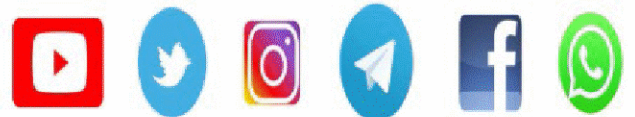


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History of April 30

- ◆ **2010** : Evergreen Hindi film actor Dev Anand was honored with the **Dadasaheb Phalke** Award in Mumbai and Pran was honored with the "Phalke Icon".
- ◆ **2017** : Impeachment motion against **Sushila Karki**, the first woman **Chief Justice** of the Supreme Court of Nepal.
- ◆ **2008** : **Unmanned aerial** vehicle '**Lakshya**' was successfully tested from Chandipur beach in Balasore district of Orissa.

Current Affairs Related to 30 April

- ◆ **Airtels Bank** has launched **HDFC** aligned debit and citizenship cards powered by **RuPay**, its NPCI affiliate. These cards are designed to support India's One Nation, One Card initiative. Savings account holders can avail NCMC enabled debit cards, while consumer account holders can opt for NCMC enabled debit cards.
- ◆ **Nigeria** has become the first nation to introduce the innovative **Men5CV** vaccine, targeting five strains of meningococcal that have been registered by the World Health Organisation. This historical milestone is a serious threat in meningitis. The vaccine rollout, funded by Gavi, is an important step towards achieving the goal of eliminating meningitis by 2030.
- ◆ **The Higher School of Economics** based in **Russia** and **Delhi University** signed an agreement on strategic cooperation and joint work. They will also operate a large research hub in New Delhi. Its operation will start in the partner university of India. HSE University is a national research university located in Moscow, Russia.
- ◆ **Gautam Badani** led **Adani family** has invested **Rs 8339 crore** in **Ambuja Markets Limited**, increasing their stake to 70.3%. This investment is part of a larger strategy aimed at boosting Ambuja's growth trajectory and strengthening its market position. Adani family's total investment is Rs 20,000 crore, their wealth is linked to Ambuja projects.
- ◆ **An extraordinary cross** between reality and artificial beauty is set to see the world's first beauty pageant featuring handpicked models and gorgeous people. Miss Architecture judged these derivative creations based on how they stood against each other, their online presence aesthetics and the technical prowess behind their creation.
- ◆ The world's first **Miss AI** competition will be held to select the winner based on beauty and social media influence. Models and influencers created through artificial intelligence will compete in the Miss AI beauty pageant. The prize for the competition will be \$20,000. This is the world's first AI beauty pageant and contestants will be judged based on their looks, online stature and the technical skills used to create them.
- ◆ **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited** has been awarded the **Best Airport Staff 2024** award in India and South Asia by Skytrax. It was announced to take place during the Passenger Terminal Expo 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany. It honors distinguished service rendered by air defense personnel on various fronts, which is assessed through ratings and evaluation.
- ◆ **Three China-based companies** and one **Belarus-based company** have been approved by the **US State Department** for supplying missile applied goods to Pakistan's ballistic missile programme. China, Pakistan's all-time ally, has been the main supplier of arms and defense equipment to Islamabad's military modernization programme. Sanctions have been imposed on China-based Xi'an Longde Technology Development Co. Ltd., Tianjin Creative Source International Trade Co. Ltd. and Granpect Co. Ltd.
- ◆ **India** handed over the first picture of **Brahos** missile to China's neighboring country Philippines. The Philippines dumped it in the South China Sea, raising China's concerns. There is controversy over the Philippines' Sparkly Island in the South China Sea.
- ◆ **Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pandej** had gone on a visit to Uzbekistan. During this, he also inaugurated the high technology IT class at the Uzbekistan Armed Forces Academy.

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8. Which badminton player has recently retired from international badminton?

- (A) Kento Momota (B) Shi Yuki
(C) Victor Axelson (D) None of these

(A) Two-time world champion Kento Momota has said he is retiring from international badminton at the age of 29, admitting he has never been the same since a serious car accident four years ago. Japan's Momota was once the uncrowned king of badminton, winning 11 titles in 2019 and losing only six out of 73 matches played that year.



9. In which country has Narpat Singh been recently appointed as Railway Advisor?

- (A) Singapore (B) Bangladesh
(C) Philippines (D) Germany

(B) The Government has approved the advocacy of Narpat Singh for the post of Railway Advisor in the Indian High Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Labor and Training Department issued an order saying that the proposal of the Railway Ministry has been approved. The post of Counselor is for a period of three years from the date of scientific secret or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



10. Who has been appointed as NSG chief recently?

- (A) Samrat Singh (B) Nalin Prabhat
(C) Dinesh Mittal (D) None of these

(B) Senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat has been appointed Director General of the country's counter-terrorism force, National Security Guard. Presently Prabhat is working as Additional Director General in CRPF. His appointment as Director General of NSG has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet for a period up to August 31, 2028, the date of his superannuation.



4. Who has recently launched its new logo?

- (A) DRDO (B) ONGC
(C) DD News (D) none of these

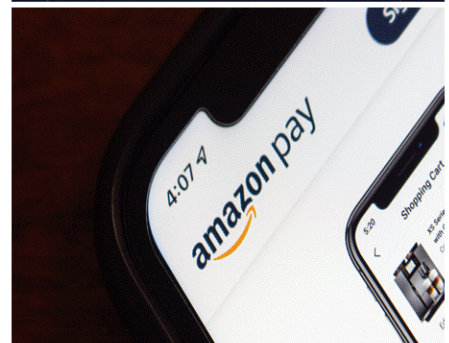
(C) Recently, Doordarshan News has launched its new saffron colored logo and announced that it is now available in a new avatar. The color of the logo has been changed from ruby red to pearl saffron. Saffron adorns the top band of the national tricolor, while the color is also used prominently in the party flag of the BJP.



5. Who has recently signed an agreement with Chhattisgarh to start credit services on Chhattisgarh?

- (A) PhonePe (B) Amazon Pay
(C) Google Pay (D) none of these

(B) Amazon Pay is considering launching credit services on the Unified Payments Interface platform in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India. The initiative aims to enhance customer experience and value propositions. Vikas Bansal, whole-time director, Amazon Pay India, told The Financial Express. Is.



8. Where have three new archaeological sites been discovered recently?

- (A) Punjab (B) Rajasthan
(C) Maharashtra (D) Telangana

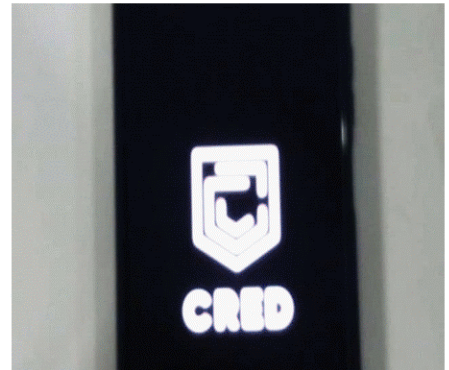
(D) A team of archaeologists discovered a unique Iron Age megalithic site at Oragutta near Bandala village in SS Tadvai mandal of Mulugu district of Telangana. The site was discovered by a team of K P Rao and Choudhary Praveen Raju. The exact number of monuments in the dense forest and hill slopes could not be counted but it is likely that it would be more than 200 megalithic monuments.



9. Who has recently received approval from RBI as a payment aggregator?

- (A) OLA (B) Zomato
(C) CRED (D) None of these

(C) Recently, fintech unicorn Credit has reportedly received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for its payment aggregator license application. The startup received approval earlier this week, TechCrunch reported, citing two sources familiar with the development. CRED declined to comment on the development.



10. Who has recently been appointed Chairman of the Life Insurance Board of India?

- (A) Rajeev Kumar (B) Keki Mishri
(C) Santosh Vishwanathan (D) None of these

(B) Banker Deepak S Parline has resigned from the post of shareholders and non-executive director. After this, Keki Mishri was appointed to the literacy post of Metal Board in place of Deepak Parling. The company also informed that it has appointed Keki Mishri as the new employee of the board.



2. Who has recently been appointed as brand ambassador by Citroën India?

- (A) MS Dhoni (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Hardik Pandya (D) Rohit Sharma

(A) French car manufacturing company Citroën has made this popular cricketer its brand ambassador in India. The Statis Group company, which has not entered the competitive Indian tourist vehicle market, aims to strengthen its brand recognition through this assistance. Citroën, part of the Statis Group, entered the Indian market in 2019 and began selling cars in 2021.



3. Recently, where will the West Bengal organize the first Clean Energy Investor Forum?

- (A) Malaysia (B) India
(C) Indonesia (D) Singapore

(D) Recently, the Department of Commerce launched the Clean Economy Investor Forum ahead of the 14-member Indo Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, which will be held in Singapore on June 5 and 6. The initiative, under IPEF's Clean Economy Agreement, aims to bring together the region's large investors, innovative startup entrepreneurs, IPEF ministers with cutting-edge projects and government agencies to promote investment.

