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Weekly Current Affairs - 1st - 7th APRIL' 2025

National affairs

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- 2. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) partners with IIIT Hyderabad to launch global biometric challenge.
- 3. Punjab government plans to develop Bachouli Wildlife Sanctuary in Jhajjar as the state's first leopard safari site.
- 4. India has become the world's second largest 5G market.
- 5. Asia's largest inter-collegiate technology and entrepreneurship festival 'Techkriti 2025' inaugurated by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan.
- 6. Uttarakhand government has changed the names of 15 places to promote Indian culture and heritage. 15 places in Haridwar, Udhampur, Nainital and Dehradun districts will be changed. Aurangzebpur in Haridwar district will be renamed Shivajinagar. Ghaziali in Haridwar will be renamed Aryanagar, Chandpur will be renamed Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Mohammadpur Jat will be renamed Mohanpur Jat, Khanpul Kursali will be renamed Ambedkarnagar. Mianwala in Nainital will be renamed Ramjiwala, Pirawala will be renamed Kesharinagar, Chandpur Khurd will be renamed Prithvirajnagar and Abdullahnagar will be renamed Daxnagar. Nainital's Nawabi Road will be renamed Atal Marg (after late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee).
- 7. The Madhya Pradesh government has renamed Ujjain's Vikram University as Samrat Vikramaditya University.
- 8. India has recorded the highest number of child adoptions in the last 12 years.
- 9. Viksit Bharat Yuva Sansad 2025 was held in New Delhi.
- 10. Recently GI Tag items -

- 'Sada Bonde' from Kamarpukur, West Bengal,
- 'Raandhuni Pagal Chal' from West Bengal.
- 'Kumbakonam Betel Leaf' and 'Thovalai Flower Garland' from Tamil Nadu.
- 'Saudagari Block Print' from Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- 'Amalsad chikoo' from South Gujarat.
- Warangal's famous Chilli Chapata as the 18th product of Telangana.
- 11. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal inaugurated the second edition of Startup Mahakumbh in New Delhi.
- 12. Odisha tops the Fiscal Health Index 2025.
- 13. Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 62nd National Maritime Day and Merchant Navy Week.
- 14. Recently, Sarhul festival was celebrated in Jharkhand. Sarhul means "worship of the shawl tree", this festival celebrates nature worship, the new year and the arrival of spring. Munda, Oraon and Ho tribes mainly participate.
- 15. Army Commanders' Conference 2025 held in New Delhi.
- 16. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) signs MoU with Indian Railways to launch Automatic Wheel Profile Measurement Systems.
- 17. Rongali Bihu festival begins in Assam.

International affairs

- 1. Japan to give legal status to Crypto Assets as financial products.
- 2. China has recently started a new military exercise called "Strait Thunder-2025A".
- 3. Bangladesh has taken over the chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) for the next 2 years.
- 4. Hungary is the first European country to withdraw from the International Criminal Court.
- 5. 7th India-Japan Maritime Affairs Dialogue was held in Tokyo, Japan.

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<u>Appointment</u>

- 1. Nidhi Tewari has been appointed as the Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She is an IFS officer of the 2024 batch.
- 2. Poonam Gupta has been appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- 3. Sunil Kakkar has been appointed as the Additional Director and Whole-Time Director of Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL).
- 4. Ambuj Chandana has been appointed as the Managing Director and Head of Consumer Banking of DBS Bank India.
- 5. Swaminathan S Iyer has been appointed as a full-time member of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- 6. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey has been appointed as the seventh Secretary General of the Commonwealth, becoming the first African woman.
- 7. Raj Kumar Singh has been appointed as the new DGP of Chandigarh.
- 8. Salila Pandey has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of SBI Cards.
- 9. Famous actor and filmmaker Kamal Haasan has been appointed as the Chairperson of FICCI Media and Entertainment Committee South.
- 10. Sivasubramanian Raman has been appointed as the new Chairperson of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- 11. H. Shankar has taken charge as the Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL).
- 12. Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran has been appointed to the IMF Managing Director's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth.
- **13.** Senior IPS officer Seema Agarwal has been appointed as the new DGP of Fire and Rescue Services.

<u>Award</u>

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recently conferred with Sri Lanka's highest civilian award, the "Mitra Bhushan". Sri Lankan President Anura Kumar Dissanayake conferred the honour. It is a silver medal. The medal is adorned with nine types of Sri Lankan gems (navaratnas) including the symbols of the lotus, earth, sun, moon and ears of rice. The "Dharmachakkara" which reflects the Buddhist tradition that has shaped the cultural heritage of both nations. The "Pun Kalasa" (a ceremonial vessel) decorated with ears of rice symbolises prosperity and renewal.
- 2. Renowned historian Maina Swamy is to be conferred with the Ugadi Award for his contribution to historical research and social service.
- 3. Recently, Nikhil Singhal was conferred with the Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award.

Day/Theme

- 1. International Mine Awareness Day is observed on 4 April; 2025 theme is "Safe Futures Start Here".
- 2. National Maritime Day is observed on 5 April.
- 3. World Health Day is observed on 7 April; 2025 theme is "Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures". (This day is observed to commemorate the establishment of the World Health Organization in 1948 and to improve global health infrastructure and raise awareness about health. The headquarters of the World Health Organization is located in Geneva, Switzerland. The current WHO Chairman is Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus).

<u>Sports</u>

- 1. Indian squash player Anhat Singh wins JSW India Open Women's Singles Title.
- 2. Aryna Sabalenka defeats Jessica Pegula to win Miami Open 2025 title.

- 3. India's Nihal Sarin wins 2025 Tashkent Open Agzhamov Memorial title.
- 4. Men's Hockey Hero Asia Cup 2025 to be held in Rajgir, Bihar.
- 5. JSW Indian Open 2025 Squash Tournament held in New Delhi.
- 6. Uttar Pradesh wins 47th Junior Girls National Handball 2025.
- 7. Indian Vandana Kataria retires from international hockey.
- 8. India wins 1 gold, 3 silver and 6 bronze medals for a total of 10 medals at Asian Wrestling Championships 2025.
- 9. 15th Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship begins in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.
- 10. Italian moto racing car driver Francesco Bagnaia won the 2025 MotoGP America Grand Prix.

Project/ Services

- 1. Telangana government launches Free Fine Rice Distribution Scheme.
- 2. Madhya Pradesh government launches 'School Chale Hum' campaign.
- 3. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah launches free bus service for women.
- 4. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launches 'Zero Poverty P4' to eradicate poverty by 2029.

Trade & Finance

- 1. India becomes the world's largest milk producer.
- 2. Total GST collection in March 2025 is Rs 1.96 lakh crore.
- 3. IDFC FIRST Bank recently received approval from the Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO).
- 4. HIL Ltd. rebranded itself as BirlaNu Limited.

App/Portal

1. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the "NITI NCAER States Economic Forum" portal in New Delhi.

Book & Author

1. Sanjeev Chopra wrote a book titled "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India".

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 According to a recently published report, India ranks 36th in the Readiness for Frontier Technologies Index 2025. Ireland tops the Nomad Capitalist Passport Index 2025.

<u>Obituary</u>

1. Actor Richard Chamberlain recently passed away at the age of 90.