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## History of 15th April

- ◆ **1895** : Bal Gangadhar Tilak inaugurated the Shivaji Utsav at Raigarh Fort.
- ◆ **1923** : Insulin became available in the market for people suffering from diabetes.
- ◆ **1994** : The letter GATT was used by 109 countries including India.
- ◆ **2004** : LTTE militant V Muraleedharan, linked to the Rajiv Gandhi assassination, was assassinated in Colombo.
- ◆ **1948** : The state of Himachal Pradesh was established.

## Current Affairs Related to 15th April 2024

- ◆ **Former Indian hockey player and Dronacharya Award winner Harendra Singh** has been selected by Hockey India as the coach of the senior national women's hockey team. According to media reports, he will be appointed coach for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Harendra Singh replaces Hollande's Janneke Shopman. Janneke Shopman, a former Dutch hockey player, stepped down as national women's team coach last month after the Indian team failed to qualify for the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ◆ **India's largest power company NTPC Limited is preparing to unveil a new edition** of its flagship corporate social responsibility initiative, Association Mission. This program has been started by the Government of India under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign. The aim of GEM is to eliminate the gendered world by harnessing the imagination of girls and promoting their abilities to explore opportunities.
- ◆ **After Chabahar port in Iran, India has secured the rights to operate its second foreign port** in Sittwe, Myanmar. 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 Limited is a joint venture between Deendayal Port Trust and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court said that candidates contesting elections are not required** to disclose every movable property owned by them or their dependents. The court said that candidates will have to disclose information about assets that are of substantial value or represent a luxurious lifestyle.
- ◆ **Harendra Singh was appointed as the coach of Indian women's hockey after Janneke Schoopman** 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.
- ◆ **The first decline in unicorn formation in India was estimated due to low investment despite** the stock market peaking in 2024. Indian founders are excellent at building offshore unicorns. The global unicorn landscape in 2024 sees significant developments and challenges, as highlighted in the Hurun Global Unicorn Stalkers. India is at third position with 67 unicorns.
- ◆ **In an important step towards strengthening India's mineral security, Mineral Videsh India Limited and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Institute of Minerals and Materials** have signed an MoU for Technology and Technology. Knowledge Collaboration, EXIT aims to leverage the technical strength of CSIR IMMT for various critical areas.
- ◆ **India has invoked the peace clause at the World Trade Organization for the fifth consecutive time**, accusing it of re-importing rice in excess of the prescribed limit during the marketing year 2022-2023. 10: Despite violating the domestic support threshold, India did not face any serious consequences due to the peace clause provision at the 2013 Bali Ministerial Meeting.
- ◆ **BD in India in 2022 A total of 3.50 crore cases of C. infection were reported.** This information has come to light in a report of the World Health Organization. The documents report said that India is in second place after China. There is inflammation of the liver, which causes many health side effects and can also be congenital.
- ◆ **Private sector general company, company Apartment Lombard General Insurance Company** Lombard General Insurance has partnered with the security market. The two combine the extensive product portfolio of Lombard owned by this prestigious company and the extensive reach of the valley market, making it easy for Indian consumers to access information solutions.



## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is the Music Drama Academy being organized recently?

- (A) From 8th to 15th April (B) From 9th to 17th April  
(C) From 10th to 18th April (D) From 11th to 20th April

**(B)** Music Drama Academy is organizing Shakti Music and Dance Festival from 9th to 17th April 2024. This festival is celebrated in seven different Shaktipeeths across the country. The Kala Pravah series is being organized to revive the temples in the country during the auspicious Navratri period.



### 2. Where will the science park be constructed recently?

- (A) Kanpur (B) Bengaluru  
(C) Mumbai (D) New Delhi

**(D)** Science parks are now going to be built in Delhi to increase the creativity and knowledge of children. New Delhi Municipal Council is going to build a science park in the middle of the city. It is going to be built on 3642 square meter green area in NDMC's Science and Humanities Center on Tughlaq Crescent Road. The aim of this project is to make learning interactive for students.



### 3. When is Railway Week celebrated every year?

- (A) From 9th to 15th April (B) From 10th to 16th April  
(C) From 11th to 17th April (D) From 12th to 18th April

**(B)** Railway Week is celebrated every year from 10th to 16th April. The first journey to India started on 16 April 1853. The first Railway Week was organized on the completion of 100 years of railway operation, since then Railway Week is celebrated every year. In this, such officers and employees are rewarded by the administration for their excellent services.



### 4. Where has FSSAI recently started awareness and sensitization programme?

- (A) Delhi (B) Kanpur  
(C) Mumbai (D) Kolkata

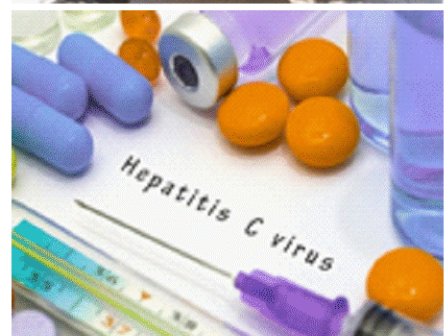
**(A)** Food Safety and Standards Authority of India launched awareness campaign on food safety related aspects in major markets of Delhi. Through this campaign, food business operators were made aware about the importance of organic farming, testing of raw materials, ill effects of pesticide residues, artificial cooking and wax coating using unapproved chemicals.



### 5. Which country has been on top in the case of hepatitis recently?

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

**(D)** 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.





**6. Who has recently unveiled its new logo?**

- (A) CCL (B) GAIL  
(C) BHEL (D) None of these

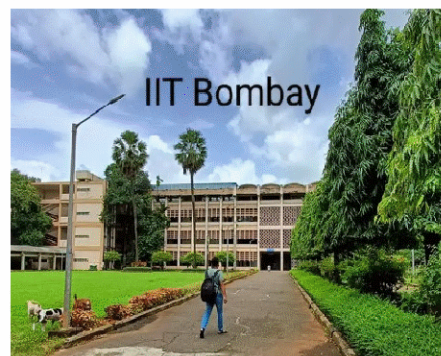
**(A)** Recently, Central Coalfields Limited has released a new logo and tagline. The company says that this logo is showcasing sustainable mining along with coal production. Also the new official tagline will now be Fueling Sustainable Growth. This logo has been designed in-house by the Corporate Communications and Public Relations Department.



**7. Recently, Canara Bank has partnered with which company to empower startups across India?**

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

**(B)** A significant collaboration was proposed through the signing of an agreement between Canara Bank and Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, IIT Bombay. The purpose of this ideology is to provide financial support to UNESCO, which is an important point for the ecosystem. Canara Bank, through its Canara Startup Scheme, provides financial assistance for establishment, promotion and modernization of industrial units across India.



**8. Which country has recently implemented peace clause for rice in India?**

- (A) India (B) Canada  
(C) Australia (D) Pakistan

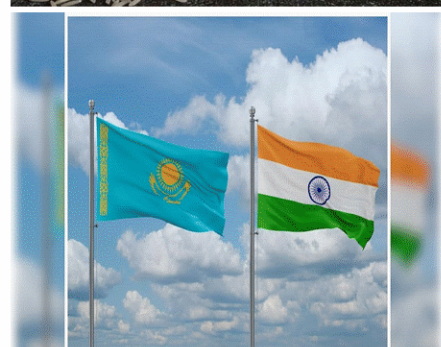
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**9. Recently India and which country have assessed security challenges and exchanged views on terrorism?**

- (A) Tajikistan (B) Uzbekistan  
(C) Kazakhstan (D) None of these

**(C)** India and Tajikistan have come together against terrorism. According to a report released by the Ministry of External Affairs, India and Kazakhstan assessed counter-terrorism challenges during a joint working group meeting. During this, both the countries also exchanged views on cross-border terrorism in South Asia.



**10. Who has become the first Indian player to play a main draw match in the Monte Carlo Masters recently?**

- (A) Pravesh Kumar (B) Sumit Nagal  
(C) Srinivas Palliya (D) None of these

**(B)** Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal has achieved the record of becoming the first Indian by defeating Italy's Matteo Arnaldi in the Monte Carlo Masters. 95th-ranked Nagal, who was only the third Indian after Vijay Amritraj and Ramesh Krishnan to enter the main drama in Monte Carlo, came back from a set down to take out World No. 35 Arnaldi in two hours.

