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## NATIONAL NEWS

### April 01

1. What is the extended deadline date for linking PAN with biometric ID Aadhar?

**Answer :** September 30

**Explanation:**

- **The government extended the deadline for linking PAN with biometric ID Aadhar by 6 months till September 30.** This is the sixth time the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their Permanent Account Number (PAN) to Aadhar.
- In June last year, the government had said that PAN has to be linked with the biometric ID by **March 31**.

2. Name the mobile application which is introduced in Maharashtra by the Election Commission?

**Answer :** PWD

**Explanation:**

- **In Maharashtra, Election Commission** has come up with a mobile application called '**PWD**' for making voting easier and implement the poll body's slogan of Accessible Elections for over two lakhs Divyang voters across the state.
- The app would facilitate Divyang voters special facilities including wheelchairs, ramps and transport from home at polling booths during the Lok Sabha elections.

3. How much base rate is declined by the Reserve Bank to be charged from the borrowers by NBFCs and MFIs?

**Answer :** 9.21 percent

**Explanation:**

- **The Reserve Bank** set the **average base rate** to be charged from borrowers by **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and micro-finance institutions (MFIs)** at 9.21 per cent for the first quarter of the next fiscal.
- The applicable average base rate to be charged by Non-Banking Financial Company Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) to their borrowers for the quarter beginning **April 01, 2019** will be 9.21 per cent.

### April 02

1. What is the name of the mobile app which was developed by Bongaigaon administration to attract the first-time voters towards the election process and ensure their participation?

**Answer :** 'Sankalp'

**Explanation:**

- **A district in western Assam** is going the digital way to attract the first-time voters towards the election process and ensure their participation. The district administration of **Bongaigaon** has developed a '**Sankalp**' **mobile phone application** to especially reach out to the **first-time voters**.
- Voters will have to input a few details, like name and age, and the app will track their polling station and other details. They will also be able to sign a digital '**sankalp patra**', promising to cast their votes on the day of polling.

2. When did the wages for the scheme under MGNREGA revised?

**Answer :** April 1

**Explanation:**

- Election Commission has approved a request of the Rural Development Ministry to revise the wages under the MGNREGA scheme from April 1.
- The wages paid under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are linked with the Consumer Price Index for agricultural labourers (CPI-AL).

### **April 03**

1. Which Act is constituted by The Ministry of Home Affairs for the Jamaat-e-Islami and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front?

**Answer :** Unlawful Activities(Prevention) Tribunal

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal**, to determine the sufficient cause to ban **Jamaat-e-Islami, and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)** faction. It will be headed by **Justice Chander Shekhar** of the Delhi High Court.
- The tribunal has been formed by Government after exercising its powers conferred by the **sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.**

2. Which state is ranked first in e-learning training of DoPT of India?

**Answer :** Telangana

**Explanation:**

- For the **second** successive year, **Telangana has been ranked first in e-learning training programme of Department of Personal and Training (DoPT) of the Government India.**
- During the financial year 2018-19, **Dr. MCR HRD Institute** enrolled over 20,000 field staff in different districts of the State to impart training on 12 soft skill modules and three domain-specific modules on RTI

3. Which organizations slashed the transaction charges for small transactions to expand the system's adoption among banks and payment service providers (PSPs)?

**Answer :** National Payments Corporation of India

**Explanation:**

- **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, which runs the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** network, has slashed usage fees for small transactions to expand the system's adoption among banks and payment service providers (PSPs).
- For UPI transactions **up to Rs. 1,000**, the charge has been cut to **10 paise** from 25 paise. The charge for transactions **above Rs. 1,000** has been retained at **50 paise**.

### **April 04**

1. India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) meeting held in which place?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation:**

- On 2nd April, 2019, India and Ukraine have discussed bilateral trade featuring the importance of exports and imports between the 2 countries. The deliberation was part of the 4th Meeting of **India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) held in New Delhi.**
- Both the countries should share the mandatory requirement to be fulfilled at the time of exporting or importing of any product to promote trade.

2. Which bridge has achieved the record breaking 260 feet long?  
**Answer :** Maitri in Indus river  
**Explanation:**
- The Indian Army has achieved a record-breaking feat by constructing '**Maitri**', the **260-feet longest suspension bridge** over the **Indus river** in the **Leh-Ladakh region** in just **40 days**.
  - The combat engineers belonging to '**Sahas aur Yogyata**' regiment of '**Fire and Fury Corps**' of the Indian Army undertook the construction of '**Maitri**'.
3. According to the report of State of Global Air 2019, how many people died due to air pollution in 2017?  
**Answer :** 1.2 million people  
**Explanation:**
- On 3rd April 2019, as per the State of Global Air 2019 report, **over 1.2 million people** died in India due to air pollution in 2017.
  - Nearly **5 million deaths** from stroke, diabetes, heart attack, lung cancer, and chronic lung disease in 2017 happened due to the overall long-term exposure to outdoor and indoor air pollution.

#### **April 05**

1. Name the special feature that has been introduced in WhatsApp for fake news spreaders?  
**Answer :** India-focused fact-checking feature  
**Explanation:**
- **WhatsApp launched an India-focused fact-checking feature to combat fake news and rumours** starting with the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections. The messaging platform said that its Indian users, numbering more than 200 million, can now report uncertain information or rumours they have received to a WhatsApp number (+91-9643-000-888) and check its authenticity.
  - The response will indicate if information is classified as 'true', 'false', 'misleading', 'disputed' or 'out of scope', and include any other related information.
2. Which are all the nations visited by the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on March 2019 as a final visit?  
**Answer :** Croatia, Bolivia and Chile  
**Explanation:**
- President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, reached Santiago, Chile in the evening of 30th March, 2019. This was the final leg of his visit to three nations – Croatia, Bolivia and Chile.
  - Ram Nath Kovind addressed India-Chile Business Forum.
3. How much limit is set for the Ways and Means Advances by The Reserve Bank of India for the first half of the financial year 2019-20?  
**Answer :**Rs. 75,000 crore  
**Explanation:**
- The Reserve Bank of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to **Rs. 75000 crore** for the first half of the financial year 2019-20.
  - As and when the government of India **utilizes 75% of the WMA limit**, the central bank would activate fresh floatation of market loans.

#### **April 06**

1. On which day, 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission under the chairmanship of Shri.N.K.Singh was

held?

**Answer :** April 4, 2019

**Explanation:**

- On 4th April 2019, a High-level discussion on **‘Fiscal Relations across levels of Government’** was held by **15th Finance Commission** under the chairmanship of **Shri N. K. Singh**.
- This discussion was organized in partnership with the **World Bank, OECD, and ADB**.

2. Which insurance company is partnered with Karnataka Bank to provide insurance for customers of Karnataka Bank?

**Answer :** Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company

**Explanation:**

- Karnataka Bank has signed a pact with Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company Ltd to distribute the latter's life insurance products to provide insurance solutions to the customers of Karnataka Bank.
- The pact was signed at the head office of the Karnataka Bank by Bharti representatives of the Karnataka Bank and the Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company.

3. Which company has received its In-Flight Connectivity License from the DoT?

**Answer :** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

**Explanation:**

- On 4th April 2019, **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** has received the **In-Flight Connectivity license** from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for enabling in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) within Indian airspace.
- BSNL and **Inmarsat**, which is the satellite partner of BSNL, also operates the **GX Aviation service** will be able to offer in-flight connectivity to airlines.

## **April 07**

1. Name the Android-based app has been launched for the elder voters in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district?

**Answer :** "Sahulat"

**Explanation:**

- An Android-based application named **"Sahulat"** was launched to facilitate and to encourage the elder voters for participating in the elections in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.
- District Election Officer of Rajouri, **Mohammad Aijaz Asad** launched the application for the voters who are **90 years old or above**. The app has been developed by the **district unit** of the **National Informatics Centre**.

2. Which is the first carbon positive settlement village in india?

**Answer :** Phayeng in Manipur

**Explanation:**

- Imphal West district of Manipur namely **Phayeng Village** has become **India's first carbon-positive settlement**.
- A village is given carbon-positive tag if it sequesters more carbon than it emits, slowing accumulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and mitigating effects of climate change.

3. Who is the first Indian to be elected as the President of All India Football Federation?

**Answer :** Praful Patel



**Explanation:**

- President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Praful Patel**, has become the **first Indian to be elected as a member of FIFA Executive Council**.
- Patel got 38 votes out of the total 46 votes, which only shows how highly he is regarded by the fellow Asian nations.

**April 08**

1. Which two organizations signed MoU to collaborate in the field of standardization and conformity assessment?

**Answer :** Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) and IIT- Delhi

**Explanation:**

- The Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT- Delhi to collaborate in the field of standardization and conformity assessment.
- The MoU was signed by IIT Delhi Professor V Ramgopal Rao and Director General of BIS Surina Rajan.

2. Name the newly renamed Chennai Central Railway station?

**Answer :** Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway Station

**Explanation:**

- **The Tamil Nadu government** has **renamed** the iconic **Chennai Central Railway Station as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway Station**. The station was renamed after the receipt of 'no objection' from the Union **Home Ministry**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced that the Chennai Central Railway Station would be renamed after late Chief Minister and **AIADMK founder M.G. Ramachandran**.

3. The 3-day National Cardiology Conference 2019 held in which place?

**Answer :** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:**

- On 5th April 2019, the **3-day National Cardiology Conference 2019** has been started at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of medical sciences in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** was the **chief guest** of this conference.

**April 09**

1. Who were still using solid fuels for cooking?

**Answer :**Ujjwala beneficiaries in rural Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan

**Explanation:**

- According to a news survey conducted by the **Research Institute for Compassionate Economics**, **85%** of the **Ujjwala** beneficiaries in rural Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan still use solid fuels for cooking.
- Cooking with Solid fuels can lead to infant deaths and harm child development, heart and lung disease among adults.

2. When did the Biannual Army Commanders Conference begin?

**Answer :** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Explanation:**

- **On 8th April 2019**, the **biannual Army Commanders' Conference** began in **New**



**Delhi** for the planning and execution process of the Indian Army.

- The festival was organized by **Delhi-based entertainment company Question Associates Pvt. Ltd.**

3. Which are the two countries have been agreed to signed an assessment in increasing cooperation in security and defense spheres in several areas?

**Answer :** India and Sri Lanka

**Explanation:**

- **India and Sri Lanka** have agreed to increase **cooperation in security and defence** spheres in several areas, including regional security, curbing drugs, mugging and human trafficking.
- The issue came up for discussion when **Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra** called on Sri Lankan President **Maithripala Sirisena** in Colombo during his official visit.

### **April 10**

1. Who Published the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019?

**Answer :** President Ramnath Kovind

**Explanation:**

- On 8th April 2019, President Ramnath Kovind Published National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019 and Atal Ranking of Institutions for Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019 ranking for higher educational institutes in India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The rankings are as follows:
  1. Overall Category – IIT Madras
  2. Top institute in Universities category - IISC Bangalore
  3. Universities category – IISc Bangalore (first), JNU New Delhi (second)

2. Name the joint military exercise conducted between India and Singapore?

**Answer :** Bold Kurukshetra–2019

**Explanation:**

- Military forces of India and Singapore got together to participate in a joint exercise in Babina Cantonment in Jhansi. The three-day exercise, 'Bold Kurukshetra–2019', is being conducted to develop military technology, boost maritime security and bolster the nations' fight against terrorism.

3. What is the theme of this year's Aoleang, also called Mini Hornbill festival?

**Answer :** Empowering women for cultural heritage

**Explanation:**

- In an attempt to set a new Guinness World Records in the category of largest traditional Konyak dance display, around 5,000 Konyak community women, all decked up in colourful traditional attire, danced to the tune of a ceremonial song at Nagaland, coinciding with the Aoleang festival.
- The **theme** of this year's Aoleang, also called Mini Hornbill festival, was '**Empowering women for cultural heritage.**'

### **April 11**

1. Who has been appointed as the Vice Admiral of next Navy Chief?

**Answer :** Karambir Singh

**Explanation:**

- Vice Admiral Bimal Verma has dropped the petition to challenge the appointment

of Vice Admiral **Karambir Singh** as the next Navy Chief. He will be seeking the “**statutory remedy**” of approaching the government first.

- It was aftermath when Admiral Verma was asked to file a statutory complaint to the Defense Ministry by the Armed Forces tribunal under the Navy Act.

2. Which organization formed a committee to look into the alleged erosion of Yamuna flood plain due to movement of heavy vehicles in Haryana’s **Sonipat district** ?

**Answer :** National Green Tribunal

**Explanation:**

- **The National Green Tribunal** formed a **committee** to look into the **alleged erosion of Yamuna floodplain** due to movement of heavy vehicles in Haryana’s **Sonipat district**.
- A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice **Adarsh Kumar Goel** constituted a committee comprising the principal secretary of the Haryana Irrigation and Water Resources Department, member secretary of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board and the director of the Mines and Geology Department.

### **April 12**

1. According to the United Nations Population Fund, how much percent of growth rate is increased between 2010 and 2019?

**Answer :** 1.2% of annual rate

**Explanation:**

- According to the **United Nations Population Fund**, India's population grew to 1.36 billion at an average annual rate of **1.2% between 2010 and 2019** which stands more than double the annual growth rate of China.
- The **UN sexual and reproductive health agency in the State of World Population Report** stated that India's population of **1.36 billion in 2019** has picked growing from **942.2 million in 1994** and **541.5 million in 1969**.

2. Which country signed an agreement with India for smart cities and clean technologies?

**Answer :** Sweden

**Explanation:**

- On 11th April 2019, India and Sweden inked a pact that will deal a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others. The programme co- sponsored by **Indian Department of Science and Technologies (DST)** and Swedish agency **Vinnova**.
- Vinnova donate to Swedish participants up to 2,500,000 Swedish Krona (around Rs. 1.87 crore). From Indian side, provide up to 50% per project to the Indian partners.

### **April 13**

1. Who is awarded by the highest state of honour of Russia??

**Answer :** PM Narendra Modi

**Explanation:**

- Russia awards PM Narendra Modi with highest state honour
- Russia awarded its highest state honour "Order of St. Andrew the Apostle" to PM Narendra Modi for exceptional services in promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between the **Russian Federation and the Republic of India** and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian people.

3. Which is the third most polluted city according to the Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014 – 2019 report?  
**Answer :** Varanasi  
**Explanation:**
- **Varanasi: third most polluted city**
  - According to the "Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014 – 2019 report, the air quality in **Varanasi is ranked third on the WHO's list of 15 most polluted cities in the world.**
  - Fourteen of the 15 most polluted cities in the world, listed by World Health Organization (WHO) are in India, of which four are in Uttar Pradesh.
  - **Kanpur is the most polluted city in the world.**
3. Which biopic movie is banned to display by the Election Commission due to containment of political entity ?  
**Answer :** PM Modi Biopic  
**Explanation:**
- **Election Commission invokes Article 324 to defer PM Modi biopic**
  - India's **Electoral Commission** has issued an order to ban display of any biopic or publicity material during Model Code of Conduct, which could sub serve the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it.
  - The ban was concerned with the **biopic film on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.**
  - Election Commission has invoked powers under **Article 324 that prohibits** display/exhibit any biopic/publicity material when Model Code of Conduct is in force.
4. Which country has announced that India will be the Guest of Honor Country at ADIBF 2019?  
**Answer :** UAE  
**Explanation:**
- **India to be Guest of Honour country at ADIBF2019**
  - UAE has announced that **India will be the Guest of Honour country at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019**, to be held from 24th to 30th of this month. The fair aims to highlight the UAE's rich heritage, showcasing its authenticity and modernity, as well as its cultural and literary output.
  - The Indian Pavilion will host Indian writers, authors and literary scholars who will serve as ambassadors for the literature and art of their country.

#### **April 14**

1. Where did the 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting held?  
**Answer :** New Delhi  
**Explanation:**
- On 11th April 2019, the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) was held at New Delhi to improve the connectivity and strengthen the cooperation in the maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries.
  - This partnership was implemented through the „**Plan of Action (2016-20)** to execute the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity“.
2. Who inaugurated the India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' in Gurugram?  
**Answer :** Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan



**Explanation:**

- On 11th April 2019, Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan inaugurated **India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' in Vikas Sadan building complex**, Gurugram, to raise voter awareness instructing people about the electoral process. At the park, voters will gain information about the polling process and the archives of elections in the country.

**April 16**

1. The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 held in which place?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- On 15th April 2019, The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organized by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and co-hosted by South Delhi Municipal Corporation started in New Delhi. It will conclude on 17th April 2019.
- It offers a lot of innovative solutions that build resilience to climate change at the sub-national level.

2. Which policy proposal has been approved by The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs?

**Answer :** New Urea Policy-2015

**Explanation :**

- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs**, has approved a proposal to extend the duration of **New Urea Policy-2015, from April 1** till further orders. The extension will not apply to the provisions which were amended by a notification dated March 28, 2018.
- This approval will help in continuing usual operations and regular supply of urea to the farmers.

3. In which place India's first exotic Bird Park 'Essel World Bird Park' was launched?

**Answer :** Mumbai

**Explanation :**

- On 11th April 2019, India's first exotic Bird Park "**Essel World Bird Park**" was launched by Essel World Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6-billion Essel Group in **Mumbai**.
- The Park is spread over 1.4 acres of land and surrounded by flora and fauna.

**April 17**

1. India joined hands with which two countries to implement 2 projects in Africa?

**Answer :** Japan and the United Arab Emirates

**Explanation :**

- **India** is joining hands **with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** to implement **2 projects in Africa** as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent where strategic rival China has made deep inroads.
- While **India will build a cancer hospital in Kenya in collaboration with Japan**, it will partner with the UAE to set up an **information and communications technology (ICT) centre in Ethiopia**

2. Which is the most awaited festival in Assam?

**Answer :** Rongoli bihu

**Explanation :**

- **Assam's** most awaited festival the **Rongali Bihu**, also known as '**Bohaag Bihu**' which marks the beginning of the new Assamese calendar year started. Assam celebrates major agricultural events as the festival of Bihu.
  - This festival is observed at almost the same time as **Baisakhi in Punjab, Poila Baisakh in Bengal, Puthandu in Tamil Nadu and Vishu in Kerala.**
3. Where did the 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 held?
- Answer :** India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida
- Explanation :**
- **The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.** It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles. About 500 companies in permanent marts will be exhibiting their collection under these categories.
  - The three-day exhibition has been organized by the **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts.**

### **April 18**

1. What is the name of the bilateral maritime exercise held between India and Vietnam?
- Answer :** IN – VPN BILAT EX
- Explanation :**
- **The Indian Navy held the 2nd edition of the bilateral maritime** exercise between the Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy, (IN – VPN BILAT EX) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam during 13th to 16th April, 2019.
  - The exercise was undertaken as a part of the ongoing Overseas Deployment of Eastern Fleet ships to South East Asian countries.
2. 'Sea Vigil' exercise was conducted by which navy?
- Answer :** Indian Navy
- Explanation :**
- **On 16th April, 2019, the debrief of the Indian Navy** exercise termed as '**Sea Vigil**' (held from January 22 to 23) was conducted. The meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral **MS Pawar**, AVSM, VSM, the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS).
  - It was conducted at the Naval headquarters, **New Delhi** by National Committee for Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (**NCSMCS**).

### **April 19**

1. Which position does India ranked in World Press Freedom Index 2019?
- Answer :** 140<sup>th</sup> position
- Explanation :**
- Recently, **Reporters Without Borders** released World Press Freedom Index 2019 in which Norway topped the index in third consecutive year and India drops down by two positions (138<sup>th</sup> rank in 2018) to be ranked **140<sup>th</sup> out of 180 countries** in 2019.
  - The reason for decrease in India's rank is because of at least six Indian journalists being killed in last one year.
2. Where does the G20 summit is going to be held in November 2020 ?
- Answer :** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Explanation :**

- Saudi Arabia will host G20 summit in **November 2020** in **Riyadh**. This will be the first G20 meeting in the Arab world and the 15th meeting of the G20 (Group of Twenty).
- The G20 summit 2018 was held in **Buenos Aires**, Argentina where Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud represented his kingdom. The G20 summit of 2019 will be held in **Osaka**, Japan in June 28-29.

### April 20

1. How much crores budget has been approved by Union Cabinet to create over 2 lakhs additional seats in 158 central education institutions?

**Answer :** Rs. 4315.15 crores

**Explanation:**

- Recently, Rs. 4315.15 crores budget has been approved by Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi, to create over **2 lakhs additional seats in 158 central education institutions**. The additional seats were created over next two years to implement 10 per cent Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation.

2. Who has issued an order to suspend the LOC trade between Jammu & Kashmir?

**Answer :** Ministry of Home Affairs

**Explanation:**

- On April 18, 2019, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order to suspend the LOC trade between Jammu & Kashmir and Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (POJK). The reason for the suspension is due to an increase in terror funding, drug trade and fake currencies among other illegal activities by misusing trade routes.
- The trade between J&K and POJK is allowed through two Trade Facilitation centers. First, one located at **Salamabad, Uri, district Baramulla** and the second one located at **Chakkan-da-Bagh, district Poonch**.

### April 21

1. What is the single emergency helpline number of India?

**Answer :** 112

**Explanation:**

- **On 19th April 2019, To get immediate assistance to the people who are in trouble**, Union territories and Twenty states have joined in a pan-India network of **single emergency helpline number '112'**, which is implemented by central government's Nirbhaya Fund( 2012 Delhi gang rape case).
- Police (100), women(1090) and fire(101) helpline numbers are amalgamated in this and is similar to '911' in US.

2. With whom Airtel Payments Bank joined hands for a two-wheeler insurance product?

**Answer :** Bharti AXA General Insurance

**Explanation:**

- On 19th April 2019, **Airtel Payments Bank** joined hands with **Bharti AXA General Insurance** for a two-wheeler insurance product offering which is available on **My Airtel App** and at over **40,000 Airtel Payments Bank points across India**.
- This offers various benefits like **70 percent** savings on an **annual premium**, personal accident cover, protection against third-party liabilities and inspection-free renewal through a paperless process.



3. Which company became India's first retail company to cross the Rs.1lakh crore annual revenue?

**Answer :** Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries

**Explanation:**

- **On 19th April 2019**, the retail arm of the **Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries** became India's first retail company to cross the **Rs.1 lakh crore** annual revenue.
- The revenue for 2018-19 is Rs. 1.3 lakh crore, which is 89% more from the previous fiscal.

## **April 22**

1. On which position India ranked among 100 countries in the global startup ecosystem?

**Answer :** 17th

**Explanation:**

- On 20th April 2019, **India** ranked **17th** position among 100 countries in the global startup ecosystem in 2018, from the 37th spot last year in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 as per the data released by **Startup Blink**.
- The **United States, United Kingdom, and Canada** are the **top three** countries ranked the first, second and third respectively in terms of global rankings.

2. Where did Indian Navy Ships Kolkata and Shakti arrive to participate in the International Fleet Review?

**Answer :** Qingdao in China

**Explanation:**

- **The Indian Navy ships Kolkata and Shakti** arrived at **Qingdao in China** to participate in the **International Fleet Review (IFR)** as a part of the **70th** anniversary celebrations of **People Liberation's Army (PLA-Navy)**.
- IFR is a parade of naval ships, aircraft and submarines that are organized by nations to promote goodwill, strengthen cooperation and showcase their organizational capabilities.

## **April 23**

1. Where did the Indian and the US navies' joint submarine hunting exercise take place?

**Answer :** Diego Garcia

**Explanation:**

- Recently, Indian and the US navies conducted joint submarine hunting exercise near **Diego Garcia** in the Indian Ocean in which India's P8I Neptune Aircraft and US P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft along with the USS Spruance have participated.
- The objective of this exercise is to lay the groundwork for coordinating maritime patrol and reconnaissance.

2. As per Startup Blink what is the position of India in global startup ecosystem?

**Answer :** 17th

**Explanation:**

- **India rose to 17th** position in **global startup ecosystem in 2019**, up from the 37th spot in 2017, as per **Startup Blink**. The country list was **topped by the US**, followed by the UK and Canada. Notably, India was ranked above 27th-placed China.
- In cities ranking, Bengaluru, New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune also made it to the top 100.

## **April 24**

1. Who addressed the Naval commanders conference on the opening day?

**Answer :** Nirmala Sitharaman

**Explanation:**

- On 23rd April 2019, the **first edition** of Naval Commanders' Conference held in **Delhi** and will continue till **25th April** 2019. The Hon'ble Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed Naval Commanders Conference on the opening day.
- The themes of "Functional Reorganization of Indian Navy towards enhancing Operational Efficiency and Optimal Manning were the core of discussions in this conference.

2. Who will be able to coordinate any immediate military response?

**Answer :** Ajit Doval

**Explanation:**

- The Centre has revamped its high-level, anti-hijack panel to include top officials in the Prime Minister's Office, especially National Security Advisor, **Ajit Doval** who will be able to coordinate any immediate military response.
- The new panel is called the Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (**COSAH**). It will have 15 top officials including pre-identified nominated members who can represent regular members during their absence.

## **April 25**

1. What is released by Indonesia to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties with India?

**Answer :** A commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana

**Explanation:**

- **Indonesia released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana** to mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties with India. The stamp, designed by renowned Indonesian sculptor **Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuart**, features a scene from Hindu epic **Ramayana** in which **Jatayu** valiantly fought to **save Sita**.
- The stamp, symbolizing the resolve of two peoples in the face of adversity will be on display at the **Philately Museum in Jakarta**.

2. Which is an important festival for the Tripuri tribal community?

**Answer :** Garia festival

**Explanation:**

- **Garia festival** is an important festival for the **Tripuri tribal community** of the state. The Garia dance is very popular among the Tripuris and the Reangs. It is held on the seventh day of the month of Vaishakha. This year's Garia puja was on 21 April.
- In Garia puja devotees sacrifice chicken for ritual purpose. It is a three day festival to honour the deity Baba Garia is held annually on the first day of Hindu calendar month of 'Vaisakh'.

## **April 26**

1. Who issued recommendations on the use of sedentary screen?

**Answer :** World Health Organization

**Explanation:**

- On 24th April 2019, With an aim to develop healthy youths, the World Health Organization (WHO) has issued recommendations on the use of sedentary screen

which includes watching television or videos and playing computer games for children under 5-year-old.

- This is the first such guidelines which are released by the United Nations Agency.

2. Who divested its entire stake in NHB and NABARD to the central government?

**Answer :** Reserve Bank of India

**Explanation:**

- Recently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the central government for **Rs 1,450 crore and Rs 20 crore** respectively. Now the central government holds a 100 percent stake in both these financial institutions.

3. Who launched India's first Green Car Loan?

**Answer :** State Bank of India

**Explanation:**

- On World Earth Day- April 22, 2019 the State Bank of India (SBI) has launched India's first '**Green Car Loan**' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles. The new scheme 'Green Car Loan' will offer loan at **20 basis points lower** than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes.

### **April 27**

1. Which ministry distributed 3,100 special kits are termed as '**SAECKs**' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) and are also called '**rape investigation kits**' ?

**Answer :** Union Ministry of Home Affairs

**Explanation:**

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has distributed around **3,100** special kits among states and union territories. The kits are termed '**SAECKs**' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) and are also called '**rape investigation kits**'.
- This helps to collect blood and semen samples for carrying out immediate effective medico-legal investigations on sexual assault cases.

2. Indian army signed with which industry to build four underground tunnels along China and Pakistan borders for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment?

**Answer :** National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited

**Explanation:**

- Recently, Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, to build four underground tunnels along China and Pakistan borders for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment.

### **April 28**

1. Recently Letter of Intent (LOI) signed between which two organizations to promote participation, skilling and empowerment among young children across different communities?

**Answer :** United Nations Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

**Explanation:**

- Recently, **United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) India** and NITI Aayog's **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to provide an open



platform to promote participation, skilling and empowerment among young children across different communities.

- The plan will be implemented through Atal Tinkering Lab which established under Atal Innovation Mission.

2. Which ministry announced to form a committee to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)?

**Answer :** Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC)

**Explanation:**

- **The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) notified that a committee will be formed to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** which was launched to handle the major issue of air-pollution in India.
- Overall guidance would be provided by the committee to implement and review the progress of NCAP for each financial year.

### **April 29**

1. Who directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to disclose information related to its annual inspection report of banks under the Right to Information (RTI) Act?

**Answer :** Supreme Court bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao

**Explanation:**

- Recently, Supreme Court bench headed by **Justice L Nageswara Rao** has directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to disclose information related to its annual inspection report of banks under the Right to Information (RTI) Act until and unless they are exempted under law.
- The bench was hearing a contempt petition filed by RTI activists **Subhash Chandra Agarwal and Girish Mittal** against the Reserve Bank of India.

2. Name the two entities who launched Web assurance to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way?

**Answer :** Canara Bank and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance

**Explanation:**

- On 27th April 2019, **Canara Bank** and its life insurance partner **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance** launched '**Web assurance**' to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way.
- On 16th April 2019, **Financial Software Services (FSS)** has launched **FSS Voice Commerce** which is a real-time voice banking platform to provide customers with personalized banking interactions.

### **April 30**

1. The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** set up a Committee to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and to recommend measures to increase demand for such products. What is the name of the Committee?

**Answer :** Suresh Mathur Committee

**Explanation:**

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** set up Suresh Mathur Committee to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and to recommend measures to increase demand for such products.

2. According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report what percent of complaints received by

banking ombudsman in FY18 over the previous year?

**Answer :** 24.9% more customer complaints

**Explanation:**

- The banking ombudsman received 24.9% more customer complaints in FY18 over the previous year, said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The 21 offices of the banking ombudsman received 1,63,590 complaints in the year 2017-18 marking an increase of 24.9% over previous year.

3. Who is known as the maker of low-cost sanitary napkins in India with his invention of cellulose-based pads ?

**Answer :** Arunachalam Muruganantham

**Explanation:**

- **Arunachalam Muruganantham**, known as the maker of low-cost sanitary napkins in India with his invention of cellulose-based pads, has made it to Fortune magazine's 2019 list of the world's greatest leaders. Muruganantham ranks 45th in the list released by the American publication.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### April 02

1. Which seven countries participated in the Indian Ocean military exercise?

**Answer :** Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore.

**Explanation:**

- Australia is conducting 7 nation **Indian Ocean military exercise** along with **Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore**. Australia sent 4 Naval Ships and one military aircraft along with around 1000 security personnel making it one the biggest military exercise.
- The exercise is aimed to counter the growing Chinese influence in the Indian Ocean

### April 03

1. What is the meaning of the name “**Reiwa**”?

**Answer :** The first meaning ‘good’ or ‘beautiful’ as well as ‘order’ or ‘command’ and the second meaning ‘peace’ or ‘harmony’.

**Explanation:**

- On 2nd April, 2019, **Japanese** printers have issued the name for its new imperial era which will be set in motion on 1st May 2019 as the public tried to make sense of the meaning of “**Reiwa**” a day after its unveiling gripped the nation.
- The name ‘**Reiwa**’ which consists two Chinese characters, the first meaning ‘good’ or ‘beautiful’ as well as ‘order’ or ‘command’ and the second meaning ‘peace’ or ‘harmony’.

### April 04

1. President Ram Nath Kovind visited which three countries?

**Answer :** Croatia, Bolivia and Chile

**Explanation:**

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** was on a visit of Bolivia from **28th to 30th March, 2019**. He reached Santa Cruz, Bolivia on the second leg of his three nation visit to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile. This is the first visit by an Indian President to Bolivia.

- Ram Nath Kovind addressed the Bolivia-India Business Forum

#### **April 05**

1. Who is the first African-American woman mayor of Chicago?

**Answer :** Lori Lightfoot

**Explanation:**

- **Chicago** has created history by electing an **African-American woman** as its mayor for the first time. **Lori Lightfoot**, a 56-year-old former federal prosecutor and practicing lawyer who has never before held elected office, won the city's mayoral race by a huge margin. She will also be Chicago's first openly gay mayor.
- Lightfoot will take over office from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who previously served as chief of staff under former President Barack Obama.
- **Nepal** is set to organise the **Nepal-India Franchise Investment Summit**, starting from May 15. The two days **Franchise Investment Summit will be held in Kathmandu** in association with the **Embassy of India and Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry**.

#### **April 06**

1. NASA proposes to put humans on Mars in which year?

**Answer :** 2033

**Explanation:**

- After plans to land American astronauts on the Moon by 2024, four years ahead of its previous schedule, **NASA now proposes to put humans on Mars by 2033**. At a congressional hearing on NASA's budget in fiscal year 2020, NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine cited the goal of putting astronauts on Mars by 2033.

#### **April 08**

1. The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off in which place?

**Answer :** Jordan

**Explanation:**

- **The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off in Jordan** with over 1,000 participants from more than 50 countries. The **17th** WEF meeting in the region called for united efforts to address the most pressing challenges of the area.
- At the opening ceremony, **King Abdullah II** of Jordan said it takes a broad partnership to create a platform for economic growth.

#### **April 09**

1. What is the name of the joint military exercise held between Morocco and the United States?

**Answer :** "African Lion 2019"

**Explanation:**

- The **16th** edition of the joint military exercise between **Morocco and the United States** named **"African Lion 2019"** was held from **March 16 to April 7, 2019** in **southern Morocco** in the cities of Agadir, Tifnit, Tan-Tan, Tata, and Ben Guerir near Marrakech.
- African Lion is an annual exercise organised to improve interoperability and mutual



- understanding of each nation's tactics, techniques and procedures.

#### **April 11**

1. Which bank launched a chat banking facility for its customer via Whatsapp and become the world's 1st bank in the Islamic banking sector to give such facility?

**Answer :** Emirates Islamic bank

**Explanation:**

- On 7th April 2019, **Emirates Islamic bank** launched a **chat banking facility** for its customer via **Whatsapp** and become the **world's 1st bank** in the Islamic banking sector to give such facility.
- This chat banking solution allows customers to check **account balances**, **temporarily blocking or unblocking of an existing card**.

#### **April 12**

1. Which mission got the 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award at the Global Water Summit held in London?

**Answer :** National Mission for Clean Ganga or Namami Gange

**Explanation:**

- National Mission for Clean Ganga or **Namami Gange** which is India's flagship programme, was approved, with the '**Public Water Agency of the Year**' award at the Global Water Summit held in **London** on 9th April, 2019.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga was awarded this for its initiatives in the water sector which brings remarkable improvements in the lives of people.

#### **April 14**

1. The joint World Bank-IMF Development Committee and the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee meeting held in which place?

**Answer :** Washington, DC

**Explanation:**

- **G-20** conducted the joint **World Bank-IMF** Development Committee and the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee meeting during the 2019 Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, DC.
- The meeting is held to discuss progress on the work of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

#### **April 16**

1. Which endangered species died in its 90 years in China?

**Answer :** The last known female Yangtze giant soft shell turtle

**Explanation:**

- On 13th April 2019, the last known female Yangtze giant soft shell turtle, 90 years old died in China. Now, there are only three left in the world. The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) declares the Yangtze giant soft shell turtle the world's most critically endangered turtle species.
- The research team is going to attempt artificial insemination and experts conducted an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

#### **April 17**

1. Which country hosted the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence, AI Summit?

**Answer :** UAE

**Explanation:**

- UAE is set to host the world's foremost **Artificial Intelligence, AI Summit** to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society. The inaugural , AI Everything, AIE will take place **at the Dubai World Trade Centre**, between 30 April and 1May.
- The two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society – augmenting the world's happiness.

#### **April 20**

1. Which organization Released the New Guidelines On 10 Ways To Use Digital Health Technology To Boost People's Health?

**Answer :** WHO

**Explanation:**

- **WHO Has Released New Guidelines On 10 Ways To Use Digital Health Technology To Boost People's Health.** The guidelines were based on a **2-year-long** research study by WHO on digital technologies which was inclusive of consultations with global experts.
- The guidelines state ways for employing digital tools for birth notifications, deploying health worker decision support tools and using telemedicine

#### **April 21**

1. Who is the Prince of Saudi Arabia?

**Answer :** Mohammed bin Salman

**Explanation:**

- On 19th April 2019, **India's Haj Quota** has been increased by about 25,000, raising the number to **2 lakh** from 1.75 lakh by Saudi Arabia.
- Saudi Crown Prince **Mohammed bin Salman** gave the assurance to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a meeting in February.

#### **April 22**

1. The 220-million-year-old fossilized remains of nearly a dozen dinosaurs has been Discovered in which place?

**Answer :** Western Argentina

**Explanation:**

- Site containing the **220-million-year-old fossilized remains of nearly a dozen dinosaurs** has been discovered in **western Argentina**. According to **Martinez, of the University of San Juan**, the fossils are approximately 220 million years old, belonging to "an era of which we know little".

#### **April 23**

1. What is the position of India in the Index of Cancer Preparedness?

**Answer :** 19<sup>th</sup>

**Explanation:**

- The Economist Intelligence Unit (**EIU**) has released the **2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)** in which out of **28** countries India is in **19th** position from the top. The wide range of data indicates variation of cancer preparedness of countries i.e. methods to treat and prevent cancer.
- Cancer in 2018 caused 9.6 million deaths worldwide making it the 2nd biggest killer.

#### **April 24**

1. What is the name of the Comedian who won a major victory over incumbent Petro Poroshenko in Ukraine's presidential election?

**Answer :** Volodymyr Zelenskiy

**Explanation:**

- **Volodymyr Zelenskiy** has won a major victory over incumbent Petro Poroshenko. The comedian plays the role of president in a fictional television sitcom. Comedian Volodymyr Zelenskiy won Ukraine's presidential election by a substantial margin.
- Zelenskiy's victory puts the anti-establishment figure at the forefront of the West's standoff with Russia, after its annexation of Crimea and its support for insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

2. Which two countries joined to set up a joint Border Reaction Force?

**Answer :** Iran and Pakistan

**Explanation:**

- Iran and Pakistan to set up a joint Border Reaction Force
- Iran and Pakistan have agreed to set up a joint border reaction force following to counter the increasing number of deadly attacks by militant groups on their frontier.

3. Which countries are the members of Asian Tea Alliance?

**Answer :** India, China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Japan

**Explanation:**

- Asian Tea Alliance, a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries was launched in Guizhou in China. The members of the alliance are the Indian Tea Association, China Tea Marketing Association, Indonesian Tea Marketing Association, Sri Lanka Tea Board and Japan Tea Association.

#### **April 25**

1. Which country would name a new community on the Golan Heights after U.S. President Donald Trump as an expression of gratitude for his recognition of its claim of sovereignty over the strategic plateau?

**Answer :** Israel

**Explanation:**

- **Israel** said it would name a new community on the **Golan Heights** after U.S. President **Donald Trump** as an expression of gratitude for his recognition of its claim of sovereignty over the strategic plateau.
- Israel captured the Golan from Syria in a 1967 war and annexed it, in a move not recognized internationally. The United States broke with other world powers last month when Trump signed a decree recognizing Israeli sovereignty there.

2. What is the name of the malaria vaccine?

**Answer :** RTS,S

**Explanation:**

- The world's first malaria vaccine **RTS, S** is also known as **Mosquirix** has launched in Malawi, one of three countries in Africa in a landmark pilot programme coordinated by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. The other two African countries are **Ghana** and **Kenya**.

#### **April 27**

1. What is the aim of the Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong meeting in Vladivostok ?

**Answer :** To break the deadlock over North Korea's nuclear weapon programme.

**Explanation:**

- Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un holds first-ever talks at the Far Eastern Federal University Campus on Russky Island in the far eastern Russian Pacific port city of **Vladivostok**. The aim of this meeting is to break the deadlock over North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

### **April 28**

1. Which country announced to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019?

**Answer :** Qatar

**Explanation:**

- On 26th April 2019, **UN's International Labour Organization** announced that **Qatar is set to abolish its exit visa system** for all foreign workers by the end of 2019.
- The country was committed to labour reform following an Amnesty international report that the **2022 World Cup host** was failing to stop widespread labour abuse.

### **April 30**

1. What is the abbreviation of GFPR?

**Answer :** Global Food Policy Report.

**Explanation:**

- On 27th April 2019, according to the 2019 **Global Food Policy Report (GFPR)**, rural areas continue to be in a state of crisis and threatening to slow the progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, global climate targets, and improved food and nutrition security due to hunger, malnutrition, poverty, environmental degradation.

## **SPORTS**

### **April 01**

1. Which country has lost to South Korea in the final of Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation:**

- India has lost to South Korea in the final of Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia. South Korea lifted the title, defeating India in a shootout 4-2.
- Hosts Malaysia defeated Canada 4-2 and secured the 3rd place.

### **April 02**

1. YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2019 was organized by which Association?

**Answer :** Badminton Association of India

**Explanation:**

- 2019 India Open which is officially known as **YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2019** was organized by the **Badminton Association of India** at the K.D. Jadhav Indoor hall in **New Delhi** from 26th March to 31 March 2019.



- It was the eighth tournament of **2019 BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour**. The Total Prize money of the tournament was \$350,000.

### **April 03**

1. Who took a lucky Bahrain Grand Prix title for Mercedes after engine trouble in the dying stages denied Ferrari's Charles Leclerc a first Formula One victory?

**Answer :** Lewis Hamilton

**Explanation:**

- Five times world champion **Lewis Hamilton** took a lucky **Bahrain Grand Prix win for Mercedes** after engine trouble in the dying stages denied Ferrari's Charles Leclerc a first Formula One victory.
- Hamilton's win was the 74th of his career but first this season. He is now 17 wins short of Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91.

### **April 04**

1. Where did 2018-2019 PSA World Championship held?

**Answer :** Chicago, USA

**Explanation:**

- On 1st April 2019, **Saurav Ghosal** moved up two places to become the **first Indian male squash player** to break into the top 10 of the latest **PSA (Professional Squash Association)** world ranking. He is ranked at 10th Place which is his career best ranking.
- Saurav Ghosal performed brilliantly in the **2018-2019 PSA World Championship** which was held in Chicago, USA and reached up to the quarter finals.

### **April 06**

1. What is the position of Indian football team in the ranking released by FIFA?

**Answer :** 101

**Explanation:**

- FIFA (The Federation International Football Association) rankings have been issued on 4th April, 2019. Belgium has hold off World Cup winners France to retain the first rank. England rose up to 4th position above Croatia by defeated them in the World Cup semi-finals.
- Indian football team gained two places to rise to 101st position in the rankings. With 1219 total ranking points, the Indian team lies 18th among the Asian countries.

### **April 08**

1. Which entity has won the 15th edition of General J J Singh air weapon Championship?

**Answer :** Northern Command based in Udhampur

**Explanation:**

- For the 4th consecutive time in a row the Northern Command based in **Udhampur** has won the **15th edition of General J J Singh air weapon championship**.
- Between **25th March to 3rd April** the championship was conducted at **Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow**.

### **April 09**

1. Where did CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019 held at?

**Answer :** Axiata Arenain Malaysia

**Explanation:**

- The 2019 Malaysia Open, officially known as the **CELCOMAXIATAMalaysia Open 2019**, is a badminton tournament which takes place at **Axiata Arena in Malaysia**. It has a total purse of **\$700,000**. This year, sports event was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from **2nd to 7th April, 2019**.
- Lin Dan of China has claimed title in Men's Singles category by defeating China's Chen Long, whereas **Tai Tzu-ying** of Chinese Taipei has claimed the title in Women's singles by defeating Akane Yamaguchi of Japan.

**April 10**

1. Who recognized with a Guinness World Records Certificate?

**Answer :** Isaak Hayik

**Explanation:**

- **Isaak Hayik of Or Yehuda, Israel**, has set a new world record as the **oldest active player in a professional soccer** match after tending the goal for Ironi Or Yehuda in game against Maccabi Ramat Gan.
- Hayik, who turns 74 this week, was officially recognized with a Guinness World Records certificate after the game presented by a Guinness representative from London.

**April 11**

1. Who was the leading male and female cricketer?

**Answer : Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana**

**Explanation:**

- On 10th April 2019, **Wisden Cricketers' Almanack** has named **Virat Kohli** and **Smriti Mandhana** as the **Leading male and female cricketer of the year 2019**.
- Smriti Mandhana bagged the women's Leading Cricketer of the year for the **first time** while Indian men's team captain was named for the **third straight year**.

**April 12**

1. All India Tennis Association has collaborated with which federation to train Indian junior players under world renowned Serbian coaches, at the RK Khanna Stadium?

**Answer : STF (Serbian Tennis Federation)**

**Explanation:**

- On 10th April, 2019, **All India Tennis Association** has collaborated with **STF (Serbian Tennis Federation)** to train **Indian junior players** under world renowned **Serbian coaches, at the RK Khanna Stadium**.
- This pact will aim to cooperate within the sphere of competence to work towards the development of junior tennis players in India.

**April 13**

1. Who is the leading cricketer of the year 2018 according to Wisden's report?

**Answer : Virat Kohli.**

**Explanation:**

- **Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year for 2018**
- The Wisden has named **Virat Kohli** as the Leading Cricketer of the Year for 2018

2. Who is the leading T20 cricketer of the year according to Wisden's report?

**Answer :** The leading T20 cricketer of the Year is Rashid Khan.

**Explanation:**

- Wisden Cricketer of the Year
- India Skipper Virat Kohli is joined by Tammy Beaumont, Jos Buttler, Sam Curran and Rory Burns.
- Indian player **Smriti Mandhana** bagged the **Women's Leading Cricketer of the Year**.
- Rashid Khan of Afghanistan bagged the Leading T20 Cricketer of the Year.

3. What is the abbreviation of **AAA**?

**Answer :** Asian Athletic Association.

**Explanation:**

- Eni Nuraeni: Best Athletic Coach in Asia
- Indonesian **Eni Nuraeni** was named by **Asian Athletic Association(AAA)** as the best athletic coach in Asia for the short-haul run category in 2019.
- It was announced by Indonesian athletic sports association (PBPASI)
- Eni coaches young sprinter Lalu Muhammad Zohri to win the 100m gold medal in 10.20 seconds in the 2019 Grand Prix Malaysia Open athletics championships.

#### **April 14**

1. Who is the winner of second edition of the **Roland-Garros e Series**?

**Answer :** Rohit Thakur

**Explanation:**

- Roland-Garros, BNP Paribas and BIGBEN announced **Rohit Thakur** as the winner of second edition of India leg of the **Roland-Garros e Series**, an e-sport competition played on the Tennis World Tour videogame.
- Last year too, Thakur won the tournament and represented India in the first edition of Roland Garros e-Series finals held in Paris.

#### **April 15**

1. Who clinched gold medal under 54 kg at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019 in Cologne, Germany?

**Answer :** Meena Kumari Maisnam

**Explanation:**

- **Meena Kumari** Maisnam has clinched gold medal under **54 kg** by continuing her enthusiastic form to finish on the top of the podium by edging Thailand's Machai Bunyanut on points in the summit clash at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019 in Cologne, Germany on 13th April, 2019.

#### **April 16**

1. Who is the Five-time Formula One Driver World champion of the United Kingdom?

**Answer :** Lewis Hamilton

**Explanation:**

- Formula One driver **Lewis Hamilton** secured a record-extending sixth **Chinese Grand Prix (GP) victory**, snatching the world championship lead from his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas.
- Five-time world champion Hamilton, of the United Kingdom, clinched his 75th career victory and second of the season in the 1,000th Formula One race after overtaking pole-sitter Bottas of Finland

#### **April 17**

1. What is the name of the campaign launched by Chris Woakes and Nasser Hussain for children?]

**Answer :** #OneDay4Children

**Explanation:**

- On 16th April 2019, International cricket council (ICC) cricket for good in partnership with UNICEF, launched **#OneDay4Children**, a tournament-wide campaign to help construct a better world for all child, at the World Cup
- England all-rounder Chris Woakes and #OneDay4Childrenambassador Nasser Hussain has launched the campaign.

### **April 18**

1. Who won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon?

**Answer :** Gelete Burkain women's race and Abrha Milaw in men's race

**Explanation:**

- **Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burkain women's** race and **Abrha Milaw** in men's race have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon by leading a record of 60,000 participants through the French capital, Paris on 14th April,2019.

### **April 19**

1. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a fine of 170,000 Euros on which country's Hockey Federation?

**Answer :** Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF)

**Explanation:**

- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a fine of 170,000 Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for not honouring the Pro League commitments and has given PHF time-limit till 20th June, on failure of which PHF would have to pay double the penalty.
- The PHF was fined because it did not send the national team for the Pro League matches in Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.

### **April 23**

1. Who lifted the Santosh Trophy by beating Punjab?

**Answer :** The Services

**Explanation:**

- In Football, **the Services lifted the Santosh Trophy**, beating Punjab 1-nil in the final at Ludhiana. In the first half, both the teams were goal-less. In the second half, Services scored the lone goal and held on till the final whistle.
- In the semi-finals earlier, eight-time champions Punjab had defeated five-time winners Goa 2-1 to enter their 15th final. Services beat Karnataka 4-3 in the semis via a penalty shootout to book a place in the title clash for the 11th time.

### **April 27**

1. Who got the gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships in the 1500m category?

**Answer :**PU Chitra

**Explanation:**

- PU Chitra defended her 1500m title to give India its third gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships .



## April 28

1. Who are the Boxers and how many gold medals they got for India?

**Answer :** Pooja Rani and Amit Panghal are the Boxers and they got two gold medals.

**Explanation:**

- **Boxers Pooja Rani and Amit Panghal** gave India two **gold** medals at the **Asian Boxing Championships in Bangkok**. Panghal, who had won the Asian Games gold medal last year, defeated Korea's Kim Inkyu in a unanimous decision, thereby clinching his second gold of the year.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### April 01

1. Which city started the 5G network on 30th March 2019?

**Answer :** Shanghai's Hongkou district

**Explanation:**

- On 30th March, 2019, China's Shanghai claimed to have the world's first district with 5G coverage and a broadband gigabit network. It has conducted trial runs of the 5G network.
- The trial runs of the 5G network started in Shanghai's Hongkou district.

### April 02

1. Name the Satellite successfully launched by ISRO in its 47th mission through Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45)?

**Answer :** 436 kg EMISAT and 28 co-passenger satellites

**Explanation:**

- ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45)**, in its **47th mission**, has successfully launched the **436 kg EMISAT** and **28 co-passenger** satellites into their designated orbits from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This was the **71st launch vehicle mission** for Sriharikota.

2. What is the name of the Satellite successfully launched by China through a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre for data relay?

**Answer :** Tianlian II-01

**Explanation:**

- China has successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites into orbit that will provide data relay, measurement and control services for its manned spacecraft.
- The Tianlian II-01 satellite was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

### April 04

1. What is another name of new exoplanet discovered by astronomers using NASA's exoplanet-hunting space telescope TESS?

**Answer :** TOI-197.0 or "hot Saturn"

**Explanation:**

- Astronomers have discovered a new exoplanet using **NASA's exoplanet-hunting space telescope, TESS**. The exoplanet is said to be 60 times bigger than our planet and is five-billion-year-old planet.
- The exoplanet is dubbed **TOI-197.0 or "hot Saturn"** because of its size and hot temperature.

#### **April 05**

1. Name the new enzyme discovered by Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists?

**Answer :** "Murein EndopeptidaseK"

**Explanation:**

- The Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists have discovered a new enzyme called "**Murein EndopeptidaseK**" which helps to cut bacterial cell walls, so it is possible for a new drug treatment that prevents bacterial resistance by existing antibiotics.
- Scientists from all around the world are trying to understand these events. They are studying about Dr. Reddy's lab how Coli bacterial cells act to separate cholera, leprosy, tuberculosis, and many other diseases.

#### **April 06**

1. Who discovered World War II vintage US Air Force aircraft in Roing district of Arunachal Pradesh?

**Answer :** Indian Army along with a police official

**Explanation:**

- A 12-member patrol team of the **Indian Army** along with a police official has discovered the **wreckage** of a **World War II vintage US Air Force aircraft** in Roing district of **Arunachal Pradesh** on 30th March, 2019.
- The wreckage was located in a remote location at a distance of 30km from Roing and was covered by thick undergrowth and buried under five feet of snow.

#### **April 09**

1. Chinese scientists discovered which mechanism in the plants immune system?

**Answer :** "death switch" mechanism

**Explanation:**

- On 5th April 2019, **Chinese scientists** have discovered a mechanism named "**death switch**" mechanism in the plant's immune system that can keep the plant healthy.
- This new mechanism triggers infected cells to self-destruct and thus limiting the spread of the disease.

#### **April 10**

1. Which is the first IIT in India to have a 'Cold Spray' SMART (Surface Modification and Additive Research Technologies) Laboratory?

**Answer :** IIT Madras

**Explanation:**

- American conglomerate, **General Electric** in association with **IIT Madras**, established **India's first 'Cold Spray' SMART (Surface Modification and Additive Research Technologies) Laboratory** in the institution. And thereby

IIT-M became the only academic institution with **High-Pressure Cold Spray (HPCS) facility** in India.

- The High-Pressure Cold Spray machinery has been carried from **Plasma Giken, Japan.**

#### **April 12**

1. Who has launched a new open platform named **Anthos**'?

**Answer :** Google

**Explanation:**

- Google has launched a new open platform named **Anthos** to run and manage apps from anywhere. It lets users run applications on the public cloud or on existing on-premise hardware investments.
- It helps the users to manage workloads running on third-party clouds like **Microsoft Azure** and **Amazon AWS.**

#### **April 13**

1. What was developed by the researchers to study the movement of cells without using labels or dyes?

**Answer :** "dual PWS"

**Explanation:**

- A new technique "**dual PWS**" developed by the researchers to study the **movement of cells**
- On 12th April 2019, a new technique named **dual-PWS**, has been developed by the researchers **to study the movement of cells without** using labels or dyes

2. Which spacecraft carries out first commercial launch with Falcon Heavy rocket?

**Answer :** SpaceX

**Explanation:**

- **SpaceX carries out first commercial launch with Falcon Heavy rocket**
- On 11th April, 2019, SpaceX carried out its first commercial operational mission by launching its Falcon Heavy rocket to place a Saudi telecoms satellite into orbit operated by **Arabsat.**

#### **April 15**

1. What is the world's large stair plane in California?

**Answer :** Strato launch behemoth

**Explanation:**

- On 14th April 2019, the **world's largest stair plane** a Strato launch behemoth has made its first test flight in California.
- It has two fuselages and six Boeing 747 engines and is designed to carry into space, and drop a rocket that would in turn ignite to deploy satellites.

#### **April 16**

1. What is the name of long range sub sonic cruise missile indigenously designed and developed by Bengaluru based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE)?

**Answer :** Nirbhay

**Explanation:**

- **Nirbhay**, **long range sub sonic cruise missile** indigenously designed and developed by Bengaluru – based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile test fired from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.
- The missile is nuclear capable, can be equipped with 300kg warhead.

**April 17**

1. What is meant by (TESS)?

**Answer :** Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite

**Explanation:**

- **Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)** has discovered an Earth- sized planet, **HD 21749b** and a “**sub-Neptune**” world, revolving around the star, **HD 21749**. The star lies **53** light-years from Earth.
- There search study has been published on 15th April, 2019 in The Astrophysical Journal Letters.

**April 18**

1. Who will lead a team to launch CubeSat in 2020, 2021 and 2022 to detect cosmic rays?

**Answer :** Indian American student Keshav Raghavan

**Explanation:**

- **On 15th April 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has chosen a team led by an Indian American student, **Keshav Raghavan** to have its CubeSat which is a mini research satellite to be sent to space to detect cosmic rays.
- **21 year old Keshav Raghavan**, led the researchers from the Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association (YUAA) which is among the **16 teams** across the country whose Cube Sats will be flown into space on missions planned to launch in **2020, 2021 and 2022**.

**April 19**

1. Which country launched its first satellite NEPALISAT-1 into space?

**Answer :** Nepal

**Explanation:**

- **Nepal** has launched its first satellite “**NepaliSat-1**” into space. The satellite was launched in the early morning (2:31 am) of Baishak 5, 2076 on 18th April, 2019.
- NepaliSat-1 satellite was launched by CygnusNG11 mission by NASA in Virginia, USA.
- On April 18, 2019 Sri Lanka launched its first satellite ‘Raavana-1’ weighing **1.05 kg** into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia’s East Shore. The satellite is expected to orbit **400 km** away from earth and will have the lifespan of an estimated **1.5 years**.

**April 20**

1. Who identified a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer?

**Answer :** Kiran Ambatipudi

**Explanation:**

- On 17th April 2019, the Research team led by **Kiran Ambatipudi** from the Biotechnology Department at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee has



identified a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer. The research published in the journal, 'FASEB Bioadvances'.

#### **April 21**

1. What is the name of the mission conducted by NASA from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spacecraft?

**Answer :** NG-11

**Explanation:**

- The Northrop Grumman Antares rocket and its unscrewed Cygnus Spacecraft launched which contains tons of NASA's supplies and 40 live mice to the International Space Station (ISS), from the **Mid-Atlantic Regional Spacecraft at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility** on Wallops Island in Virginia.
- The mission named NG-11, is the 11th cargo flight for NASA by Northrop Grumman, to deliver 7600 lbs. (3,447 kg), the heaviest load for Cygnus still date

#### **April 22**

1. What is used by US researchers to develop gene therapy?

**Answer :** HIV

**Explanation:**

- US researchers have used **HIV** (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) to develop gene therapy that cured **8 infants** who were treated at St. Jude and at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco of a rare combined immunodeficiency disease termed as "bubble boy" disorder.
- Results of the research were developed at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee hospital and were published in the New **England Journal of Medicine**.

#### **April 24**

1. Who revealed mercury is the smallest planet in the solar system?

**Answer :** NASA

**Explanation:**

- **NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration)** has revealed that Mercury, the smallest planet in the solar system has a massive solid inner core.
- The final trip around Mercury before crash-landing in 2015 was made by NASA's „**MESSENGER**“. The spacecraft orbited Mercury for around 2011 to 2015 and it was its second mission to Mercury.

#### **April 25**

1. Researchers at the **Lund University Diabetes Centre** have discovered how lifestyle affects genes and disease development in a human body in a new study. Name that mechanism?

**Answer :** 'Epigenetic Mechanisms'

**Explanation:**

- On 24th April 2019, Researchers at the **Lund University Diabetes Centre** have discovered how lifestyle affects genes and disease development in a human body in a new study called '**Epigenetic Mechanisms**'.
- The details of the study were published in **The Journal of Cell**

## Metabolism

### April 26

1. World's first floating nuclear power plant successfully tested by which country?

**Answer :** Russia

**Explanation:**

- The 70 MW 'Akademik Lomonosov', world's first floating nuclear power plant successfully tested by **Rosenergoatom**, operator subsidiary of Rosatom, state owned atomic energy cooperation of Russia. The ship was named after famous academician **Mikhail Lomonosov**.
- On 25th April 2019, **Japanese scientists** have successfully created the first-ever **artificial crater** on an asteroid, which gave some clue on how the solar system evolved.

### April 28

1. Name the new method to look at groups of Cepheids using Hubble as a "point-and-shoot" camera?

**Answer :** DASH (Drift And Shift)

**Explanation:**

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s **Hubble Space Telescope ejected measurements validate that the Universe is expanding about 9%** faster than expected based on its trajectory seen shortly after the big bang. It was published in **Astrophysical Journal Letters on April 25**.
- The researchers using Hubble as a "point-and-shoot" camera to look at groups of Cepheids using a new method called **DASH (Drift And Shift)**, while Hubble can observe one star for every 90-minute orbit around Earth.

### April 30

1. Which team introduced Optical Character Recognition scheme to develop a method for reading documents in Bharati script ?

**Answer :** IIT madras

**Explanation:**

- The research team from IIT Madras has used a multi-lingual Optical Character Recognition (**OCR**) scheme to develop a method for reading documents in Bharati script. The researchers have also developed a finger-spelling method that can be used by hearing-impaired persons to generate sign language, in collaboration with **TCS Mumbai**.

## AWARDS

### April 01

1. Who is set to receive '2019 Peabody Career Achievement Award'?

**Answer :** Veteran actor Rita Moreno

**Explanation:**

- Veteran actor **Rita Moreno** is set to receive **2019 Peabody Career Achievement honour**. Moreno will be bestowed with the honour on May 18 at a gala event at **Cipriani Wall Street in New York City**.

- **The Peabody Career Achievement Award** is for individuals whose work and commitment to electronic media has left an indelible mark on the field.

### **April 03**

1. Which district has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India?

**Answer :** Kandhamal district

**Explanation:**

- Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), Odisha's locally grown turmeric in its **Kandhamal district** has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India. It is organically grown by tribals.
- In 2018, Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing (KASAM) in Phulbani, had applied for registration of the Kandhamal turmeric.

### **April 04**

1. Who received the 'Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award'?

**Answer :** Dr. Pawan Munjal

**Explanation:**

- On 2nd April 2019, **Hero MotoCorp** Chairman, **Dr. Pawan Munjal** has been honoured with '**the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award**' at the ceremony of Hero Indian Open Golf tournament for his contributions to Asian Golf.
- Dr. Pawan Munjal is a **fine golfer** himself. He has been supporting the **Hero Indian Open** for 14 years, along with the **Hero Women's Indian Open**, the **Hero Challenge series on the European Tour** and the **Hero World Challenge on the PGA Tour** and also hosts **multiple golf tournaments** in India, including the marquee Hero Indian Open for both men and women.

### **April 05**

1. Who received the UAE's highest honour Zayed Medal for boosting the bilateral ties between India and UAE?

**Answer :** PM Narendra Modi

**Explanation:**

- In the tenure of more than 35 years, he served as the head of LIC's western zone, comprising of 23 divisions. On the 3rd of April, 2019, UAE honored PM Narendra Modi with its highest civilian award, the **Zayed Medal** for boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations.
- United Arab Emirates's highest civilian decoration, the Order of Zayed, awarded to those who contribute to international leadership in strengthening relations with the country.

### **April 06**

1. Who was conferred with an honorary doctorate in philanthropy by the University of Law, London?

**Answer :** Shah Rukh Khan

**Explanation:**

- On 4th April, 2019, Eminent Bollywood actor **Shah Rukh Khan** was conferred with an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by the **University of Law, London**. He was awarded this for his efforts to give back to society.

- He has received the merit during a graduation ceremony which had more than 350 students in attendance.

#### **April 07**

1. Who was conferred with the sportsperson of year award in female category and male category?

**Answer :** PV Sindhu and Neeraj Chopra

**Explanation:**

- **The Indian subsidiary of ESPN** (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), ESPN India (espn.in) declared the **ESPN India awards for 2018** in which PV Sindhu was conferred with the sportsperson of year award in female category and Neeraj Chopra was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in Male category.

#### **April 08**

1. Which company received "Global Slag Company of the Year "award?

**Answer :** Tata Steel

**Explanation:**

- On 5th April 2019, **Tata Steel** bagged the ‘**Global Slag Company of the Year**’ award at the **14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019**, for its innovative practices in the development of new applications for **Steel by-products (Slag)**.

#### **April 09**

1. Which railway station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?

**Answer :** Guwahati Railway Station

**Explanation:**

- The **Guwahati Railway Station** has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an **ISO(International Organisation for Standardisation)** certification from the **National Green Tribunal(NGT)**.
- It has been given this certificate for providing passenger amenities in a clean and green environment.

#### **April 10**

1. Who received the Lifetime Contribution to Media category award at the All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards 2019?

**Answer :** Mahendra Mohan Gupta

**Explanation:**

- **The All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards 2019** was **held on 8th April, 2019** at **Durbar Hall, Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi**.
- Under **Lifetime Contribution to Media category**, **Mahendra Mohan Gupta** was awarded.

#### **April 11**

1. Which organization bagged the prestigious AIMA Managing India Award 2019 for outstanding PSU of the year?

**Answer :** Indian Oil Corporation

**Explanation:**

- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has bagged the prestigious “**AIMA Managing**



**India Award 2019 for outstanding PSU of the year.**"The award was presented by former President Pranab Mukherjee to **Sanjiv Singh, Chairman, IndianOil.**

- **The All India Management Association (AIMA)**, the apex body of management professionals in the country, is committed to enhancing business excellence through its multi faceted activities.

#### **April 12**

1. Who was honoured with the Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award?

**Answer :** Sudhanshu Kumar

**Explanation:**

- **Digital Sukoon founder, Sudhanshu Kumar** was honoured with the **Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council** at Hotel Sea Princess Juhu Mumbai.
- Among the awardee, **Digital Sukoon** was **the Best Digital Agency of the Year 2019** to receive the award.

#### **April 14**

1. Which image won the prestigious World Press Photo of the year?

**Answer :** Image of a little girl crying

**Explanation:**

- On 12th April 2019, An image of **a little girl crying**, as she and her mother have been taken into custody by US border officials in Texas won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year.
- Veteran Getty photographer **John Moore** took the picture in the Rio Grande Valley on 12th June 2018.

#### **April 15**

1. Who has selected as the winner of the 2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Awards?

**Answer :** Mint's Teena Thacker

**Explanation:**

- Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism has selected Mint's **Teena Thacker** as the winner of the 2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Awards.
- She has been conferred with this award for her long story titled How Johnson & Johnson is scooting from the hip in Mint.

#### **April 16**

1. Who have been selected for 'UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019'?

**Answer :** Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone

**Explanation:**

- Reuters journalists, **Kyaw Soe Oo** and **Wa Lone** have been selected for **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019** are being conferred as praise to their commitment, courage and resistance to freedom of expression.

#### **April 17**

1. Which bank has been honored with the prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award?

**Answer :** Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB)

**Explanation:**

- On 12th April 2019, Fincare **Small Finance Bank (SFB)** has been honoured with the prestigious **Celent Model Bank 2019 Award** in Financial Inclusion category, for "Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses".
- The Award was announced on its **12th anniversary** in 2019 and was organized by Celent in New York.

### **April 18**

1. Who awarded three teams of Indian students in its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Exploration Rover Challenge 2019?

**Answer : NASA**

**Explanation:**

- NASA has awarded three teams of Indian students in its **25th Annual Human Exploration Rover challenge 2019** at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama.
- The program invites college students and high school students to develop and test roving vehicles for future missions to the Mars, Moon and beyond.

### **April 20**

1. Who was honored in the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK's Royal Society?

**Answer : Yusif Hamied**

**Explanation:**

- On 18th April 2019, Padma Bhushan awardee Yusuf Hamied (82) who is the chairman of Cipla pharmaceutical company was honoured in the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK's Royal Society.
- It is an independent scientific academy of the UK and the Commonwealth, for promoting excellence in science.

### **April 21**

1. Who have received medals of Honor for their dedicated service and sacrifice for serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)?

**Answer : 150 Indian peacekeepers.**

**Explanation:**

- A total of **150 Indian peacekeepers serving with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) have received medals of honour** for their dedicated service and sacrifice.
- The medals were given to the 150 Indian peacekeepers serving in **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) in Malakal** during a ceremony filled with parades and performances by a piped band.

### **April 22**

1. Who has been inducted into the 10th class of Cleveland Hall of Fame?

**Answer : Prof. Sree N Sreenath**

**Explanation:**

- Prof. **Sree N Sreenath**, President of Sewa International since 2009, has been inducted into the **10th class of Cleveland Hall of Fame** along with five other inductees Paul Burick, Ingrida Bublys, Dr. Akram Boutros, Richard Fleischman and Marilyn Madigan from over 100 nominations.

### April 23

1. Which Malayalam film won the best cinematography award at the Beijing International Film Festival?

**Answer :** Bhayanakam(Fear)

**Explanation:**

- **Malayalam film Bhayanakam (Fear) directed by Jayaraj** won the **best cinematography award at the Beijing International Film Festival**. The cinematography was done by Nikihil S Praveen.
- The film had also won the best cinematography award at the 65th National Film Awards. Both Jayaraj and lead actor, writer and journalist Renji Panicker who attended the festival received the award.

### April 24

1. Name the three organizations that conferred with the Swaccha Pakhwada Award?

**Answer :** All India Radio, Publication Division and Children's Film Society of India

**Explanation:**

- Three organizations All India Radio, Publication Division and Children's Film Society of India conferred Swaccha Pakhwada Award 2019. The award was given by Amit Khare, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- The award was received by Director General of All India Radio F. Sheheryar and Director General (News) Ms. Ira Joshi on behalf of All India Radio.

### April 27

1. Who was awarded with The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019'?

**Answer :** Author Rana Dasgupta

**Explanation:**

- **The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019** was awarded to author **Rana Dasgupta** for his 2010 novel "Solo" which is a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence. It is the **second** edition of the **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize**.
- Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize aims to revive poetry and books that can change lives. Indian Poets, novelists and Playwrights writing in officially recognized languages or dialects of the Indian subcontinent, including English.

### April 28

1. Who received the Corporate Excellence Award?

**Answer :** Prasanna Kumar Rao

**Explanation:**

- **Managing Director, Heidelberg Prominent Fluid Controls India Pvt. Ltd., Prasanna Kumar Rao**, received the Corporate Excellence award in the Manufacturing Industry, from Enterprise Asia of Malaysia for 2019, at event in Andaz, Hyatt Hotel, New Delhi.

### April 29

1. Who has been honoured with the "Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division"?

**Answer :** Jacques Kallis

**Explanation:**

- On 25th April 2019, Former South African cricketer, **Jacques Kallis** has been honoured with the **Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division** for his contribution to cricket and for putting South Africa on the global sporting map by **Cyril Ramaphosa**, President of South Africa during the National Orders ceremony at the Sefako Makgatho Presidential Guest House in Pretoria, South Africa.

### **April 30**

1. Who was recently restored our fledgeling faith in humanity?

**Answer :**Derek C Lalchhanhima

**Explanation:**

- Accolades continue to pour in for **Derek C Lalchhanhima**, the six-year-old boy from **Mizoram**, who recently restored our fledgeling faith in humanity by rushing to the hospital a chicken he had accidentally run over with his cycle.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **April 01**

1. Name the two Special Expenditure Observers appointed by Election Commission?

**Answer :** Shailendra Handa and Ms. Madhu Mahajan

**Explanation:**

- **Election Commission** has appointed two eminent former Civil Servants **Shailendra Handa and Ms. Madhu Mahajan as Special Expenditure Observers** for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections.
- **Shailendra Handa** has been deployed in **Maharashtra** and **Madhu Mahajan** has been deployed in **Tamil Nadu**.

### **April 02**

1. What is the name of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Chief Executive?

**Answer :** Manu Sawhney

**Explanation:**

- **Manu Sawhney** took over as the **International Cricket Council (ICC) Chief Executive**. Sawhney has been working alongside as the outgoing CEO David Richardson for the last six weeks to ensure a smooth transition within the organisation.
- Richardson will remain with the ICC until July as originally planned to oversee the delivery of the upcoming Men's Cricket World Cup 2019.

### **April 03**

1. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Sequoia Capital India?

**Answer :** Rajan Anandan

**Explanation:**

- **Rajan Anandan**, Google's Vice President for South East Asia and India, has quit the company and **joined Sequoia Capital India as a Managing Director**.
- Anandan will continue at Google till the end of April and Vikas Agnihotri, Country Director, Sales will take on the responsibility in the interim for Google India.

### **April 04**

1. Who has been appointed as the Senior Air Staff Officer of Western Air Command?



**Answer :** Air Marshal D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM

**Explanation:**

- On 3rd April 2019, **Air Marshal D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM** has been appointed as **Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command**.
- He was commissioned on 22nd December 1983.

#### **April 05**

1. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?

**Answer :** Vipin Anand

**Explanation:**

- Vipin Anand has assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). In March 2019, he was appointed by Centre as the LIC MD.

#### **April 06**

1. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of IL&FS?

**Answer :** Chandra Shekhar Rajan

**Explanation:**

- On 3rd April 2019, the non-executive director of IL&FS, **Chandra Shekhar Rajan** has been appointed as **managing director of IL&FS**. He will succeed **Vineet Nayyar** who will be the executive vice chairman.
- This decision was taken under the **chairmanship of Uday Kotak** at the board meeting.

#### **April 07**

1. Who has been appointed as the new chairman and vice chairman of IT industry's apex body Nasscom?

**Answer :** new Chairman of Nasscom : **Keshav Murugesh** and new vice Chairman of Nasscom : **U.B. Pravin Rao**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian IT industry's apex body **Nasscom** said WNS global services' Chief Executive **Keshav Murugesh will be its new Chairman for fiscal 2019-20**. Global software services' Infosys' Chief Operating Officer **U.B. Pravin Rao will be the new Vice Chairman** of Nasscom for FY20.
- Murugesh succeeded Wipro board member and chief strategy officer Rishad Premji, who was the apex body's chairman for fiscal 2018-19.

#### **April 09**

1. Who has been appointed as the Interim Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of the Pawan Hans Limited?

**Answer :** Usha Padhee

**Explanation:**

- **On 7th April, 2019, Usha Padhee**, joint secretary in the civil aviation ministry take over as additional charge of the post of Interim Chairman and Managing Director (**CMD**) of the Pawan Hans Limited.
- She has been given charge of interim CMD of the helicopter services providing company.

### April 10

1. Who has been appointed as the President of International Chamber of Commerce-India?

**Answer :** Vikramjit Singh Sahney

**Explanation:**

- On 8th April 2019, **Vikramjit Singh Sahney**, Chairman of SUN Group, elected as the **President of International Chamber of Commerce-India**.
- On coming May ICC India going to conduct a Mega-Project in **Paris**

### April 11

1. Who took over as the prime minister of Haiti by President Jovenel Moise?

**Answer :** Jean Michel Lapin

**Explanation:**

- On 9th April 2019, The acting Prime Minister of Haiti, **Jean Michel Lapin** Confirmed as the country's new **Prime Minister** by the **President Jovenel Moise**. He succeeds **Jean-Henry Ceant**.
- Lapin is the **third Premier** under President Moise since he came to office in February 2017.

### April 12

1. Who has been appointed as the first Chief Justice of newly-constituted Andhra Pradesh High Court?

**Answer :** Justice Vikram Nath

**Explanation:**

- **Justice Vikram Nath**, the senior most judge of Allahabad High Court, was appointed as the **first Chief Justice** of the newly-constituted **Andhra Pradesh High Court**.
- The new Andhra Pradesh High court was established on January 1 this year following the division of a combined high court of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

### April 13

1. Who has been appointed as the new secretary of Defence Finance?

**Answer:** Gargi Kaul

**Explanation:**

- **Gargi Kaul designated as new Secretary, Defence Finance**  
On 9th April 2019, **Gargi Kaul**, a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS) was appointed as the **secretary, Defence Finance** as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle. The senior bureaucrat, Kaul currently serving as **Financial Advisor** (Defence Services), **Ministry of Defence**.

2. Name the MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank and Canara Bank?

**Answer:** Indian Overseas Bank MD and CEO : Karnam Sekar Canara Bank MD and CEO: R A Sankara Narayanan

**Explanation:**

- Karnam Sekar to take over as MD, CEO of Indian Overseas Bank
- The government said **Karnam Sekar**, MD and CEO of the erstwhile Dena Bank, **will take over as MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank** from July 1. His term will end in June next year. He will work as officer on special duty and whole-time

director with IOB till the end of June this year.

- Also, **R A Sankara Narayanan**, former MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank, will move to **Canara Bank** in the same position. His term will end in January 2020.
- Extra info : Indian Overseas Bank Headquarters: Chennai

#### **April 14**

1. Who is the first woman vice chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)?

**Answer :** Professor Najma Akhtar

**Explanation:**

- President of India, in his capacity as the Visitor of the **Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)**, appointed **Professor Najma Akhtar as the vice-chancellor** of the varsity, making her the **first** woman to hold the charge. She has been appointed for a period of five years.
- A widely acclaimed educationist, Professor Akhtar is also the first lady vice chancellor of any central university in Delhi.

#### **April 15**

1. Who sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Palestinian?

**Answer :** Mohammed Ishtayeh

**Explanation:**

- On 14th April 2019, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accepted the oath of office from the **new 24-member** cabinet headed by **Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtayeh**.
- Mohammed Ishtayeh is a veteran peace negotiator and harsh critic of Gaza's Hamas rulers.

#### **April 17**

1. Who has been appointed as the Chief People Officer (CPO) of PwC India ?

**Answer :** Padmaja Alaganandan

**Explanation:**

- PwC India announced the appointment of Padmaja Alaganandan as the firm's new Chief People Officer (CPO). She takes over the role from **Jagjit Singh**.
- Padmaja has been associated with PwC for the last eight years. Earlier, she was the Technology sector lead for PwC's Advisory Line of Service.

2. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of Punjab National Bank (PNB)?

**Answer :** Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi

**Explanation:**

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed **Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi** as the Executive Director of the bank.
- Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi had joined PNB as a management trainee in 1985.

#### **April 18**

1. Name the first Indian inducted to the prestigious National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) by The US Department of Interior inducted its very first Indian?

**Answer :** Sanjay Kumar

**Explanation:**

- **The US Department of Interior inducted its very first Indian, Delhi-based Sanjay Kumar**, CEO of Geospatial Media and Communications and Secretary General of World Geospatial Industry Council (**WGIC**), to its prestigious National

**April 19**

1. Who is the chairman of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) committed to the development of a vibrant Indian Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem?

**Answer :** Jitendra Chaddah

**Explanation:**

- The premier Industry body India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) committed to the development of a vibrant Indian Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem has appointed Jitendra Chaddah, Intel India senior director for operations and strategy, as Chairman.
- He succeeds Anil Kumar Muniswamy.

**April 20**

1. Who is the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon?

**Answer :** Dr.Suhel Ajaz khan

**Explanation:**

- Deputy Chief of mission in the embassy of India in Riyadh, Dr.Suhel Ajaz khan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon. He hails from Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- He completed MBBS from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore.

**April 21**

1. Who took over as the Member (Materials Management) of Railway Board?

**Answer :** VP Pathak

**Explanation:**

- Indian Railway Stores Service Officer of 1980 batch **VP Pathak has taken over as Member (Materials Management) Railway Board.** Prior to his assuming the post, the officer had been working as Director General (RS), Railway Board since June 12, 2018.
- Mr Pathak graduated in Civil engineering with Honours from Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad in 1979.

**April 23**

1. Who has been appointed as the Exclusive Corporate Ambassador to the Indian Business Community of Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) ?

**Answer :** Ravi Shastri

**Explanation:**

- Former Cricketer **Ravi Shastri appointed as Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) exclusive Corporate Ambassador to the Indian Business Community.** As brand Ambassador Ravi Shastri may attract more Indian business leaders to set up or expand their operations in UAE through RAKEZ.
- This first-of-its-kind approach is one of the many other initiatives that RAKEZ will be launching in the future to attract more investors from all over the world and boost the economic growth of Ras Al Khaimah.

**April 24**



1. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Indo- American Arts Council (IAAC)?

**Answer :** Vikas Khanna

**Explanation:**

- **Vikas Khanna**, Michelin-star chef has been named brand ambassador of Indo- American Arts Council (**IAAC**), a leading cultural organisation which will organise the annual New York Indian Film Festival (**NYIFF**) that would showcase the chef's film, **The Last Color**, and Nawazuddin Siddiqui-starrer "Photograph".

2. Who has been appointed as the MD of Twitter India?

**Answer :** Manish Maheshwari

**Explanation:**

- Twitter appoints Manish Maheshwari as India MD
- **Twitter India appointed Manish Maheshwari**, ex-CEO of Network18 Digital, as the Managing Director for its India operations. Maheshwari will be responsible for driving an integrated business strategy to accelerate Twitter's audience and revenue growth in the country.

#### **April 25**

1. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank?

**Answer :** Karnam Sekar

**Explanation:**

- **Karnam Sekar**, Dena Bank's former Managing Director has been newly appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank. He would take up the position from July 1, 2019.
- He has been working as an officer on special duty and Whole Time Director in IOB (Indian Overseas Bank) from April 1 till the time of taking over charge from **R Subramaniakumar** who was the erstwhile CEO and MD.

#### **April 26**

1. Who appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles?

**Answer :** General (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Suhag

**Explanation:**

- General (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Suhag has appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles. He will soon be taking over the new position.

#### **April 27**

1. Who has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of LIC Housing Finance?

**Answer :** Siddhartha Mohanty

**Explanation:**

- On 25th April 2019, former executive director of LIC of India, **Siddhartha Mohanty** has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of LIC Housing Finance.
- He started his career with LIC of India in 1985.

#### **April 28**

1. Who has been appointed as the new technical director for Indian football team?

**Answer :** Romanian football manager Doru Iusac

**Explanation:**

- **Romanian football manager, Doru Isac** has been appointed as the **new technical director for Indian football team**. He succeeds Savio Madeira, who has been the interim technical director since 2017.
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) interviewed Isac, Jorge Castelo and Gairoz Darsadze on 22 April 2019 for the post, but Isac, 56-year-old emerged as the number one choice because of his youth-oriented approach.

**April 29**

1. Who elected as the general secretary of the All India Federation of PTI Employees' Unions (AIFPTIEU)?

**Answer :** M S Yadav

**Explanation:**

- On 27th April 2019, **M S Yadav** has been elected as **general secretary** of the All India Federation of PTI Employees' Unions (AIFPTIEU) by the 45 elected council members from different regions.

## **ECONOMY**

**April 01**

1. Based on market capitalization which organization becomes the India's second largest Govt-owned Financial Firm after State Bank of India (SBI)?

**Answer :** Power Finance Corporation

**Explanation:**

- After acquiring a majority stake in REC Ltd (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), center backed **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)** become **India's second largest Govt-owned Financial Firm** after State Bank of India (SBI), based on market capitalization.
- PFC has bought the 52.63% controlling stake in REC through Rs 14,500 crore deal with Union government

**April 02**

1. How much anti-dumping duty imposed on the import of certain solar cell Components from China, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Thailand for a period of 5 years?

**Answer :** USD 1559 per tonne

**Explanation:**

- In order to safeguard domestic players against cheap shipments, **Department of Revenue, Government of India** has imposed anti-dumping duty up to **USD 1559 per tonne** on the import of certain solar cell components (**Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Sheet for Solar Module**) from **China, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Thailand for a period of 5 years**.
- This move is taken on the recommendation of Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), which is the Investigation Arm of Ministry of Commerce.

**April 03**

1. How much Gross GST revenue collected in the month of March 2019?

**Answer :** Rs 1,06,577 crore

**Explanation:**

- Total Gross GST revenue collected in the month of March, 2019 has crossed the Rupees One Lakh Crore mark as it has recorded the collection of **Rs.1,06,577 crore** of which **CGST is Rs. 20,353 crore, SGST is Rs.27,520 crore, IGST is Rs.50,418 crore** (including Rs. 23,521crore collected on imports) and **Cess is Rs. 8,286 crore** (including Rs. 891crore collected on imports).
- Since the launch GST, the collection during March, 2019 has been the highest.

#### April 04

1. The real estate company Talenmark announced that The Biggest Cultural Center of India is to be constructed in which city?

**Answer :** Calicut, Kerala.

**Explanation:**

- India's future forward real estate company, **Talenmark** announced that their ambitious and iconic structure deemed to be **"The Biggest Cultural Center of India" is under construction in Calicut, Kerala.**
- The unique building is more than 80 per cent finished and will be ready for launch in **March 2020**. The Cultural Monument that promises to be something that all Indians will be proud of was conceived as part of the 125 acres integrated township project 'Markaz Knowledge City'.

#### April 05

1. In the first bi-monthly monetary policy RBI cut repo rate by what basis points?

**Answer :** 25 bps to 6 percent

**Explanation:**

- **The RBI cut key short-term lending (repo) rate by 25 bps to 6 percent** at its **First bi-monthly monetary policy review** of the ongoing fiscal. The MPC decided to keep the monetary policy stance unchanged at neutral.
- Consequently, the **reverse repo rate** under the **LAF** stands adjusted to **5.75**percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) **rate and the Bank Rate to 6.25 percent.**

#### April 06

1. Which are the first Indian exchanges to sign MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with MOEX (Moscow Exchange) ?

**Answer :** BSE and INX

**Explanation:**

- **BSE (earlier called Bombay Stock Exchange) and INX (India International Exchange)** are the first Indian exchanges to sign **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)** with **MOEX (Moscow Exchange)** in order to allow capital formation platform and connect investor community and companies in both India and Russia.

#### April 07

1. Who is the next WNS Global Services group Chairman?

**Answer :** Keshav Murugesh

**Explanation:**

- IT industry body **Nasscom** has appointed **WNS Global Services Group CEO Keshav Murugesh** as its **chairman** for 2019-20. He takes over from his previous role as vice-chairman of Nasscom by replacing Rishad Premji .

- Nasscom has appointed **Infosys COO U.B. Pravin Rao** as its vice-chairman for 2019-20.

### **April 08**

1. What is the name of the new seller-funding programme launched by Amazon India to help small businesses and entrepreneurs?

**Answer :** 'Amazon Wings'

**Explanation:**

- On 5th April 2019, a new seller-funding programme named '**Amazon Wings**' has been launched by **Amazon India** to help the small businesses and entrepreneurs to raise funds through the **crowd funding platform**.
- With this initiative, the **small businesses and entrepreneurs** of this platform **can raise the funds** for their business expansion, product development, and foster innovation or community development.

### **April 09**

1. What is the GDP of India as per World Bank's report?

**Answer :** 7.5 percent for 2019-20

**Explanation:**

- The World Bank notified that India's GDP growth boosted by continued investment strengthening especially private-improved export performance and consumption, is expected to accelerate reasonably to **7.5 per cent 2019-20 (fiscal year)**.
- The real GDP growth is estimated at 7.2 per cent in FY18/19. According to the latest World Bank's report, data for the first 3 quarters show that growth has been broad-based.

### **April 11**

1. Which organization beat Amazon for launching one of the first commercial drone delivery businesses?

**Answer :** Google parent Alphabet

**Explanation:**

- **Google parent Alphabet** has beat Amazon to launch one of the **first commercial drone delivery businesses**. **Alphabet made its first delivery in Canberra** after getting approval from the country's civil aviation authority.
- **Wing**, the company's drone delivery arm, was testing drone delivery in Australia since 2014 and delivered medicines, chocolate to 3,000 homes in the last 18 months.

### **April 12**

1. Cabinet Committee of Security has cleared the procurement of how many Russian tanks under T-90 project in a deal worth over Rs 13,500 crore?

**Answer :** 464 Russian tanks

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee of Security has cleared the procurement of **464 Russian tanks under T-90 project in a deal worth over Rs 13,500 crore**.
- The tanks would be given to the Armoured Corps of the force which will be further used by them for deployment along the India-Pakistan border.



#### April 14

1. Which entity has partnered with Bullion refiner MMTC-PAMP India to initiate buying and selling of gold through the app?

**Answer :** Google Pay

**Explanation:**

- **Google Pay** has partnered with Bullion refiner MMTC-PAMP India to initiate buying and selling of gold through the app to make Google Pay more useful for Indian customers.
- Through this pact, Google Pay users will be able to buy 99.99 per cent 24- karat gold for any value, which will be stored on behalf of the user in secure vaults by MMTC-PAMP.

#### April 15

1. Which two organizations signed MOU to rejuvenate the handloom clusters in the eastern and north-eastern parts of India?

**Answer :** Tata Trusts and Microsoft India

**Explanation:**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by **Tata Trusts and Microsoft India** for jointly **rejuvenating** the **handloom** clusters in the eastern and north-eastern parts of India in order to build a **digitally-inclusive society**.
- Project Re Weave already implemented successfully new e-commerce platforms, digital empowerment centres and the new design curriculum to Telangana weaving clusters of Rajouli, Chottuppal and a few other clusters.

#### April 16

1. What is the name of new mobile app launched by Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) to help women in a panic situation?

**Answer :** My Circle

**Explanation:**

- **Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) launched a mobile app, My Circle**, to help women in case they face any problem or a panic situation. The application is carrier agnostic which would work on phones with any telecom service network, both Airtel and non-Airtel.
- My Circle app enables women to send SOS alerts to any five of their family or friends in **13** languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Bangla, Urdu, Assamese, Oriya, and Gujarat.

#### April 17

1. How much amount India borrowed from UN for peacekeeping operations as of March 2019?

**Answer :** USD 38 million

**Explanation:**

- United Nation Secretary General (UNSG) **Antonio Guterres** voiced concern that the UN owes India USD 38 million, the highest amount which has to be paid by any country for peacekeeping operations as of March 2019.
- This dues to troops and police-contributing countries could increase to USD 588 million by June 2019 in the worst case scenario.

#### April 18

1. Name the India's largest app for financial services has integrated with UPI as a payment method?

**Answer :** ETMONEY

**Explanation:**

- ETMONEY India's largest app for financial services has integrated with UPI as a payment method. The reason for this is to double its monthly user base by the end of 2019. This integration will simplify the mutual fund payment for millions of ETMONEY users.
- Now ETMONEY users can make payment easily by using UPI option on the payment page. They can select different UPI-enabled apps like Google Pay, BHIM UPI, Phone Pay among others.

#### **April 19**

1. What is the full form of DIPAM?

**Answer :** Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (**DIPAM**) stated guidelines for monetisation of non-core assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (**CPSEs**) and immovable enemy properties.

#### **April 21**

1. Income tax department has altered the method for taxing for which companies?

**Answer :** Multinational companies (MNCs) and digital firms.

**Explanation:**

- **The income tax department has altered the method for taxing multinational companies (MNCs)** and digital firms with permanent establishment in India by taking into account various factors like domestic sales, employee (**manpower and wages**) **strength, assets and user base.**

#### **April 22**

1. Which organization stated that business sentiments on country's financial and macroeconomic conditions continue to decline in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to second quarter in 2019?

**Answer :** Dun & Bradstreet (D&B)

**Explanation:**

- According to Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) report, business sentiments on country's financial and macroeconomic conditions continue to decline in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to second quarter in 2019.
- D&B **Composite Business Optimism Index** conclude 78.4 score during Q2 2019 as compare to 85.0 during Q2 2018, a decline of 7.7%.

#### **April 23**

1. India Post has partnered with which firm to become a multi-service digital hub, modernize the delivery of mail and packages, enhance customer experience and launch innovative services?

**Answer :** Tata Consultancy Service.

**Explanation:**

- India Post has partnered with IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to become a multi-service digital hub, modernize the delivery of mail and packages, enhance customer experience and launch innovative services.
- TCS has implemented its Point of Sale (PoS) solution across 24,000 post offices with over 80,000 PoS terminals, making this among the largest such implementations in the world.

#### **April 24**

1. Indian economy shrinking how much percent due to global warming according to Stanford study?

**Answer :** 31 percent

**Explanation:**

- Stanford study shows how earth's temperature changes have increased inequalities which resulted in the shrinking of the Indian economy by 31 percent due to global warming. The study published in the journal titled "**Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**".
- The study also shows that from 1961 to 2010, global warming has decreased the wealth per person of the world's poorest countries by 17-30 percent.

#### **April 25**

1. On which date the ban imposed on China's milk and milk products by Indian government ended after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008?

**Answer :** On April 23, 2019

**Explanation:**

- **The government has extended the ban on import of milk and milk products from China (including chocolates, chocolate products, candies, confectionary, food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient).**
- The ban on milk products was 1<sup>st</sup> imposed in September 2008 and it had been extended continuously from time to time. The recent ban imposed by the government ended on April 23, 2019.

#### **April 26**

1. Which ministry has proposed measures such as tax incentives to promote entrepreneurs as part of the 'Startup India Vision 2024'?

**Answer :** Commerce and Industry Ministry

**Explanation:**

- The Commerce and Industry Ministry has proposed measures such as tax incentives to promote entrepreneurs as part of the 'Startup India Vision 2024'.
- The aim of the vision document is to facilitate setting up of 50,000 new start-ups in the country by 2024 and creating 20 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities.

#### **April 27**

1. Which company has reached a valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time after a jump in stock valuation that followed a qualitative-laden third fiscal quarter?

**Answer :** Microsoft

**Explanation:**

- Seattle-based tech giant **Microsoft** has reached a valuation of **\$1 trillion** for the first time after a jump in stock valuation that followed a qualitative-laden third fiscal quarter and has again taken over Apple as the **world's most valuable company**.
- Microsoft has become the third company to cross that once-unimaginable line following **Apple**, earned in August 2018 and **Amazon**, earned in September 2018.

### **April 28**

1. What is the colour of new Rs 20 denomination banknotes?

**Answer :** Greenish -yellow

**Explanation:**

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes** having a base colour of greenish -yellow with size of 63 X 129 mm. The first Rs 20 notes were issued in the Mahatma Gandhi Series in August 2001.
- The new note will have a motif of Ellora caves on the dorsal side.

### **April 29**

1. According to Economic Intelligence Unit report India's economy in 2019-20 will grow upto how much percent?

**Answer :** 7.2 percent

**Explanation:**

- Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) in its report said that in 2019-20 India's economy will grow below its potential due to a generally weaker global economy and structural challenges such as high unemployment. EIU will make a downward revision to its current forecast of 7.2 percent.

### **April 30**

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the "ombudsman scheme" for which organizations?

**Answer :** Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)

**Explanation:**

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the "ombudsman scheme" for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)** to non deposit-taking NBFCs with asset size of at least **Rs 100 crore**. The decision comes after the central bank in its **"Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies"** released earlier this month after the monetary policy meet said that it has decided to extend the ambit of the ombudsman scheme.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **April 01**

1. On which day Rajasthan Day is observed?

**Answer :** March 30

**Explanation:**

- **Rajasthan Day** is celebrated on **30th March** every year on which the state Rajasthan came into existence as it was previously known as **Rajputana**.
- On **30th March 1949**, the state was formed.

### **April 02**



1. On which day Odisha Foundation Day is celebrated?

**Answer :** April 1

**Explanation:**

- **Odisha** celebrates its Foundation day on **1st April** every year to commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936. The Odisha Day is also known as “**Utkal Divas**”.
- Various cultural programmes highlighting the history and culture of Odisha are organized on this day.

### **April 03**

1. What is the theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2019?

**Answer :** Assistive Technologies, Active Participation.

**Explanation:**

- **World Autism Awareness Day** is an internationally recognized day on **2 April** every year, encouraging Member States of the **United Nations** to take measures to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout the world.
- The **theme** of this year is: “**Assistive Technologies, Active Participation.**”

### **April 04**

1. When did ‘Prevention of Blindness Week’ observed in India?

**Answer :** April 1<sup>st</sup> week

**Explanation:**

- The **Government of India** organizes “Prevention of Blindness Week” annually from 1st to 7th April to raise awareness regarding **the precautions to be taken to prevent blindness.**
- The target of the day is on detection, cure and treatment of eye diseases.

### **April 05**

1. What is the theme for International Mine Awareness Day 2019?

**Answer :** “United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home”

**Explanation:**

- United Nations’ **International Mine Awareness Day** is observed on **4th April** every year to raise awareness about landmines and the actions that need to be taken towards their eradication.
- The **Theme** for International Mine Awareness Day 2019 is “**United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home**”. (SDG –Sustainable Development Goals)

### **April 06**

1. On which day National Maritime Day is observed in India?

**Answer :** April 5

**Explanation:**

- On 5th April, 2019, **India** celebrated 56th edition of **National Maritime day** to support the global economy, the most well-organized, safe and sound environmentally responsive approach of transporting goods from one corner to another corner of the world.

- The theme of the National Maritime Day 2019 celebrations is “Indian Ocean- An Ocean of Opportunity”.

#### **April 07**

1. What is the theme for National Maritime Day 2019?

**Answer :** “Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity”

**Explanation:**

- **The National Maritime Day (NMD) is observed every year on 5 April** to commemorate the maiden voyage of the first Indian owned ship “SS Loyalty” sailed from Bombay to London on 5th April 1919.
- This year is it is **55th** edition of NMD and **theme** is “**Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity**”. The NMD is being observed annually since **1964**.

#### **April 08**

1. When did ‘The National Handloom week’ observed in India?

**Answer :** 7<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Explanation:**

- **The National Handloom week** has been observed **from 7th April to 14th April this year**.
- The **national handloom day** observed on **7th August** every year and last year in **December 2018** the national handloom week was observed.

#### **April 10**

1. On which day Veer Parivar App was launched by President Ram Nath Kovind?

**Answer :** April 9, 54th Valour day of CRPF

**Explanation:**

- On 9th April 2019, **54th Valour Day** of **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** was observed to Pay Tribute to Martyrs of police at the National Police Memorial in New Delhi.
- On this day, **President Ram Nath Kovind** launched **Veer Parivar App** for assistance to the next of kin of the CRPF martyrs.

#### **April 12**

1. On which day Safe Motherhood Day is observed?

**Answer :** April 11

**Explanation:**

- Every year 11th April is observed as Safe Motherhood Day.
- On April 11, 2019, the Indian Government along with The White Ribbon Alliance (WRAI) (UNICEF is an active member of WRAI) conducted a **national stakeholders’ meeting, in Delhi**, to discuss on the **pressing issues relating to women’s health**.

#### **April 13**

1. On which day International Day of Human Space Flight is observed?

**Answer :** April 12

**Explanation:**

- **The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed on April 12**
- The day marks the anniversary of the **first ever human space flight** undertaken by

**Yuri Gagarin**, a Soviet citizen on **April 12, 1961**. This day is also celebrated as "**Cosmonautics Day**" in Russia since **1963**.

- Gagarin's **Vostok 1** space flight executed one orbit around the Earth over 108 minutes and the spacecraft was propelled by Vostok-K launch vehicle.
- The day was initiated in 2011 by United Nations through resolution, A/RES/65/271.

### **April 15**

1. When did World Allergy Week 2019 observed?

**Answer :** 7-13 April

**Explanation:**

- **The World Allergy Organization** is proud to announce that **World Allergy Week 2019** will be on the topic of "**The Global Problem of Food Allergy**" and will take place globally the week of **7-13 April 2019**.
- Each year, the World Allergy Organization (WAO) addresses a different topic that has a need for greater awareness.

### **April 18**

1. What is the theme for World Federation of Hemophilia 2019?

**Answer :** Outreach and Identification

**Explanation:**

- **17th April, 2019 has marked the 30th World Hemophilia Day**. World Haemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the **World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH)** which chose to bring the community together on April 17 in honour of WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.
- The **theme** of this year's World Hemophilia Day is '**Outreach and Identification**'.

### **April 19**

2. What is the theme for World Heritage Day?

**Answer :** "Rural Landscapes"

**Explanation:**

- **World Heritage Day**, which is also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites is an annual event celebrated on 18th April every year.
- This year, the theme of the World Heritage Day is "**Rural Landscapes**".

### **April 20**

1. When did World Liver Day observed?

**Answer :** April 19

**Explanation:**

- **World Liver day observed on 19th April**
- April 19 is observed as World Liver Day. This day is meant to raise awareness about liver and following a lifestyle which supports liver health.
- This day is observed to understand importance of liver in human body and how liver ailments can be treated.

### **April 22**

1. Which day is celebrated on April 21?  
**Answer :** World Creativity and Innovation Day

**Explanation:**

- Every year **World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID)** is officially celebrated on **April 21**. WCID is a part of the United Nations resolution entitled **“Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”**
- It is celebrated to raise awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in “problem-solving and by extension, in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.”

**April 23**

1. Which day is celebrated on April 22?  
**Answer :** World Earth Day

**Explanation:**

- The **world celebrates Earth Day** and Google has introduced an interactive doodle that celebrates the uniqueness, diversity and wonder of a small fraction of life forms found on earth. **World Earth Day, which is celebrated on 22 April** every year, now includes events in more than 193 countries.
- For the year 2019, the Earth Day **theme is ‘Protect our Species’**

**April 24**

1. On which day World Book Day is observed?  
**Answer :** April 23

**Explanation:**

- **World Book Day: 23 April**
- **World Book Day** is celebrated every year on **23 April**. It is also known as World Book and Copyright Day, or International Day of the Book For the year 2019, **Sharjah, UAE** has been declared as the **World Book Capital**. It will be preceded by **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** in the year 2020.
- This year World Book and Copyright Day event focuses on six broad themes: inclusivity, reading, heritage, outreach, publishing and children with a slogan “Read – you are in Sharjah”.

**April 25**

1. On which day ‘The National Panchayati Raj Diwas(Day)’ is celebrated?  
**Answer :** April 24

**Explanation:**

- **The National Panchayati Raj Diwas (Day)** is celebrated every year in India on **24th April**. This day marks the passing of Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.
- The first National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated in **2010**. The enactment of 73rd Amendment Act had led a defining moment in the history of India which helped in decentralization of political power to the grassroots level.

**April 26**

1. On which day World Malaria Day is observed?  
**Answer :** April 25



**Explanation:**

- On 25th April 2019, **World Malaria Day** was celebrated all over the world to create more awareness at the same time to reduce Malaria.
- Malaria is caused by the bite of an **infected female Anopheles mosquito** which is caused by **Plasmodium Parasites**.

**April 27**

1. What is the theme of World Intellectual Property Day?

**Answer :** “Reach for Gold: IP and Sports”

**Explanation:**

- April 26, 2019, was observed as a World Intellectual Property Day across the globe with a theme of “**Reach for Gold: IP and Sports**”. The objective is to increase awareness about the role intellectual rights play in encouraging creativity and innovation.

**April 28**

1. When did World Veterinary Day observed?

**Answer :** April 27

**Explanation:**

- World Veterinary Day was observed on 27th April 2019 to promote the veterinary profession all over the world. The theme for this year is ‘**Value of Vaccination**’.
- This Day was established **in 2000 by the World Veterinary Association(WVA)** and it has been observed on the last Saturday in April since 2001.

**April 29**

1. Which day was observed on April 28?

**Answer :** World Day for Safety and Health at Work

**Explanation:**

- On 28th April 2019, an International Campaign, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW) was observed by **the International Labour Organization (ILO)** to promote safe work, and awareness about work-related accidents and diseases.

**April 30**

1. Which day was observed on April 29?

**Answer :** International Dance Day

**Explanation:**

- International Dance Day, also called Dance day was observed on 29th April 2019 entire the world to attract the attention of the wider public to the art of dance. The theme for this year is “**Dance and Spirituality**”.

## **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

**April 01**

1. Who is the author of the book Kundan: Saigal’s Life &Music ?

**Answer :** Sharad Dutt

**Explanation :**

- The genius of K L Saigal, his timeless compositions and the golden era of Indian

cinema have been brought alive in a book on the legendary singer. **Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music**, authored by documentary filmmaker and former DDG of Doordarshan **Sharad Dutt**, has been transcribed in English by **Jyoti Sabharwal of Stellar Publishers**.

- Dutt won the National Award (Swarna Kamal for best book on cinema) in 2005 for the original book in Hindi.

### **April 03**

1. Name the two books published by Prakashan Private Limited?

**Answer :** “#Modi Again” and “Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders”

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Publishing company, Garuda Prakashan Private Limited, launched its two books “#Modi Again” and “Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders”.
- “#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India, An Ex-Communist's Manifesto” authored by **Aabhas Maldahiyar**, states the reasons about how Narendra Modi is right for India.

### **April 16**

1. What is the title of autobiography of Sankurathri Chandrasekhar?

**Answer :** ‘A Ray of Hope’ in English and Ashakiranam in Telugu

**Explanation:**

- **Ashakiranam,** an autobiography of noted social worker **Sankurathri Chandrasekhar**, was released at a function held in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. Religious scholar Chaganti Koteswara Rao released the book while writer and literary critic Vadrevu Veeralakshmi Devi reviewed the work.
- Penned by **Dr. Chandrasekhar** in English with title ‘A Ray of Hope’ the autobiography was translated into Telugu by **Godavarthi Satyamurthy**.

### **April 20**

1. Which book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre?

**Answer :** ‘Khooni Vaisakhi’

**Explanation:**

- On 19th April 2019, a book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre, ‘**Khooni Vaisakhi**’ has been released in **Abu Dhabi** and was commended by India's Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri.

### **April 30**

1. Who has composed a book named “Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook”?

**Answer :** Journalist Saba Naqvi

**Explanation:**

- Journalist Saba Naqvi has composed a book named “Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook” in which she examines the possibility of coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.
- The book **examines** and puts forth **interrogative stands**.

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