

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 10, 2024

### INTERNATIONAL

- **India, EU Launch Initiative for EV Start-ups**
- ✓ The European Union (EU) and India launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) for startups working in Battery Recycling Technologies for Electric Vehicles (EVs) for a matchmaking event.

**EU-India join forces to promote start-up collaboration on Recycling of E-Vehicles Batteries under Trade and Technology Council**



- ✓ The matchmaking aims to enhance the cooperation between European and Indian Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and startups in the clean and green technologies sector.
- ✓ The intended exchange of knowledge and expertise will be instrumental in advancing the circularity of rare materials and transitioning towards carbon neutrality in both India and the EU.

### REPORT

- **WHO report: India second only to China in hepatitis B and C cases**
- ✓ According to the **Global Hepatitis Report** by **World Health Organisation (WHO)**, India accounted for the second-highest number of cases of **hepatitis B and C in 2022** after **China**, with 35 million infections.



- ✓ Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that can cause a range of health problems and can be fatal.
- ✓ According to the report, **254 million people** lived with hepatitis B and **50 million** with hepatitis C in 2022 globally.
- ✓ India, which was second only to China in the viral hepatitis burden, registered **8 million** hepatitis B cases in 2022 while the number of hepatitis C infections stood at **5.5 million**.

## RANKING

- **Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024**
- ✓ According to the **Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024**, **India in 2023** ranks third with **67 unicorns**, which is one less than 68 such startups last year.
- ✓ **The US** led the list with **703 unicorns**, up 37 from 2022, and followed by **China** with **340 unicorns**.
- ✓ **UK and EU** ranked **No 4 and No 5** in the list, respectively.
- ✓ The total value of the world's unicorns have reached **\$5 trillion**, equivalent to **last year's GDP of Japan**.
- ✓ In general, the report has found **1,453 unicorns** in the world, based in **53 countries and 291 cities**.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Homeopathy Day: April 10**
- ✓ World Homeopathy Day is observed on April 10th every year. The theme for World Homeopathy Day 2024 is "Homeoparivar: One Health, One Family."



- ✓ Homeopathy is a form of alternative medicine that believes in the power of tiny homeopathic substances to cure the symptoms of a condition.
- ✓ The word “homeopathy” comes from the Greek words “homeo,” meaning “similar,” and “pathos,” meaning “suffering or disease.”
- **National Siblings Day: April 10**
- ✓ National Siblings Day, a day to celebrate the unique bond between brothers and sisters, falls on **April 10th, 2024.**



- ✓ This day provides a fun and meaningful opportunity to appreciate the special connection we share with our siblings, regardless of their quirks or occasional annoyances.
- ✓ It is a day to celebrate the joy and laughter that comes with having siblings. It’s a day to be silly, reminisce about playful memories, and appreciate the unique connection you share.

