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# MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS APRIL – 2025

#### **DATES & DAYS**

- ➤ April 2:- World Autism Awareness Day. United Nations General Assembly designated 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) in 2007. Theme:- "Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".
- ➤ April 4:- International Day for Mine Awareness. On 8 December 2005, the UN General Assembly declared 4 April as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. Theme: "Safe Futures Start Here."
- April 5:- National Maritime Day. Indian celebrates 62nd Maritime day in 2025. The day was observed as a tribute to the maiden voyage of the first Indian-owned ship, SS Loyalty (of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd) from Mumbai to London on 5thApril 1919. First observed in 1964.
- ➤ 6 April:- International Day of Sports For Development And Peace. Theme:- Leveling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion
- ➤ 7 April:- World Health Day. The campaign of 2025, titled Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures.7 April marks the anniversary of the founding of WHO in 1948.
- ➤ April 10:- World Homeopathy Day 2025. The day is observed on the occasion of the birth anniversary of German physician Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homoeopathy. Theme of the convention is 'अध्ययन , अध्यापन एवं अनुसंधान', Organisers :- Under the aegis of the Ministry of AYUSH.
- ➤ 11 April World Parkinson's Day. In April 1997, the inaugural World Parkinson's Day (WPD) was established by the European Association for Parkinson's Disease (now known as Parkinson's Europe) and co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO). James Parkinson's 'Essay on the Shaking Palsy', published in 1817, recognised Parkinson's as a medical condition for the first time. This date marks Dr. James Parkinson's birthday.
- ➤ 18 April- World Heritage Day (International Day for Monuments and Sites). Celebrated to honour and protect cultural and natural heritage. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) proposed the idea of observing World Heritage Day, in 1982. It was approved by the 22nd UNESCO General Conference in 1983. Theme: "Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 years of ICOMOS Actions."
- ➤ 17 April- World Haemophilia Day. World Haemophilia Day was first celebrated on the 17th of April 1989, by the World Federation of Haemophilia (WFH) to honour Frank Schnabel's birthday, the WFH's founder. Theme :- "Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too".

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- 19th April- World Liver Day. Theme :- "Food is Medicine".
- ➤ 21st April- Civil Services Day. This date was chosen to commemorate the day when Sardar Vallabhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Service Officers in 1947 at Metcalfe House Delhi.
- 22 April- World Earth Day. Theme: OUR POWER, OUR PLANET. The first World Earth Day was heldon April 22, 1970, in the United States.
- 24 April- National Panchayati Raj Day. The first celebrated in 2010. The main function will be organized in the presence of PM Modi, at Lohna Uttar Gram Panchayat, Jhanjharpur Block in Madhubani District of Bihar. The Prime Minister will confer Special Category National Panchayat Awards 2025 on this occasion.
- ➤ April 25- World Malaria Day. It was instituted by WHO Member States during the World Health Assembly of 2007. THEME: Malaria Ends with Us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- Shirley Botchwey becomes 1st African woman to assume office as Commonwealth Secretary-General, Current Members:--56members(including India).
- Sivasubramanian Ramann Appointed as New Chairperson of PFRDA, statutory regulatory body set up under the PFRDA Act enacted in 2014.
- The central government announced the appointment of Dr Poonam Gupta, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi to the post of Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a three-year term.
- N. Chandrasekaran, the Chairman of Tata Sons, has been appointed as a member of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth.
- Mohsin Nagyi Appointed as President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)
- Justice Arun Palli Appointed Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.
- ➤ Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India's largest information technology services firm, announced the appointment of Aarthi Subramanian as executive director-president and chief operating officer of the company. first woman to take over as the COO in the software company. The appointment is for a term of five years, commencing from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2030.
- Ecuadorean President Noboa re-elected for second term.
- Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai to succeed Sanjeev Khanna as the next Chief Justice of India.
- French luxury brand Chanel named Bollywood star Ananya Panday as its first-ever brand ambassador from India.
- Justice Dinesh Maheshwari Appointed Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India
- Government appoints Mangi Lal Jat as Director General of the ICAR.

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➤ Jitendra Mishra, an acclaimed Indian filmmaker and Festival Director of the Smile International Film Festival for Children and Youth (SIFFCY), has been unanimously elected as the President of the International Centre of Films for Children and Young People (CIFEJ) for the 2025–2027 term.

#### **AWARDS**

- Masaki Kashiwara Wins the 2025 Abel Prize for Mathematics.
- President Dissanayake conferred the Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushan on Prime Minister Modi.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik Becomes First Indian to Win Fred Darrington Sand Art Award. The award was presented during the Sandworld 2025 International Sand Art Festival in Dorset, England.Pattnaik created a 10-foot-high sculpture of Lord Ganesha carrying the message of "World Peace".
- Seema Agrawal, a senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, has been appointed as the new DGP/ Director of Fire and Rescue Services.
- ➤ President Droupadi Murmu was made the honouary citizen of the city of Lisbon, capital of Portugal, and was presented with the prestigious "Key of Honour" of Lisbon City.
- Rajesh Unni Honored With National Maritime Varuna Award.
- Aamir Khan Honoured at Macau Comedy Festival 2025 in China He was honored with the 'Master Humor Award'.
- > Poshan Tracker Application Wins PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2024.
- Shyam Benegal to be honoured at silver jubilee edition of New York Indian Film Festival.
- Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has received yet another international acclaim, securing the honour at the Green Airports Recognition 2025 awards instituted by Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific & Middle East.
- Kumar Mangalam Birla Received Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2024.

#### **DEFENCE**

- ➤ DRDO successfully conducted release trials of the long-range glide bomb 'Gaurav' from a Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jet. The LRGB, also known as "Gaurav", is a 1,000 kg class glide bomb designed for use by the Indian Air Force precision-guided, long-range glide bomb developed to strike land targets.
- The 6th edition of India- Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI commenced, at Foreign Training Node, Aundh (Pune).
- A contingent of the Indian Air Force reached AI Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates to participate in Exercise Desert Flag-10, a premier multinational air combat exercise. The IAF is fielding MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft in the exercise.

#### **SPORTS, BOOKS & AUTHORS**

Bihar to host Men's Hockey Hero Asia Cup 2025.

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- Indian hockey icon Vandana Katariya announces retirement after illustrious 15-year career.
- 'The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India' A Book by Sanjeev Chopra.
- Hitesh Gulia (Haryana) became the only boxer from India's 10-team contingent to make the finals of the World Boxing Cup 2025inFoz do Iguacu, Brazil. Hitesh Gulia bags Gold medal at World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025.
- Cricket returns to the Olympics after 128 years, making a comeback at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.
- M.S. Dhoni, captain of Chennai Super Kings, has become the first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals.
- > England fast bowling legend James Anderson has been awarded a knighthood for his "services to cricket" as the resignation honours list of former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.
- 'The Chief Minister and the Spy', book by former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Amarjit Singh Dulat.
- Mirabai Chanu Appointed Chairperson of IWLF Athletes Commission, Athletes' Commission of the Indian Weightlifting Federation(IWLF).
- Divecha Pavilion Level 3 at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai will soon be named as Rohit Sharma Stand.



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#### MISC.

- Sourav Ganguly re-appointed as Chairperson of ICC men's cricket committee.
- > The Madhya Pradesh government has declared Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Abhyran, a 258.64 sq km area in Sagar district as a wildlife sanctuary named after Dr B R Ambedkar.
- Kerala to become first State to achieve total digital literacy.

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- Forest fires that had erupted in several parts of Mizoram's Phawngpui National Park have affected nearly one-ninth of the park's total area.
- India becomes 4th nation having capabilities to shoot down fixed wing drone by laser beam.
- Prime Minister Modi lays foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- > 7th Pay Commission DA Hike: The Union Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a 2 per cent DA hike.
- The Cabinet has approved the inclusion of Bihar's Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) to enhance irrigation and flood management in the region. India has launched Operation Brahma, sending humanitarian aid and relief supplies to the affected region.
- ➤ Centre extends AFSPA in parts of Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh for six months. Armed Forces (Special) Powers Act is a law enacted by the Parliament in 1958 which gives the armed forces special powers and immunity to maintain public order in "disturbed areas".
- The Karimpuzha Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala's youngest protected area, has emerged as a biodiversity hotspot.
- ➤ Kasampatty sacred grove in Dindigul declared Tamil Nadu's second biodiversity heritage site. Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- Famous Saudagari block print, prepared by the artisans of Jamalpur in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ➤ 90th Anniversary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established on April 1, 1935, following the recommendations of the Hilton Young Commission. It was established in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. It was originally set up as a private entity in 1935, but it was nationalized in 1949. First Governor Sir Osborne Smith.
- The tribal communities of Jharkhand and Chhotanagpur region are celebrating Sarhul. Sarhul literally means 'worship of the Sal tree' and marks the onset of spring and the Adivasi New Year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a two-day visit to Thailand on the 3rd of April to participate in the 6th BIMSTEC Summit. Theme of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit is "Prosperous, Resilient, and Open BIMSTEC. 5th Summit in Colombo (which was conducted virtually in 2022)
- Sagarmala Programme Completes 10 Years Since Implementation Launched in March 2015, is the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.
- National Statistics Office (NSO) released the Energy Statistics India 2025, detailing energy production, consumption, and import trends for FY 2023–24. The data shows India's strong energy recovery post-COVID and reflects efforts toward Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- ➤ ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (ICAR-CTCRI) developed an orange-fleshed sweet potato (SP-95/4) to improve tribal food security in Kerala and other states.
- Odisha has recorded its first-ever international export of drumstick (moringa) from the Rayagada district and pointed gourd (parwal) to Dubai.
- Researchers have developed a method using bacteria to repair bricks used to build structures on the Moon that can develop cracks due to the widely swinging temperatures on the lunar surface.

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- Kannadippaya the first tribal handicraft product from Kerala to receive the GI tag.
- The Haryana Government has officially declared Mitathal and Tighrana, two Harappan civilisation sites as protected archaeological sites under the Haryana Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1964.
- A special event under the "Hamari Parampara, Hamari Virasat" program, held in conjunction with Sarhul Mahotsav 2025, by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), in collaboration with the Government of Jharkhand, in New Delhi.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi under the Centre's Ministry of Culture has listed Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra in Puri and Bali Yatra two major festivals of Odisha in the national inventory of intangible cultural heritage list.
- > Thai PM gifted Holy Scriptures: "World Ti-pitaka: Sajjhaya Phonetic Edition" to PM Modi.
- Hungary's government has announced its withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC), just before Prime Minister Viktor Orban received his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu, who faces an ICC arrest warrant.
- The Nomad Capitalist Passport Index 2025 compiled by the international tax and immigration firm Nomad Capitalist evaluates 199 nationals; Ireland has claimed the top spot, second place are Switzerland and Greece; India on 148th, tied with Comoros Afghanistan is ranked at the very bottom.
- India ranks 36 out of 170 nations on 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' Index Technology and Innovation Report, issued by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India improved its position from 48th in 2022.
- > The five-day Madhavpur Ghed fair began at Madhavpur in the Porbandar district of Gujarat.
- ▶ 6th BIMSTEC Summit held in Bangkok, Thailand. Theme was "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient, and Open". Bangladesh assumes Chairmanship of BIMSTEC for next two years.
- ➤ Delhi became the 35th State/UT to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). AB PM-JAY will provides free health cover of Rs. 5 Lakh to each beneficiary family per year.
- Brazil has proposed the creation of "Climate Change Council" a new international body to accelerate global climate action, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- India overtakes Germany to become 3rd-largest generator of wind, solar power in 2024: Report; sixth edition of global energy think tank Ember's Global Electricity Review
- President Droupadi Murmu Holds Talks in Lisbon, Launches Stamp to Mark 50 Years of India-Portugal Ties.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Bhagirath mobile app based on the Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025 theme, "Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera", and released the brochure. Through this app, people will be able to share information about critical and endangered water sources in their area.
- Mysuru-based CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) has developed a technology, which is aimed at supporting the floriculture sector under the CSIR's Floriculture

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Mission. "Freshness Keeper" is a paper-based technology that helps increase the freshness of cut flowers.

- Virat Kohli Becomes First Indian to Score 13,000 Runs in T20 Cricket.
- Karnataka-based writer, activist and lawyer Banu Mushtaq's short story collection 'Heart Lamp', translated from Kannada to English by Deepa Bhasthi, was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2025 in London.
- Meghalaya's Ryndia earn GI tag for indigenous textiles.
- ➤ Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced a 10% hike in reservation for Agniveers in state police jobs, taking the total reservation to 20%.
- The Investigation, Prosecution and Conviction Portal, of the Uttar Pradesh Police was honoured with the SKOCH Award at national level in the "Police & Safety" category.
- BatEchoMon, India's first automated bat monitoring, detection system
- Bangladesh has officially become the 54th nation to sign the Artemis Accords. The Artemis Accords are a series of non-binding multilateral arrangements between the United States government and other world governments that elaborates on the norms expected to be followed in outer space. Artemis Accords were established in 2020 by the United States, led by NASA and the U.S.
- 9th edition of the Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025 will be held in New Delhi. Theme Sambhavna meaning possibilities.
- Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad to open campus in Dubai. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum (Crown Prince of Dubai and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the UAE) was on his first official visit to India from 8 9 April 2025.
- Ladakh celebrates Apricot Blossom Festival 2025 to boost eco-tourism.
- Mauritius is the first country in the Africa region, and the fourth country globally after Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Cuba to sign the CPF with International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- Foundation stone for India's first Gallium Nitride (GaN)-based semiconductor manufacturing plant was laid in Nava Raipur.
- Punjab: Milkfed launches 'Veera' mascot for Verka to boost brand nationwide.
- Puthandu, or Tamil New Year, marks the first day of the Tamil solar calendar and is a significant occasion for Tamils worldwide. Celebrated as the first day of the Tamil month of Chittirai.
- ➤ PM Modi lays foundation stones, dedicates development projects worth ₹10,000 Cr in Haryana. He laid the foundation stone for the third unit of 800 MW at Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant in Yamunanagar worth Rs.8,469 crore.
- Additionally, he laid the foundation stone for a GOBARdhan Plant in Yamunanagar worth Rs.90 crore (to be developed in collaboration with BPCL) and inaugurated the Rewari Bypass four-lane bypass has been constructed around Rewari city to reduce traffic congestion.
- ➤ The Telangana government has declared heatwaves, sunstrokes, and sunburns as a 'State-Specific Disaster'. It has also enhanced the financial relief provided to families of heatwave victims to ₹4 lakh per deceased person.

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- ➤ The Telangana government has notified the implementation of the Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservations) Act 2025. The State has issued a gazette notification with April 14, 2025 as the appointed day for categorisation of Scheduled Castes (SC) into three groups.
- India Justice Report (IJR) 2025: Not a single State/UT meets their own reserved quotas for women in police force. Uttar Pradesh: Has the most overcrowded prisons. Over 50% of High Court judges' positions remain vacant. Delhi :- 91% of the prison population are undertrials, the highest in the country. Has the best officer-to-inmate ratio (22 inmates per officer) among large States. Karnataka is the only State that metquotas in both Police and Judiciary. Bihar:- has the highest share of women in State police.
- New York City declares April 14 as Dr B.R. Ambedkar Day
- Amit Shah attends CRPF 86th raising day Parade.CRPF's Raising Day is celebrated on March 19 every year. However, as part of the extended celebrations this year, the parade was held in Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh on April 17. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)Originally constituted as the Crown Representative Police in 1939, it is one of the oldest Central para military forces (now termed as Central Armed Police Force). It became the Central Reserve Police Force on enactment of the CRPF Acton 28th December 1949.
- ➤ The Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), Kozhikode, has developed a new light-coloured turmeric variety IISR Surya.
- Cheetah Project Steering Committee officially approved the relocation of some cheetahs from Kuno National Park to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.
- ➤ The manuscripts of the Bhagavad Gita and Bharat Muni's Natyashastra have been added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.
- PM Modi's book on Indian culture Sanskriti Ka Paanchva Adhyay released in New Delhi.
- CRPF to raise 11th CoBRA battalion for counter-terror operations in J&K.
- ➤ The Maharashtra State Wildlife Board has officially approved the declaration of DPS Flamingo Lake as a conservation reserve, making it the first wetland connected to the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS) to receive such protection.
- Hindi made compulsory as 3rd language in Maharashtra Schools under NEP 2020.
- The World's Best Hospitals 2024 report was released by the American Media company Newsweek in partnership with global data platform Statista. Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, United States, with a score of 97.51%, was named the Best hospital in the world. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, has been ranked as the best hospital in India and 97th in the world.
- QpiAI announces India's most powerful quantum computer, code-named Indus Quantum Computer.
- India's first satellite, Aryabhata, completed 50 years on April 19.Launched on this day in 1975, the satellite was named after the ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer, Aryabhata.
- IAF's Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla to Fly to ISS Next Month on Axiom's Ax-4 Mission.
- The Gujarat government has announced a reduction in the motor vehicle tax rate on electric vehicles from the existing 6 percent to only 1 percent, offering a 5 percent rebate. The decision has been made to boost electric vehicle adoption, protect the environment, and promote the tourism sector.

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- ➤ ISRO achieves 2nd successful satellite docking under SpaDeX Mission: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.
- South India's first AC EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) chugged along the Chennai Beach-Chengalpattu corridor, marking yet another significant episode in the suburban rail network.
- China set to Unveil World's highest bridge Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge .
- Special Category National Panchayat Awards-2025 Conferred in Bihar:
- Climate Action Special Panchayat Award (CASPA) Rank 1: DawwaS Gram Panchayat, Gondia District, Maharashtra
- Atma Nirbhar Panchayat Special Award (ANPSA) Rank 1: Mall Gram Panchayat, Rangareddi District, Telangana Panchayat Kshamta Nirman Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar (PKNSSP) Rank 1: Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Kerala.
- National Campaign launched to eliminate Measles-Rubella by 2026.
- Kempegowda International Airport was presented with the Level 5 Accreditation at the recently concluded Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific & Middle East Regional Assembly.
- 'Beyond the Courtroom' BOOK By Fali S. Nariman.
- India is making a major technological breakthrough with the launch of its inaugural Quantum Computing Village in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh spread across 50 acres.
- 2nd Asian Yogasana Championships in New Delhi
- Indian Prime minister Narendra Modi mentioned the Sachet app, a CAP (Common Alerting Protocol) based Integrated Alert System, by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in his Mann Ki Baat on April 27.
- The Odisha government notified the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR), the world's only home to wild melanistic tigers, as a national park spanning an area of 845.70 sq/km.It is the 107th national park and the second in Odisha, after the Bhitarkanika.
- Indigenously developed (Human papillomavirus) HPV test kits for cervical cancer screening have been developed under the Department of Biotechnology's (DBT) partnership programme Grand Challenges India (GCI) at the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- Sikkim announces 20% reservation for Agniveer jawans in state police recruitment.
- 'Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav' in Agartala Inaugurated By Manik Saha
- > 3rd edition of India Audio Summit and Awards, which recognise excellence in radio and audio content production, was held in Mumbai.
- National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) was honoured with the Udyog Vikas Award during the Udyog Vikas event organised by Janmabhumi Daily, a leading news daily in the state of Kerala.
- ➤ The Kashmir Shawl: BOOK by Rosie Thomas
- ➤ The State Sports Authority has earned a place in the Guinness World Records for creating the world's largest Madhubani painting on canvas, crafted entirely with natural colours. The colours used on the canvas were made using turmeric, beetroot, carbon, and flowers.

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- ➤ The government has selected Bengaluru-based start-up Sarvam to build the country's first indigenous artificial intelligence (AI) large language model (LLM) amid waves made by China's low cost model DeepSeek.
- Madhusudan Sai Honored with Fiji's Highest Recognition for Humanitarian Efforts
- Hubballi Airport Wins Platinum Honour for Green Initiatives.
- Filmmaker Payal Kapadia was honoured by the French government in Mumbai for her outstanding contributions to the world of film and the cultural ties between France and India.
- 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship, held at the KD Jadhav Arena, Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in the national capital. The championship saw participation from over 21 countries, including Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and others. Final Medal Tally Highlights:
- India -- 83 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze (Rank 1).
- Japan -- 3 Gold, 3 Silver, 4 Bronze (Rank 2).
- Mongolia -- 1 Gold, 11 Silver, 6 Bronze (Rank 3).

#### **BANKING AWARENESS**

- Ambuj Chandna Joins DBS Bank India as MD & Head of Consumer Banking Group.
- ➤ SBI Card has appointed Salila Pande as its managing director and chief executive officer with effect from April 1.
- ➤ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has appointed Sohini Rajola as its executive director in charge of growth.NPCI is an umbrella organisation for all retail payments systems in India.It was established by RBI and Indian Banks' Association under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- The Ministry of Finance is set to roll out the 'One State-One RRB' strategy to improve operational efficiency and reduce costs that will bring down the number of Regional Rural Banks (RRB) from 43 to 28.
- Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana completes 10 years, (PMMY) is a flagship initiative by the Government of India that was launched in 2015and aimed at providing affordable credit to micro and small enterprises.
- Viral Davda, a professional with more than 20 years of experience, has been appointed as Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE).
- Fintech firm Razorpay has partnered with NPCI BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL) and Axis Bank to launch the Razorpay Turbo UPI plugin on the BHIM Vega platform. The solution enables businesses to offer seamless in-app payment experiences, allowing customers to complete transactions instantly without switching to third-party apps.
- Ajay Bhushan Pandey, former Finance Secretary and CEO of Aadhaar, has been appointed as the Vice President of Investment Solutions at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), headquartered in Beijing.

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- The public sector bank, Bank of Maharashtra, has become the first bank to install an automated teller machine (ATM) on a train in India.
- The quick-commerce startup Zepto has officially changed the name of its parent company from Kiranakart Technologies Private Limited to Zepto Private Limited, a move aimed at preparing for a potential stock market debut.
- SBI Card has collaborated with Tata Digital to introduce the Tata Neu SBI Card, a co-branded credit card designed to provide customers with a rewarding shopping experience.
- Santosh Kumar Appointed Deputy CFO of IndusInd Bank.
- The State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest public sector lender, has announced a revision in its Fixed Deposit (FD) interest rates. The bank has cut interest rates by 10 basis points for select mediumterm deposits, specifically in the 1 to 3-year range, applicable to both general customers and senior citizens. Alongside this revision, SBI has also reintroduced its special "Amrit Vrishti" FD scheme with modified rates for a 444-day tenure. SBI offers interest rates between 3.50% and 6.9% (without special deposit) for tenures ranging from 7 days to 10 years. For senior citizens, the bank offers interest rate between 4% to 7.50%.

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