

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

Persons

The Secretary to the President of India who has been appointed as the new Chief Vigilance Commissioner – **Sanjay Kothari**

The former Attorney General and Solicitor General of India and Padma Bhushan recipient who passed away on 13 April 2020 – **Ashok Desai**

The former RBI Governor who has been selected to the advisory group to International Monetary Fund by its MD Kristalina Georgieva – **Dr. Raghuram Rajan**

The Emmy Award winner best known as the co-founder of the 2000s pop-rock band Fountains of Wayne, who passed away due to coronavirus complications on 01 April 2020 – **Adam Schlesinger**

Defence

The first military satellite launched by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) from Semnan is named – **Noor**

Sports

The English cricketer who has been named the Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World 2019 by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack – **Ben Stokes**

The former English cricketer well-known for development of Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method used in weather-affected limited overs cricket matches, who passed away on 02 April 2020 – **Tony Lewis**

Places

The middle-east nation which has become the first Arab country to legalize cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes – **Lebanon**

The railway station which has become the first station to install a Walk Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel to ensure the safety of staff and passengers in view of the COVID-19 – **Ahmedabad**

Technology

The app launched by Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to facilitate farmers and traders in identifying right mode of transportation for movement of farm produce ranging from food grain, fruits & vegetables etc. is named – **Kisan Rath**

The web-portal launched by Union Minister of HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank to cover the different dimensions of COVID-19 challenges in a very holistic and comprehensive way is named – **YUKTI**

The low cost ventilator developed by Indian Railways at its Kapurthala coach factory is named – **Jeevan**

The mobile app developed by the Government of India in public-private partnership to bring the people of India together in a resolute fight against COVID-19 is named. – **Arogya Setu**

Miscellaneous

The new channel launched by Prasar Bharti specifically dedicated to old classics is called – **DD Retro**

The name given to the operation launched by Delhi Govt to combat corona virus pandemic – **Operation Shield**

The financial years for which the Union Cabinet has decided not to operate the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds – **2020-21 & 2021-22**

The theme of art competition organised by Indian Council of Cultural Relations from 02 April to 01 May 2020 – **United against Corona - Express through Art**

RISHI KAPOOR (Actor)

Birth: 04.09.1952

Death: 30.04.2020

Awards: Filmfare Award for Best Actor for Bobby (1974), Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award (2008), .

Notable films: Shri 420, Mera Naam Joker, Kapoor & Sons, 102 Not Out, Do Dooni Chaar

IRRFAN KHAN (Actor)

Birth: 07.01.1967

Death: 29.04.2020

Awards: National Film Award for Best Actor for Paan Singh Tomar (2013), Padma Shri (2011).

Notable films: Maqbool, Life in a...Metro, Slumdog Millionaire, Pan Singh Tomar, The Lunchbox, Piku, Jurassic World, Life of Pi, The Jungle Book (Voice of Baloo)

EPIDEMIC DISEASES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2020

The Central government has promulgated an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to make attacks on doctors and healthcare workers a cognizable and non-bailable offence.

As per the amendment, whoever commits or abets the commission of violence against health care worker, shall be punished with imprisonment ranging from 3 months to 5 years, and penalty ranging from Rs 50,000 to 2 lakh.

In case of a very serious attack, the imprisonment may be for a minimum period of 6 months and maximum of 7 years, with penalty ranging from Rs 1 lakh to 5 lakhs.

As per the Ordinance, investigation into the incidents of attacks on doctors and healthcare workers has to be conducted by a senior inspector and be completed within 30 days.

Important Days of April

World Autism Awareness Day: 02 April 2020 Theme: The Transition to Adulthood Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2008
International Mine Awareness Day: 04 April 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2006
International Day of Sport for Development and Peace: 06 April 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2014
World Health Day: 07 April 2020 Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: Support Nurses and Midwives First Observed in: 1950
International Day of Human Space Flight: 12 April 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2011
World Haemophilia Day: 17 April 2020 Designated by: World Federation of Haemophilia Theme: Get+ Involved First Observed in: 1989
International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day): 18 April 2020 Designated by: UNESCO Theme: Shared Culture, Shared Heritage and Shared Responsibility First Observed in: 1983
International Mother Earth Day: 22 April 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Climate Action First Observed in: 2010 Note: Earth Day was first observed in 1970 in the United States and it went global in 1990. The same day was adopted by the UN in 2009 as the International Mother Earth Day.
UN English Language Day: 23 April 2020 Designated by: UN Dept of Public Information First Observed in: 2010 Significance: Birthday of William Shakespeare

<p>World Malaria Day: 25 April 2020 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2007 Theme: Zero malaria starts with me</p>
<p>World Intellectual Property Day: 26 April 2020 Designated by: World Intellectual Property Organisation First Observed in: 2000 Theme: Innovate for Green Future</p>
<p>World Day for Safety and Health at Work: 28 April 2020 Designated by: International Labour Organisation First Observed in: 2003 Theme: Stop the Pandemic: Safety and Health at Work can Save Lives</p>

World Press Freedom Index 2020

Released by: Reporters without Borders

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Norway	142	India
2.	Finland	145	Pakistan
3.	Denmark	177	China
4.	Sweden	151	Bangladesh
5.	Netherlands	127	Sri Lanka

Note: India has dropped 2 places from its position in 2019

Merger of Public Sector Banks 2020

Date of merger: 01.04.2020

Name/s of the Bank/s	Merged With
Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India	Punjab National Bank
Syndicate Bank	Canara Bank
Indian Bank	Allahabad Bank
Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank	Union Bank of India

Abbreviations in News

CARUNA - Civil Services Association Reach to Support National Disasters

SHIELD - Sealing, Home quarantine, Isolation and tracing, Essential supply, Local sanitation and Door to door checks

YUKTI - Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation

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