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History of 8th April

- ◆ **1929** : Revolutionaries Bhagat Singh and Batuk Veer Dutt had dropped the Delhi Assembly bomb.
- ◆ **1985** : The border war between India and Pakistan began, also known as the Second Kashmir War.
- ◆ **2008** : States in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka declared Sikhs a minority in their states.
- ◆ **1857** : The soldiers of the rebellion of the First Indian War of Independence were hanged at Mangal Pavilion.

Current Affairs Related to 8th April

- ◆ A new and more user-friendly version of the grievance redressal system, SCORES 2.0, was launched by SEBI. The new version of SCORES will make the process more efficient through auto-routing, auto-escalation, monitoring and reduction in timelines. In SCORES 2.0, the time limit for redressal of complaints has been reduced to 21 days. Moreover, there will be two levels of review. The first level review will be conducted by the designated body and if the investor is dissatisfied, SEBI will conduct a second review.
- ◆ Adani Green Energy Limited announced that 2000 MW solar capacity has been commissioned at Khavra Solar Park in Gujarat. Now it is the first company in India to have more than 10000 MW renewable energy capacity. The company now has the largest operating portfolio in India with 10,934 MW. 2848 MW new renewable energy capacity added in FY 2024.
- ◆ The Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh, locally known as Kathia Jenhu, has been awarded the prestigious Geographical Indication tag. In an important milestone for the agricultural scientist, the indigenous clay factory of the volcanic region of Uttar Pradesh, locally known as Kathiya Jenhu, has been awarded the coveted Geographical Indication tag.
- ◆ Guyana received two Dornier 228 aircraft from India-based aerospace and defense company Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to significantly enhance its defense capabilities. Two Dornier 228 aircraft were handed over to the Guyana Defense Force and arrived at Cheddi Jagan International Airport.
- ◆ India's manufacturing PMI reached a 16-year high of 59.1 in March. India's manufacturing industry has expanded rapidly in the last 16 years due to increasing demand. India's manufacturing PMI increased from 56.9 in February to 59.1 in March. PMI in January was 56.5.
- ◆ As per FSSAI directives, e-commerce platforms will have to accurately classify products listed as health and energy drinks on their websites. FSSAI said the main objective of this step is to increase clarity and transparency regarding the nature and functional benefits of these products. This will help consumers in taking decisions and avoid misinformation.
- ◆ Mirabai Chanu has become the only Indian weightlifter to qualify for the Paris Olympics 2024. Chanu finished third in Group B of the women's 49 kg competition and 11th overall. Chanu lifted a total weight of 184 kg in the World Cup.
- ◆ India achieved production of one billion tonnes of coal and lignite for the first time in the financial year 2023-2024. India's production has increased by 70% in the last ten years. India has set a target to stop importing coal by 2025-2026. When compared this financial year with the previous financial year, the percentage of imported coal used for blending has decreased.
- ◆ TRAI released a consultation paper on inputs for the formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024. According to the Ministry of Communications, broadcasting industry is an emerging industry. It has immense potential to support the expansion of the Indian economy. With the aim of establishing India as a global hub for content, this paper addresses the important concerns that often exist in the broadcasting industry.
- ◆ In India, Retail Documentary has partnered with PhonePe to pledge to empower their workers on the Group App, which includes flexible payments and comprehensive offers up to Rs 1 crore. Star Healthcare, a leading provider of retail health insurance in India, has collaborated with PhonePe, a leading digital payments platform.

National & International Current Affairs

1. According to the World Bank, what will be the growth rate of India's economy in the year 2024?

- (A) 5.5% (B) 6.5%
(C) 7.5% (D) 8.5%

(C) The World Bank has said that the Indian economy will grow by 7.5 percent in the financial year 2024. The World Bank has revised its earlier estimate by 1.2 percent. The new estimate shows a spectacular growth of 8.4 percent in the country's economy during the October-December quarter. The Finance Minister said that the economy is on track to grow at 8 percent growth rate in the January-March quarter.



2. Who recently launched India's first domestic gene therapy?

- (A) Amit Shah (B) Draupadi Murmu
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Nirmala Sitharaman

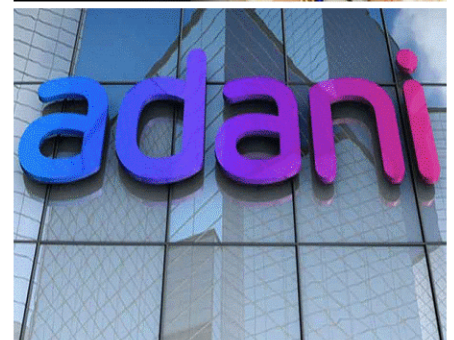
(B) President of India Draupadi Murmu launched India's first domestic gene therapy for cancer treatment in Bombay. C item-T cell therapy, called upstream treatment, is a major breakthrough in the fight against cancer. Cancer is an increasingly serious disease globally, the risk of which is increasing year by year. Health experts advise everyone to learn more about cancer deaths.



3. Recently AGL has crossed how many modulation solar power capacity with 2000 studio solar power in Khavra?

- (A) 10,000 (B) 15,000
(C) 20,000 (D) 25,000

(A) AGL has crossed 10000 modulation solar power capacity with 2000 studio solar power at Khavra. Operation Breakdown 7393 Autopsy 1401 Shishu Speed, and 2140 Shishu Shakti. 2848 mints have been added in the financial year 2024. This achievement strengthens Agial's position as a leading player in India's promising energy sector.



4. Which bank has recently acquired stake in Max Life Orchestra?

- (A) Yes Bank (B) Canara Bank
(C) ICICI Bank (D) Axis Bank

(D) The proposed acquisition of private sector Axis Bank in Maxi Life Gallery Company Limited has been approved by the Indian Society Commission. According to reports, in August last year the company had issued equity shares worth Rs 14.25 crore to Max Life Company to help it support its future growth, enhance its position and improve its solvency resume.



5. Who has recently been appointed to the post of President of ASSOCHAM?

- (A) Sanjay Nair (B) Santosh Kumar Jha
(C) JS Sindana (D) Shefali Sharan

(A) Sorin Investment Fund Chairman Sanjay Nair takes over as President of ASSOCHAM for 2024-2025. He replaces SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh, who has completed his tenure. Nair has over four decades of experience in the global financial and capital markets, including 25 years at Citi and nearly four years at KKR before his retirement last year.



6. Which port has recently become India's largest port in terms of cargo volume?

- (A) Paradip Port (B) Kandla Port
(C) Deendayal Port (D) None of these

(A) State-owned Paradip Port in Odisha has emerged as India's largest major port in terms of cargo volume with a cargo throughput of 145.38 million tonnes in FY2024, overtaking Deendayal Port Authority in Gujarat. Paradip Port, for the first time in its 56-year history of operations, has surpassed the previous record set by Deendayal Port on the instructions of the Ministry of Ports.



7. Recently Ravi Kota has taken charge as the Chief Secretary of which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Kerala
(C) Haryana (D) Assam

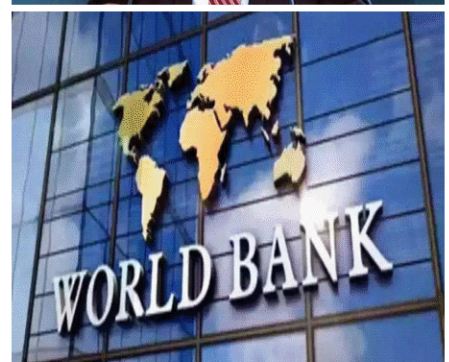
(D) Recently Ravi Kota took charge as the Chief Secretary of the Government of Assam. Dr. Kota took charge from outgoing Chief Secretary Paban Kumar Borthakur at the Assam Secretariat in the presence of senior officials of the State Government and Assam Police. Borthakur was about to retire and left his post the same day.



8. Recently, what percent has the World Bank estimated to be the growth rate of India's economy in the financial year 2025?

- (A) 5.6% (B) 6.6%
(C) 5.9% (D) 7.1%

(B) The World Bank increased India's economic growth forecast for fiscal year 2025 by 20 basis points to 6.6%. Growth estimates have been raised due to upward revision in investment growth. According to the World Bank, India's growth rate for the year 2024 will be 7.5%, which is less than the National Statistics Office's estimate of 7.6%.



9. Who has recently been appointed Managing Director by Tata International?

- (A) Rajeev Singhal (B) Prem Kumar Garg
(C) Santosh Kumar Jha (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Tata International, the global business and distribution arm of the Tata Group, announced the appointment of Rajeev Studio as its Managing Director. Tata International said in its statement that Mister's festival turned out to be impressive. Company loyalist Noyal N. Tata said that we are confident that under his leadership, Tata will innovate in its next phase of international growth.



10. Operation Sankalp, which was in discussion recently, is related to which field?

- (A) Child Education (B) Cyber Security
(C) Maritime security (D) None of these

(C) The recent Operation Sankalp helped safeguard India's interests, counter maritime threats and thwart piracy. Indian Navy endeavor from December 2023 plays a transformational role as the key hub to enable exchange of information in the Indian Ocean Region.

