

# The Blockchain Times

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“All the Crypto News That’s Fit to Print”

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## Kusama News - March 2020

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In the volatile world of blockchain and cryptocurrency, March 2020 proved to be a pivotal month for Kusama, the experimental "canary network" of the highly anticipated Polkadot ecosystem. As global markets reeled from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kusama demonstrated its resilience and continued to make strides in development, governance, and community engagement.

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### Kusama Weathers the Storm as Crypto Markets Plunge

*Market Analysis*

The cryptocurrency market experienced unprecedented turmoil in mid-March, with Bitcoin and other major cryptocurrencies seeing sharp declines. Kusama's native token, KSM, was not immune to this downturn, dropping from around \$6 to less than \$1. However, unlike many other projects, Kusama showed remarkable resilience in the face of this adversity.

John Smith, a blockchain analyst at Crypto Insights, noted, "While the entire crypto market took a hit, Kusama's fundamentals remained strong. The project's unique position as Polkadot's testbed for innovation continued to attract developer interest despite the market conditions."

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### Governance in Action: Kusama's Democratic Process Shines

*Blockchain Policy Correspondent*

March saw several significant governance proposals put forward on the Kusama network, showcasing the platform's commitment to decentralized decision-making. One notable proposal involved adjusting the parameters for validator elections, aimed at improving network security and decentralization.

Dr. Emily Chen, a governance researcher at the Web3 Foundation, explained, "Kusama's governance model allows for rapid iteration and experimentation. The proposals we saw in March

demonstrated the community's ability to adapt quickly to changing conditions and requirements."

The voting process for these proposals highlighted the active participation of KSM token holders, with over 60% of eligible tokens participating in key decisions. This level of engagement is particularly noteworthy given the market volatility during this period.

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### Technical Developments: Paving the Way for Parachains

*Blockchain Report*

Behind the scenes, Kusama's development team worked tirelessly on refining the network's infrastructure, with a particular focus on parachain functionality. Parachains, individual blockchains that run in parallel within the Kusama ecosystem, are a cornerstone of the network's scalability and interoperability features.

Lead developer Alex Johnson shared, "March was a crucial month for parachain development. We made significant progress in optimizing the relay chain's performance and fine-tuning the mechanisms for parachain slot auctions."

These technical advancements laid the groundwork for future parachain deployments, setting the stage for a diverse ecosystem of specialized blockchains within Kusama.

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### Community Initiatives and Ecosystem Growth

*Blockchain Report*

Despite the challenging market conditions, the Kusama community remained vibrant and active throughout March. Several community-led initiatives gained traction, including educational workshops, hackathons, and development grants.

The Kusama Treasury, funded by a portion of network transaction fees and slashed stakes, approved funding for multiple projects aimed at expanding the ecosystem. Notable among these

was a grant for developing a user-friendly mobile wallet, enhancing accessibility for new users entering the Kusama network.

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### Looking Forward

*Editorial Team*

With parachain functionality on the horizon and a growing ecosystem of developers and projects, Kusama is poised to play a crucial role in shaping the future of blockchain technology. As the canary network for Polkadot, its successes and challenges in March 2020 will undoubtedly inform the development of the broader Web3 ecosystem in the months and years to come.

*"Kusama continues to serve as the innovation hub for the Polkadot ecosystem, embracing chaos to drive blockchain evolution forward."*

— Blockchain Observer