

## Cetking GK Prepathon DAY 4 - About Current affairs 2012 April

Veteran litterateur, freedom fighter and former Minister Nityananda Mohapatra died on 17 April 2012. Which of the following facts about him are not true?

1. Post independence was elected thrice as MLA from Bhadrak, twice as Congress candidate and once on Janata Dal ticket.
2. He rose to literary prominence as editor of Odia magazine Dagara
3. Mohapatra was the recipient of Kendriya Sahitya Academy and Odisha Sahitya Academy awards
4. He wrote the famous flag-song for the Orissa unit of the CPI Ei lal patakara tale.
5. His famous books include Bhangahada, Gharadiha, Nahonm Tistami Baikunthe, Kalagara Dharagara and Priya O Priyatama

- a. Only 4
- b. Only 2
- c. Only 1
- d. Only 3

Name the Italian tourist who was released by the Maoists in Orissa on 12 April 2012 ?

- a. Bosusco Paolo
- b. Joel Melchiori
- c. Giacomo Sanfelice
- d. None of the above

Identify the person, with whom the following statements are attached.

1. He was born on February 7, 1948 in Letpadan, Burma
2. He was re-elected general secretary of the CPI(M) at the 20th party congress
3. He was elected to the Central Committee of the CPI (M) in 1985
4. He became a member of the Politburo in 1992

- a. Sitaram Yechury
- b. AB Bardhan
- c. Prakash Karat
- d. D Raja

The European Union demanded the immediate release of former Malian prime minister Modibo Sidibe and several other prominent figures arrested overnight by a junta that seized power in March 2012. Which of the following statements regarding Sidibe is wrong ?

1. Sidibe was Prime Minister of Mali from September 2007 to April 2011
  2. He also served as the police chief
  3. He also held the position of Health Minister
  4. His father was also the prime minister of Mali
- a. Only 4
  - b. 1 and 3
  - c. Only 2
  - d. None of the above

Telecom giant Vodafone on 23 April 2012 inked pact to acquire which of the following company?

- (a) Motorola
- (b) Stel
- (c) CWW
- (d) Docomo

Who among the following tennis players Monte Carlo Open Singles Title?

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Roger Federer
- (c) Novak Djokovic
- (d) Andy Murray

The Union Cabinet of India on 12 April 2012 approved India's Second National Communication to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Consider the following statements:

- i) India is party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
  - ii) The Convention, in accordance with its Article 4.1 and 12.1, enjoins all Parties, both developed and developing country Parties, to furnish information, in the form of a National Communication (a national report).
- a) Both i and ii are correct.
  - b) Only i is correct.
  - c) Only ii is correct.
  - d) Neither i nor ii is correct.

Which ministry in its meeting on 17 April 2012, decided to set up three new committees to accelerate procurements and border infrastructure projects?

- a. Defence Ministry
- b. Railways Ministry

- c. Commerce Ministry
- d. Home Ministry

Which one of the following statements is wrong

- (a) NTPC has successfully completed the automation package for the Simhadri Stage-II
- (b) It is NTPC's first coastal-based coal-fired thermal power project
- (c) The super thermal power project located near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh
- (d) NTPC is a private energy company, based in China

Anders Behring Breivik, who killed 74 people in July 2011, faced prosecution in the case. Breivik, a right wing fanatic belongs to which of the following nations?

- a. Sweden
- b. Switzerland
- c. Spain
- d. Norway

S. Narsing Rao, former chairman of Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL), took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of which of the following company?

- (a) Indian Oil
- (b) Coal India Limited
- (c) National Mineral Development Corporation
- (d) Essar

Credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service downgraded the local currency rating of which of the following?

- a. BHEL & IOC
- b. BHEL & GAIL
- c. ONGC & IOC
- d. ONGC & GAIL
- e. ONGC & BHEL

Union government on 12 April 2012 approved bailout package for Air India. What was the bailout amount cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs?

- a. Rs 30000 crore
- b. Rs 25000 crore

- c. Rs 43000 crore
- d. Rs 27000 crore

The Union Cabinet on 12 April 2012 approved the extension of funding support for implementing which of the following schemes under the New Pension System (NPS) from three years to five years for all subscribers?

- a. Trade related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD) Scheme
- b. Gold Credit Pass Book Scheme
- c. Swayamsidha (IWEP)
- d. Swavalamban Scheme

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 12 April 2012 also approved an ad-valorem regime for calculating royalty for which of the following?

- a. Coal & Iron ore
- b. Coal & Lignite
- c. Lignite & Copper
- d. Lignite & Zinc

Food major Nestle acquired Pfizer's infant nutrition business for 11.85 billion dollar, Nestle is a \_\_\_\_\_ based company.

- (a) USA
- (b) Britain
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Norway

MLA, N. Varadarajan, died in Chennai on 10 April 2012. Which of the following facts with regards to Varadarajan is not true?

1. N. Varadarajan was former Tamil Nadu State secretary of the CPI(M) and three-time MLA
  2. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu Assembly twice (1977 and 1980)
  3. He was elected to the Tamil Nadu Assembly from the Vendasandur constituency in 1983
  4. He was elected party secretary in Tamil Nadu in 2005 and again in 2008
- a. Only 1
  - b. 1 & 2
  - c. Only 3
  - d. Only 2

Factory output measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew by what per cent in February on account of contraction in segments such as consumer durables and intermediate goods?

- a. 3.3%
- b. 2%
- c. 4.1%
- d. 5%

Who among the following Indian women wrestler created a history by qualifying for the London Olympics?

- (a) Sunita Kumari
- (b) Geeta
- (c) Namrata Gill
- (d) Shweta Anmol Pandita

Who among the following leaders was re-elected General Secretary of CPI (M) for the third consecutive term at the party's 20th Congress, which took place at Kozhikode?

- a. Brinda Karat
- b. Prakash Karat
- c. Sitaram Yechury
- d. AB Bardhan

Who did the World Bank appoint as its new president on 16 April 2012?

- a. Jim Yong Kim
- b. Robert Zoellick
- c. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- d. Lumen Darcy

Name the Pakistani scientist who was granted bail by the Supreme Court of India on 9 April 2012.

- a. Khalil Chishty
- b. Ajmal Chishty
- c. Azam Khan
- d. Hafeez Saeed

Name the Samajwadi Party MLA from Itwa in Sidhartnagar district who was unanimously elected Speaker of the 16th Uttar Pradesh Assembly on 13 April 2012?

- a. Sukhdeo Rajbhar
- b. Mata Prasad Pandey

- c. Syed Ahmed Bukhari
- d. Naresh Uttam

The two-member Adarsh Judicial Commission set up to probe into the scam-tainted Adarsh Housing Society submitted its interim report to the state Government on 13 April 2012? By which of the following governments was the committee set up?

- a. Maharashtra Government
- b. Union Government
- c. Gujarat Government
- d. Andhra Pradesh Government

A massive avalanche claimed the life of more than hundred Pakistani soldiers on 9 April 2012. The incident occurred at which of the following places?

- a. Eastern Karakoram mountain range
- b. Southern Karakoram mountain range
- c. Northern Karakoram mountain range
- d. Southern Karakoram mountain range

Which Indian chef visited the historic kitchen of the White House on, which prepares the food for US President Barack Obama, his family and the large number of guests invited to the resident of the first family every day?

- a. Ramesh Turrani
- b. Vinay Lahiri
- c. Sanjeev Kapoor
- d. Rajeev Kapoor

Samsung, which announced to launch its new version of the 7-inch tablet in Indian market in early May this year, is headquartered in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) South Korea
- (b) North Korea
- (c) Taiwan
- (d) Thailand

Which of the following Indian companies has announced to supply Cholera vaccines to the African nation Haiti?

- (a) Ranbaxy
- (b) Pfizer

- (c) Glaxo
- (d) Shantha Biotechnics.

Union government on 18 April 2012 decided to liberalise the external commercial borrowing (ECB) norms for the power sector. Power sector companies will now be able to use up to what per cent of ECB loans to refinance their rupee debt?

- a. 35%
- b. 40%
- c. 53%
- d. 27%

Union Government decided on 1 million Cap on External Commercial Borrowing for which of the following sectors?

- a. Handicraft & Small Industries sector
- b. Power sector
- c. Aviation sector
- d. Insurance sector

Consider the following statements and using the code given below identify the personality with whom these statements are associated

1. He is the Chairman of Hindustan Zinc Limited
  2. He also heads MALCO, Sterlite Iron and Steel Company Ltd and Sterlite Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd
  3. He is the son of Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal
  4. He has recently picked up 60 per cent stake in Chennai-based nascent Primex Healthcare
- (a) Agnivesh Agarwal
  - (b) Ramesh Agarwal
  - (c) Brajesh Agarwal
  - (d) Ajay Agarwal

Assam registered a \_ percent increase in last three years.

- a) 14
- b) 15
- c) 16
- d) 17

Scientists identified common childhood obesity genes called \_\_ and \_\_.

- a) OLFM4 and HOXB5
- b) OLFM and HOX

- c) OFM4 and HOXC5
- d) OFFM and HOXCC

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 17 April 2012 instructed commercial banks to reduce their exposure to gold loan companies to what per cent of their capital funds from the existing 10%?

- a. 9%
- b. 8.3%
- c. 4.1%
- d. 7.5%

The world number 17 Shon Wan Ho won the men's singles title of India Open Badminton Championship on 29 April 2012. Shon is a \_\_\_\_\_ player.

- (a) Korean
- (b) Thai
- (c) Chinese
- (d) None of the above

As per the government data released on 18 April 2012, retail inflation shot up to what per cent in March 2012 because of higher prices of milk, vegetables, protein-based items and edible oil products?

- a. 9.47%
- b. 8%
- c. 7.6%
- d. 5%

Scientists found diarrhea bug called Dientamoeba Fragilis in\_.

- a) Pigs
- b) Rabbits
- c) Rats
- d) Cows

Which one of the following given statements is wrong?

- (a) IDBI is a public sector bank
- (b) It has recently launched a Swiss Franc (CHF) denominated bond for an amount of 620 crore Rupees



- (c) RM Malla is presently the CMD of the bank
- (d) The bank provides loan only to the government

International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook (WEO), released ahead of the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings, marginally lowered India's economic growth forecast to what per cent in 2012?

- a. 4%
- b. 3.5%
- c. 6.9%
- d. 7.3%

Commerce Secretary on 19 April 2012 announced that India surpassed the export target of \$300 billion for 2011-12. However due to surging imports India recorded the highest ever trade deficit. What was the trade deficit recorded for the 2011-12?

- a. \$184.9 billion
- b. \$150 billion
- c. 4167.4 billion
- d. \$142 billion

Inflation rate for march 2012 is :

- A. 6.95
- B. 6.89
- C. 7.20
- D. 6.80

Which one of the following personalities was appointed as the MD of Sun TV?

- (a) K Vijay Kumar
- (b) Dayanidhi Maran
- (c) Vinod Goenka
- (d) None of the above

Which one of the following statements is wrong

- (a) Rafael Nadal won his seventh Barcelona Title on 29 April 2012
- (b) He defeated Novak Djokovic in the final
- (c) He is the first player in the open era to win two tournaments seven times
- (d) Rafael Nadal has to his credit a total of 48 career title

Two powerful earthquakes of 8.6 and 8.2 magnitude struck the coast of Sumatra on 12 April 2012. Sumatra is located in which of the following Asian country?

- a. Indonesia
- b. Maldives
- c. Myanmar
- d. Sri Lanka

Which of the following state won the National Inter-State Tennis Championship?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

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1. She is the chairman of Biotechnology company Biocon limited
2. She was awarded with the Economic Times Businesswoman of the Year award in 2004
3. Her company has announced a dividend of 5 rupees per share
4. She is also the founder of Biocon

- (a) Naina Lal Kidwai
- (b) Sunita Narain
- (c) Kiran Bedi
- (d) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

Who is the skipper of the Chennai Super Kings, the IPL team which won the 2010 and 2011 season of the cricketing event?

- (a) Mahendar Singh Dhoni
- (b) Gautam Gambhir
- (c) Adam Gilchrist
- (d) Rahul Dravid

Which one of the following statements is wrong ?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton is Formula One player
- (b) He is a British national
- (c) He is the Red Bull's driver
- (d) He finished third in the Malaysian Grand Prix 2012

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2. He won Malaysian Grand Prix
3. He is the Ferrari driver
4. He is a Spanish national
5. On 25 September 2005, he won the Formula One World Driver's Championship title at the age of 24 years

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Fernando Alonso
- (c) Sergio Perez
- (d) Sebastian Vettel

Health Authorities in Australia recently detected deadly diseases, Murray valley encephalitis. The disease is caused by

- a) Flies
- b) Mosquitoes
- c) Birds
- d) Dogs

Nearly 127 people killed in a crash of an airline in Pakistan on 21 April 2012. The accident took place at which of the following place of Pakistan?

- a. Rawalpindi
- b. Islamabad
- c. Lahore
- d. Karachi

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Which of the following bodies in its flagship annual publication ADO released on 11 April 2012 projected moderate increase in growth rate for India to 7 percent in 2012-13?

- a. World Bank
- b. International Monetary Fund
- c. Asian Development Bank
- d. World Trade Organisation

Powerful earthquake hit Aceh province of Indonesia on 11 April 2012. The quake sparked a short-lived tsunami alert for much of the Indian Ocean. What was the magnitude of the quake as recorded on the Richter scale?

- a. 8.7
- b. 8
- c. 8.3
- d. 7.1