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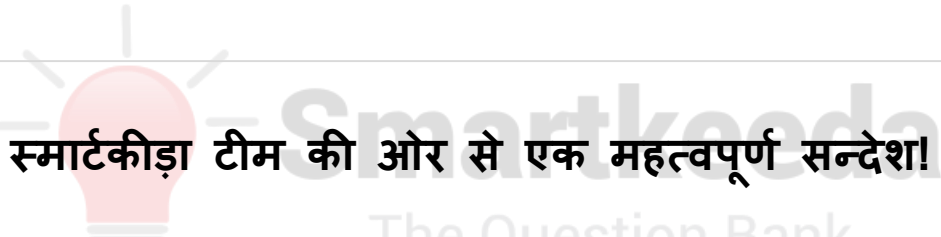
Hi Folks! We hope you all are doing well. We would like to state here that this PDF is meant for preparing for the upcoming MockDrill Test of April 2021 Month at Testzone. In this Current Affairs PDF we have added all the important Current Affairs information in form of 'Key-points' which are crucial if you want to score a high rank in Current Affairs Mocks at Testzone. Therefore, we urge you to go through each piece of information carefully and try to remember the facts and figures because the questions to be asked in the Current Affairs MockDrill will be based on the information given in the PDF only.

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मित्रों! हम आशा करते हैं की आप सभी स्वस्थ और कुशल होंगे। इस सन्देश के माध्यम से हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं की ये PDF अप्रैल 2021 माह में Testzone पर होने वाले MockDrill Test में आपकी तैयारी को बेहतर करने के लिए उपलब्ध करायी जा रही है। इस PDF में हमने कुछ अति आवश्यक 'Key-Points' के माध्यम से आपको सम-सामयिकी (Current Affairs) सूचनाओं से अवगत कराया है और अगर आप MockDrill में अपनी योग्यता सिद्ध करना चाहते हैं तो आपके लिए हर सूचना को पढना, समझना और उसे याद रखना भी अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि MockDrill में शामिल किए गए प्रश्न PDF में दी गयी सूचना या जानकारी पर ही आधारित होंगे।

हम आशा करते हैं की आप इस PDF का भरपूर लाभ उठाते हुए आने वाले MockDrill Test में बेहतर अंक प्राप्त करेंगे।

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टीम स्मार्टकीड़ा



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National & States Affairs

201. On April 5, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a Rs 25 Cr penalty on the promoters of Reliance Industries, including Mukesh Ambani, for failure to comply with the share takeover disclosures of the regulator. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – imposed a Rs 25 Cr penalty on the promoters of Reliance Industries
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973

202. On April 1, The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) has extended the timelines for the majority of coal-based power plants in India to comply with the emission norms by another 3-4 years. This is the 3rd amendment to the notification that first came in 2015. Another 5-year extension was given to power plants to meet the deadlines in a phased manner till December 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MOEF&CC – extended the timelines for the majority of coal-based power plants in India (3rd amendment)
- 5-year extension was given to power plants to meet the deadlines – by December 2022

203. On April 9, Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has chaired a high-level meeting on the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 and released an implementation plan for school education called “Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education (SARTHAQ)” for next 10 years. SARTHAQ is developed by the Department of School Education and Literacy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal – launched “SARTHAQ” - an implementation plan for school education for next 10 years
- SARTHAQ – developed by the Department of School Education & Literacy

204. On April 9, The Ministry of Civil Aviation has accorded conditional exemption to Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI) to use of drones for surveying coalfield areas of Coal India Ltd for acquiring data for monitoring of various activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Civil Aviation – allowed Central Mine Planning & Design Institute (CMPDI) to use of drones for surveys
- HQs of CMPDI – Ranchi, Jharkhand | CMD – Sekhar Saran
- MoS for Ministry of Civil Aviation – Hardeep Singh Puri

205. PM Narendra Modi has called for ‘Mass Vaccination Programme’ from 11th to 14th of this month and observe as ‘Vaccination Festival’ or ‘Tika Utsav’. 11th April is the birth anniversary of Jyotiba Phule and 14th is the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi called for 'Mass Vaccination Programme' from 11th to 14th & observed as 'Tika Utsav'
- 11th April – birth anniversary of Jyotiba Phule
- 14th April – birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Ambedkar

206. On April 6, The Haryana government has approved allotment of 140 acres of land to Flipkart for setting up Asia's Largest Fulfilment Centre at Gurugram, Haryana. Instakart is also planning to set up a series of fulfilment centres and associated logistics infrastructure across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana approved allotment of 140 acres of land to Flipkart – to set up Asia's Largest Fulfilment Centre – at Gurugram
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

207. On April 9, India's fuel demand has contracted by a massive 9.1% in the financial year ended on March 31 due to COVID-19 lockdown. This is the first time fuel consumption has contracted since 1998-99. Diesel consumption fell 12% while petrol demand shrank 6.7%. India has consumed 194.63 million tonnes of petroleum products in 2020-21 as compared with 214.12 million tonnes demand in the previous year. LPG was the only fuel that registered growth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India's fuel demand has contracted by a massive 9.1% in FY2020-21 (Diesel – 12% | Petrol – 6.7%)
- India consumed 194.63 million tonnes of petroleum products in 2020-21
- The only fuel that registered growth – LPG

208. On April 9, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has dedicated to the nation the Hansdiha-Godda new rail line and also flagged off "God-da-New Delhi Humsafar Express" Superfast Special Train. The length of the new line project is 32 km with speed potential of 120 kmph. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – flagged off "God-da-New Delhi Humsafar Express" Superfast Special Train (Length – 32 km)
- Godda is located in – Jharkhand
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Draupadi Murmu

209. On April 9, SBI Mutual Fund (MF) has become the first mutual fund company to cross Rs 5 lakh Cr mark in the March quarter. The fund house's Average Asset Under Management (AAUM) rose to Rs 5.04 lakh Cr in 2020-21 from Rs 3.73 lakh Cr in the preceding fiscal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Mutual Fund – became the 1st MF company to cross Rs 5 lakh Cr mark in the March quarter (Rs 5.04 lakh Cr)
- HQs of SBI Mutual Fund – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vinay M. Tonse



210. On April 9, On April 10, NITI Aayog, in association with Agami and Omidyar Network India and with the support of ICICI Bank has launched the first-of-its kind Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India. The handbook is an invitation to business leaders to adopt ODR in India. ODR is the resolution of disputes outside courts, particularly of small and medium-value cases. It was released by Supreme Court Justice DY Chandrachud. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + Agami & Omidyar Network India + ICICI Bank = launched the first-of-its kind “ODR Handbook”
- ODR – Online Dispute Resolution
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Rajiv Kumar

211. On April 9, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched 14-day “Mask Abhiyan” as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus in view of rising cases and urged people to strictly follow the safety guidelines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched 14-day “Mask Abhiyan” to prevent the spread of coronavirus
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

212. On April 10, Kerala Government has launched a mass vaccination drive, named “Crushing the curve” to contain the Covid19 pandemic. Under the ‘Crushing the Curve’ drive, it is planned to vaccinate maximum number of people in the age group 45 to 60. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched a mass vaccination drive, named “Crushing the curve” to contain the Covid19
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

213. On April 7, The Ministry of External Affairs in association with Protector of Emigrants (POE) Mumbai, has launched the first online Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) Programme for migrant workers. Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV & OIA) addressed the participants and emphasized the importance of PDO training for ensuring safe and legal migration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of External Affairs – launched the 1st online Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) Programme
- Ministry of External Affairs – Subrahmanyam Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat

214. On April 10, Three out of every 1,000 pregnant women in Meghalaya are testing positive for HIV/AIDS. Mr. Shangpliang lamented the “slow fund flow” from the Centre for the scheme to rehabilitate sex workers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3/1,000 pregnant women in Meghalaya are testing positive for HIV/AIDS
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



215. On April 10, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has issued draft proposals on regulatory framework to promote sustainable and healthy development of trade credit insurance for businesses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – proposed guidelines on ‘Trade Credit Insurance’
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Subhash Chandra Khuntia | Executive Dr. – Suresh Mathur

216. On April 8, ReNew Power has pledged to achieve Net-Zero Emission in India by 2050. The ReNew's pledge aligns with the ‘Race To Zero’ campaign of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power – pledged to achieve Net-Zero Emission in India by 2050
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha

217. On April 9, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured an order to set up a 1.5 Gigawatt (GW) Solar Plant in Riyadh Province, Saudi Arabia. This Sudair Solar Photovoltaic Project will be the largest solar plant in Saudi Arabia with estimated cost between Rs 5000-7000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T – secured an order to set up a 1.5 GW Sudair Solar Photovoltaic Project – in Riyadh Province, Saudi Arabia
- HQs L&T – Mumbai | CMD – SN Subrahmanyam

218. On April 5, WazirX has launched India’s first marketplaces for Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT) for auctioning digital assets. Indian creators can now place their digital assets for auction over the blockchain-based NFT marketplace and earn royalty thereafter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WazirX – launched India’s first marketplaces for Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT) for auctioning digital assets
- HQs of WazirX – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Nischal Shetty

219. On April 8, Hindustan Unilever, Google and MyGov India have come together to find innovative solutions to conserve freshwater usage and to address water scarcity problems in India by involving start-ups. In collaboration with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), they conducted a Hackathon to explore use of AI in agriculture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hindustan Unilever + Google + MyGov India = to conserve freshwater usage & to address water scarcity problems
- Above three + MeitY = conducted a Hackathon to explore use of AI in agriculture
- HQs of HUL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Sanjiv Mehta
- HQs of Google – California, United States | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998



220. On April 8, Ethanol blending in India has for the first time reached more than 7.2% in the first 4 months of the ethanol supply year 2020-21 (December to November). India has set a target of 10% blending by 2022 & 20% blending by 2025. Ethanol-blending is the process of mixing Ethanol with Petrol to reduce vehicular pollution. Food Grains can also be converted into Ethanol. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ethanol blending in India has first time reached more than 7.2% in the first 4 months of ethanol supply year
- Target: 10% blending by – 2022 & 20% blending by – 2025

221. On April 12, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has sanctioned Road Development Projects of 291 km worth Rs 726 Cr for Madhya Pradesh. Balance work of Sidhi-Singrauli highway has been sanctioned in the state of Madhya Pradesh at a cost of Rs 529.44 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways – sanctioned Road Development Projects for Madhya Pradesh
- Length of the Project – 291 km | Worth – Rs 726 Cr
- Sidhi-Singrauli Highway ([Madhya Pradesh](#)) – sanctioned Rs 529.44 Cr
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

222. On April 10, The Kerala High Court has recognised a child born to a couple in a live-in relationship to be treated as a child born to a married couple in regards to surrendering a child for adoption. The High Court bench comprising of Justices A Muhamed Mustaque and Dr Kauser Edappagath, made the ruling. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala High Court recognised – Child born to live-in couple to be considered as child born to married couples
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

223. On April 11, Sikkim and Tripura have planned to provide tap water connections to all rural households by March 2022 and 2023 respectively. The scheme aims to ensure assured tap water supply, or 'Har Ghar Jal', to all rural households by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkim – planned to provide tap water connections to all rural households by March 2022
- Tripura – planed to provide tap water connections to all rural households by March 2023
- [Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad](#)
- [Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Ramesh Bais](#)



International Affairs

224. On April 6, The United Arab Emirates' first Nuclear Power Plant has started commercial operations. The "Barakah nuclear Power Plant" in the Abu Dhabi is the first nuclear power station in the Arab world. It is built by Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Barakah Nuclear Power Plant" - 1st in the Arab world – started commercial operations – in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- It is built by – Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO)
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

225. On April 9, The trilateral trade between India, Israel and the UAE can propel to a high of \$110 billion by 2030 by tapping into their mutual strengths. UAE and India's bilateral trade is projected to grow from \$60 billion in 2020 to \$100 billion by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Israel + UAE = trilateral trade could reach \$110 billion by 2030
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Reuven Rivlin | PM – Benjamin Netanyahu
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

226. On April 8, Dr. Jitendra Singh has flagged off the 5th edition of "India Russia Friendship Car Rally 2021". The event organized by International Friendship Car Rally Association, IFCRA, will take place in Russia from 18th to 20th April. The event is sponsored by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – flagged off the 5th edition of "India Russia Friendship Car Rally 2021"
- The event took place in – Russia | Sponsored by – Ministry of DoNER

227. Archaeologists have discovered the largest Ancient City - 'Rise of Aten' or 'Lost Golden City' ever found in Egypt, dating to a golden age of the pharaohs 3,000 years ago. This is a large city that was lost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Archaeologists discovered the 3,000 year old largest Ancient City - 'Rise of Aten' or 'Lost Golden City' – in Egypt
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

228. On April 10, India has established a bilateral 'Air Bubble Agreement' with Sri Lanka for operation of special international passenger flights, making it the 6th such arrangement in SAARC region and the 28th in total. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India established a bilateral 'Air Bubble Agreement' with Sri Lanka (28th country | 6th in SAARC region)
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa



229. On April 9, Singapore has ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, becoming the first participating country to do so. The RCEP is the world's largest free trade agreement led by China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Singapore – ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement
- RCEP – the world's largest free trade agreement – led by China
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

230. On April 10, China has imposed a record fine of 18.2 billion yuan (\$2.8 billion) on Jack Ma's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd for monopoly probe. The Hangzhou-based company will be required to implement “comprehensive rectifications,” including strengthening internal controls, upholding fair competition, and protecting businesses on its platform and consumers' rights. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China imposed a record fine of 18.2 billion yuan (\$2.8 billion) – on Alibaba Group Holding Ltd
- HQs of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd – Hangzhou, China | CEO – Daniel Zhang

Banking & Economic Affairs

231. On April 8, The RBI has announced that unutilised External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) proceeds drawn down before March 1, 2020, can be parked in term deposits with banks in India prospectively up to March 1, 2022, in a relief to borrowers who could not utilise the proceeds due to lockdown. Meanwhile, the RBI announced that the “Financial Inclusion Index” (FI Index) will be published annually in July for the financial year ending previous March. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Unutilised ECB can be parked in Term Deposits with banks prospectively up to March 1, 2022
- ECB – External Commercial Borrowing
- RBI – to publish “Financial Inclusion Index” (FI Index) – in July every year
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

232. On April 5, Lending fintech platform U GRO Capital has announced its partnership with SBM Bank India to launch “GRO Smart Business” credit card specially designed for MSMEs and powered by RuPay, along with EnKash. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- U GRO Capital + SBM Bank India = partnership to launch “GRO Smart Business” credit card for MSMEs
- The credit card is powered by – RuPay & EnKash
- HQs of U GRO Capital – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Executive Director – Abhijit Ghosh
- HQs of SBM Bank India – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sidharth Rath
- SBM Bank India – the 1st foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the RBI



233. On April 7, The RBI has decided to extend fresh support of ₹50,000 Cr to the All India Financial Institutions for new lending in FY22. Accordingly, NABARD will be provided a special liquidity facility (SLF) of ₹25,000 Cr for 1 year to support agriculture and allied activities, the rural non-farm sector and NBFC-MFIs. SLF of ₹10,000 Cr will be extended to the National Housing Bank for 1 year to support the housing sector. SIDBI will be provided ₹15,000 Cr under this facility for up to 1 year for funding of MSMEs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI decided to extend fresh support of ₹50,000 Cr to the All India Financial Institutions
- ₹25,000 Cr – to NABARD | ₹10,000 Cr – to NHB | ₹15,000 Cr – to SIDBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

234. On April 7, The RBI has kept the Repo Rate unchanged at 4% for the 5th consecutive monetary policy committee. The Reverse Repo Rate remained unchanged at 3.35%, and the Marginal Standing Facility and Bank Rate kept unchanged at 4.25%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI kept the RR/RRR/MSF unchanged for the 5th consecutive MPC
- Repo Rate – 4% | Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35% | MSF/Bank Rate – 4.25% | CRR – 3.50% | SLR – 18%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

235. The RBI has conducted Open Market Purchase of government securities of ₹1 lakh Cr under the 'G-sec Acquisition Programme' (G-SAP 1.0) in Q1 2021-22 with a view to enabling a stable and orderly evolution of the yield curve. The first purchase of government securities for an aggregate amount of ₹25,000 Cr under G-SAP 1.0 was conducted on April 15, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – conducted Open Market Purchase of government securities of ₹1 lakh Cr under 'G-SAP 1.0'
- G-SAP – G-sec Acquisition Programme | The first purchase under G-SAP 1.0 – ₹25,000 Cr
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

236. On April 9, The International Monetary Fund (IMF) policy panel has authorised a \$650 billion expansion of its International Reserve Asset also known as Special Drawing Rights (SDR). The move will provide badly needed reserves for poor countries struggling with deep recessions caused by the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMF Policy Panel – authorised a \$650 billion expansion of its International Reserve Asset also known as SDR
- SDR – Special Drawing Rights
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

237. On April 7, The RBI has updated Quarterly Projection Model (QPM). In terms of its structure, the augmented QPM model incorporates: a) Fiscal-monetary dynamics, b) Disaggregated fuel pricing (oil price, exchange rate and fuel taxes) and c) Balance of payments and exchange rate interactions. The RBI expects headline retail inflation to be around 5% for most part of FY22. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – updated Quarterly Projection Model (QPM)
- QPM model incorporates:
 - a) Fiscal-monetary dynamics
 - b) Disaggregated fuel pricing (oil price, exchange rate and fuel taxes)
 - c) Balance of payments and exchange rate interactions
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

238. On April 9, India's debt to GDP ratio has increased from 74% to 90% during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the International Monetary Fund. In 2020, fiscal policy also contributed to mitigate falling economic activity and employment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to IMF: India's debt to GDP ratio increased to 90% (from 74%)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

239. On April 9, Airtel Payments Bank has launched its new savings account "Rewards123" that offers benefits and value to customers when they transact digitally using the bank account. Customers can get 'Rewards123' at an annual fee of Rs 299. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank – launched its new savings account "Rewards123" (Annual Fee - Rs 299)
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas | Founded in – 2017

240. The RBI has withdrawn all restrictions imposed on Youth Development Co-operative Bank Ltd, Kolhapur since January 2019. The validity of the 'all-inclusive directions' was extended from time to time, the last being up to April 5, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – withdrew all restrictions imposed on Youth Development Co-operative Bank Ltd in 2019 (Kolhapur, MH)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

241. On April 6, Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL) has recorded the highest monthly transaction volume of more than ₹1,000 Cr in March in terms of discounting invoices of MSMEs. The Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform stated that the growth in transaction volumes from ₹69 Cr in April 2020 to ₹1,105 Cr in March 2021 mimics the revival and resumption of economic activity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL) – recorded the highest monthly transaction volume of ₹1,000 Cr in March
- TReDS – Trade Receivables Discounting System
- HQs of RXIL – Mumbai, MH



242. On April 10, SwitchON Foundation along with Punjab National Bank (PNB) has set up the first 'Loss Default Guarantee Fund' to offer finance to the marginal farmers for buying solar pumps. The basic aim of the fund is to help unbanked small marginal farmers without any collateral. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SwitchON Foundation + PNB = set up the first 'Loss Default Guarantee Fund' – to help marginal farmers
- HQs of SwitchON Foundation – Kolkata, West Bengal | MD – Vinay Jaju
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

243. On April 5, Mobisafar Services Pvt Ltd, a Ludhiana-based Fintech start-up, has launched 'Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid card' in partnership with Yes Bank and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The Virtual Rupay Card was inaugurated by former Cricketer Kapil Dev. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mobisafar Services (Ludhiana) + Yes Bank + NPCI = launched 'Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid card'
- The Virtual Rupay Card was inaugurated by – Kapil Dev
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – "Experience our Expertise"
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD&CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008



Defence Affairs

244. On April 6, Under the Development cum Production Partner (DCPP) programme, the DRDO has allowed the private sector to co-develop & produce Missile Systems such as vertical launched surface to Air Missile Systems Programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO allowed the Private Sector to co-develop & produce Missile Systems – under DCPP programme
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958

Schemes & Initiatives

245. The government of India has announced scholarships to 2000 descendants of Muktiyoddha or the Liberation War fighters of Bangladesh under its new Muktiyoddha Scholarship scheme. The scheme was started in 2006. The new scheme was aimed to benefit 10,000 students from Bangladesh over a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Muktiyoddha Scholarship scheme – for the students from Bangladesh (Scheme was started in 2006)
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



246. On April 7, More than 28.68 Cr loans worth Rs 14.96 lakh Cr were sanctioned by banks, Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) and Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) since launch of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY). 88% loans are of 'SHISHU' category, 24% are of new entrepreneurs and 68% are given to women entrepreneurs. Under PMMY, collateral free loans of up to Rs 10 lakh are extended by member lending institutions. The PMMY was launched in 2015. The Shishu category covers loans up to Rs 50,000, the Kishore category offers loans above Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh and the Tarun category above Rs 5 lakh-Rs 10 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 28.68 Cr loans worth Rs 14.96 lakh Cr – sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) till date
- Collateral free loans of up to “Rs 10 lakh” are extended under PMMY | PMMY was launched – in 2015
- Shishu category – Rs 50,000 | Kishore category – Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh | Tarun category – Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh

Sports & Games

247. On April 8, FIFA has suspended the National Football Federations of Pakistan and Chad after concerns over the governance of the two member associations. Pakistan soccer federation, known as the PFF, was suspended for ‘Third-Party Interference’ for the second time in 4 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIFA – suspended the National Football Federations of Pakistan & Chad
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino | Founded – 1904

248. On April 9, The Indo-Tibetan Border Police’s (ITBP) Manisha Maun was awarded an out of turn promotion to the rank of Head Constable for winning a Gold medal at the “Cologne Boxing World Cup” held in Germany. She was a member of the Central Boxing team of ITBP and competed in the 57 kilograms weight category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manisha Maun (Boxer-ITBP) – won a Gold medal at the “Cologne Boxing World Cup” held in Germany (57 kg)
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | DG – Surjeet Singh Deswal | ADG – Manoj Singh Rawat

249. On April 10, India's young wrestlers Anshu Malik and Sonam Malik qualified for the Tokyo Olympics Games by winning silver medals at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers. India now has 3 women wrestlers (including Vinesh Phogat) who have qualified for the Tokyo Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinesh Phogat + Anshu Malik + Sonam Malik = qualified for the Tokyo Olympics Games ([Indian Wrestlers](#))

250. On April 10, Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs Shri Kiren Rijju inaugurated “Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Rowing Discipline” at the J & K Sports Council Water Sports Academy in Srinagar on 10th April 2021. A consolidated amount of Rs. 5.08 Cr is approved for the 2 centres in Jammu & Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijju – inaugurated “Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Rowing Discipline” – in Srinagar
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- Sports Minister – Kiren Rijju | Constituency – Arunachal West

251. On April 10, Rachael Blackmore, a 31-year-old Irishwoman has become the first female jockey to win Britain’s grueling Grand National Horse Race. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rachael Blackmore (Ireland-Jockey) – became the first female jockey to win Britain’s Grand National Horse Race

Important Days & Dates

252. On April 8, The CRPF celebrates April 9 as “Valour Day” to commemorate the defence of the Sardar post in the Rann of Kutch at the onset of the Indo-Pak War of 1965. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 9 – “Valour Day” celebrated by CRPF (also known as ‘Shaurya Diwas’)
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | DG – Kuldip Singh | Formed – 1939 | Motto – Service & Loyalty

253. “World Table Tennis Day” is globally observed on 6th April to promote table tennis world wide. The day was selected by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 6 – “World Table Tennis Day”
- HQs of ITTF – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Weikert | Founded in – 1926

254. Mangal Pandey, a soldier in the British East India Company, was hanged on 8th April for revolting against the colonial rulers. His death anniversary is observed on April 8. Mangal Pandey, a sepoy, had led the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 - the first war of Indian Independence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 8 – Death Anniversary of Mangal Pandey (He led ‘Sepoy Mutiny of 1857’- the first war of Indian Independence)



255. On April 10, World Homeopathy Day is celebrated across the world. The day is celebrated in the form of celebrating Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann's birth anniversary, a German physician and founding father of this branch of medicine. This year, the theme is "Homeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 10 – World Homeopathy Day (Birth anniversary of Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann)
- Theme – "Homeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine"
- April 10-16 – World Homeopathy Awareness Week

256. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has celebrated its 71st Foundation Day on April 9. Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre at Indian Embassy in Beijing celebrated ICCR Foundation Day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 9 – 71st Foundation Day of ICCR
- Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre – in Beijing, China
- HQs of ICCR – New Delhi | DG – Dineshk Patnaik | Founded in – 1950

257. "World Parkinson's Day" is observed every year on 11th April to create awareness about the disease among the general public. The disease can cause slowness of the movements, stiffness and shakiness of the body. The month of April is considered to be "Parkinson's Awareness Month". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 11 – World Parkinson's Day
- April 11 to 17 – Parkinson's Awareness Week
- April – Parkinson's Awareness Month

258. National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is observed annually on 11 April in India. The day is dedicated to creating awareness for medical facilities for pregnant and lactating women. This year, the theme is "Stay at home during coronavirus, keep mother and newborn safe from coronavirus". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 11 – National Safe Motherhood Day
- Theme – "Stay at home during coronavirus, keep mother and newborn safe from coronavirus"
- April 11 – Birth Anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi

259. The Godfather of world music, Pandit Ravi Shankar was one of the most influential and prolific Indian Sitar Maestros. This year, April 7th marked his 101st birth anniversary. The sitar maestro was honoured with a Bharat Ratna; had won 5 Grammys, and was nominated for an Academy award, too. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 7 – 101st birth anniversary of Pandit Ravi Shankar ([Indian Sitar Maestros](#))



260. Every year, the world celebrates April 12 as the “International Day of Human Space Flight”. The day celebrates the beginning of mankind's space journey. Yuri Gagarin manned the first human space flight that took off on April 12, 1961. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 12 – International Day of Human Space Flight
- Yuri Gagarin – the first to orbit the Earth on April 12, 1961

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

261. On April 8, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has chaired a meeting of the High-Level Committee (HLC) to commemorate the 400th Birth Anniversary (Prakash Purab) of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. The HLC has 70 members including the Prime Minister as Chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The High-Level Committee (HLC) to commemorate the 400th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
- Chairman of the Committee – Narendra Modi | Total no. of members – 70

262. On April 7, The 3rd India-Bahrain High Joint Commission meeting was held in New Delhi. It was co-chaired by Minister of External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd India-Bahrain High Joint Commission meeting – held in New Delhi
- It was co-chaired by = S. Jaishankar + Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain)
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

263. On April 9, PM Narendra Modi and Mr. Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands have held a Virtual Summit. It was the first high level Summit attended by PM Rutte after the general elections held in March 2021. The two Prime Ministers agreed on instituting a ‘Strategic Partnership on Water’. They also agreed to set-up 25 Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Indian Agriculture sector by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi & Mr. Mark Rutte – held a Virtual Summit
- They agreed on instituting a ‘Strategic Partnership on Water’
- They also agreed to set-up 25 Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Indian Agriculture sector – by 2025
- Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte

264. The 30th session of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China) Ministerial Committee was hosted by India on April 7-8. The committee was chaired by Prakash Javadekar. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India hosted – 30th session of the BASIC Ministerial Committee
- The committee was chaired by – Prakash Javadekar
- BASIC – Brazil, South Africa, India & China

265. On April 9, Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has participated in 103rd edition of the Development Committee Meeting of World Bank & International Monetary Fund (IMF). During the meeting, Smt. Sitharaman has shared that the Government has announced Aatma Nirbhar Packages of Rs 27.1 trillion, amounting to more than 13% of the GDP. She was the representative of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan & Sri Lanka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – participated in 103rd edition of Development Committee Meeting – of World Bank & IMF
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., USA | Member Countries – 189
- President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

266. On April 9, Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres will receive “Chhattisgarh Veerni Award”. In 2019, the Odisha sprinter became the first Indian woman to win gold medal at the World University Games held in Italy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dutee Chand (Odisha) – will receive “Chhattisgarh Veerni Award”
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

267. ‘Nomadland’ directed by Chloe Zhao was the big winner at the 74th British Academy for Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) awards held at Royal Albert Hall winning 4 trophies - Best Film, Best Director, Best Leading Actress and Best Cinematograph. The other awards were as given below. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Nomadland’ (directed by Chloe Zhao) – won 4 trophies at the 74th BAFTA awards
- Best Film – ‘Nomadland’
- Best Director – Chloe Zhao
- Best Actor – Anthony Hopkins
- Best Actress – Frances McDormand



268. Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has presented the "AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020" on women empowerment to the winners in New Delhi. AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) annually institutes "Lilavati Awards 2020". This year, the theme of the awards is "Women Empowerment". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AICTE – annually institutes "Lilavati Awards 2020"
- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presented the "AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020" in 6 different categories:

Category	Winner
Legal Awareness	Thiagarajar Polytechnic College (Tamil Nadu)
Self Defence	St. Joseph's College of Engineering (Tamil Nadu)
Sanitation & Hygiene	Smt. Kishoritai Bhoyar College of Pharmacy (Maharashtra)
Women Health	Walchand Institute of Technology (Maharashtra)
Women Entrepreneurship	Sona College of Technology (Tamil Nadu)
Literacy	Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship Development (Pune)

269. On April 10, Eminent agricultural scientist M. S. Swaminathan was felicitated by REACH for his contribution towards eradication of Tuberculosis. REACH is a Chennai-based non-profit organisation working towards eradicating TB for over 2 decades. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. S. Swaminathan – felicitated by REACH for his contribution towards eradication of "Tuberculosis"
- Location of REACH – Chennai, Tamil Nadu

270. On April 11, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has honoured Indian-origin businessman Yusuffali MA and 11 other individuals with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for their noble and charitable contributions to the community. Yusuff Ali MA is the Chairman and Managing Director of Abu Dhabi-based LuLu Group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yusuff Ali MA – honoured with Abu Dhabi's Top Civilian Award
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Appointments & Resignations

271. On April 5, The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has appointed Poonam Gupta as its new Director General, effective from July 1. She will succeed Shekhar Shah to become the 1st woman to hold this post. Currently, she is the lead Economist at the World Bank in Washington DC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Poonam Gupta – appointed as Director General of NCAER (effective from July 1)
- Currently, she is the lead Economist at the World Bank
- HQs of NCAER – New Delhi | DG – Shekhar Shah (Poonam Gupta - from July 1) | Established in – 1956



272. On April 11, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has appointed Sonu Sood as the Brand Ambassador of the state's Covid vaccination programme. On the occasion, Sonu presented to the chief minister his book 'I am no Messiah'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sonu Sood – appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Punjab's Covid vaccination programme
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Captain Amarinder Singh | Governor – V. P. Singh Badnore

273. Pramerica Life Insurance has announced the appointment of Kalpana Sampat as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective April 9. Earlier, she was COO of the company. Pramerica Life Insurance is a joint venture company of Prudential International Insurance Holdings and DHFL Investments Limited (DIL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kalpana Sampat – appointed as MD & CEO of – Pramerica Life Insurance
- Prudential International Insurance + DHFL Investments = Pramerica Life Insurance
- HQs of Pramerica Life Insurance – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & CEO – Kalpana Sampat

274. SportzXchange, one of the newest and fastest-growing addition to the fantasy sports landscape in India, has roped in Prithvi Shaw as its Brand Ambassador. SportzXchange will create engaging content featuring Prithvi Shaw as part of an integrating campaign with a theme "Yahaan Hai Kuch Xtra". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prithvi Shaw – appointed as Brand Ambassador of SportzXchange

275. On April 10, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the tenure of Arun Kumar, Chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) by 6 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arun Kumar – tenure extended for 6 months – as Chief or DG of the DGCA
- HQs of DGCA – New Delhi | Director General – Arun Kumar

Amount & Agreements

276. On April 9, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$484-million loan to improve transport connectivity and road maintenance in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu. The project will upgrade about 590 km of state highways in the CKIC influence areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved a \$484-million loan to improve transport connectivity in the Chennai-Kanyakumari IC – in TN
- H Qs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Member countries – 68
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit



277. On April 8, India has contributed an additional \$500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism. With this amount, India's total contribution to it so far is \$1.05 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India contributed an additional \$500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism

278. On April 9, A team of scientists from Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) has spotted and photographed Three-banded Rosefinch - a bird in Arunachal Pradesh at an altitude higher than its recorded perch in adjoining China. It has become the 1,340th species of the bird family in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Three-banded Rosefinch” (a bird) – spotted in Arunachal Pradesh – by the scientists from BNHS
- It has become the 1,340th species of the bird family in India
- [Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B D Mishra](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

279. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc Bangalore) has secured the top position among the best higher education institutes in India, while Calcutta University became the best Varsity/University in India, as per the recently published “Academic Ranking of World Universities” (ARWU 2020) by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy. Calcutta University has also ranked 3rd among all higher education institutes in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Academic Ranking of World Universities” (ARWU 2020) – published by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy
- IISc Bangalore – top position among the best higher education institutes in India
- Calcutta University – the best Varsity/University in India (also ranked 3rd among all higher education institutes)

Acquisitions & Mergers

280. On April 5, Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC) has acquired 9.9% stake in Kerala Infrastructure Fund Management Ltd. Set up in November 2018, Kerala Infrastructure Fund Management Ltd was promoted by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Ltd – acquired 9.9% stake in Kerala Infrastructure Fund Management Ltd
- [HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | CEO – Keki Mistry](#)



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

281. National Collateral Management Ltd (NCML) has signed an MoU with Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) for skill development in Agriculture Sector by bridging gaps & upgrading skills of farmers, wage workers, under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCML + ASCI = an MoU for skill development in Agriculture Sector

282. On April 7, Bharti Axa Life and Fincare Small Finance Bank have joined hands for a bancassurance partnership under which the bank will sell insurance policies to its customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Axa Life + Fincare SFB = bancassurance partnership
- HQs of Bharti AXA Life Ins. – Mumbai, MH | CEO – Parag Raja
- HQs of Fincare SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Rajeev Yadav

283. On April 7, MSME-focused digital lending platform FlexiLoans.com has partnered with PayPal to provide freelancers, women entrepreneurs, sole proprietors, and MSMEs collateral-free business loans . The partnership will enable borrowers to access term loans from ₹50,000 up to ₹1 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FlexiLoans.com + PayPal = partnership to offer collateral-free loans to MSMEs, Women Entrepreneurs & Freelancers
- HQs of PayPal – California, USA | CEO – Daniel Schulman
- HQs of FlexiLoans – Mumbai, MH | Co-Founder – Manish Lunia

284. BillDesk has announced a partnership with global financial institution J.P. Morgan to offer Online Payments Solutions to the bank's corporate clients in India. Through this partnership, J.P. Morgan's clients in India will be able to independently initiate statutory and utility payments online with more than 100 merchants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BillDesk + J.P. Morgan = to offer Online Payments Solutions to the bank's corporate clients
- HQs of BillDesk – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Co-Founder – Srinivasu MN

285. On April 12, Flipkart has entered into a strategic and commercial partnership with the Gujarat-based Adani Group for Logistics and Data Centre-related businesses. As per the deal, a new Fulfilment Centre spread across 5.34 lakh sq. ft. will be opened in Mumbai. In addition, Flipkart will set up its third data centre at AdaniConneX Private Limited, in Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart + Adani Group = strategic and commercial partnership for Logistics & Data Centre-related businesses
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani



Books & Authors

286. “Akhtari: The Life and Music of Begum Akhtar”, originally written in Hindi, is now available in English, edited by Yatindra Mishra and published by HarperCollins India. The book will be released on April 30. One of India’s greatest singers, Akhtaribai Faizabadi was better known as ‘Begum Akhtar’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Akhtari: The Life and Music of Begum Akhtar” book – about the life of Akhtaribai Faizabadi (Begum Akhtar)
- The book is edited by – Yatindra Mishra (in English) | Publisher – HarperCollins India

Obituaries

287. India’s first female cricket commentator Chandra Nayudu has passed away. She was the daughter of legendary cricketer C K Nayudu, the first captain of the Indian cricket team in test matches. She is a retired professor in English, is best remembered for her cricket commentaries in the 1970's. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandra Nayudu – India’s first female cricket commentator – passed away (retired professor in English)

288. On April 4, Noted Shooting Coach Sanjay Chakraverty has passed away recently. He was 79. He was a Dronacharya awardee. He trained many shooters who are Rajiv Khel Ratna & Arjuna Awardees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Chakraverty – a Shooting Coach – World passed away (Dronacharya awardee)

289. On April 9, Prince Philip, the husband of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, has passed away at the age of 99. He was officially known as Duke of Edinburgh and was born as the Prince of Greece and Denmark on 10th June 1921 in Greece. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prince Philip – Prince of England – passed away (the husband of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II)
- He was officially known as ‘Duke of Edinburgh’

290. On April 11, Mita Haque, a leading Rabindra Sangeet singer, has passed away from coronavirus-related complications at the age of 59. Mita Haque was awarded Ekushey Padak, the second highest civilian award in Bangladesh, by the government in 2020 for her contributions to music. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mita Haque ([Bangladesh](#)) – a Rabindra Sangeet singer – passed away (winner of Ekushey Padak in 2020)



291. On April 11, Veteran Punjabi actor Satish Kaul, who featured in several Hindi films and shows including “Mahabharat”, has passed away due to COVID-19 related complications. He was 74. The actor worked in over 300 Punjabi and Hindi films including “Pyaar Toh Hona Hi Tha”, “Aunty No 1” and the TV show “Vikram Aur Betaal”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Satish Kaul – Punjabi Actor – passed away

Person in News

292. On April 8, Soliha Shabir from Dalgate in Srinagar has added her name in “India's World Records” as the youngest and first author in Jammu and Kashmir. 22-year-old Shabir has so far written three books, ‘In the lawn of dark’, ‘Obsolete - The poem Market’, ‘Zoon - The heart of Habba Khatoon’. Zoon is the first book that has recreated the theme of Habba Khatoon's poetry and essence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Soliha Shabir (Srinagar, J&K) – added her name in “India's World Records” as the Youngest & 1st Author from J&K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

293. On April 12, A 5-year-old girl named Kiara Kaur has entered London's World Book of Record and Asia Book of Record for reading 36 books non-stop for 105 minutes. The World Book of Records called her a ‘Child Prodigy’. She lives with her family in Abu Dhabi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiara Kaur (Indian-American) – entered “London's World Book of Record” & “Asia Book of Record” – for reading 36 books non-stop for 105 minutes

294. On April 10, The United Arab Emirates has named the next two astronauts in its space programme, including the country's first female astronaut - Noura al-Matroushi. In 2019, Maj. Hazzaa al-Mansoori became the UAE's first astronaut in space. The UAE also has set the ambitious goal of building a human colony on Mars by 2117. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Noura al-Matroushi – named the first female astronaut of the UAE for the space programme
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

295. On April 10, Armyman Bharat Pannu has made two Guinness World Records for fastest Solo Cycling in October 2020. Lieutenant Colonel Pannu made the first record by cycling from Leh to Manali, on October 10, 2020, in 35 hours, 32 minutes, and 22 seconds. His second record saw him cycle the ‘Golden Quadrilateral’ route, which connects Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata, in 14 days, 23 hours and 52 minutes. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Bharat Pannu – made two Guinness World Records for Fastest Solo Cycling
- First record – by cycling from Leh to Manali
- Second record – by cycling the ‘Golden Quadrilateral’ route

Science & Technology

296. NASA's Odyssey spacecraft has marked 20 years of mapping Mars. It was launched on April 7, 2001. The orbiter takes its name from Arthur C. Clarke's novel “2001: A Space Odyssey”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA's Odyssey spacecraft – marked 20 years of mapping Mars (launched on April 7, 2001)
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

297. On April 9, Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ has launched NanoSniffer, the world’s first Microsensor based Explosive Trace Detector (ETD) developed by NanoSniff Technologies, an IIT Bombay incubated startup. NanoSniffer is a 100% Made in India product. NanoSniffer has successfully passed Pune based DRDO’s High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) testing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramesh Pokhriyal (India) – launched “NanoSniffer” - world’s 1st Microsensor based Explosive Trace Detector (ETD)
- It is developed by – NanoSniff Technologies (IIT Bombay)
- Location of NanoSniff Technologies – Mumbai, Maharashtra

298. On April 9, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has adopted 295 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) established by Atal Innovation Mission nationwide to inculcate scientific research and innovation culture among students. CSIR with their 36 labs have adopted 295 ATLs and their students across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR – adopted 295 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) established by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | Director General – Shekhar C. Mande
- AIM – a flagship of NITI Aayog (HQs of AIM – New Delhi | Director – Chintan Vaishnav)

299. SpaceX's “Inspiration4”, the world's first all-civilian rocket ride to orbit Earth, disclosed the final two members of the four-person crew that is expected to undergo a historic journey into space. Chris Sembroski and Dr. Sian Proctor were the additional two people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SpaceX – to launch “Inspiration4” - world’s 1st all-civilian Earth Orbiter Mission
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002



300. A Russian 'Soyuz MS-18' spacecraft has launched an American Astronaut and two Cosmonauts to the International Space Station from Kazakhstan on April 9. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Soyuz MS-18' spacecraft ([Russia](#)) – launched with 3 members to the International Space Station – from Kazakhstan
- [Russia](#) – [Moscow](#) – [Russian Ruble](#) | [PM](#) – [Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President](#) – [Vladimir Putin](#)





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