 31st March

(B) World Piano Day is celebrated every year on 29 March. The objective of the program is to present a platform for piano-related initiatives that will advance musical innovation. And will spread happiness to the pianist. World Piano Day is an annual event celebrated on the 88th day of the year.



2. Who will host the Cinevestor International Film Festival recently?

- (A) Chandigarh (B) Goa
(C) Mumbai (D) None of these

(A) Cinevestor International Film Festival is being organized in Chandigarh. It will be inaugurated by Boman Irani. This film festival is being held in Chandigarh from 27th to 31st March. A large number of film stars will attend it. Juliette Binoche's Cannes-winning French film The Taste of Things will be the opening film of the event.



3. Who has been recently nominated for Airline of the Year at the Air Transport Awards 2024?

- (A) Spice Jet (B) Air India
(C) Indigo (D) None of these

(C) Recently IndiGo won the Airline of the Year at the Air Transport Awards 2024. India's leading carrier IndiGo has been named Airline of the Year at the Air Transport Awards 2024. Which took place next to the 2024 Air Transport Symposium with the participation of industry leaders.



4. Which team has recently won the title of Boxing Sub Junior National Championship?

- (A) Haryana (B) Bihar
(C) Karnataka (D) Rajasthan

(A) Haryana became the champion in the Boxing Sub-Junior National Championship here by winning team titles in both boys and girls and a total of 19 medals. In the girls' category, defending champion Haryana defended its title by topping the table with 64 points. He won seven gold, one silver and two bronze medals.



5. Which state has become the first state to launch water resources control portal recently?

- (A) Bihar (B) Haryana
(C) Rajasthan (D) Karnataka

(C) Rajasthan has become the first state to launch the Rajasthan Water Resources Portal. Suresh Singh Rawat, Water Resources Minister, Government of Rajasthan launched this initiative at Sinch Bhawan, Jaipur, Rajasthan. This portal was developed by the Department of Water Resources under the National Hydrology Project.



6. Recently, S&P Global has estimated what percent India's GDP growth rate will be in the year 2025.

- (A) 6.1% (B) 6.5%
(C) 6.8% (D) 7.1%

(C) S&P Global has increased its estimates by 40 basis points. This is still less than the forecast of 7.6% for the current financial year. The estimates made by S&P Global are lower than the RBI's estimate of 7%. It has not changed its forecast for fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.



7. Recently RBI has imposed monetary penalty on which bank?

- (A) Yes Bank (B) HDFC Bank
(C) Axis Bank (D) DCB Bank

(D) Recently RBI has imposed a fine of Rs 63.6 lakh on DCB. According to RBI, DCB banks have failed to reset the interest rates on fixed tenor in certain MCLR linked floating rate advances. The central bank said it imposed a penalty of Rs 1.31 crore on Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank for non-compliance of certain instructions issued on the Central Repository of Information on Interest Rates on Advances and Large Credit.



8. In which state the deep sea isopod recently identified has been named after ISRO?

- (A) Kerala (B) Maharashtra
(C) Odisha (D) Telangana

(A) A new species of deep-sea isopod recently discovered off the Kollam coast has been named after the Indian Space Research Organisation. The New Branch is the second documented branch within matter found in India and is named Bruthoea ISRO in the Indian Space Agency's definition of influential space missions.



9. Recently the Indian Army has deployed IDD&IS system on the border of which country?

- (A) Bhutan (B) Japan
(C) China (D) Pakistan

(C) Recently, 9000 soldiers are already deployed in this area of India-China border. Indian soldiers will further secure the 532 km long border. The region has seen huge infrastructure investment and development over the past decade. After the formation of BJP government at the Centre, tourism has also been promoted in this area.



10. Who has recently been given Miniratna Category-1 status by the Ministry of Power?

- (A) RLDC (B) GRID INDIA
(C) NLDC (D) None of these

(B) The Controller of India has achieved a significant achievement by attaining the status of Miniratna Division 1 Central Public Area Enterprise. This honor has been given by the Ministry of Power, Government of India in recognition of the important role of Unemployment India in the power scenario of the country. Established in 2009, Plok India has the critical responsibility of demonstrating plasma and plasma operations for the Indian power system.

