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History of 22 April

- ◆ **1970** : **Earth Day** was celebrated for the first time in the world.
- ◆ **1760** : **Akbar II**, the last **Mughal emperor** of India, was born.
- ◆ **1980** : Social reformer **Manguram** died.
- ◆ **1983** : The **Soyuz T-8 spacecraft** returns to Earth.
- ◆ **1921** : **Ukrainian** Subhash Chandra Bose resigned from the **Indian Civil Service**.
- ◆ **1974** : Indian writer **Chetan Bhagat** was born.

Current Affairs Related to 22 April 2024

- ◆ **ISRO Chairman S Somanath** announced that the country aims to achieve a debris-free space mission by 2030. ISRO has a set plan for space exploration. The main objective of this initiative is to achieve a debris-free space mission by 2030. As part of its zero orbit debris mission, ISRO had brought back several old satellites and fourth stage PSLV rockets to earth through the deorbiting process. India is planning to set up its own space station Indian Space Station by 2035.
- ◆ **In the field of environmental protection, an effective environment protection campaign** has been launched in Madhya Pradesh at the heart of the Green Credit Program by the government. In the last two months, GCP has launched greening records in 500 land plots covering an area of 4980 hectares in 10 states. Madhya Pradesh has taken the lead in getting clearances for delineation of forest wastelands, followed by Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Assam.
- ◆ **RBI has banned the Bank of Baroda World app**. Strict measures have reportedly been proposed by the Finance Ministry to protect citizens from cyber frauds. These measures have been taken following a spurt in incidents including the recent Bank of Baroda World App scam. These measures are considered to be part of a broader national effort to combat cyber crime. To deal with this growing threat, the Ministry of Home Affairs established the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre.
- ◆ **The World Economic Forum has named Nykaa's Advait Nair as the 2024 Young Global Leader**. Nykaa co-founder and CEO Advait Nair has been inducted into the Young Global Leaders Community of the World Economic Forum. Nair joined a group of 90 individuals from around the world for her work as a change maker and entrepreneur. She is one of the most powerful political and business leaders in the world.
- ◆ **Associates Life Insurance Company**, one of the most private life insurance company in the country, launched the first edition of IdeasXx. This is a pioneering initiative that can revolutionize the future of the insurance sector. The objective of this innovative platform is to sensitize future leaders of B-schools across the country about unconventional life insurance solutions.
- ◆ **The government has shortlisted IIT officer Saurabh Garg for additional powers of the ministry's secretary**. The decision was communicated by issuing an order by the Department of Vocational and Training reflecting Garg's vast experience and expertise in the field of public administration. Garg, a 1991-batch Indian National Service officer of Odisha cadre, will serve in this capacity till he is appointed regularly or further instructions are issued.
- ◆ **A state-of-the-art submersible platform for underwater characterization and evaluation** has been inaugurated in Kerala. A state-of-the-art submersible platform for characterization and evaluation is a major test and evaluation centre for sonar systems for the Indian Navy, established by DRDO. It will be used for survey sampling and data collection of air, surface, midwater and reservoir floor parameters.
- ◆ **From developing sugarcane hybrids by botanist Janaki Ammal in the 1930s to Tessy Thomas** who led the first test launch of the Agni-IV missile in 2011, Indian women have an impressive presence in the field of science. However, according to a study by ByswatchIndia, only 13.5 per cent of STEM faculty members in 98 universities and institutions in the country are women.
- ◆ **The UAE has received the highest rainfall on record**, which is more than all the data collected since 1949. In the last 24 hours, many areas of the United Arab Emirates received rain.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Earth Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20 April (B) 21 April
(C) 22 April (D) 23 April

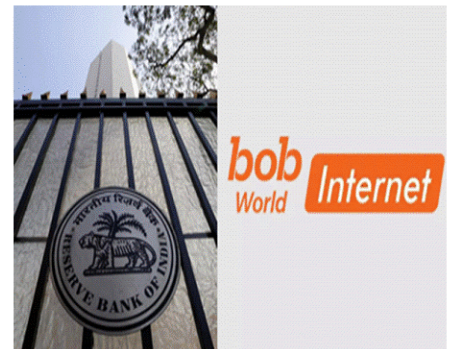
(C) This day is celebrated every year on 22 April, the birthday of the modern environmental movement in 1970. Earth is the only planet in the universe where life is possible and therefore it is necessary to maintain this natural wealth. World Earth Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance.



2. Which bank's app has been banned by the RBI recently?

- (A) BOB (B) SBI
(C) ICICI (D) PNB

(A) The Finance Ministry is now proposing exemplary steps to check such frauds, with a focus on enhancing cyber security and strengthening financial support. Exercising its authority under Section 35A of the Banking Act 1949, the RBI directed Bank of Credit to include new advertisements on the BoB World app.



3. Which country has recently announced to test the 130 km range Extra Mark-II missile?

- (A) China (B) Russia
(C) Japan (D) India

(C) India is preparing to test Astra Mark-2 missile. The air-to-air missile, with a range of 120.130 km, is expected to be tested in the next few months. Astra Mark-1 air-to-air missile with a range of about 90.100 km is already in service with the Indian Air Force.



4. Recently who has been named as the world's leading cricketer of vision?

- (A) Pat Cummins (B) Nat Sciver Brunt
(C) Both A & B (D) None of these

(C) Australian captain Pat Cummins and Nat Sciver-Brunt have been named among the world's leading cricketers in the recently published 2024 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack. While Travis Hend has won the Wisden Trophy, which is awarded for outstanding individual performance by a man or woman in a Test match during the previous calendar year.



5. Recently India has allowed the export of 10000 tonnes of onions to which country?

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

(A) India has allowed export of 10,000 tonnes of onion to Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates through the National Cooperative Exporters Cooperative, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said in a notification. With this, India has approved 99160 tonnes of onions for export, bypassing the ban on shipments imposed in December 2023.



6. Which is the first stadium in India to use hybrid pitch technology recently?

- (A) Wankhede (B) Narendra Modi Stadium
(C) Dharamshala (D) None of these
(C) The Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamshala has become the first BCCI accredited venue to install a state-of-the-art hybrid pitch. These new technologies are set to change the game. Because future international and IPL matches will be played on this innovative track.



7. Which airport has recently been declared the busiest airport in the world?

- (A) Bengaluru Airport
(B) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
(C) IGI Airport (D) None of these
(B) Recently, Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson International Airport retained its crown as the world's busiest passenger hub in 2023. Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi was among the top 10 busiest airports in the world according to the new ranking of the Airports Council International.



8. Recently BEL has signed an agreement for cooperation in quantum technology.

- (A) IIT Delhi (B) IIT Kanpur
(C) IIT Mumbai (D) IIT Mandi
(D) Recently defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi for cooperation in research and technology, product development in the areas of semiconductors, quantum technologies and drones. BEL said that the MoU aims to leverage the complementary strengths and capabilities of BEL and IIT Mandi.



9. Who has recently launched India's first locally manufactured electric dump truck?

- (A) Saini India (B) Tata
(C) Eicher (D) None of these
(A) In an unprecedented move recently, India, a leading manufacturer of mining and construction equipment, launched the SKT105E electric optical truck. This achievement marks an important milestone in the Indian industrial industry, as the SKT105E becomes the first locally manufactured electric off highway-cocktail truck, paving the way for a more environmentally researched and cost-effective future.



10. Recently the High Court of where has revoked the detention of the person under PSA 1978.

- (A) Odisha (B) Gujarat
(C) Kerala (D) Jammu & Kashmir
(D) The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has struck down the Public Safety Act under Jaffar Ahmad Parray. Rahul Bharti emphasized that the law works in India, and added that citizens cannot be taken without a legal basis. Parray was jailed on grounds of torture, but the court declared him illegal and ordered his release.

