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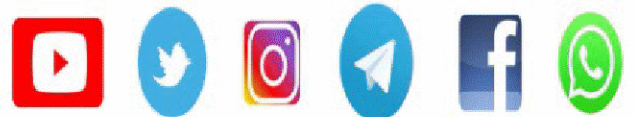
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History of 29th April

- ◆ **1639** : The foundation of the **Red Fort** in **Delhi** was reduced to ashes.
- ◆ **1547** : **Bhamashah**, a friend, colleague and trusted advisor of **Mewar investor Pratap**, was born.
- ◆ **1997** : The ban on **chemical usage** came into effect.
- ◆ **1236** : **Ilutmish**, a prominent ruler of the Slave dynasty in the **Delhi Sultanate**, died.
- ◆ **1993** : **Buckingham** Palace was opened to the general public for the first time.

Current Affairs Related to 29th April 2024

- ◆ **The European Parliament** has adopted **air pollution limits which are strict and legally binding**. These strict legally binding air pollution limits must be complied with by 2030. Air pollution causes three lakh premature deaths in Europe every year. This number can be reduced by 70% in the next ten years through strict EU rules. Air quality in Europe has improved over the past decade.
- ◆ **The Retail Summit 2024 was held in Dubai**, whose agenda was based on **eight key themes**. It is a major global event focusing on the future of retail. These topics aim to address the key challenges and opportunities faced by retail sellers around the world.
- ◆ **Reliance Jio** has become the **world's largest mobile operator by defeating China Mobile** in terms of data traffic. The total traffic on Jio network has reached 40.9 exabytes with an increase of 35.2% year on year. Jio has a very strong and wide customer base of 48.18 million. It is transforming India with 108 million True 5G customers.
- ◆ **ReservePay and Airtel Paytm Bank** to promote digital payments, offer **UPI switch** to cloud-based storage infrastructure. In an unprecedented collaboration, Razorpay and Airtel Paytm Bank have unveiled UPI Switch, a unique cloud-based infrastructure designed to revolutionize the digital payments landscape. This innovative product increases the success rate to 4.5% and promises an unrealistic 10000% detection rate per second, giving NMON exceptional scannability.
- ◆ **PEU**, a digital payment service provider, has obtained the **Payment Aggregator Act 2007** from the Reserve Bank of India to act as a payment aggregator. This approval, after a year long process, marks a significant moment for PEU's operations in India.
- ◆ **Indian passport is the second cheapest passport in the world after UAE**. Indian passports are also the cheapest in terms of cost per year of validity. However, Indians can travel visa-free to only 62 countries with an Indian passport. An Australian firm Compare the Market AU has conducted this study.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India** has ordered **Kotak Mahindra Bank** to stop adding new customers and issuing new credit cards through its online and mobile banking channels. However, RBI said in the order that the bank can provide services to its existing customers including its credit card customers. Action has become necessary based on the significant concerns arising from the IT audit of the Reserve Bank for the years 2022 and 2023 and the Bank's continued failure to address these concerns in a comprehensive and timely manner.
- ◆ **The UN FISH report** highlights an increase of **1.44 million children in India's census**, of which 24 are under the age of 14, who are expected to grow to the age of 77 years. Despite progress in maternal health, underdevelopment persists among people living on the reserve margins.
- ◆ **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** has appointed **India's Geeta Sabha** as the new UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia. Sabharwal builds on his nearly three decades of experience in supporting the Goals, development, climate, change, sustainable peace, governance and social policy by leveraging digital technology and data to accelerate sustainable development planning.
- ◆ **Breaking a century-old tradition**, **President Draupadi Murmu** has appointed **Professor Naima Khatoon** as the first woman patriarch of the Critical Muslim University. It comes under scrutiny as part of the pro-BJP government's outreach to Muslim women, which comes just days after the second phase of Muslim elections.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Dance Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 27th April (B) 28th April
(C) 29th April (D) 30th April

(C) International Dance Day is celebrated every year on 29 April. Since its creation in 1982, the International Dance Committee and the International Theater Institute each year select an outstanding dance personality to write a message for International Dance Day. This day is a day of celebration for those who can see the value and importance of dance as an art form.



2. Who has recently retired from professional squash?

- (A) Saurav Ghoshal (B) Harendra Pal
(C) Kush Kumar (D) None of these

(A) Recently, India's Saurav Ghoshal, who was ranked 10th in the world ranking, announced his retirement from professional squash. In which he has won medals in many Asian Games and Commonwealth Games including 10 PSA titles. He is the only Indian squash player to reach the world top 10. Who achieved his career-highest rank in April 2019 and held that position for six months.



3. Who has recently developed India's lightest bullet proof jacket?

- (A) ISRO (B) Reliance Defence
(C) DRDO (D) None of these

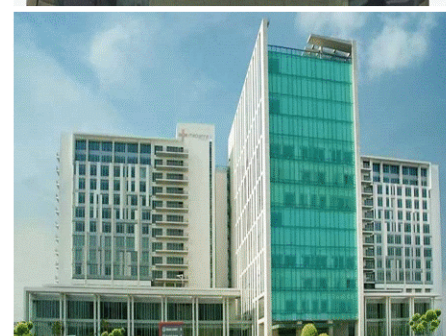
(C) Recently, Research Defense and Development Organization DRDO has developed India's most dramatic Dru Jacket for protection against BMS threat level 6. Its unit, Defense Material and Stores Research and Development Institute, Kanpur, DRDO has developed jets for protection against 7.62G54 ammunition. The heat-cooled Drew jacket can stop six bullets.



4. Who has recently been declared as the best private hospital in India by Newsweek?

- (A) Medanta Gurugram (B) Max Hospital
(C) Apollo Hospital (D) None of these

(A) Recently, The Medicity Gurugram, run by Medanta, India Global Health Limited, Gurugram, has once again been named as the Best Private Hospital in India by the prestigious Newsweek. World's Best Hospitals 2024 Ranking. This is the fifth consecutive year that Medanta has achieved the title of Best Private Hospital in India.



5. When is International Sculpture Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 24th April (B) 26th April
(C) 28th April (D) 29th April

(D) International Sculpture Day is celebrated every year on 29 April. This is an internationally recognized holiday. Which reminds of sculpture and sculptural works. Sculptures are a type of visual art that are three-dimensional. It has been proven that stone sculptures last much longer than other art works made from perishable materials.



6. Who has recently become the world's largest mobile operator in terms of data traffic?

- (A) China Mobile (B) Airtel
(C) Reliance Jio (D) None of these

(C) Reliance Jio has become the world's largest mobile operator by overtaking China Mobile in terms of data traffic consumption. According to global analytics firm Efficient, the Indian telecom operator's total traffic in the January-March quarter reached 40.9 exabytes, while China Mobile's was 38 exabytes.



7. Who has recently been given the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2024 award?

- (A) Roger Federer (B) Novak Djokovic
(C) Rafael Nadal (D) None of these

(B) Recently, 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic won the Laureus Sports Man of the Year honor for the record 5th time, while Spain's FIFA World Cup winner Etana Bonamati became the footballer to win the Laureus Sportswoman of the Year honour. . Simon Biles and Jude Bellingham also won in Madrid.



8. Where has India's largest climate clock been installed recently?

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

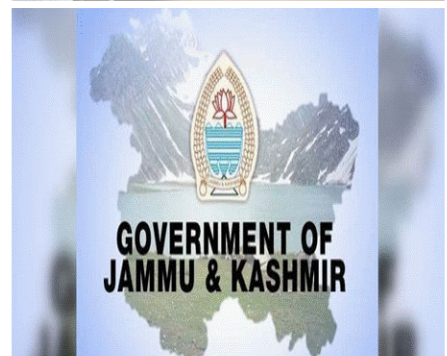
(D) CSIR, emphasizing on climate change awareness, unveiled India's largest gas clock in New Delhi. Established in 1942, CSIR conducts diverse scientific research and collaborations. This first impact remains CSIR's mission to raise awareness about climate change and its adverse impacts.



9. Which state government has recently made digital signature mandatory for all officials?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Haryana
(C) Jammu and Kashmir (D) Gujarat

(C) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has made it mandatory for all officers and employees to use Digital Signature Certificate or Aadhaar based e-signature, as per the instructions of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India. Signature as a way to sign notes in e-Office from June 1, 2024.



10. In which state has the rare butterfly Neptis Philara been discovered recently?

- (A) Nagaland (B) Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Himachal Pradesh

(B) Recently a rare butterfly species called Neptis philara, also known as the Long Streak Sailor, was discovered. For the first time in India, butterflies have been discovered by researchers in the Tail Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh. This is commonly known as the long streak sailor.

