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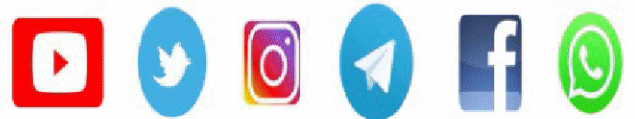
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## History of April 25

- ◆ **2010** : The Indian Navy began the process of designing a new light utility helicopter to replace the aging Hoyal Chetak helicopters.
- ◆ **2005** : Indian saint Swami Ranganathananda passed away.
- ◆ **1982** : Color broadcast on television started for the first time in Delhi.
- ◆ **1957** : Nuclear reactor: Nuclear reactor was produced for the first time.

## Current Affairs Related to 25 April

- ◆ Airtels Bank has launched HDFC aligned debit and citizenship cards powered by RuPay, its NPCI affiliate. These cards are designed to support India's One Nation, One Card initiative. Savings account holders can avail NCMC enabled debit cards, while consumer account holders can opt for NCMC enabled debit cards.
- ◆ Nigeria has become the first nation to introduce the innovative Men5CV vaccine, targeting five strains of meningococcal that have been registered by the World Health Organisation. This historical milestone is a serious threat in meningitis. The vaccine rollout, funded by Gavi, is an important step towards achieving the goal of eliminating meningitis by 2030.
- ◆ The Higher School of Economics based in Russia and Delhi University signed an agreement on strategic cooperation and joint work. They will also operate a large research hub in New Delhi. Its operation will start in the partner university of India. HSE University is a national research university located in Moscow, Russia.
- ◆ Gautam Badani led Adani family has invested Rs 8339 crore in Ambuja Markets Limited, increasing their stake to 70.3%. This investment is part of a larger strategy aimed at boosting Ambuja's growth trajectory and strengthening its market position. Adani family's total investment is Rs 20,000 crore, their wealth is linked to Ambuja projects.
- ◆ An extraordinary cross between reality and artificial beauty is set to see the world's first beauty pageant featuring handpicked models and gorgeous people. Miss Architecture judged these derivative creations based on how they stood against each other, their online presence aesthetics and the technical prowess behind their creation.
- ◆ The world's first Miss AI competition will be held to select the winner based on beauty and social media influence. Models and influencers created through artificial intelligence will compete in the Miss AI beauty pageant. The prize for the competition will be \$20,000. This is the world's first AI beauty pageant and contestants will be judged based on their looks, online stature and the technical skills used to create them.
- ◆ GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited has been awarded the Best Airport Staff 2024 award in India and South Asia by Skytrax. It was announced to take place during the Passenger Terminal Expo 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany. It honors distinguished service rendered by air defense personnel on various fronts, which is assessed through ratings and evaluation.
- ◆ Three China-based companies and one Belarus-based company have been approved by the US State Department for supplying missile applied goods to Pakistan's ballistic missile programme. China, Pakistan's all-time ally, has been the main supplier of arms and defense equipment to Islamabad's military modernization programme. Sanctions have been imposed on China-based Xi'an Longde Technology Development Co. Ltd., Tianjin Creative Source International Trade Co. Ltd. and Granpect Co. Ltd.
- ◆ India handed over the first picture of Brahos missile to China's neighboring country Philippines. The Philippines dumped it in the South China Sea, raising China's concerns. There is controversy over the Philippines' Sparkly Island in the South China Sea.
- ◆ Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande had gone on a visit to Uzbekistan. During this, he also inaugurated the high technology IT class at the Uzbekistan Armed Forces Academy.

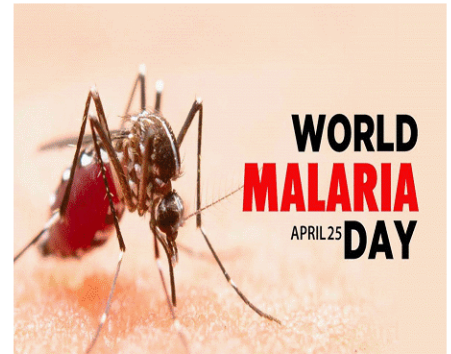


## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is World Malaria Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 24th April (B) 25th April  
(C) 26th April (D) 27th April

**(B)** World Malaria Day is celebrated every year on 25 April to increase awareness about malaria disease, how to control it and how to eliminate it completely. The first Malaria Day was observed in 2008, developing from Malaria Day, an event celebrated by the African Organization in 2001.



### 2. Which country will recently become the first country in Asia to have a four-day workweek?

- (A) Singapore (B) Japan  
(C) Thailand (D) Bangladesh

**(A)** Singapore will be the first country in Asia, where a 4-day workweek is being implemented. This will be applicable to all the companies in the country from December 1 this year. Also, women, older employees and employees who are taking care of someone will be allowed to take long leave and come back to work whenever they want.



### 3. Recently the payment bank has launched Chhattisgarh enabled debit and prepaid cards.

- (A) Fino Payment Bank  
(B) Airtel Payment Bank  
(C) India Post Payment Bank  
(D) None of these

**(B)** Airtel Payments Bank in collaboration with Chhattisgarh has launched Chhattisgarh aligned debit and prepaid cards powered by RuPay. These codes are designed to support India's One Nation, One Card initiative. Savings account holders can avail NCMC enabled debit cards, while wallet users can opt for prepaid cards.



### 4. Who has recently been appointed as the Managing Director of Dhanlaxmi Bank?

- (A) Ajit Kumar K.K. (B) Deepak Singh  
(C) Dinesh Tripathi (D) None of these

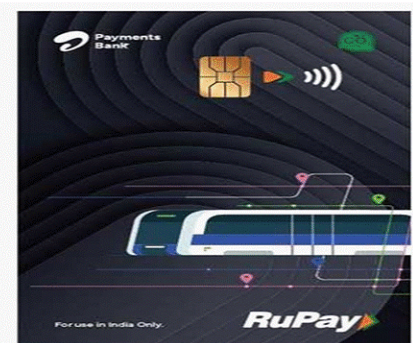
**(A)** In the private sector, Dhanlaxmi Bank said Ajit Kumar has been appointed managing director and chief nominee officer of the bank for a period of three years. Dhanlaxmi Bank said in the information given to the stock exchange that after this the approval of the certificate will be obtained. Presently he is Chief Human Resource Officer in Federal Bank in Chairman Cadre.



### 5. Who has recently launched the Link It Forget It campaign?

- (A) Visa (B) Paytm  
(C) RuPay (D) None of these

**(C)** RuPay in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India has launched the Link It, Forget It campaign during the Indian Premier League 2024. Its first objective is to show seamless integration of RuPay credit card with UPI. The emphasis was on the convenience of discounting the physical wallet. The primary goal of the campaign is to create awareness about RuPay Credit Cards, highlight their integration with UPI and consequently eliminate the need for physical education.





**6. Recently Expert Rajasekhar has been awarded International Fellowship by the Engineering Academy of which country?**

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Germany  
(C) Japan (D) India

**(C)** Cook Rajasekhar, distinguished professor at the Cullen College of Engineering, University of Houston, has been elected as an International Fellow of the prestigious Academy of Engineering of Japan. This honor certifies his outstanding contribution in the field of power conversion and electrification of transportation.



**7. Recently, India's net direct tax collection for the financial year 2023-2024 has increased from 17.7% to how many lakh crore rupees.**

- (A) 18.68 lakh crore (B) 19.58 lakh crore  
(C) 20.58 lakh crore (D) 21.98 lakh crore

**(B)** India's net direct tax receipts in the last financial year totaled Rs 16.64 lakh crore. India's net direct tax receipts during FY 2024 exceeded the budgetary forecast by Rs 1.35 lakh crore or 7.4%. The budgetary estimate of direct tax collection for the last financial year was Rs 18.23 lakh crore.



**8. Which badminton player has recently retired from international badminton?**

- (A) Kento Momota (B) Shi Yuki  
(C) Victor Axelson (D) None of these

**(A)** Two-time world champion Kento Momota has said he is retiring from international badminton at the age of 29, admitting he has never been the same since a serious car accident four years ago. Japan's Momota was once the uncrowned king of badminton, winning 11 titles in 2019 and losing only six out of 73 matches played that year.



**9. In which country has Narpat Singh been recently appointed as Railway Advisor?**

- (A) Singapore (B) Bangladesh  
(C) Philippines (D) Germany

**(B)** The Government has approved the advocacy of Narpat Singh for the post of Railway Advisor in the Indian High Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Labor and Training Department issued an order saying that the proposal of the Railway Ministry has been approved. The post of Counselor is for a period of three years from the date of scientific secret or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



**10. Who has been appointed as NSG chief recently?**

- (A) Samrat Singh (B) Nalin Prabhat  
(C) Dinesh Mittal (D) None of these

**(B)** Senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat has been appointed Director General of the country's counter-terrorism force, National Security Guard. Presently Prabhat is working as Additional Director General in CRPF. His appointment as Director General of NSG has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet for a period up to August 31, 2028, the date of his superannuation.

