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History of 16th April

- ◆ **1919** : **Gandhiji** had announced to pay tribute to the people who died in the **Jallianwala Bagh massacre**.
- ◆ **1853** : The first train in India ran between **Mumbai** and **Thane**.
- ◆ **1980** : **America** conducted **nuclear tests** in Nevada.
- ◆ **2008** : The statue of Father of the Nation **Mahatma Gandhi** was unveiled in **London**.
- ◆ **1945** : The **Red Army** began the **Battle of Berlin**.
- ◆ **1966** : India's famous painter **Nandlal Bose** passed away.

Current Affairs Related to 16th April 2024

- ◆ **French automaker Citroën** has achieved a milestone by delivering 500 units of the **Made-in-India e-C3** electric vehicle to Indonesia, the first example of an EV being developed by a multinational carmaker. In a historic achievement, French automaker Citroën has become the first multinational carmaker to buy Indian-made electric assemblies in the international market. The company announced the launch of the initial shipment batch of 500 units of its locally manufactured e-C3 from Portstar to Indonesia.
- ◆ **Following the signing of the Paris Climate Agreement**, 57 oil, gas, coal and cement producers are responsible for 80% of the world's global fossil CO2 emissions. According to the Carbon Majors database, of the world's 122 biggest climate polluters, 65% are state institutions and 55% private sector companies have increased their production. Under the Paris climate agreement, governments promised to reduce greenhouse gases but most mega-producing countries increased production of fossil fuels and related emissions.
- ◆ **India had the second highest number of hepatitis B and C cases after China with 35 million** infections in 2022, according to a World Health Organization report. Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that can cause a variety of health problems and can be fatal. In China, 83 million cases of hepatitis B and C have been reported, accounting for 27.5% of the total disease burden.
- ◆ **A proposal by India Ports Global to take over the operations of the entire port located** on the Kaladan River has been approved by the Ministry of External Affairs. India Ports Global Limited is a joint venture between Deendayal Port Trust and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust. Presently the Ministry of Shipping has entrusted IPGL with the responsibility of equipping and operating the container/multi-purpose terminals at Chabahar Port in Iran.
- ◆ **The MoU between Mineral Videsh India Limited and CSIR IMMT is for technical and knowledge** cooperation for critical minerals. As part of the MoU, KABIL will utilize the technical services and expertise of CSIR IMMT to carry out various projects. The MoU will also facilitate exchange of scientific information between KABIL and CSIR, IMMT.
- ◆ **Asian Development Bank has revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year** to 7% from the previous estimate of 6.7%. This will be driven by strong investment in the public and private sectors as well as improving consumer demand. For the financial year 2025-2026, ADB has estimated India's growth rate to be 7.2%. The growth projection for the current fiscal year is lower than the 7.6% index expansion in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, where strong investment was the primary driver.
- ◆ **India's largest power company NTPC Limited is preparing to unveil a new edition of its flagship** corporate social responsibility initiative, the Association Mission. This program has been started by the Government of India under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign.
- ◆ **There was a significant growth of 12.78% in gross direct premium in the non-life insurance** industry in FY 2024, reaching Rs 2.89 trillion. However, it remained below Rs 3 trillion due to slowdown in health motor and crop insurance. General Insurance Insurance registered a growth of 14.24% year on year, with public sector insurance registering a growth of 8.99% and private sector counterparts registering a growth of 17.53%.
- ◆ **British physicist Peter Higgs** passes away.
- ◆ **Command Hospital Pune has become the first** government hospital across the country to procure and operate such implants.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Indian Railway Transport Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th April (B) 16th April
(C) 17th April (D) 18th April

(B) On April 16, 1853, the first passenger train in India ran between Bombay and Thane. This day is celebrated as Indian Railway Transport Day in the country. The British had laid a railway network in India for their trade. Many people think that this train was a goods train and was the first train in terms of rail transport in India.



2. When is National Cadet Corps Foundation Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 16th April (B) 17th April
(C) 18th April (D) 19th April

(A) The National Cadet Corps Act was accepted by the Governor General and the National Cadet Corps came into existence on 16 July 1948. Girls Division was raised in 1948 to provide equal opportunities to school and college going girls. The air wing was added in 1952. An interservice image was given in 1950.



3. Who will recently unveil the new edition of Girl Empowerment Mission?

- (A) GAIL (B) ONGC
(C) NTPC (D) None of these

(C) Recently India's largest power company NTPC Limited is set to unveil a new edition of its flagship corporate social responsibility initiative, the Girl Child Empowerment Mission. This program is in line with the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign launched by the Government of India.



4. Which Indian American golfer has recently won the Valero Texas Open?

- (A) Vinay Sharma (B) Akshay Bhatia
(C) Karan Sharma (D) None of these

(B) Indian-American golfer Akshay Bhatia won the Valero Texas Open title after a dramatic playoff win, earning him a spot at the Augusta Masters in May 2024. At the age of 22, Bhatia achieved his first qualification for a major tournament by winning the Valero Texas Open, defeating Danny McCarthy in the playoff round.



5. Which has become the first private bank to open a branch in Lakshadweep recently?

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

(D) HDFC became the first private bank to open a branch in Lakshadweep. Private lender HDFC Bank opened a branch in Kavaratti Island to become the only private sector bank to have a branch in Lakshadweep. The objective of this branch is to upgrade the banking infrastructure in the Union Territory by offering a wide range of services focusing on personal banking and digital banking.



6. Recently ADB has estimated India's GDP growth rate to be what percent?

- (A) 5.9% (B) 6.7%
(C) 6.9% (D) 7%

(D) In the April edition of Asian Development Outlook, the Asian Development Bank raised India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year from 6.7 percent to 7 percent. ADB's projections are in line with the Reserve Bank of India's projections for India's FY2025 growth. Earlier, RBI had estimated that GDP growth in the current financial year will be 7%.

7. Which IIT has recently invented nano sensor for rapid disease detection?

- (A) IIT Jodhpur (B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Bengaluru (D) IIT Kanpur

(A) Jodhpur's Vagon has developed a unit sensor for rapid detection of cytokines, proteins important in disease progression. Scientists at the Indian Institute of Education Jodhpur have unveiled a novel principle sensor for rapid detection of cytokines, important proteins that regulate various activities. This innovation aims to address the high mortality rate due to lack of early warnings leading to diagnosis and progression of the disease.

8. Who has recently been appointed as the national women's hockey coach?

- (A) Dilip Tirkey (B) Jenneke Schopman
(C) Harendra Singh (D) None of these

(C) Harendra Singh was appointed as the coach of Indian women's hockey after Janneke Schopman stepped down as the head coach of Indian women's hockey. Dronacharya Award winner Harendra Singh has coached various Indian teams including the senior men's hockey team. Harendra served as the coach of the USA men's hockey team.

9. Who has recently been appointed Chairman of the US India Tax Forum?

- (A) Prateek Sinha (B) MG Ramachandran
(C) Tarun Bajaj (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the US India Strategic and Partnership Forum has appointed former Revenue Secretary and former Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj as the head of the US India Tax Forum. Bajaj, 61, joined US SIS companies in January as an advisor to the board of directors and will now lead the US India Tax Forum, an official announcement said.

10. Which country has recently deployed its ship-based defense system Sea Dome for the first time?

- (A) Canada (B) Israel
(C) Japan (D) Australia

(B) Israel launched C-Dome defense system for the first time. Information from Israel's AU said that for the first time C-Dome has been established near the southern city of Eilat. Israel has used this defense system to stop suspects from entering its airspace. C-Dome is a naval version of the Iron Dome air defense system.

