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National & States Affairs

301. On April 15, Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) developed a portal named “e-DAR” (e-Detailed Accident Report). The web portal will be linked to the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD). The portal will provide instant information on road accidents with a few clicks and help accelerate accident compensation claims, bringing relief to victims’ families. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoRTH – developed a portal named “e-DAR” (e-Detailed Accident Report)
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh

302. On April 13, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu flagged off the first flight of Made in India HAL’s “Dornier 228” to link airports as well as Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs) of India’s Northeast region. The flight will be operational from Dibrugarh in the state of Assam to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh and then to Lilabari in Assam. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) has approved a budgetary support of Rs 500 Cr for enhancing Air Connectivity as well as Aviation Infrastructure in the Northeastern region till March 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia + Pema Khandu = flagged off the first flight of Made in India HAL’s “Dornier-228”
- First flight of “Dornier-228” – from Assam to Arunachal Pradesh
- MCA approved a budgetary support of Rs 500 Cr for enhancing Air Connectivity & Aviation Infrastructure till March 2024

303. April 15, a training institute for Drone pilots, under the aegis of the Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA), will be set up in Haryana to support capacity development. Haryana is the first state to create a separate corporation to hasten unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)-driven governance application. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Training institute for Drone pilots” will be set up in Haryana
- Haryana – the first state to create a separate corporation to hasten UAV-driven governance application
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

304. On April 14, the Central Government launched India’s biggest ever Quiz Contest “Sabka Vikas Mahaquiz”, which aims to build awareness amongst citizens about Government’s various developmental and welfare schemes and good governance. The theme of the first quiz is “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)” under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAFPD). In the quiz, 1000 participants can earn Rs 2000 each from 14th April to 28th April. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Government – launched India’s biggest ever Quiz Contest “Sabka Vikas Mahaquiz”
- The theme of the first quiz – “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)” (operated by MoCAFPD)

305. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated Northeast India’s first-ever “Flying Training Academy” in Assam’s Lilabari. The flying academy is developed by Redbird Flight Training Academy in collaboration with the Airports Authority of India (AAI). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya Scindia – inaugurated Northeast India’s first-ever “Flying Training Academy” in Lilabari, Assam
- The flying academy is developed by = Redbird Flight Training Academy + AAI
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sanjeev Kumar

306. On April 16, Maharashtra government developed a first of its kind Migration Tracking System (MTS) application to map the movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant workers through individual unique identity numbers. The MTS project is envisaged to maintain the continuity of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) like nutrition supply, immunisation and health check-up etc. The state government’s Women and Child Development (WCD) department had launched it as a pilot project in November, 2021 in 6 districts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – first state to develop Migration Tracking System (MTS) to maintain the continuity of the ‘ICDS’
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

307. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in collaboration with States & UTs celebrated the 4th Anniversary of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from April 16-22, 2022. During the celebration, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released a quarterly report on AB-HWCs. The central government has provided more than 2.48 Cr tele-consultation services through 1.17 lakh Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) across India in last 4 years. “E-Sanjeevani” is providing affordable and accessible health care to the people across India. The Centre is committed to commissioning a total of 1,50,000 AB-HWCs by the end of this year across the country. The first AB-HWC in Jangla, Chhattisgarh was started in 2018. ‘e-Sanjeevani’ platform is developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHFW – celebrated the 4th Anniversary of “Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)” in April
- The first AB-HWC was started in 2018 in Jangla, Chhattisgarh
- Govt planned to launch tele-consultation facility ‘e-Sanjeevani’ at 1 lakh AB-HWCs from 18-22 April
- Govt plans to commission a total of 1,50,000 AB-HWCs across India by the end of 2022

308. The University Grants Commission (UGC) announced that students will now be able to pursue two full-time academic programmes in physical mode simultaneously. The commission has put together a set of guidelines regarding the same on its website. Students can either choose a combination of a diploma programme and an undergraduate (UG) degree, two master’s programmes, or two bachelor’s programmes. The rationale behind the decision to allow students to pursue two academic degrees simultaneously is to help them gain diverse skills, according to the UGC. The UGC is a statutory body set up by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and it is governed by UGC Act 1956. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UGC allowed students to pursue two full-time Academic Programmes in physical mode simultaneously
- HQs of UGC – New Delhi | Chairman – Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar | Founded in – 1956



International Affairs

309. In April 2022, China's "Zero-Covid Policy" has been among the strictest approaches to tackling the pandemic anywhere in the world. But a recent surge in infections is forcing it to reconsider how it deals with the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched "Zero-Covid Policy"
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

310. During the 'India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue', India and the US reiterated their support for further strengthening cooperation in the fields of Education and Skill Development through joint collaborations. The ministers announced the intent to establish a new "India-US Education and Skills Development Working Group". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India & US – announced to establish the "Education & Skills Development Working Group"
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

311. On April 15, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal announced that Egypt, one of the top importers of wheat from Russia and Ukraine, has approved India as a wheat supplier. This comes amid a sharp dip in Global Wheat Production largely because of the Russia-Ukraine war. Russia and Ukraine accounted for nearly one-third of global wheat exports before the war. India aims to export nearly 10 million tonnes of wheat in FY23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Egypt approved India as a Wheat supplier (as a result of Russia-Ukraine war)
- India aims to export nearly 10 million tonnes of wheat in FY23
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

312. On April 14, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the "Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya" (Prime Ministers' Museum) in Delhi. Paytm has become an official digital payments partner for the Prime Ministers' Museum. During the event, the PM bought the first ticket to the museum through Paytm electronic data capture machine. As the official partner for the museum, Paytm is offering its payment gateway, EDC (Electronic Data Capture) machines and QR code payment options. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated the "Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya" (Prime Ministers' Museum) in Delhi
- Paytm – became an official digital payments partner for the Prime Ministers' Museum
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma | Founded in – 2010

313. On April 13, the Centre has accumulated Rs 96,000 Cr under the "National Monetisation Pipeline" during FY22, crossing the target of Rs 88,000 Cr. The government has set a target of Rs 6 lakh Cr through asset monetisation in FY22-25, and the monetisation target for this year (FY23) is Rs 1.62 lakh Cr. Public sector Brownfield Asset generated revenues and investments worth Rs 1 trillion, 12% more than the target set for FY22, under the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Central Govt accumulated Rs 96,000 Cr under “National Monetisation Pipeline” during FY22 (target was Rs 88,000 Cr)
- Government’s target of Rs 6 lakh Cr through Asset Monetisation in FY22-25
- Monetization target for FY23 – Rs 1.62 lakh Cr
- Brownfield Asset generated revenues & investments worth Rs 1 trillion (12% more than the target set for FY22)

314. On April 15, Extreme IX and PhonePe announced a partnership to enable a faster digital payments experience for over 370 million PhonePe users. PhonePe has become the first digital payments platform to participate in an Internet Exchange in India. [{Read more}](#)

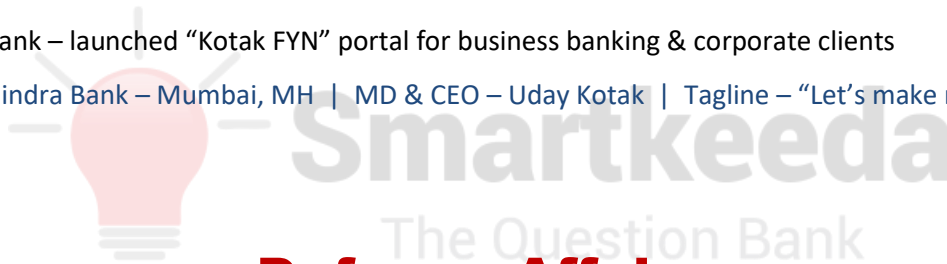
Key Points:

- Extreme IX + PhonePe = partnered to enable a faster digital payments experience for over 370 million PhonePe users
- HQs of PhonePe – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

315. In April 2022, Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL) launched “Kotak FYN”, its new enterprise portal for business banking and corporate clients. The new enterprise portal will offer comprehensive digital banking and value-added services across all products, including trade & services, account services, payments and collections. By the last quarter of 2022, the Kotak FYN portal will include many other services, including account services, payments and collections. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank – launched “Kotak FYN” portal for business banking & corporate clients
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – “Let’s make money simple”



Defence Affairs

316. In April 2022, General MM Naravane and Lt Gen Manoj Pande were on a two day visit to the Pune. At a function organised at the Bombay Engineer Group (BEG) and Centre, General MM Naravane inducted the first set of indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium (QRFV), Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle (IPMV), Ultra Long Range Observation System developed by Tata Advanced System Limited (TASL) and Monocoque Hull Multi Role Mine Protected Armoured Vehicle developed by Bharat Forge. The induction of these indigenously developed Systems by TASL and Bharat Forge would greatly enhance the operational capabilities of Indian Army in future conflicts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- General MM Naravane – inducted the first set of indigenously developed specialist vehicles into service
- Developed by – Tata Advanced System Limited (TASL) & Bharat Forge
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

317. In April 2022, amid the ongoing Russian invasion, Ukraine claimed that it had hit Russia’s Black Sea flagship (a warship) in a missile attack by Ukrainian Neptune anti-ship missiles. However, Russia has said that the warship was sunk because of an accident. The Neptune cruise missile was fired from shore to ship. ‘Neptune’ (also known as ‘RK-360MT’) is Ukrainian anti-ship cruise missile capable of destroying targets within a range of 300 km. Its design is based on the ‘Soviet Kh-35’ anti-ship missile. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ukraine – hit Russia’s Black Sea flagship by using its ‘RK-360MT’ or ‘Neptune’ anti-ship missiles
- ‘Neptune’ anti-ship missiles : Range – 300 Km | Based on ‘Soviet Kh-35’ anti-ship missile
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

318. In April 2022, the Trishakti Corps conducted “Ex Kripan Shakti”, an Integrated Fire Power exercise at Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR) near Siliguri in West Bengal. The exercise was aimed at orchestrating and synergizing the capabilities of the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces to fight an integrated battle. Units of the Trishakti Corps demonstrated their ability to hit hard and swiftly with precision during the exercise. The exercise was reviewed by Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich General Officer Commanding Trishakti Corps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Trishakti Corps conducted “Ex Kripan Shakti” Fire Power exercise at Teesta Field Firing Ranges in West Bengal
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar

Sports & Games

319. On April 11, the first phase of the “Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament”, a two-day event began at the TATA Archery Academy in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. The event was organised by the Archery Association of India (AAI) in collaboration with the Jharkhand Archery Association and TATA Steel. The tournament will be held across recurve and compound events in the senior, junior and cadet categories. The Sports Authority of India has approved a total of Rs 75 lakh to host the tournament in six phases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament” – to be conducted in 6 phases
- 1st phase – organized at TATA Archery Academy in Jamshedpur (by AAI + Jharkhand Archery Association + TATA Steel)
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | Director General – Sandip Pradhan
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | President – Arjun Munda

320. On April 14, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik unveiled the official logo of the 15th edition of the “FIH Odisha Hockey Men’s World Cup 2023” at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium. The quadrennial tournament is scheduled to be held from January 13 to 29, 2023. Hockey India and its official partner Odisha will host the event for the second consecutive time after successfully conducting the event in 2018. World Cup will be staged in two cities Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. India’s biggest hockey stadium is being built in Rourkela and it will be named as ‘Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naveen Patnaik unveiled the logo of “2023 FIH Men’s Hockey World Cup” – to be held in Bhubaneswar & Rourkela
- Hockey India + Odisha = will host this 15th edition of the tournament from January 13 to 29, 2023
- Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium (India’s biggest hockey stadium) – in Rourkela, Odisha
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924
- HQs of Hockey India – New Delhi | President – Gyanendro Ningombam
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



321. On April 13, Netherlands lifted their 4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup trophy after beating Germany in the final at Potchefstroom, South Africa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Netherlands – won the “FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022” – held in South Africa (beating - Germany)
- [Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro](#) | [PM – Mark Rutte](#)

322. On April 12, International Delphic Council, based in Berlin, Germany announced the National Delphic Games in India to be hosted in 2023 to celebrate the vast diversity of India's cultures and their artistic expressions. The National Delphic Games in India will showcase competitions, presentations and exhibitions in 6 categories of the arts. The winners will represent India at the International Delphic Games which will be hosted in an International Destination 2026. The Delphic Games are also known as the 'Twin Sister' of the Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the “National Delphic Games 2023”
- International Delphic Games – known as 'Twin Sister' of the Olympic Games
- [HQs of International Delphic Council – Berlin, Germany](#)

323. Street Child United and Save the Children, India will jointly organise (host) the “Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023”, welcoming 22 teams from 16 countries to India next year. The event will see street-connected children and young people take part in a mixed-gender cricket tournament. In 2019, this championship was held in London where 8 teams competed, and Team India South emerged victorious after beating hosts England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – will host the “Street Child Cricket World Cup 2023” (organised by Street Child United + Save the Children, India)
- 22 teams from 16 countries will participated in the tournament

324. In April, Tamil Nadu defeated defending champion Punjab in the final to win the men's title in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship. Indian Railways team won the women's title, beating Telangana. The tournament was held at Nehru Stadium, Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 71st Senior National Basketball Championship (men & women) – held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu – won men's title in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship (defeating - Punjab)
- Indian Railways – won women's title in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship (defeating - Telangana)

Science & Technology

325. On April 15, National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Hubble Space Telescope has confirmed that the huge 'Bernardinelli-Bernstein' comet is indeed the largest icy comet nucleus ever seen by astronomers. Officially called the "C/2014 UN271", this comet has an estimated diameter of almost 129 kilometres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA's Hubble Space Telescope – confirmed the huge 'Bernardinelli-Bernstein' comet as the largest icy comet nucleus
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded on – July 29, 1958](#)





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Appointments & Resignations

326. On April 15, Electrical goods major Havells India announced that its consumer durables brand, Lloyd, has roped in former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly as its Brand Ambassador for Eastern Indian markets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sourav Ganguly – roped in as Brand Ambassador of Lloyd (a consumer durables brand of Havells India)
- HQs of Havells India – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman & MD – Anil Rai Gupta

327. On April 15, Karnataka appointed Robin Uthappa as the Brand Ambassador for Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KA-BHI). Recognising the need to improve treatment and prevent neurological disorders in the community, the State Government in association with NIMHANS and NITI Aayog launched the 'Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)' in January, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Robin Uthappa – appointed as the Brand Ambassador for 'Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KA-BHI)'
- Karnataka + NIMHANS + NITI Aayog = launched "KA-BHI" in Jan 2022
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

328. On April 13, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu conferred the "International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021" to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh and Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat. The annual award was instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation. He also called for intensified efforts for early detection of leprosy cases and urged the people and civil society organizations to join the campaign to eradicate leprosy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu conferred the "International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021" to:
- Dr. Bhushan Kumar ([Chandigarh](#)) – under Indian Nomination (individual) Category
- Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust ([Gujarat](#)) – under Institutional Category

329. On April 13, Renowned Indian economist and political commentator Prabhat Patnaik has been selected for the "2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award". The award is annually given by the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust to an outstanding social scientist selected from nominations received by a specially constituted national jury. The award comprises a citation and prize money of ₹2 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prabhat Patnaik – selected for the "2022 Malcom Adiseshiah Award" by Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust



Schemes & Initiatives

330. On April 13, the Cabinet approved continuation of revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)” for implementation during the period from 2022 to 2026 to develop governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs 5911 Cr with the Central Share of Rs 3700 Cr and that of State Share of Rs 2211 Cr. The approved scheme of RGSA will help more than 2.78 lakh Rural Local Bodies. Ministry of Panchayati Raj is the implementing agency of the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved continuation of “Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)” from 2022 to 2026
- Total financial outlay of the scheme – Rs 5911 Cr (Central Share – Rs 3700 Cr | State Share – Rs 2211 Cr)
- Implementing agency of the scheme – Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Important Days & Dates

331. On April 13, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin made an announcement in the Assembly under ‘Rule 110’, saying the birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar (April 14) will be observed as ‘Samathuva Naal’ (Equality Day), and a pledge will be administered on that day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 14 – ‘Samathuva Naal’ (Equality Day) – by Tamil Nadu (birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

332. “World Chagas Disease Day” is observed on April 14 every year. In 2022, the theme by WHO is “Finding & Reporting Every Case to Defeat Chagas Disease”. Chagas disease is prevalent among poor populations of continental Latin America but is increasingly being detected in other countries and continents. Chagas disease is also known as ‘American Trypanosomiasis’. It is often termed as a ‘Silent & Silenced Disease’ as the infected majority have no symptoms or extremely mild symptom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 14 – 3rd World Chagas Disease Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Finding & Reporting Every Case to Defeat Chagas Disease”
- Chagas Disease – often termed as a ‘Silent & Silenced Disease’ & ‘American Trypanosomiasis’

333. In recognition of his numerous contributions to the field of pregnancy-related diabetes in India and around the world, the Government of India declared the birthday of Dr. Veeraswamy Seshiah, which falls on March 10, as “National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Awareness Day”. Furthermore, Prof. Seshiah was conferred the ‘Padma Shri’ in the field of Medicine in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- March 10 – National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Awareness Day (birthday of Dr. Veeraswamy Seshiah)



334. Mahavir Jayanti is one of the most celebrated festivals of the Jain community as it marks the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir. Devotees, who observe this religious festival, honour the 24th and last Tirthankara of Jainism known as 'Lord Mahavir'. He was the last spiritual leader of Jainism. This year, the day was celebrated on 14 April. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 14 – Mahavir Jayanti (birth anniversary of 24th Tirthankara of Jainism known as 'Lord Mahavir')

335. World Voice Day is observed globally every year on 16 April. In 2022, the theme is "Lift Your Voice" to bring cognizance about the need of preventing vocal issues and rehabilitating people with vocal problems. The day aims to make people aware of their vocal health. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 16 – World Voice Day
- 2022's Theme – "Lift Your Voice"

336. April 14 is observed as "National Fire Service Day" every year across India to pay homage to the brave firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while fighting the fires. The Day commemorates the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during an unfortunate and massive explosion at the Mumbai dockyard on April 14, 1944. In 2022, the theme is "Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity." [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 14 – "National Fire Service Day"
- 2022's Theme – "Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity"

337. April 15, 2022 was observed as 73rd Himachal Day. In 1971, Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state in India with Shimla as its capital. Currently, Shimla & Dharamshala, both are the state capital. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 15 – 73rd Himachal Day (HP became the 18th state in India in 1971)
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

338. The International Day for Monuments and Sites, also known as World Heritage Day, is an international observance held on 18 April. The day was first observed first in 1983 by the UNESCO. In 2022, the theme is "Heritage and Climate". India is home to a total of 3691 monuments and sites. Of these 40 are designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 18 – International Day for Monuments and Sites or World Heritage Day – by UNESCO (since 1983)
- 2022's Theme – "Heritage and Climate"

339. "Save The Elephant Day" was observed on April 16. The day aims to change this alarming trend by educating people about elephants and the plights they face, encouraging everyone to do their bit and help save them from extinction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 16 – "Save The Elephant Day"



340. The 323rd “Khalsa Sajna Divas” (Khalsa Panth Foundation Day celebrations), popularly known as “Vaisakhi”, was celebrated on April 14, 2022. Vaisakhi, also pronounced Baisakhi, marks the first day of the month of Vaisakh and is traditionally celebrated annually on 13 April and sometimes on 14 April. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 14 – 323rd “Khalsa Sajna Divas” or “Khalsa Panth Foundation Day” or “Vaisakhi”

Books & Authors

341. On April 13, K. Raju authored a new book titled “The Dalit Truth: The Battles for Realizing Ambedkar’s Vision”. The book offers a new critical framework to understand the involvement of Dalits within the Indian political, constitutional and social landscape, with a broader vision of social justice. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Dalit Truth: The Battles for Realizing Ambedkar’s Vision” book – authored by K. Raju

342. Rajesh Talwar authored a new book “The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution”. It is his sixth book for children. Rajesh Talwar has written 23 books, which include novels, children’s books, plays, self-help books and non-fiction books covering issues in social justice, culture and law. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution” book – authored by Rajesh Talwar

343. On April 12, the book titled “December in Dacca: The Indian Armed Forces and the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War” by K. S. Nair was published by HarperCollins India. In ‘December in Dacca’, K. S. Nair writes about 15 December 1971, when the end of the war was in sight, but by no means certain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “December in Dacca: The Indian Armed Forces and the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War” – authored by K. S. Nair

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

344. Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways along with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) organized “Waterways Conclave 2022” on April 11-12 in Dibrugarh, Assam. FICCI is the industry partner for the 2-day conclave. Waterways Conclave aims for speedy development of Multimodal projects in North-eastern region to energize the economic activities and augment employment generation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways + IWAI = organized “Waterways Conclave 2022” in Dibrugarh, Assam
- HQs of IWAI – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | Chairman – Sanjay Bandopadhyay
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi



345. Amid growing defence collaborations between India and France, the 20th edition of Joint Staff talks between the two countries took place during April 12-13 with a focus on strengthening bilateral defence engagement. The meeting was co-chaired by Assistant Chief of Integrated Staff and Air Vice Marshal B. Manikantan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 20th edition of Joint Staff talks between India & France held in Paris – to strengthen Bilateral Defence Engagement
- [France – Paris – Euro](#) | [President – Emmanuel Macron](#) | [PM – Jean Castex](#)

346. On April 15, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3-day “Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit (GAIS)” in Gandhinagar on April 20. The event aims at attracting lucrative investments to make India a Global Ayush Destination in the world. The ground-breaking ceremony for the “WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine” took place on April 19 in Jamnagar in Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the 3-day “Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit (GAIS)” in Gandhinagar, Guj
- WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine – Jamnagar, Gujarat
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

Ranks, Report & Surveys

347. On April 12, the number of patent filings increased from 42,763 in 2014-15 to 66,440 in 2021-22 due to steps taken by the government to strengthen Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime of the country, as per the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. India granted 30,074 patents in 2021-22 as compared to 5,978 in 2014-15. There has also been a reduction in the time of patent examination from 72 months in 2016 to 5-23 months at present. [{Read more}](#)

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348. On April 12, the World Trade Organization (WTO) slashed its forecast for Global Trade Growth in 2022 to 3% from 4.7% due to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war and warned against the global economy dividing into rival blocs because of the conflict. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WTO slashed its forecast for Global Trade Growth in 2022 to 3% (from 4.7%)
- [HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala](#)

349. India will receive a ‘normal’ southwest monsoon (June-September) at 99% of the benchmark long period average (LPA) with a model error of plus/minus 5%, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The LPA has now been revised to 87 cm, the average June-September rainfall during 1971-2020, from 88.1 cm earlier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IMD: India will receive a ‘normal’ southwest monsoon (June-Sep) at 99% of the benchmark LPA
- The LPA has now been revised to 87 cm - the average June-Sep rainfall during 1971-2020 (from 88.1 cm)
- [HQs of IMD – New Delhi](#) | [Director General – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra](#) | [Founded in – 1875](#)



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

350. On April 15, NHPC Ltd signed an MoU with the district administration of Chamba, Himachal Pradesh for development of Green Hydrogen Technologies to produce hydrogen. As per the MoU, NHPC shall develop a pilot green hydrogen mobility project including hydrogen production. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh + NHPC Ltd = an MoU for development of Green Hydrogen Technologies
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh





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