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## History of 9th April

- ◆ **1669** : **Emperor Aurangzeb** of the **Mughal Empire** ordered the demolition of all Hindu schools and temples.
- ◆ **1965** : **Battle broke** out between the Indian and Pakistani armies in the **Rann of Kutch**.
- ◆ **2004** : The **Supreme Court of Portugal** asked to review the extradition order of wanted mafia leader **Abu Salem** to India in several criminal cases in India.
- ◆ **1838** : The **National Art Gallery** was opened in **London**.

## Current Affairs Related to 9th April 2024

- ◆ **The World Bank Group** has appointed former Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor **Rakesh Mohan** as a member of its Economic Advisory Panel. The panel will include Lord Nicholas Stern, IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, London School of Arts. Indermit Gill, Chief Economist of the World Bank Group, will co-chair the panel. Rakesh Mohan is currently based in New Delhi as Emeritus President and Distinguished Fellow at the think tank Center for Social and Unique Progress.
- ◆ **Governor Shaktikanta Das** announced that a decision has been taken with a 5:1 majority to stabilize the policy rate. He also said that there has been a steady decline in the main designation. This is the first bi-monthly rate policy of 2024-2025. The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India also announced the continuation of MSF and Bank 6.75%.
- ◆ **Union Health Ministry** has launched **MyCGHS iOS app**. The **MyCGHS app** for **iOS ecosystem** of devices has been released by Shri Apoorva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Central Government Health Scheme App aims to improve beneficiaries' access to electronic health records, data and resources. The technical teams of National Informatics Center Himachal Pradesh and NIC Health team are responsible for developing the app.
- ◆ **The Indian government** has given onion share to friendly countries like **Bangladesh**, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Mauritius and Bhutan. After the ban on onion in December 2023, the government has taken this decision by accepting the proposal of Indian onion from these friendly countries.
- ◆ **Forbes** has released its annual list of the world's billionaires for 2024, revealing that the list includes more people than ever before and that they are richer than ever. In this, there are 141 more billionaires in the world than last year, whose total number is 2781.
- ◆ **The Defense and Development Organization** has launched a project to set up a testing center in Junput village in West Bengal for weapons exploration in the country. The objective of this initiative is to offer an additional operational area in the built trial range at Silverpur in Odisha to demonstrate coal mines. 8.73 Poster near Digha The objective of this site is to facilitate timely testing of weapons in view of the importance of such assessments in the defense and security sector.
- ◆ **The Center for Cellular and Molecular Platforms** has developed **OptiDrop**, a new platform for studying single cells. This platform has potential applications in diagnostics, therapeutics, science, agriculture and animal health. This microfluidic chip based platform will allow optical sensing of biological samples without expensive open space. It will be able to study single cells contained in droplets with ease and accuracy.
- ◆ **According to Forbes' 38th annual World Billionaires List 2024**, **Reliance Industries Limited Chairman** and Managing Director **Mukesh Ambani** is the first pan-Indian to make it to the list of world's top 10 billionaires. The units were ranked 9th on the list, topped by Bernard Arnault and family, owner of French giant LVMH.
- ◆ **Juan Vicente Pérez Mora** was certified as the world's oldest person in 2022. He was officially declared the oldest living person on 4 February 2022, when he was aged 112 years and 253 day.
- ◆ **Dr. Kommuri** was awarded the prestigious **Overseas Dental Specialist** title at the National Fame Awards 2024 held at The Club, Mumbai. Reputed for providing excellent patient care, Dr. Karthik Kommuri is a fine example of modern orthodontics and dentistry practices.



## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently which country is planning to create its first privately managed strategic petroleum reserve by 2029-2030?

- (A) India (B) Russia  
(C) China (D) America

(A) India plans to create its first privately managed strategic petroleum reserves by 2029-2030. This will give the operator the freedom to trade all the stored oil. Allowing fully commercial SPR is similar to the approach adopted by countries such as South Korea and Japan, which allow private lessees, mostly oil companies, to trade crude.



2. Who has been included by ECI recently to motivate the youth to vote?

- (A) MS Dhoni (B) Ranveer Kapoor  
(C) Ayushmann Khurrana (D) Rajkumar Rao

(C) The Election Commission of India has roped in popular actor Ayushmann Khurrana for nomination to encourage the youth to exercise their franchise in the upcoming elections. The 39-year-old actor features in ECI's campaign video urging youth to vote in the upcoming election.



3. Who has recently become India's first female jury member in the Paris Olympics?

- (A) Shefali Sharan (B) Bilkis Mir  
(C) Joyshree Das Verma (D) None of these

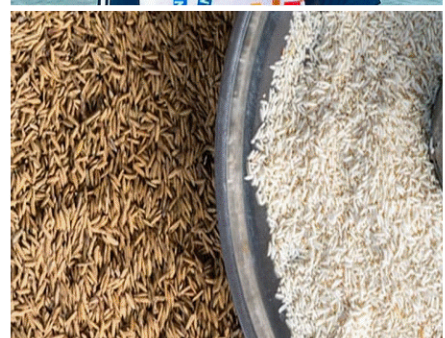
(B) Bilkis Mir of Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Indian to be appointed as a jury member in the 33rd Summer Olympics to be held in Paris, France from July 26 to August 11, 2024. She is also the first woman in India to become a jury member. Olympic Games member, Bilkis Mir, who is a certified jury member.



4. Which state is recently using the Rice Fallow Initiative to promote climate resilient agriculture?

- (A) Odisha (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Karnataka (D) Telangana

(A) For the first time, the Government of Odisha launched a comprehensive project on rice fallow management during the Rabi season of 2022-2023. The initiative has been expanded to 382,000 hectares against the target of 4,00,000 hectares during the Rabi season of 2023-2024. Every one of the thirty districts of Odisha is participating in this programme. The focus of the program is on eight crops.



5. What percent increase has been recorded in India's UPI transactions recently?

- (A) 27% (B) 42%  
(C) 54% (D) 56%

(D) Recently, a jump of 44% i.e. 56% growth has been seen in UPI transactions year on year. If we look at the value of transactions, the total value of UPI transactions during the second half of 2022 was Rs 69.36 lakh crore, which has increased by 44 percent to Rs 99.68 lakh crore during the second half of 2023.





**6. With whom has Meta recently partnered to expand the FACT program in India?**

- (A) PTI (B) IIT Roorkee  
(C) IIT Madras (D) IIT Kanpur

**(A)** Meta, the parent company of Facebook, Atlike and partnerships, has expanded its third-party fact-checking initiative in India by partnering with the Press Trust of India. This helpline has been set up as a dedicated fact checking unit within its sister department, enabling identification, review and rating of misinformation on meta metrics.



**7. Which state government has recently challenged the role of the Governor in the law making process?**

- (A) Assam (B) Telangana  
(C) Kerala (D) Odisha

**(C)** The Kerala government has recently approached the Supreme Court, alleging that President Draupadi Murmu withheld assent to four warrants without any reason and Governor Arif Mohammad Khan gave assent to seven warrants before the President. . Concern has increased over quantity being stopped.



**8. Which ballistic missile has recently been successfully tested by DRDO?**

- (A) Prahar (B) Agni Prime  
(C) Trishul (D) None of these

**(B)** The Defense and Development Organization and the Strategic Force Command of India have conducted a spontaneous flight test of the new generation ballistic missile named Agni-Prime. The test took place at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The data was posted by multiple range sensors placed at various locations, including two downrange ships placed at the terminal point.



**9. Recently, for which country the Chief Minister has released a fund of 100 billion euros?**

- (A) Ukraine (B) Denmark  
(C) Finland (D) Sri Lanka

**(A)** NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg proposed a 100 billion euro fund from the bloc for Ukraine. He immediately stressed that war has consequences on the field. Stoltenberg's goal was to provide NATO with more consistent assistance to Japan. The proposed resolution aimed to ensure continued security assistance and initial contributions was discussed at the NATO meeting in Brussels.



**10. Where has the world's most powerful laser been developed recently?**

- (A) China (B) Japan  
(C) Romania (D) Germany

**(C)** Romania unveils world's most powerful laser, using Nobel-winning Chirped Pulse Amplification. This groundbreaking technology promises to be revolutionary in healthcare and space. A Romanian research center has unveiled the world's most powerful laser, based on the inventions of Nobel laureates Gerard Mauro and Donna Strickland.

