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History of April 18

- ◆ **1612** : **Emperor Shahjahan** of the **Mughal Empire** rebelled against Mumtaz.
- ◆ **1857** : **Tatyan Tope**, the leader of the **1857 rebellion**, was hanged.
- ◆ **1950** : **Vinoba Bhave** started the **Bhoodan movement** from Pachampalli village in Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆ **1917** : **Mahatma Gandhi** had selected the **bicycle** for the Bihar show.
- ◆ **1930** : **Surya Sen Naik**, Master **Da** and **62 men** of the Indian Republican Army attacked the Chittagong Library.

Current Affairs Related to 18 April

- ◆ **The Defense Ministry issued a tender to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to purchase 97 LCA Mark 1A fighter aircraft** manufactured in India. This tender of Rs 65,000 crore will be the largest order for indigenous military hardware. A tender has been issued to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited by the Defense Ministry and they have been given three months time to respond to it., LCA Mark 1A fighter aircraft will replace MiG-21A, MiG-23 and MiG-27. The indigenous fighter aircraft program will promote indigenization as well as provide increased business to small and medium enterprises.
- ◆ **India's Jagjit Pavadia was re-elected to the International Narcotics Control Board for a third term.** Mr Pavadia was re-elected by secret ballot for a third term for five years till March 2025.2030, he received the highest number of votes in the highly competitive election. Mr Pavadia won a landslide victory in a tight election with 41 votes, while the second-placed candidate got 30 votes. Since 2015, Mr. Pavadia has been a member of the International Narcotics Control Board.
- ◆ **A new AI tool can accurately predict fatal heart rhythms. An AI tool called VA ResNet-50** can be used to detect the risk of a fatal heart rhythm disorder called ventricular arrhythmia, according to a study. The study was conducted at the Department of Cardiology at the University of Leicester and the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust.
- ◆ **On an annual basis, India's retail inflation declined to 4.85% in March from 5.09% in the previous month.** A Reuters poll had predicted the number would fall to 4.91%. This number remains within the Reserve Bank of India's tolerance band of 2.6%. Citing the National Statistical Office, PTI reported that inflation in the food basket rose to 8.52% in March from 8.66% in February.
- ◆ **Japan's FFG, a subsidiary of India's Metal Bank, is set to buy 20% of the stock in HDB's lineup.** The deal is valued at \$9.10 billion ahead of the initial public offering, making it one of the largest whole-sale deals in India's photography sector. HDB Republic, a non-deposit taking lender, expects to fetch a valuation of \$9 billion to \$12 billion during its I-leak, based on stable market shares.
- ◆ **India has signed a protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with Mauritius.** The principal purpose test has been introduced in the amended agreement. Its objective is to reduce tax evasion by ensuring that treaty benefits are granted only for genuine purpose transactions. This amendment will apply to all income such as capital gains, dividends and fees for technical services.
- ◆ **According to WTO findings, India's digital services joint ventures will overtake China's** and reach \$257 billion in 2023. Digital currency services grew globally, accounting for \$4.25 trillion. As per the World Trade Organization report, India is set to emerge as the United States leader in digital services in 2023, overtaking China.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Republic Revolut India by Tiger Global and SoftBank** has received regulatory approval from NBF to issue Research Payment Devices.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Heritage Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 15th April (B) 17th April
(C) 18th April (D) 20th April

(C) This day is observed every year on 18th April to preserve human heritage and to recognize the efforts of all concerned organizations in this field. The day was proclaimed by the International Council on Monuments and Sites in 1982 and approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983.



2. Who is going to become the first astronaut to travel to space as a tourist recently?

- (A) Gopi Thotakura (B) Hardik Ahuja
(C) Rahul Srivastava (D) None of these

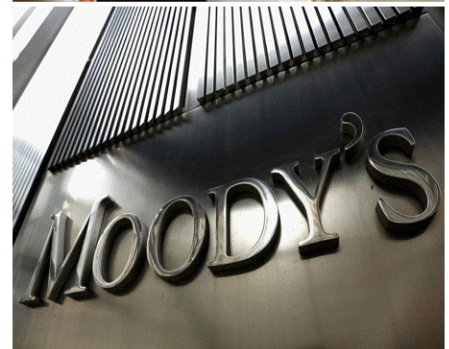
(A) Enterprise and pilot Gopi Thotakura will be the first Indian to travel to space. He will travel to space as a tourist on Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin NS-25 mission. He will be one of six astronauts going on this mission. With this, he will be the first Indian space tourist and the second Indian to go to space after Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma of the Indian Army in 1984.



3. Recently, Moody's has revised the estimate of India's real GDP growth to what percent?

- (A) 5% (B) 6%
(C) 7% (D) 8%

(D) Rating agency Moody's has predicted a stable outlook for India. India's fiscal metrics will continue to gradually improve. The long-term and short-term ratings of the Government of India are rated T3 and T3 respectively. Moody's estimated that economic growth will be above 6% in the next two financial years. According to Moody's, India's economic growth in 2024-2025 will be above the G20 emerging countries.



4. Where has the world's largest renewable energy park been built by Adani Group recently?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Telangana
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Maharashtra

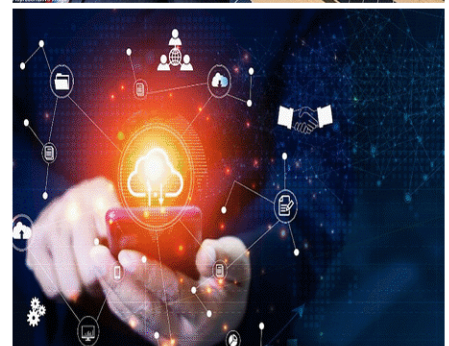
(A) The world's largest renewable energy park has been built by billionaire Gautam Adani's group in the Khavra region of Gujarat, in a remote area bordering Pakistan. It has a huge capacity of 45 GW to generate electricity mainly from solar energy. Construction of the project was slated to begin in 2022, marking the beginning of a comprehensive infrastructure development initiative.



5. Who has recently overtaken China in the export of digital services?

- (A) Japan (B) Sri Lanka
(C) USA (D) India

(D) According to WTO findings, India's digital services joint ventures will overtake China's and reach \$257 billion in 2023. Digital currency services grew globally, accounting for \$4.25 trillion. As per the World Trade Organization report, India is set to emerge as the United States leader in digital services in 2023, overtaking China.



6. Who has recently created a Guinness World Record by running for 12 hours on a treadmill?

- (A) Sumit Shah (B) Dilip Garg
(C) Harendra Singh (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Sumit Singh, a native of Rourkela, Odisha has given a big honor to India by achieving a remarkable feat as he has created a Guinness World Record for the Constantine Race on a treadmill for 12 hours. According to the official website of Guinness World Records, Sumit achieved this extraordinary feat by covering the final distance of 68.04 km.



7. Recently Gond painting of which state has got GI tag?

- (A) Bihar (B) Haryana
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Uttar Pradesh

(C) The famous Gond paintings of Madhya Pradesh have got the Unique Geographical Indication tag. Geographical indication tag is an indication used on goods that have a specific geographical origin and have qualities or reputation that are due to that origin. It is used in industrial industry, food industry, agricultural industry, spirit drink and handicrafts.



8. Who has recently been appointed as its new head by the US India Tax Forum?

- (A) Sachidanand Mohanty
(B) Tarun Bajaj
(C) Sunil Sharma
(D) None of these

(B) The US India Tax Forum is a US India Strategic Partnership Forum initiative. Tarun Bajaj is a former Revenue Secretary and Economic Affairs Secretary of the Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS of Haryana cadre. The US India Tax Forum is a policy dedicated forum to encourage the development of a stronger partnership between India and the United States.



9. Recently the plan to send Japanese astronauts to the Moon was announced by the United States and which country?

- (A) France (B) Japan
(C) India (D) England

(B) President Joe Biden announced that Japanese astronauts will join NASA's lunar missions in the future, a move aimed at signaling stronger economic and defense ties between the two countries. Two Japanese astronauts will join NASA's lunar missions in the future, and one of them will become the first non-American to land on the Moon.



10. Who has recently been appointed as a member of the University Grants Commission?

- (A) Sachidanand Mohanty
(B) Dr. Gagandeep Kang
(C) Srinivas Palliya
(D) None of these

(A) Former Vice Chancellor of Central University of Odisha, Sachidananda Mohanty has been appointed member of the University Grants Commission. He has been appointed for three years with immediate effect. In a career spanning over four decades, he has received many distinctions at national and international levels in the fields of education and culture.

