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History of April 21

- ◆ **1451** : **Bahlol Khan Lodi**, the founder of the Lodi dynasty, became the ruler of Delhi.
- ◆ **1720** : **Bajirao I** succeeded **Peshwa Balaji Vishwanath**.
- ◆ **1996** : **Sanjay Thapar** of the Indian Air Force was landed on the **North Pole** via parachute.
- ◆ **1924** : **Queen Elizabeth II**, head of 54 nations and territories, was born.

Current Affairs Related to 21th April

- ◆ **In May, NITI Aayog plans to launch a national data and analytics platform**, which will deliver government data in a user-friendly manner and encourage data driven decision making and research. The platform, which was conceived in 2020, aims to standardize data across government sources and provide flexible analysis that allows users to easily analyze data using multiple datasets. At launch, the portal will have 200 datasets from over 46 ministries.
- ◆ **India's first radio channel for visually impaired people, whose name is Radio Axis**. Nagpur has been launched in Maharashtra. The 96-year-old Nagpur-based organization The Blind Relief Association Nagpur and Samasthi Capacity Development and Anusandhan Mandal are the organizations behind this idea. The channel will be available for free on various internet radio platforms. A dedicated team of trained volunteers, mostly women, help create content for the radio channel, which can be delivered to visually impaired people in India and around the world.
- ◆ **Indonesia halts imports of agricultural products from India** citing New Delhi authorities' failure to register laboratories that assess food safety and issue certificates of analysis, raising concerns among grain exporters .
- ◆ **The government has excluded sectors such as iron, steel, chemicals and pharmaceuticals** from the exemption scheme of duties and taxes on export products. These sectors were excluded from the plan as iron and steel were already at an advanced stage and the pharma industry also grew during the pandemic. The Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products will refund to exporters such inherent central, state and local duties or taxes, which were hitherto either not exempted or not being refunded, thereby making India's Exporters were suffering.
- ◆ **Lieutenant General Manoj Pandey, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff**, has been appointed as the new Chief of Army Staff. Manoj Pandey will be the 29th Chief of Army Staff in the order. He will replace General Manoj Mukund Naravane for the post. General MM Naravane will retire on 30th April. It is to be noted that the term of chiefs is till the age of 62 years or till three years whichever is earlier. Lieutenant General Manoj Pandey was a serving General Officer in the Indian Army.
- ◆ **According to a message from the ministry**, Moskva, the flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, was being escorted to the port when it sank due to stormy waves.
- ◆ **About 167 people died in landslides and floods caused by Tropical Storm Magi** that hit the Philippines. According to the National Disaster Organisation, 110 people are missing and 1.9 million people have been affected. Mountain avalanches and rushing rivers wreaked havoc in villages around the town of Bebe in central Leyte province.
- ◆ **A potential vaccine is being developed** in India against COVID-19 or SarsCov2 which does not require refrigeration or is stored in cold chain storage.
- ◆ **Top Indian swimmer Sajan Prakash won the men's 200m butterfly gold medal at the Danish Open Swimming Meet** in Copenhagen, Denmark. Participating in his international competition this year, Prakash stopped the clock at 1.59.27 to stand on the podium. Earlier, the Kerala swimmer had clocked 2.03.67 in the heat to qualify for the 'A' final.
- ◆ **Veteran Hindi television presenter and actress, Manju Singh has passed away** due to cardiac arrest. She was one of the pioneers in the Indian television industry and was fondly remembered as Didi. She was the anchor of the children's program Khel Khilone for 7 years. He started his career as a television producer in 1983 with Show Thi, the first sponsored show on Indian television. A Story is a major time series based on literary miniatures since 1984.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is the World Creativity and Innovation Day celebrated ?

- (A) 20 April (B) 21 April
(C) 23 April (D) 24 April

(B) World Creativity and Innovation Day is celebrated every year on 21 April with the aim of raising awareness about the important role of creativity and innovation in various aspects of human development. The United Nations had passed a resolution in the year 2017 to celebrate 21 April every year as the World Creativity and Innovation Day and the day was organized for the first time in 2018.



2. When is the Administrative Professionals Day celebrated ?

- (A) 21 April (B) 22 April
(C) 23 April (D) 24 April

(A) Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated every year on 21st April. This day is to celebrate the administrative professionals who act as the glue in holding the business together.



3. When is the National Civil Service Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 21 April (B) 22 April
(C) 23 April (D) 24 April

(A) Every year 21st April is celebrated as National Civil Service Day. This day is dedicated to those public servants who work for the progress of the country. It also plays an important role in policy making. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel inaugurated the All India Services on 21st April. On this day in 2006 a huge function was organized for the civil servants. Since then, every year 21 April was celebrated as National Civil Service Day.



4. According to a new report by Oxfam, how many million people will go into poverty in 2022?

- (A) 103 Million (B) 150 Million
(C) 203 Million (D) 263 Million

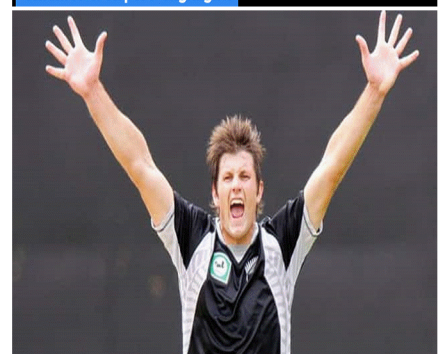
(D) The report also said that the worldwide financial crisis will be driven by the rise in prices due to the Russia-Ukraine crisis and the economic crisis related to COVID-19. According to this report, the 10 richest people in the world doubled their income during the pandemic.



5. Which country's fast bowler Hamish Bennett has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket recently?

- (A) New Zealand (B) Australia
(C) Sri Lanka (D) None of these

(A) Recently 35-year-old New Zealand pacer Hamish Bennett has announced his retirement from his 17-year-old cricket career, with the 2021/22 season being the last. Before retiring, T201 represented New Zealand in September 2021 against Bangladesh in Mirpur, Pakistan.



6. Recently India has approved the import of wheat to which country?

- (A) Japan (B) Russia
(C) Egypt (D) Thailand

(C) India will supply about one million tonnes of wheat to Mishra, of which 2,40,000 tonnes will be supplied in April. Bangladesh is the largest importer of Indian wheat. The ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has led to a sharp decline in the availability of wheat in the global markets.



7. Under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme, the Center provides financial assistance for manufacturing for how many years?

- (A) 2 Years (B) 5 Years
(C) 7 Years (D) 10 Years

(B) The government has recently approved financial assistance to 61 companies, including seven foreign companies, for the incentive scheme related to textile production. These companies have planned an investment of Rs 19,077 crore. And the estimated turnover over a period of 5 years is Rs 1,84, 917 crores.



8. Moskva, which was in news recently, is the famous warship of which country?

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

(B) Moskva, which has been in the news, is the famous warship of Russia. The 510 Crew Missile Cruiser Moskva, a symbol of Russia's military might, has been destroyed by Ukrainian missiles. According to Russian military sources, the warship leading the naval attack on Ukraine was damaged by an explosion and sank after catching fire.



9. According to the report of the United Nations, before the Ukraine war, how many million people were drowned in poverty by Covid?

- (A) 44 Million (B) 55 Million
(C) 77 Million (D) 88 Million

(C) The pandemic pushed an additional 77 million people into severe poverty last year, and many developing countries are unable to recover because of the heavy cost of debt repayment, according to a United Nations report—and this was before the additional burden of the crisis in Ukraine.



10. Neptune missile system, which was in news recently, is associated with which country?

- (A) India (B) Japan
(C) Ukraine (D) America

(C) The Neptune missile system was inducted into the Ukrainian forces in 2021. Neptune is a coastal anti-ship cruise missile capable of destroying naval ships at a range of 300 km. Recently, Russia's Moskva ship was shot down by attacking with the Neptune missile system.





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