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History of 1st April

- ◆ **1912** : Delhi was declared the capital of India and a province.
- ◆ **1930** : The minimum age for marriage in the country was made fourteen years for girls and eighteen years for boys.
- ◆ **1969** : India's first nuclear power station was commissioned in the Tarapur area.
- ◆ **1973** : Save Tiger campaign was launched to save cheetahs in Corbett National Park, India.

Current Affairs Related to 1st April

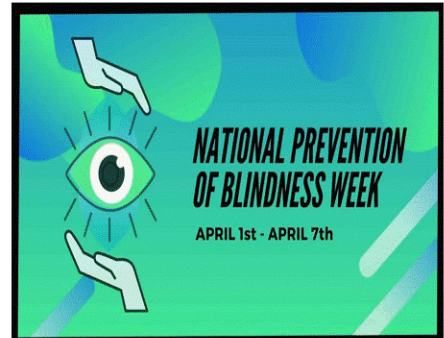
- ◆ **Army Commanders Conference 2024** is being organized. It will be held virtually in New Delhi on 1st and 2nd April 2024. The conference provides an important platform for the top leadership of the Indian Army to discuss issues and evaluate the security situation of the country. On the first day of the conference, General Manoj Pandey will interact with the participating Army Commanders virtually from the Command Headquarters. The Investment Advisory Committee of Army Group Insurance will meet after an intensive brainstorming session of the top Army leadership on April 1.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court said that judges should not order accused persons to give up their right** to be politically active in lieu of bail. In a recent order, a three-judge bench led by Justice BR Gavai said that making a person's bail conditional and forcing him to stay away from politics is a clear violation of fundamental rights. The top court made this clear in a petition filed by a former mayor of Berhampur Municipal Corporation.
- ◆ **The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has demanded legal action against Pakistan** for renaming and cultivating protected Basmati varieties in India. The blockbuster Pusa 1121 and 1509 Basmati varieties are being grown and marketed in Pakistan as 1121 Kainat and Kisan Basmati.
- ◆ **India has applied to the International Seabed Authority for permission to explore two areas** of the seabed in the Indian Ocean. These areas are outside the jurisdiction of India, one of them is the Afanasy Nikitin Seamount. This is a cobalt rich area in the Indian Ocean which India wants to explore. It is a structural feature of the Central Indian Basin. It is 150 km wide and 400 km long. It is about 3000 kilometers away from the coast of India.
- ◆ **Wipro G Staff has announced an investment of Rs 8000 crore over five years** in India to boost manufacturing and research and development. This investment is aimed at strengthening its manufacturing production and R&D capabilities. The company is focused on initial expansion of its Make in India for the World initiative, which includes localization of medical devices and products.
- ◆ **Sadanand Vasant Date has been appointed Director General of the National Investigation Agency.** He is a senior Indian Police Service officer of 1990 batch. He is currently serving as the head of Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad. His appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet for a tenure till his superannuation on December 31, 2026. The appointment of Rajiv Kumar Sharma as Director General of Bureau of Police Research and Development has also been approved by the ACC.
- ◆ **Union Health Ministry released India TB Report 2024. According to the report,** India has achieved a 16% decline in TB incidence and 18% decline in mortality due to TB since 2015. According to the report, the incidence rate has decreased from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 199 per lakh population in 2022.
- ◆ **Justice AM Khanwilkar, Chairman of the Lokpal of India, administered the oath.** Shri Pankaj Kumar and Shri Ajay Tirkey took oath as Lokpal members. The oath ceremony was organized at the Indian Lokpal Office in New Delhi. Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi served as the Chairperson of the 22nd Law Commission of India before joining as the Judicial Member of the Lokpal of India. Earlier he was the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court.
- ◆ **Revised wages under MNREGA were notified by the government.** In this, many states recorded an increase of 8 to 10 percent in wages.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Blindness Prevention Week celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st April (B) 2nd April
(C) 3rd April (D) 4th April

(A) The Government of India organizes Blindness Prevention Week every year from 1 to 7 April, which aims to promote blindness and raise awareness about prevention. This annual event aims to support people with visual impairments, and promote access to eye care services. The Government of India organizes this week's program to cover many products that cause blindness.



2. In which state Adani's mega corporation plant recently started business?

- (A) Punjab (B) Maharashtra
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Gujarat

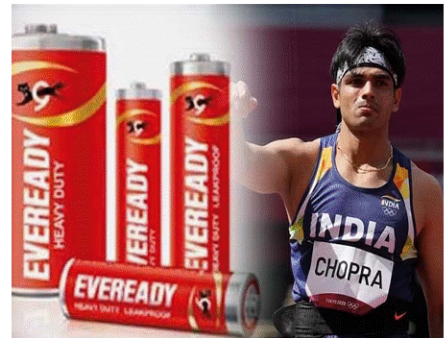
(D) Adani Group has announced the commencement of the first phase of the world's largest single site Ambedkar Plant in Mundra, Gujarat. This facility, owned by Kutch Copper, will help you in decarbonizing India's economy and supporting energy conservation. Production of 0.5 million tonnes of plastic fragments will continue in the first phase.



3. Who has recently been announced by Eveready Battery as its brand ambassador?

- (A) Virat Kohli (B) Neeraj Chopra
(C) Sunil Chhetri (D) Harmanpreet Kaur

(B) 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. Leading battery brand, Eveready Industries India, announced its partnership with State Olympics gold medalist and World No. 1 in men's category Neeraj Chopra as its new brand ambassador.



4. Who has recently been appointed Assistant General Secretary of UNDRR?

- (A) RK Singh (B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Kamal Kishore (D) None of these

(C) Recently, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres has appointed a special representative for disaster risk reduction. He has chosen Kamal Kishore, the top official of the National Disaster Management Authority of India, for this. Kamal Kishore will replace Mami Mizutori of Japan.



5. According to the recent ILO report, what percentage of youth are unemployed in India?

- (A) 35% (B) 67%
(C) 83% (D) 95%

(C) 83% of the youth population in the country was unemployed during 2022. The International Labor Organization and the Institute for Human Development jointly released a data in which India's Employment Report 2024 was also released. According to this report, India's total unemployed population in 2022 was 83%.



6. Recently Adani Ports has acquired Gopalpur Port of which state for Rs 3350 crore?

- (A) Odisha (B) Kerala
(C) Karnataka (D) Chhattisgarh

(A) Recently, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited, an Adani Group company, announced the acquisition of 95% stake in Gopalpur Ports of Odisha from Shapoorji Pallonji Group and Odisha Stevedores Limited. This acquisition has been done at an enterprise value of Rs 3350 crore.

7. Who was recently arrested by NIA? has been appointed chief

- (A) Samarth Mital (B) Prateek Joshi
(C) Sadanand Datan (D) None of these

(C) Maharashtra cadre officer Sadanand Vasant Date will be the new chief of the National Investigation Agency. Piyush Anand has been appointed Director General of National Disaster Force and Rajiv Kumar Sharma has been appointed Director General of Police Research and Development Bureau. Sadanand Vasant Date and Rajeev Kumar Sharma are from the 1990 batch of the Indian Police Service while Anand is from the 1991 batch.

8. According to the Brand Finance-2024 report, which is the world's strongest insurance brand?

- (A) Ping N (B) LIC
(C) NRMA Insurance (D) Cathay Life Insurance

(B) Insurance sector giant Life Insurance Corporation of India is the strongest insurance brand in the world. The Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for the year 2024 states that the brand value of LIC remains at \$9.8 billion. LIC's Brand Strength Index score is 88.3 and its Brand Strength Rating is AAA.

9. Who has recently been inducted into the Billiards Hall of Fame in the World Billiards Museum located in China?

- (A) Aditya Mehta (B) Anuja Thakur
(C) Geet Sethi (D) Pankaj Advani

(D) Indian billiards player Panjak Advani has been inducted into the Hall of Fame at the World Billiards Museum located in China. Advani said, 'I feel honored to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the World Billiards Museum. I will continue to work hard and continue my dedication to the game.'

10. Who has recently succeeded in manufacturing swine fever vaccine?

- (A) IIT Guwahati (B) IIT Mumbai
(C) IIT Indore (D) IIT Roorkee

(A) Indian coaching institutes are all set to make the first restart commitment to contain the swine fever virus, an official statement from the institute has confirmed. A recombination reaction is a type of reaction that results from the loss of genetic material from a pathogen into the host organism, such as those produced in the kitchen or boudoir.

