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National & States Affairs

51. On April 5, Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd (TPREL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power, commissioned a 300-MW Solar Project in Dholera in Gujarat. The project will generate 774 million units of power annually. The single-axis solar tracker systems track the sun from east to west while rotating on a single point. With the addition of 300 MW, the renewables capacity for Tata Power will now be 3,400 MW with 2,468 MW of solar and 932 MW of wind. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power RE – commissioned a 300-MW Solar Project in Dholera, Gujarat
- The RE capacity for Tata Power will now be 3,400 MW (2,468 MW solar + 932 MW wind)
- HQs of Tata Power RE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Ashish Khanna | CEO – Ashwinikumar Patil

52. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoI&B) ordered the transfer of mandate of producing documentaries and short films, organising film festivals, and preserving films to the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), a public sector unit working under the I&B Ministry. The ministry also clarified that the ownership of assets available with all film units will remain with the Government of India and the 'Films Division' brand will continue under the NFDC. With this, the Promotional Vertical of the NFDC will take over the task of organising film festivals from the Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF), and the film preservation work done by the National Film Archives of India (NFAI). Moreover, Children's Film Society of India is also included in the NFDC. A budgetary allocation of Rs 1304.52 Cr is set aside for implementing all planned activities until 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoI&B (Govt) ordered the transfer of mandate of all film units to National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)
- Four film media units of NFDC:
 - Films Division
 - Directorate of Film Festivals
 - National Film Archives of India
 - Children's Film Society of India
- Rs 1304.52 Cr – allocated by the central government for film production related activities till 2026
- HQs of NFDC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Ravinder Bhakar

53. The central government approved Rs 434 Cr under the 'Lakshya Zero Dumpsite Mission' for 28 cities in Maharashtra. The objective was to transform urban landscapes by remediating legacy waste and reclaiming approximately 1532 acres. Mumbai holds the maximum amount of legacy waste in the state. The Centre launched the pan-India initiative to get rid of legacy waste October, 2021 under the 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Govt approved Rs 434 Cr under the "Lakshya Zero Dumpsite Mission" for 28 cities in Maharashtra
- Mumbai holds the maximum amount of legacy waste in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

54. On April 4, Tamil Nadu CM M. K. Stalin launched the "Kaaval Uthavi" (police assistance) app at the Secretariat. The app was launched with over 60 features to enable public, especially women, to seek police help in case of emergency. The Dial 100 facility has been integrated with the app. It also has facility for mobile-based complaint and location sharing facility. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – launched the “Kaaval Uthavi” (police assistance) app at the Secretariat
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

55. On April 4, Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the “School Chalo Abhiyan” from Shravasti district to ensure 100% enrolment in primary and upper primary schools. This will be an effort by the state government towards shaping the future of primary education and holistic development of primary schools. Government schools must achieve all the goals of 'Operation Kayakalp' which aims at giving schools a facelift. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – launched the “School Chalo Abhiyan” to ensure 100% enrolment in primary & upper primary schools
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

56. On April 4, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a major futuristic PPP (Public Private Participation) mode initiative for Clean Energy with the launch of “Mission Integrated Bio-refineries” to accelerate Clean Energy solutions through Public-Private Alliances. Dr. Jitendra Singh also launched three Material Acceleration Platforms (MAP) set up by Department of Science and Technology (DST) on Integrated Clean Energy Material Acceleration Platform. Dr. Jitendra Singh also announced “National Funding Opportunity on Sustainable Aviation Fuels”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – launched “Mission Integrated Bio-refineries” to accelerate Clean Energy solutions through PPP
- Dr. Jitendra Singh – launched 3 Material Acceleration Platforms (MAP) set up by Dept. of S&T
- Dr. Jitendra Singh – announced “National Funding Opportunity on Sustainable Aviation Fuels”

57. On April 2, Minister of State for Culture & External Affairs, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi launched the website ‘Temple 360’ in an event organized by Ministry of Culture at IGNCA Ampitheatre, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi on the occasion of Nav Varsha. Through this platform people can see and participate in e-Darshan, e-Prashad and e-Aarti which make everyone's life convenient and also keeps people connected. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Temple 360” digital platform – to participate in e-Darshan, e-Prashad and e-Aarti
- The platform launched by – Ministry of Culture
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakashi Lekhi

58. On April 1, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy flagged off 500 “Dr YSR Thalli Bidda Express” from Benz Circle in Vijayawada. It is a dedicated transportation facility for new mothers who deliver at government hospitals. Under this scheme, 30 vehicles are allocated to each district with a GPS-enabled system to ensure tracking of the vehicles on real-time basis so that the beneficiaries can get timely service. The service is coordinated by 102 /108 call centre which operates 24X7. A vehicle is arranged within 30 minutes of a request. Dr. YSR Thalli Bidda Express App has been set up for coordination between postnatal women, nurses and drivers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – flagged off 500 “Dr YSR Thalli Bidda Express”, a dedicated transportation facility for new mothers
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



59. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) conducted drive, “Operation Upalabdh” following the restoration of long-distance train services as the festival and summer rush was expected to bring about a sharp rise in the demand for reserved train seats. The RPF arrested 1,459 touts and blocked 366 IRCTC agent IDs and 6,751 personal IDs as part of a month-long pan-India drive against illegal ticketing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Railway Protection Force (RPF) – conducted drive, “Operation Upalabdh” against illegal ticketing
- HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India | Director General – Sanjay Chander
- Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh

60. On April 3, Andhra Pradesh set up its first “She Auto” stands to provide safe transport to women. Tirupati is the first city in the state to set up special auto stands for women like this. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – set up its first “She Auto” stands to provide safe transport to women
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

61. On April 7, Tata group (owned by Tata Sons) launched its super app “Neu”. Neu will challenge Flipkart, Amazon, and Jio platforms in the digital e-commerce space. Tata Neu is a unified platform that will connect multiple brands across the Tata universe of products and services. Moreover, Tata Group recently acquired a majority stake in Saankhya Lab, a semiconductor firm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata group – launched its super app “Neu”
- HQs of Tata Sons – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran

62. On April 5, a team of archaeologists discovered 65 mysterious giant sandstone jars scattered across four new sites in Assam that may have been used for funerary rites. The details of the discovery were published in the journal Asian Archaeology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Archaeologists discovered 65 mysterious giant sandstone jars scattered across four new sites in Assam
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

63. On April 4, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy formally launched 13 new districts in the state taking the total number to 26. Each district will now have 6 to 8 assembly segments except in one tribal district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy formally launched 13 new districts in the state (Total – 26 districts)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



International Affairs

64. On April 3, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) signed an agreement with the Indian company Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) to set up an Indian Economic Zone at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) in Mirsarai of Chattogram city of Bangladesh. The Indian Economic Zone is being built on 857 acres of land with an estimated cost of Taka 964 Cr supported by an Indian Line of Credit worth \$115 million. An MoU was signed between Bangladesh and India in June 2015 to establish an Indian Economic Zone. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BEZA + APSEZ = an MoU to set up an Indian Economic Zone in Chattogram city of Bangladesh
- Estimated cost – Taka 964 Cr (Indian Line of Credit - \$115 million)
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid

65. On April 3, PM Narendra Modi and his Nepali counterpart, Sher Bahadur Deuba, jointly launched the operationalisation of a 35-km cross-border rail link from Jaynagar in Bihar to Kurtha in Nepal. The 90-km-long 132-kilovolt (kV) Solu Corridor transmission line in Nepal, built with an Indian line of credit at a cost of Rs 200 Cr, was also inaugurated. Modi and Deuba also launched the operation of RuPay cards in Nepal. With this, Nepal became the 4th foreign country to operationalise the RuPay card. The three other countries that have the RuPay card are Bhutan, Singapore & the UAE. During the visit of Nepalese PM Sher Bahadur Deuba to India, BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda gifted him a copy of “Integral Humanism” book. The book is authored by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi & Sher Bahadur Deuba jointly:
 - launched the operationalisation of a 35-km Cross-border Rail Link from Jaynagar in Bihar to Kurtha in Nepal
 - launched the operation of RuPay cards in Nepal
 - inaugurated the 90-km-long 132-kilovolt (kV) Solu Corridor transmission line in Nepal (Indian LoC of Rs 200 Cr)
- Nepal – became the 4th foreign country to operationalise the RuPay card
- Jagat Prakash Nadda gifted a copy of “Integral Humanism” book to – Nepalese PM Sher Bahadur Deuba
- “Integral Humanism” book – authored by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

66. Four public sector lenders, State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank of India have reduced their stake in India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL) to 5% each. The ‘Bad bank’ or the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) will acquire bad loans from banks to help clean up their books, while the IDRCL will handle the debt resolution process of these loans. With the current round of preferential allotment by IDRCL, equity stake of Canara Bank is reduced to 5% from previous holding of 14.90%. While the stakes of PNB, UBI & SBI came down to 5% from 11.8%, 12.30% & 12.30%. Public sector banks (PSBs) will hold 51% stake in NARCL and 49% in the debt management company IDRCL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + Canara Bank + PNB + UBI = reduced their stake in IDRCL to 5% each
- PSBs will hold 51% stake in NARCL & 49% in IDRCL



67. Citibank signed a deal to sell its entire consumer bank business including credit cards, savings accounts and wealth management to Axis Bank for \$1.6 billion (Rs 12,235 Cr). It is one of the biggest deals in the banking sector since the acquisition of ING Vysya Bank by Kotak Mahindra Bank in 2014 for Rs 15,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Citibank signed a deal to sell its entire consumer bank business to Axis Bank for \$1.6 billion (Rs 12,235 Cr)
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of Citibank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ashu Khullar

68. On April 4, the board of directors of Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) approved the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiaries HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited with HDFC Bank Limited. With this, HDFC will acquire 41% stake in HDFC Bank through the transformational merger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC approved the merger of HDFC Investments Ltd & HDFC Holdings Ltd with HDFC Bank Ltd
- With this, HDFC will acquire 41% stake in HDFC Bank through the transformational merger
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | VC & CEO – Keki Mistry
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

69. On April 4, State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with the Border Security Force to offer special benefits to the serving and retired BSF personnel and family pensioners through the Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + BSF = an MoU to offer special benefits to the serving and retired BSF personnel through ‘CAPSP’ Scheme
- HQs of BSF – New Delhi | DG – Pankaj Kumar Singh | Established on – Dec 1, 1965 | Motto – “Duty Unto Death”
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

70. On April 1, Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai released the logo of the “Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank” that will provide greater financial strength for the milk producers. Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah too participated. The state government has decided to computerise all the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). The state government has provided ₹100 Cr as its share capital and the Milk Federation and Cooperatives would contribute ₹260 Cr as their share of capital for the proposed cooperative bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai – released the logo of the “Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank”
- Karnataka government – decided to computerise all the Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

71. India’s trade deficit rose 87.5% to \$192.41 billion in FY 2021-22 as against \$102.63 billion in the previous year. For the first time, India's monthly merchandise exports exceeded \$40 billion, reaching \$40.38 billion in March 2022, an increase of 14.53%. Total exports during last fiscal year increased to a record high of \$417.81 billion, imports too soared to \$610.22 billion, leaving a trade gap of \$192.41 billion. The trade deficit in March 2022 was \$18.69 billion. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's Total exports in FY22 – \$417.81 billion
- India's Total imports in FY22 – \$610.22 billion
- India's Trade Deficit – \$192.41 billion (rise of 87.5% compared to PY)

72. On April 4, Aegon Life insurance partnered with Ahalia Finforex, a Kerala-based diversified financial services firm, to provide life insurance access to the unorganised and unserved segments residing in tier-2, tier-3, and tier-4 towns. Aegon Life has successfully onboarded partners like Flipkart, Paytm, Mobikwik and others. It plans to onboard 100 distribution partners in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aegon Life Ins. + Ahalia Finforex = partnership to provide life insurance access to the unorganised & unserved segments
- HQs of Aegon Life – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Satishwar Balakrishnan

Defence Affairs

73. A commemoration event was held at the Indian Air Force's Helicopter Training School, Secunderabad, to mark 60 years of Chetak helicopters. The IAF inducted the French-origin helicopters, called Alouette III, in 1962 and the state-run Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) handed over its first licence-produced Chetak (Alouette III) to IAF in 1965. Chetak lacks modern helicopter features like moving map display, ground proximity warning system, and weather radar, besides an auto-pilot system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A commemoration event was held at IAF's Helicopter Training School to mark 60 years of Chetak helicopters
- IAF inducted the French-origin helicopters, Alouette III, in 1962
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex

Sports & Games

74. On April 1, Sportswear giant Adidas unveiled "Al Rihla" - the official match ball for the "2022 FIFA World Cup" in Qatar. It is the 14th successive ball that Adidas has created for the FIFA World Cup. It is designed to support the game at high speed as it travels faster in flight than any other World Cup ball. Al Rihla translates as 'the journey' in Arabic. This is the first World Cup ball made using only water-based inks and glues. Al Rihla is the first World Cup ball in the 92-year history of the tournament which will directly contribute to raising funds to positively impact lives across the world. Besides, the FIFA unveiled "La'eeb" as the official mascot for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adidas – unveiled "Al Rihla" - the official match ball for the "2022 FIFA World Cup" in Qatar (14th successive ball)
- Al Rihla translates as 'the journey' in Arabic | The ball is made using only water-based inks & glues
- FIFA – unveiled "La'eeb" as the official mascot for the "2022 FIFA World Cup"
- HQs of Adidas – Herzogenaurach, Germany | CEO – Kasper Rorsted



75. On April 3, during the 15th Governing Body Meeting of NDTL, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur launched 6 new and rare Reference Materials (RMs), which is the purest form of chemical required for anti-doping analysis in all WADA-accredited Laboratories across the world. The RMs were developed by the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) in association with the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)-Guwahati and the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Singh Thakur – launched 6 new & rare Reference Materials (RMs) to strengthen anti-doping testing
- The RMs were developed by = NDTL + NIPER (Guwahati) + CSIR-IIIM (J&K)
- HQs of NDTL – New Delhi | Chairman – Anurag Singh Thakur

76. On April 1, International Chess Federation (FIDE) President Arkady Dvorkovich officially handed over the hosting rights to India for the organization of the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022. The prestigious competition, which has been organized since 1927, will be held in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years. The FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 will take place from July 28, 2022, to August 14, 2022, in Chennai. Over 2,000 participants will battle it out for the top prize in the competition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FIDE – handed over the hosting rights to India for the organization of the “FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022”
- “FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022” – to take place in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (from July 28 to Aug 14)
- HQs of AICF – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | President – Sanjay Kapoor | Secretary – Bharat Singh Chauhan
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich | Founded on – July 20, 1924

77. On April 6, Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz won the Men’s singles title at the “Miami Open 2022” beating Norway's Casper Ruud. While Poland’s Iga Natalia Swiatek has won the Women’s title at the “Miami Open 2022” beating Japan's Naomi Osaka. The tournament was held in Florida, US. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) – won Men’s singles title at the “Miami Open 2022” held in Florida, US
- Iga Natalia Swiatek (Poland) – won Women’s singles title at the “Miami Open 2022”

Appointments & Resignations

78. On April 3, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban of the Fidesz Party declared victory for the fourth time in a row, in the General Election of 2022. His party defeated the six-party Opposition alliance United for Hungary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viktor Orban – re-elected as the PM of Hungary for the 4th time in a row
- Hungary – Budapest – Forint | President – Janos Ader (10th May onwards - Katalin Novak) | PM – Viktor Orban

79. Gianni Infantino is re-elected as the President of FIFA for a third term. Infantino, a 52-year-old Swiss-Italian lawyer, was the secretary general of European governing body UEFA before becoming FIFA president in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gianni Infantino (52-year-old Swiss-Italian lawyer) – re-elected as the President of FIFA for a third term
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino



80. On April 3, Serbia's incumbent President Aleksandar Vucic again won the Presidential election with 59.8% of the votes. Vucic is associated with Serbian Progressive Party (SNS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aleksandar Vucic – re-elected as the President of Serbia – for the 2nd term
- [Serbia – Belgrade – Serbian Dinar](#) | [President – Aleksandar Vucic](#)

81. On April 1, Vikas Kumar, a 1988-batch officer of the Indian Railway Traffic Service, assumed charge as the new Managing Director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) succeeding Mangu Singh. He will hold the post for a term of five years. Singh was the managing director of DMRC since January 1, 2012, and his tenure ended on March 31. Kumar is the third MD of the DMRC after E Sreedharan and Mangu Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vikas Kumar – appointed as the new MD of DMRC (succeeding - Mangu Singh)
- [HQs of DMRC – New Delhi](#) | [MD – Vikas Kumar](#)

82. On April 1, India secured a leadership position in Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) as Ms Aprajita Sharma was appointed as vice chairperson for the same. She will remain as vice chairperson of Council Standing Committee for the years 2023 and 2024 and it's chairperson for the years 2025 and 2026. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aprajita Sharma – appointed as vice chairperson of Standing Committee on Administration & Management of ITU
- [HQs of ITU – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [Secretary General – Houlin Zhao](#)

83. On April 1, PharmEasy, a consumer healthcare app launched #GharBaitheBaitheTakeItEasy campaign starring the Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan as its brand ambassador. The brand is managed by API Holdings Limited. He will also accentuate how medicines, diagnostic tests, and healthcare products are conveniently available at customers' fingertips through the campaign. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aamir Khan – appointed as the brand ambassador of "#GharBaitheBaitheTakeItEasy" campaign of PharmEasy app
- [HQs of PharmEasy – Mumbai, MH](#) | [CEO – Dharmil Sheth](#)

84. On April 5, India's ambassador to Nepal Vinay Mohan Kwatra was appointed as the new Foreign Secretary, succeeding Harsh Vardhan Shringla who will retire at the end of April. The senior diplomat had served in the PMO from October 2015 to August 2017. From 2006 to 2010, Kwatra represented India at the SAARC Secretariat in Nepal as the head of trade, economy and finance bureau. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinay Mohan Kwatra – appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India (succeeding - Harsh Vardhan Shringla)





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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

85. In April 2022, Indian-American singer Falguni Shah won the 'Best Children's Music Album' award at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards for her album "A Colorful World". Indian music composer Ricky Kej won the Grammy for 'Best New Age Album' for "Divine Tides" along with American musician Stewart Copeland. While Arooj Aftab is the first Pakistani woman artist to win Grammy for her song "Mohabbat" in the 'Best Global Music Performance' category. The 64th Annual Grammy Awards were held in Las Vegas, USA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 64th Annual Grammy Awards were held in Las Vegas, USA
- Falguni Shah (Indian-American) – won in 'Best Children's Music Album' category for her album "A Colorful World"
- Ricky Kej (Indian music composer) + Stewart Copeland (US) – won in 'Best New Age Album' category for "Divine Tides"
- Arooj Aftab (First Pakistani woman artist) – won in 'Best Global Music Performance' category for her song "Mohabbat"

86. On April 3, Mumbai-based journalist Aarefa Johari was announced as the winner of the "Chameli Devi Jain Award" for an 'Outstanding Woman Mediaperson 2021'. Instituted in 1982, the annual Chameli Devi Jain Award is a prestigious recognition for women mediapersons in India who have reported on themes such as social development, politics, equity, gender justice, health, war and conflict, and consumer values. The award is named after Chameli Devi Jain, a freedom fighter and a community reformer who went to jail during the freedom movement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aarefa Johari – winner of the "Chameli Devi Jain Award" for an 'Outstanding Woman Mediaperson 2021'
- Chameli Devi Jain Award – announced by Media Foundation
- "Chameli Devi Jain Award" – instituted in 1982

Schemes & Initiatives

87. Loans worth more than ₹30,160 Cr have been sanctioned to over 1,33,995 accounts in the last 6 years under the government's 'Stand Up India' Scheme which aims to promote entrepreneurship at the grassroots level. The scheme was launched on 5 April, 2016 by Finance Ministry with the aim of empowering aspiring Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women entrepreneurs. The scheme facilitates bank loans between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 Cr to at least one SC/ST borrower and at least one woman borrower per bank branch of Scheduled Commercial Banks. Moreover, Stand Up India scheme was recently extended till 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 'Stand-up India' scheme completed 6 years on April 5, 2022 | Extended till 2025
- The scheme was launched on 5 April, 2016 by Finance Ministry for SC/ST/Women Borrower
- The scheme facilitates bank loans between Rs 10 lakh & Rs 1 Cr

88. On April 5, Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched "Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana". The ambitious scheme gives an opportunity to the youth to start their own business by providing loans ranging from 1 lakh to 50 lakh. The specialty of the scheme is that the state government will also give 3% interest subsidy along with bank guarantee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh – launched "Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana"
- Loans ranging from 1 lakh to 50 lakh to the youth for self-employment
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel



Important Days & Dates

89. PM Narendra Modi highlighted the importance of maritime sector on the occasion of 59th edition of “National Maritime Day 2022”, also known as “Merchant Navy Flag Day”, which is annually observed across India on April 5. In 2022, the theme is “Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 5 – 59th edition of “National Maritime Day” or “Merchant Navy Flag Day”
- 2022’s Theme – “Propelling Indian Maritime Industry to Net Zero”

90. The 3rd UN-designated International Day of Conscience was marked on April 5, 2022. Declared by the United Nations, this day is observed in order to self-reflect on our life and try and do the right things all the time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 5 – 3rd edition of “International Day of Conscience” by the UN

91. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrates its foundation day on April 1. It was founded in the year 1935. The RBI is a central bank and regulatory body and is responsible for the issue and supply of the Indian rupee and regulation of banking system. RBI appoints a Governor who is the chief executive officer and the ex-officio chair of its central board of directors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 1 – Foundation Day of RBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

92. “Prevention of Blindness Week 2022” was held from April 1-7. According to the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), India is home to a third of the world’s visually challenged population. India has around 12 million individuals with visual impairment as against the global total of 39 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 1 to 7 – Prevention of Blindness Week
- India is home to a third of the world’s visually challenged population

93. In 2015, ITTF created World Table Tennis Day to get people interested in this competitive sport. Since then, World Table Tennis Day is observed across the globe on April 6 every year. Back in 1926, the International Table Tennis Foundation was founded by Henry Lawes from Wymondham, England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 6 – World Table Tennis Day

94. The “International Day of Sport for Development and Peace” (IDSDP), which takes place annually on 6 April, presents an opportunity to recognize the positive role sport and physical activity play in communities and in people’s lives across the globe. In 2022, the theme is “Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 6 – International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
- 2022’s Theme – “Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport”



Books & Authors

95. HarperCollins India proudly announced the release the “Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero” which is based on the life of Captain Anuj Nayyar and jointly authored by Meena Nayyar and Himmat Singh Shekhawat. The book captures Anuj’s journey of barely twenty-three years, during which he transformed from a reserved but righteous child to a gem of a military professional. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero” book – co-authored by Meena Nayyar & Himmat Singh Shekhawat
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

96. On April 6, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released a book on the life of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda. The book titled “Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak” is written by Prof Alok Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak” book – written by Prof Alok Chakrawal
- Released by – Dharmendra Pradhan

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

97. In April 2022, Top Indian experts managing the national covid-19 immunization programme participated in a “Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training” meeting in Geneva where the need for a basic vaccinology training module for healthcare personnel across the world to address the healthcare crisis was discussed. India was represented by Dr N. K. Arora, head of the covid-19 working group in the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NTAGI). None of the countries in the world has vaccinated more than 90% of its population. Only India has administered more than 98% of its population with at least first dose of vaccine. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian experts participated in a “Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training” meeting in Geneva, Switzerland
- India was represented by – Dr N. K. Arora

Acquisitions & Mergers

98. On April 4, Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, bought 9.2% stake in the social media giant, Twitter for around \$2.89 billion. With this, Elon Musk became the largest shareholder of Twitter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Elon Musk – bought 9.2% stake in Twitter for around \$2.89 billion (largest shareholder)
- HQs of Tesla – California, USA | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2003
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Parag Agrawal | Founded in – 2006



99. On April 4, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved purchase of stake in Hero FinCorp Ltd by AHVF II Holdings Singapore II Pte. Ltd. Hero FinCorp is the lending arm of the Hero Group. The acquirer is owned by investment funds managed by affiliates of Apollo Management, L.P. Apollo Management, L.P., its affiliates, and investment funds managed by its affiliates. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI approved purchase of some stake in Hero FinCorp Ltd by AHVF II Holdings Singapore II Pte Ltd
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

100. On April 4, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) signed an MoU with Directorate of School Education, Kashmir (DSEK), for promoting Commerce Education among students of the Union Territory. The MoU was signed for a period of 5 years. The ICAI had announced a 75% course fee waiver for all levels of CA course for students from the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and for North-Eastern States. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAI + DSEK (J&K) = an MoU to promote Commerce Education among students of the UT
- HQs of ICAI – New Delhi | President – Debashis Mitra | Vice President – Aniket Sunil Talati | Established in – 1949
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha





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