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History of April 20

- ◆ **1712** : Jahandar Shah deposed on the throne of Delhi.
- ◆ **1960** : The first jet aircraft, Boeing 707, joined Air India's fleet.
- ◆ **1971** : India won its first Test cricket match.
- ◆ **2006** : India announced the establishment of its first foreign military base in Tajikistan.
- ◆ **2011** : Indian Space Research Organisation's satellite launch vehicle PSLV launched three satellites into space.

Current Affairs Related to 20 April

- ◆ The IMF re-appointed Kristalina Georgieva as Managing Director for the next five-year term. Kristalina Georgieva will be the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund for a second five-year term. Georgieva is the second woman to head the IMF and the first from an emerging market economy. She will continue to serve as Managing Director after her current tenure ends on September 30, 2024.
- ◆ The government has set a target of producing 170 million tonnes of coal from captive and commercial coal blocks in the current financial year. Captive and commercial coal blocks produced 147.12 million tonnes of dry fuel in FY 2024. This is 26% more than the 116 metric tons produced in FY 2023.
- ◆ IMGI and Bank of India ICICI are targeted at salaried and self-employed individuals in the residential sector. Bharat Mortgage Corporation has entered into a mortgage venture with Bank of India to introduce mortgage mortgage-backed home loan documents. This assistance targets salaried and self-employed people in the Nagaland region, with the aim of reaching homeownership.
- ◆ The US President's Gold Volunteer Service Award was presented to Indian Jain spiritual leader Lokesh Muni. This award has been given to him for his contribution to public welfare and humanity. Senior Democratic Congressman Brandt Sherman presented the Presidential Award Golden Shield and Certificate of Honor to Lokesh Muni at the US Capitol.
- ◆ According to the latest data from the Global Forest Watch monitoring project, 2.33 million hectares of tree cover has been lost since 2000. This is equivalent to a six percent reduction in tree cover during this period. According to the data, 95 percent of the loss of tree cover in India between 2013 and 2023 occurred within natural forests.
- ◆ Madhya Pradesh is the leader in tree plantation under Green Credit Scheme with 954 hectares. To implement the Centre's Green Credit Programme, Madhya Pradesh has taken a lead role in approving over 500 land parcels spanning 4980 hectares across 10 states for tree plantation in the last two months. Along with three other states, these states have identified more than 10,000 hectares of land for the programme. Till now, Madhya Pradesh has approved maximum 954 hectares of degraded forest land for tree plantation/greening exercise.
- ◆ The IMD has predicted that June to September will see 6% more rainfall than the annual average of 87 cm for these months. Last year, El Nino affected India's monsoon by 6%. El Nino, a warming of the central Pacific, is predicted to turn into La Niña by the second half of the monsoon season this year.
- ◆ Testing of foreign nationals receiving organ transplants in India has been ordered by the Central Government. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare demanded that officials of the respective states and union territories closely monitor these transplants. The ministry asked them to take appropriate action against any hospitals found violating the law. Transplants involving foreign persons will be examined by a designated authority under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act 1994.
- ◆ Delhi Airport has been named among the top 10 busiest airports in the world for 2023. Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport tops the list. Dubai and Dallas airports are at second and third place respectively.
- ◆ India's wholesale price inflation increased from 0.2% in February to 0.53% in March. Wholesale inflation has increased to the highest level in three months in March. Food Index 4.65: Increase in grain prices contributed to the increase in the food index in value terms.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently the Center will set up dedicated testing laboratories in how many states to promote the global brand of Kasturi Couture?

(A) 3 (B) 5
(C) 6 (D) 7

(C) The central government is planning to set up dedicated laboratories for testing high-grade cotton in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat and Karnataka. It will be set up as part of an effort to establish Indian musk cotton as a global brand. The laboratories will be set up in convergence with Bureau of Indian Standards testing facilities, ensuring alignment with national quality standards.



2. Who has recently become the first Indian to hit 500 T20 sixes?

(A) Rohit Sharma (B) Hardik Pandya
(C) Virat Kohli (D) Rishabh Pant

(A) Rohit Sharma is a famous cricket player who is known for his aggressive tackles and consistent shooting ability. He recently created a new record by becoming the first Indian batsman to bowl 500 coins in T-20 cricket. This achievement highlights his abilities as a prolific hitter in modern cricket.



3. Recently the Prime Minister of which country has announced to leave his post?

(A) Ukraine (B) Israel
(C) Singapore (D) None of these

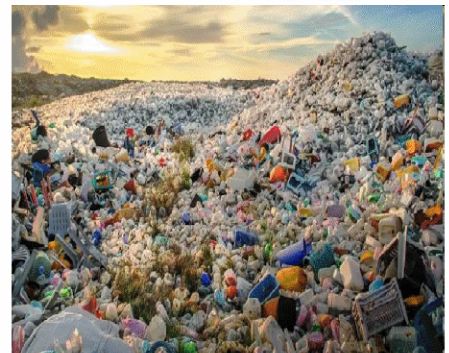
(C) Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong will step down on May 15 after two decades and his deputy Lawrence Wong will take charge. The transition comes at a crucial moment for Singapore as it prepares for new leadership as it emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. 72 year old Lee Wong was advised to be appointed as the President of the City State.



4. Which country has recently joined the list of 60% countries responsible for mismanaged plastic waste?

(A) India (B) Singapore
(C) Malaysia (D) America

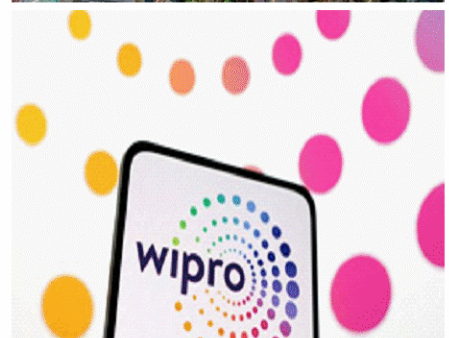
(A) India is currently one of twelve countries responsible for 60 percent of the world's mismanaged plastic waste, although the rapidly developing South Asian country has one of the lowest per capita plastic waste production in the world. The Plastic Overshoot Day report by Swiss non-profit EA Earth Action also said that global plastic waste production has increased by 7.11 percent since 2021.



5. Who has recently been declared by Wipro as the owner of 1 unit of America?

(A) Raman Mittal (B) Rashmi Kumari
(C) Malay Joshi (D) None of these

(C) Wipro Ltd has appointed company veteran Malay Joshi as chief executive officer of its largest and fastest growing market, the Americas 1, the company informed Stock Rates. Joshi replaced current Wipro CEO Srinivas Palia as the head of its markets unit, days before the Question Question January 2021.



6. Who has recently announced the launch of his memoir Knife?

- (A) Salman Rushdie (B) Dilip Garg
(C) Sumit Singh (D) None of these

(A) Booker Prize-winning author Salman Rushdie's memoir Knife has been released. In Knife, Salman Rushdie has an imaginary conversation with his attacker. On this occasion, he has talked in detail about the moment when a man attacked him with a knife on a stage in New York in 2022.



7. Where has DRDO and Indian Army successfully tested the MPATGM weapon system recently?...

- (A) Odisha (B) Maharashtra
(C) Kerala (D) Rajasthan

(D) Recently DRDO and Indian Army conducted safe field testing of indigenously developed Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile Weapon System. The way has been paved for its inclusion in the arsenal of this army. Consists of MPATGM, launcher, target acquisition equipment and a fire control unit.



8. Who has been recently appointed the Managing Director of National Housing Bank?

- (A) Anurag Kumar (B) Sanjay Shukla
(C) Aniruddha Bose (D) None of these

(B) Sanjay Shukla of Centrum National Finance will be the managing director of National Bank. The decision has been conducted by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau following an assessment process in which 16 samples were examined for the post. With a background in architecture spanning five different verticals such as managing franchise subsidiaries for a multinational bank in non-metro areas and heading LLC Finance Limited, Shukla brings a wealth of experience and perspective.



9. Recently, which company's CEO Arjun Mohan has resigned?

- (A) Byju's (B) Zomato
(C) Ola (D) none of these

(A) Recently, Byju India's CEO and confidant of founder Byju Raveendran, Arjun Mohan has left the company after six months of assuming the post. This is a significant top-level resignation that could plunge the troubled edtech firm into further trouble. However, according to reports, Arjun will continue to support Byju as an external advisor.



10. Which country has recently included Pakistan in the list of very dangerous countries for travel?

- (A) France (B) Japan
(C) UK (D) Germany

(C) Recently Britain has included Pakistan in the list of extremely dangerous countries for its citizens to travel to. According to Geo News, Britain's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office has taken this step. In its latest report, FCDO said that the organization has updated the list and included eight more countries.

