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History of April 19

- ◆ **1451** : **Bahlol Lodi** captured Delhi.
- ◆ **1910** : **Halley's Comet** was seen with the **naked eye** for the first time.
- ◆ **1975** : **The first Indian satellite, Aryabhata**, was launched with the help of Soviet Russia.
- ◆ **1950** : **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee** became the first cabinet minister to step down.
- ◆ **2006** : **The first astronaut Neil Armstrong** brought pieces of the moon with him.

Current Affairs Related to 19 April

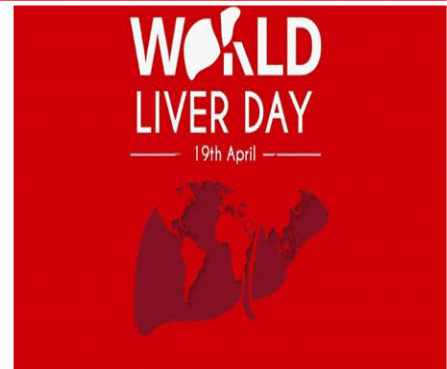
- ◆ **Renowned British-American author Salman Rushdie** is set to release his memoir **The Knife**, which recounts the harrowing experience of being stabbed at a public event in 2022. This book serves as a powerful testament to Rushdie's integrity to freedom of expression, a core value that defined his life and scholarship.
- ◆ **Sanjay Shukla of Centrum Housing Finance** has been appointed **Managing Director of National Housing Bank**. The Bureau of Financial Services Institutions screened 16 candidates for the post. The appointment assumes significance in the backdrop of NHB's plan to raise capital by issuing bonds. NHB is planning to raise Rs 3000 crore through bonds with a unique maturity period of three years.
- ◆ **India is among the 12 countries that are responsible for 60 percent of the earth's mismanaged plastic waste**. This year, 220 million tonnes of plastic waste will be generated globally, of which 70 million tonnes will pollute the environment. Mismanaged waste in India will be 7.4 million tonnes in 2024, which is very high. India's mismanaged plastic waste will be one-fifth that of China and less than one-third that of the US.
- ◆ **Based on the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India, this is the eighth consecutive week** that foreign exchange reserves have increased. Foreign exchange assets increased by US\$ 549 million to US\$ 571.166 billion, thereby increasing the foreign exchange reserves. Apart from this, gold reserves increased by US\$ 2.398 billion to US\$ 54.558 billion.
- ◆ **Russia successfully launches first Angara A5 space rocket**. The launch comes after a series of technical setbacks that led to the cancellation of two previous attempts. The Angara A5 space rocket is designed to carry heavy payloads into low Earth orbit.
- ◆ **A hydrogenase has been developed by IIAC researchers that can remove microplastics from water**. Microplastics are an environmental threat and are also found in remote areas such as polar ice caps and deep ocean trenches, threatening aquatic and terrestrial life. Designed by researchers, Sustainable Hydrogen has a unique intertwined polymer network that can bind contaminants and degrade them using UV light radiation.
- ◆ **Ashrir Grover, co-founder and former managing director of BharatPe, is gearing up for a new venture** in the fintech space with ZeroPay. Ashrir Grover is the co-founder and former managing director of fintech company BharatPe. After his high-profile exit from BharatPe in 2022, Grover has now forayed into the fintech space again with a new app called Zerop.
- ◆ **The government has come up with a new platform to provide subsidy to horticulture farmers**. Under the Cluster Development Programme, the government launched CDP Suraksha, a platform to provide subsidies to horticulture farmers. This will boost the growth of India's horticulture sector, which contributes about one-third to agricultural gross value addition. CDP Security is essentially a digital platform. Safety means systems for integrated resource allocation, knowledge and support for safe gardening.
- ◆ **Defense Research and Development Organization has indigenously designed and developed this Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile weapon system**. The technology has been evaluated several times in various flight configurations with the aim of proving its superior superiority. A sufficient number of missile firing trials were successfully conducted towards achieving full operational envelope compliance as prescribed in the General Staff Qualitative Requirements.
- ◆ **Iran launched hundreds of missiles and drones** in its first direct attack on Israel.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Liver Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 19th April (B) 20th April
(C) 21th April (D) 22th April

(A) It is celebrated on 19th April to spread awareness about liver related diseases. Liver is the second largest organ of the body. It is also the second most complex organ of the body after the brain. It performs various vital functions involving digestion, immunity, metabolism and storage of nutrients within the body.



2. Who has recently been nominated by the Central Government as a member of UGC for three years?

- (A) Sridhar Vembu (B) Ashish Kumar Chauhan
(C) A and B both (D) none of these

(C) The central government issued a notification appointing National Stock Exchange CEO and Managing Director Ashish Kumar Chauhan and Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu as members of the University Grants Commission, India's regulator for higher education, strengthening the body. It increased to eight.



3. Which payment bank has recently started Aadhaar ATM service?

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

(C) Recently India Post Payment Bank has started online Aadhaar ATM facility. With its help, customers will be able to get cash sitting at home. They will not need to go to the bank or nearest ATM booth. In this service the local postman will deliver cash at home. This payment service is completely based on Aadhaar system. Through this, any person can do transactions using his biometrics.



4. Recently in March, India's goods trade deficit came down to the lowest level in how many months to 15.6 billion dollars.

- (A) 5 months (B) 11 months
(C) 15 months (D) 18 months

(B) A recent official data showed that India's goods trade deficit narrowed by nearly 17% in March compared to the previous month as imports fell sharply while exports rose marginally. This is the lowest in the last 11 months, the last time the deficit was this low was in April 2023 when it came in at \$14.44 billion.



5. Who has recently won the National Women's Carrom title for the 12th time?

- (A) Raman Mittal (B) Rashmi Kumari
(C) Dr. Seema Singh (D) None of these

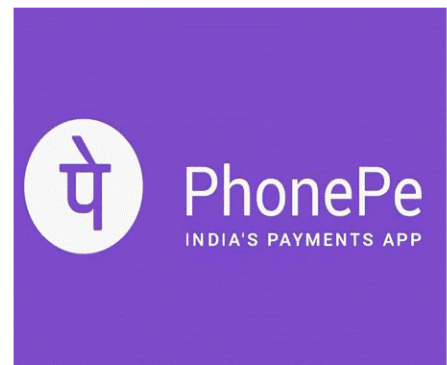
(B) Recently, Rashmi Kumari has made her name in the history of Indian carrom by winning the 12th National Carrom Championship title. In a display of unmatched skill and consistency, Rashmi Kumari has further etched her name in the annals of Indian carrom history by winning her 12th National Carrom Championship title.



6. Who has recently partnered with Maimu and BCH Pokhara to promote UPI in Nepal?

- (A) PhonePe (B) Google Pay
(C) Paytm (D) None of these

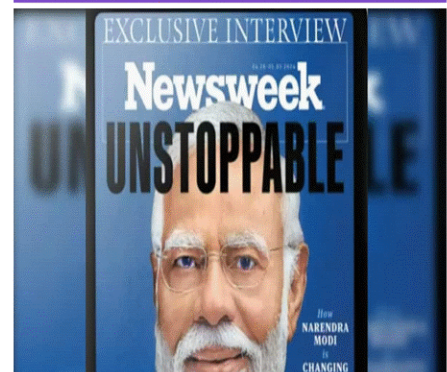
(A) PhonePe, eSewa and HAN Pokhara have partnered to promote UPI during Nepal's Fewa New Year festival with an aim to promote digital transactions. In collaboration with PhonePe, eSewa and Hotel Association of Nepal Pokhara is all set to promote UPI during Phewa New Year Festival in Nepal.



7. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Prime Minister after Indira Gandhi to appear on the cover of which magazine?

- (A) TIMES (B) NewsNow
(C) Newsweek (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Prime Minister of India after Indira Gandhi to appear on the cover page of Newsweek. Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was featured on a cover of Newsweek in April 1966. The New York vaccinators interviewed Modi, a Newsweek writer, and then had a 90-minute conversation.



8. Who has recently been honored with the US President's Volunteer Service 2024?

- (A) Dilip Garg (B) Lokesh Muni
(C) Sumit Singh (D) None of these

(B) Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni has been publicly honored and honored with the US President's Golden Volunteer Service Award for his contribution to humanity, becoming the first Indian monk to receive this honour. Acharya Lokesh Muni is the founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharat and World Peace Centre, an NGO in India.



9. Who has recently been appointed as the joint director of CBI?

- (A) Anurag Kumar (B) Sanjay Nair
(C) J. Aniruddha Bose (D) Sumit Shah

(A) Senior Indian Police Service officer Anurag Kumar was appointed as Joint Director of Central Stock Bureau. This information has been given in the order of the Professional Ministry. It said Kumar, a 2004 Indian Police Service officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, is currently employed with the Bureau of Police Research and Development.



10. Recently, India has gifted 35 ambulances and 66 school buses to which country?

- (A) Ukraine (B) Israel
(C) Bhutan (D) Nepal

(D) Recently, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has gifted 35 spiritual schools and 66 end-to-end schools to various people working in the field of health and education in different areas of Nepal. India's Ambassador to Nepal Navoneshi witnessed the presence of Nepal's Finance Minister Barshaman Pun in presenting the keys to Sakt.

