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Weekly Current Affairs - 15th - 21st APRIL' 2025

National affairs

1. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated a new skywalk at the world-famous Adi Kalighat temple in Kolkata.
2. Justice B R Gavai will be appointed as the next (52nd) Chief Justice of India. The previous 51st Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Sanjiv Khanna, will retire on May 13, 2025.
3. Indian Railways has launched India's first ATM facility on Panchavati Express in partnership with Bank of Maharashtra.
4. 1st Biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 was held in New Delhi.
5. IIHS Bengaluru has developed India's first Automated Bat Monitoring and Detection System.
6. Africa India - Key Maritime Engagement (AI- KEYME) Exercise 2025 was held in Tanzania.
7. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the Northeast's first robotic surgery facility at Guwahati Medical College.
8. Telangana is the first state to implement the SC Categorisation Act.
9. DRDO successfully tests Mk-II(A) Laser-Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) System.
10. Recently, the famous musical instrument of Varanasi, Sawai (Shehnai), got GI Tag.
11. Defence Literature Festival 'Kalam & Kavach 2.0' was held in New Delhi.
12. Recently, the third edition of Meghayan 2025 was organized by the Indian Navy.
13. India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise 'DUSTLIK-VI' is being organized in Pune.
14. Bhagavad Gita and Natya Shastra have been added to the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. (Bharat Muni, author of Natya Shastra. Indian classical dance was created from this book).
15. Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) in New Delhi.
16. India signed an agreement to set up the headquarters of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in India.
17. The Maharashtra government has made Hindi mandatory as a third language for students from classes 1 to 5 in Marathi and English medium schools.
18. Gujarat Police has launched a drone programme called 'GP Drashti' to enhance public safety, improve surveillance and monitor traffic across the state.
19. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala on May 2, 2025. The Vizhinjam strategic maritime project near Thiruvananthapuram is India's first semi-automated trans-shipment port.
20. Kerala State Electricity Board has partnered with IIT Bombay to launch India's first Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) Pilot Project.
21. IIT Bombay researchers have discovered a host protein called 'VCP/p97' to fight pathogenic bacteria in the body.

International affairs

1. Brice Oligui Nguema recently won the presidential election in Gabon.
2. 15th BRICS Agriculture Ministers Meeting to be held in Brazil.
3. UAE takes over as chairman of Interpol's executive committee.
4. India signs first defence MoU with Slovakia through JCBL Group.
5. Former Peruvian President Ollanta Humala sentenced to 15 years in prison for money laundering.

Appointment

1. Vineet Joshi has been appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
2. Olympic silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has been elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Weightlifting Federation.
3. Former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly has been reappointed as the Chairman of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee.
4. Praveen Pardeshi has been appointed as the Chief Financial Advisor to Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis.
5. Santosh Kumar has been appointed as the Deputy CFO of IndusInd Bank.
6. Dr. Mangi Lal Jat has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
7. Nidhi Kayastha has been appointed as the new Head of automobile company Lamborghini India. Lamborghini aims to strengthen its presence in India and enhance customer experience. Lamborghini is an Italian super luxury car manufacturer.

Award

1. Bollywood actor Aamir Khan was honoured with the Master Humor Award at the Macau International Comedy Festival 2025 in China from 9-13 April.
2. Five members of the Indian Armed Forces have been awarded the MacGregor Memorial Medal for the year 2023-24. For 2023, Wing Commander D. Panda from the Air Force and Electrical Artificer (Radio) Rahul Kumar Pandey from the Navy were honoured. For 2024, Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer (Radio) Ram Ratan Jatt and Sergeant Jhumar Ram Punia from the Navy were honoured. The medal was presented by Chief of Defence Staff Shri Anil Chauhan.
3. Dr. Nageswara Reddy, Chairman, AIG Hospitals, was honoured with the 'Legends of Endoscopy' award in Tokyo, Japan.
4. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has awarded the Meghalaya government two prestigious awards for its improved and best performance in mandatory biometric update of children and verification of Aadhaar enrolment of adults.
5. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has been ranked as the ninth busiest airport in the world in 2024, according to a report published by Airports Council International (ACI).
6. Indian cricketer Shreyas Iyer won the ICC Men's Player of the Month Award in March 2025 and Australian cricketer Georgia Voll won the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award.
7. P. Sivakami was awarded the Verchhol Dalit Literary Award 2025.
8. Sanmatranand was awarded the Bankim Award for Fiction in 2025.

Day/Theme

1. World Heritage Day is observed on 18 April; the 2025 theme is- "Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 Years of ICOMOS Actions". This day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of preserving cultural and natural heritage and places for future generations.
2. World Liver Day is observed on 19 April; the 2025 theme - "Food is Medicine".
3. National Civil Service Day is observed on 21 April. The 2025 theme- Empowering Citizens through Efficient and Transparent Governance.

Sports

1. Oscar Piastri wins Bahrain Grand Prix 2025.

2. India wins 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals in Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 1.
3. India is fourth in the medal tally in Archery World Cup 2025 Stage 1; Mexico is first.
4. Carlos Alcaraz wins 2025 Monte Carlo Masters.
5. Gajsingh is the mascot of Khelo India Youth Games 2025.
6. Virat Kohli becomes the first Indian batsman to score 100 fifties (50 runs) in T20 cricket.
7. Indian shooter Sourav Chaudhary wins bronze medal in 10m air pistol event at 2025 ISSF World Cup.
8. Punjab defeats Madhya Pradesh to win 15th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship title.
9. Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal at the NWU Potch Invitational.
10. Indian Shaurya Ambur won the bronze medal at the Asian Youth.
11. Australian cricketer Will Pucovski recently announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

Project/ Services

1. Telangana State has launched 'AI Rising Grand Challenge' to solve the problems of the public sector.
2. Haryana Government has announced 100% scholarship for backward class students pursuing education in medical and engineering fields.
3. Haryana Government has announced 100% scholarship for SC and OBC students in government medical and engineering colleges across the country.
4. Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has signed an MoU with Swiggy to increase employment in the gig sector. (Gig sector i.e. short-term contract and freelance work, these are mainly driven by online platforms. Like Flipkart, Amazon's delivery boy etc.).

Trade & Finance

1. According to a report by NITI Aayog, India is the fourth largest automobile manufacturing country in the world.
2. Tata Digital has partnered with SBI Card to launch the 'Tata Neu SBI Card'. This card will provide financial services to the customers of the State Bank and the public for purchasing electronic goods.
3. America has emerged as India's largest trading partner for the fourth consecutive year in the financial year 2024-25.

App/Portal

1. The Telangana state government has launched the 'Bhu Bharati Portal' to make land record management simple, transparent and accessible to the public.

Miscellaneous

1. India is the fourth country in the world to have the ability to shoot down Fixed Wing Drones with laser beams.
2. AIIMS, New Delhi is ranked 97th globally in Newsweek and Statista's World's Best Hospitals 2024.
3. Bollywood actress Ananya Panday has been appointed as the first Indian brand ambassador of French luxury fashion house Chanel.

Obituary

1. Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa recently died at the age of 89.
2. British actress Jean Marsh recently passed away at the age of 90.
3. Physicist-philosopher Ranjit Nair recently died at the age of 70.