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## History of April 21

- ◆ **1451** : **Bahlol Khan Lodi**, the founder of the **Lodi** dynasty, became the ruler of Delhi.
- ◆ **1526** : **Ibrahim Lodi** was killed in the **first battle of the Mughal** Empire between Babar and Ibrahim Lodi, the ruler of the Mughal Empire.
- ◆ **1720** : **Bajirao** became the successor of the first Peshwa **Balaji Vishwanath**.
- ◆ **2001** : **India** lodged a **strong** protest against the brutal killing of **Indian criminals** in **Bangladesha**

## Current Affairs Related to 21 April

- ◆ **The 16th World Future Energy Summit** has begun in **Abu Dhabi**, bringing together global leaders, policymakers and experts on energy and climate initiatives. The objective of the summit is to promote dialogue on key issues such as global climate action, environmental energy, energy security and sustainable development. **Francesco La Camera** of the **International Cultural Energy Agency** stressed the urgency of increasing community energy capacity to at least 11 terawatts by 2030.
- ◆ **India's growth forecast for 2024** was increased from 6.5% to 6.8% by the **International Monetary Fund**. India remains an emerging market and developing economy with the fastest growth rate. IMF has estimated India's growth rate to be 6.5% for 2025. Its growth expectations were supported by strong and stable domestic demand as well as the increasing number of people of working age.
- ◆ **DRDO** organized the **first International Workshop on Emerging Technologies and Challenges** for Exoskeletons in Bengaluru. **Defense Bioengineering and Electromedical Laboratory** of DRDO organized the workshop. It was inaugurated by **Dr. Sameer V Kamat**, Secretary, Department of Defense Research and Development and Chairman, DDO.
- ◆ **The central government** constituted a panel on issues of the **gay community**. The government notified a committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary to examine various issues related to the gay community. The committee has been formed after the Supreme Court in October asked the Central government to set up a high-powered panel to look into the issues of the gay community.
- ◆ **Gopi Thotakura** became the **first Indian space tourist**. **Entrepreneur and pilot Gopi Thotakura** is set to become the first Indian to go to space as a tourist. He will take part in the NS-25 mission of **Blue Origin**, a company founded by **Jeff Bezos**. He is selected as one of six crew members for the mission.
- ◆ According to **UNCTAD** report, **India's economy** will grow at the rate of 6.5% in 2024. This estimate comes after India's growth of 6.7% in 2023. The report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has shown India as the fastest growing major economy globally. According to UNCTAD report, multinational companies are increasing their manufacturing operations in India to improve the diversification of their supply chains.
- ◆ **The Central Board of Direct Taxes** has signed a record 125 advance pricing agreements with Indian taxpayers in 2023-2024. The 125 advance pricing agreements include 86 unilateral APAs and 39 bilateral APAs. The number of APAs signed in 2023.2024 has increased by 31% compared to the previous year. 95 APAs were signed during the last financial year.
- ◆ **Life Insurance Corporation of India** has increased its equity stake in **Hindustan Unilever**. LIC's stake in Hindustan Unilever Limited has increased to more than 5 percent. LIC has increased its stake in HUL from 4.99% of the company's paid-up capital to 5.01%. Hindustan Unilever Limited is a subsidiary of British company Unilever.
- ◆ **Astronomers** have discovered the **largest stellar black hole** in the **Milky Way** galaxy. The mass of this stellar black hole is 33 times more than that of the Sun. It is also the second closest black hole to Earth. It is only 2000 light years away from Earth. The discovery came as researchers analyzed data from the European Space Agency's Gaia mission.
- ◆ **ISRO** has developed **carbon carbon nozzle** for rocket engines. It is a **lightweight, innovative nozzle** and a breakthrough in rocket engine technology. ISRO's **Vikram Sarabhai Space Center** has completed this innovation. It promises to improve the thrust level, specific impulse and thrust to weight ratio of rocket engines.



## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is National Civil Services Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 15th April (B) 21st April  
(C) 23rd April (D) 25th April

**(B)** Civil Services Day is celebrated every year on 21st April to honor and rededicate oneself to the public interest. On this day, civil servants from different ideologies of the country come together. Share your experience and also teach about documents of working in public sector.



**2. Who will be honored with Lata Mangeshkar Award recently?**

- (A) Amitabh Bachchan (B) Allu Arjun  
(C) Ram Charan (D) None of these

**(A)** The prestigious third Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award will be given to veteran Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan for his remarkable dedication towards the nation, its people and society. Previous recipients of this prestigious award include Prime Minister Narendra Modi and popular singer Asha Bhosle. Mohan Wagh Award for Best Play will be given to Marathi play Ghalib.



**3. Recently in which state Mahindra has planned to set up a hybrid energy project worth Rs 1200 crore?**

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka  
(C) Gujarat (D) Odisha

**(A)** Mahindra Sustain, a subsidiary of Mahindra Group, has entered the Hybrid Creative Energy sector in Maharashtra with a Rs 1200 crore project comprising 101 solar power and 52 solar power capacity. The project aims to generate 460 million kWh of clean energy and accommodate 420A000 tonnes of CO2 productivity.



**4. Who has recently been appointed by Space India as its brand ambassador?**

- (A) Akshay Kumar (B) Virat Kohli  
(C) Sanjana Sanghi (D) None of these

**(C)** Space India has a mission to promote astronomy and space science in the science curriculum enrolled across the country, inspiring more than 1.5 million students across 1000 scholars. The organization has played an important role in uncovering the secrets of design science and making space education accessible to all.



**5. Who has been on top in implementing the Green Credit Scheme of the Central Government recently?**

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Telangana  
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Maharashtra

**(A)** Recently, in the field of environmental protection, an effective environmental protection campaign has been started by the government in Madhya Pradesh under the Green Credit Program. In the last two months, GCP has launched green records in 500 land plots covering an area of 4980 hectares in 10 states. Madhya Pradesh is at the forefront in getting approval for delineation of barren forest land.





6. Recently, which country's Deependra Singh has made a record of hitting 6 sixes in an over?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Australia  
(C) Bangladesh (D) Nepal

(D) Recently, Deependra played an important role in the team's victory by playing a brilliant inning of 64 runs on 21 balls. In this innings, he did a big feat by hitting 6 sixes in 6 balls. He has become only the third cricketer in the world to hit 6 sixes in an over in T20 International cricket. Deependra Singh hit six sixes in an over in the T20 match against Qatar.



7. Who has recently been appointed as the new CEO of BharatPe?

- (A) Anurag Kumar (B) Nalin Negi  
(C) Aniruddha Bose (D) None of these

(B) Fintech firm BharatPe has appointed its interim CEO and Chief Financial Officer Nalin Negi as full-time Chief Executive Officer. Nalin Negi became the interim CEO in January 2023 after the then CEO Suhail Sameer resigned from the post. Negi joined BharatPe in 2022 and has experience in building and growing businesses in the fintech and banking domains.



8. Recently an international team of scientists discovered a number of unknown species near the Salas y Gomez underwater mountain range.

- (A) 50 (B) 65  
(C) 80 (D) 100

(A) Scientists have announced the discovery of 160 marine species after exploring the Salas y Gomez underwater mountain range in the south-eastern Pacific Ocean. At least 50 of those species are new to science. Squid, fish, coral, molluscs, sea urchins, crabs and squat lobsters have been discovered. The discovery came after a 40-day expedition from the Salas y Gomez Ridge to Rapa Nui.



9. Who has recently made the record of scoring most runs in IPL?

- (A) Mumbai Indians  
(B) RCB  
(C) Sun Risers Hyderabad  
(D) None of these

(C) Recently, in the 30th match of the Indian Premier League 2024, Sunrisers Hyderabad faced Royal Challengers Bangalore. The Sunrisers Hyderabad team, which came to bat first in this match, has once again registered its name in the pages of history with its explosive batting.



10. Who has recently been awarded the honorary doctorate degree by Chennai Wells University?

- (A) Allu Arjun (B) Ram Charan  
(C) Thalaiva Vijay (D) None of these

(B) Recently, in a prestigious ceremony, Wells University, Chennai honored famous Indian actor Ram Charan with Doctorate in Literature. This distinguished honor celebrates his significant contributions to the world stage of cinema and his profound impact on audiences around the world.

