



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF APRIL 2025**

### **Persons**

The former Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago (from 2010 to 2015) who has once again been elected as the Prime Minister of the country – **Ms. Kamla Persad-Bissessar**

The founder and Chairman of World Economic Forum since its formation in 1971, who has stepped down from his position on 21 April 2025 – **Klaus Schwab**

The former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation and recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan who passed away on 25 April 2025 – **Dr. K. Kasturirangan**

The first person from the Americas to be designated as the pope (head of the worldwide Catholic Church) who passed away on 21 April 2025 – **Pope Francis**

The Indian social worker, recipient of the Padma Shri in 2017, for his invaluable contribution to extending tree cover, who passed away on 12 April 2025 – **Darepalli Ramaiah**

The Indian Kathak dancer and choreographer and founder of Kadamb School of Dance and Music, who passed away on 12 April 2025 – **Ms. Kumudini Lakhia**

The Indian actor, film director, screenwriter, lyricist and editor, recipient of Dada Saheb Phalke Award in 2015, who passed away on 04 April 2025 – **Manoj Kumar (Harikishan Giri Goswami)**

### **Sports**

The Indian batter in women's cricket who has been named as the Leading Women's Cricketer in the World in the 2025 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack – **Smriti Mandhana**

The Indian fast bowler who has been named as the Leading Men's Cricketer in the World in the 2025 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack – **Jasprit Bumrah**

The team which has won the 11th season of football tournament 2024-25 Indian Super League defeating Bengaluru FC in the finals at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata – **Mohun Bagan**

## Places

The place in Jammu and Kashmir where armed terrorists attacked and killed over 26 tourists and injured several others on 22 April 2025 – **Pahalgam**

The State which has declared a new wildlife sanctuary in the name of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar – **Madhya Pradesh**

The place in Gujarat where an explosion in a godown of firecrackers killed more than 20 people and completely damaged the building – **Banaskantha**

## Defence

The premier multinational air combat exercise being hosted by the UAE Air Force at Al Dhafra Air Base, with participating contingents from the Air Forces of Australia, Bahrain, France, Germany, Qatar Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, UAE, United Kingdom, United States and Indian Air Force between 21 April to 08 May 2025 is named – **Exercise Desert Flag-10**

The 6th edition of India- Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise held at Foreign Training Node, Aundh (Pune) from 16 to 28 Apr 2025 was named – **DUSTLIK-VI**

The Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) whose release trials from Su-30 MKI were successfully completed between April 08-10, 2025 is named – **Gaurav**

The 4th edition of the bilateral joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) amphibious exercise between India and the U.S. held from 01 April to 12 April 2025 at Visakhapatnam is named – **Exercise Tiger TRIUMPH 2025**

## Miscellaneous

The ancient Indian texts which have been inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register – a global initiative that preserves documentary heritage of outstanding value – **Shrimad Bhagwad Gita and Natyashastra**

The institution which has been sought to be established as the Tribhuvan Sahkari University by the passing of Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill, 2025 – **Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat**

The President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu released a commemorative postal stamp on Reserve Bank of India on completion of – **90 years**

## Laureas Sports Awards 2025

World Sportsman of the Year: **Mondo Duplantis** (Swedish Pole Vaulter)

World Sportswoman of the Year: **Simone Biles** ((American Gymnast)

Sporting Icon Award: **Rafael Nadal** (Spanish Tennis player)

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Kelly Slater** (American surfer)

## Important Days of April

<b>World Autism Awareness Day:</b> 02 April 2025 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: <b>Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b> First Observed in: 2008
<b>International Mine Awareness Day:</b> 04 April 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: <b>Safe Futures Start Here</b> First Observed in: 2006
<b>International Day of Sport for Development and Peace:</b> 06 April 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2014 Theme: <b>Levelling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion</b>
<b>World Health Day:</b> 07 April 2025 Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: <b>Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures</b> First Observed in: 1950
<b>International Day of Human Space Flight:</b> 12 April 2025 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2011
<b>World Haemophilia Day:</b> 17 April 2025 Designated by: World Federation of Haemophilia Theme: <b>Access for all: Women and girls bleed too</b> First Observed in: 1989
<b>International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day):</b> 18 April 2025 Designated by: UNESCO First Observed in: 1983
<b>International Mother Earth Day:</b> 22 April 2025 Designated by: UN General Assembly 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.

<p><b>UN English Language Day:</b> 23 April 2025          Designated by: UN Dept of Public Information          First Observed in: 2010</p>
<p><b>World Malaria Day:</b> 25 April 2025          Designated by: World Health Organisation          First Observed in: 2007          Theme: <b>Malaria Ends With Us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite</b></p>
<p><b>World Intellectual Property Day:</b> 26 April 2025          Designated by: World Intellectual Property Organisation          First Observed in: 2000          Theme: <b>IP and music: Feel the beat of IP</b></p>
<p><b>World Day for Safety and Health at Work:</b> 28 April 2025          Designated by: International Labour Organisation          First Observed in: 2003          Theme: <b>Revolutionizing health and safety: the role of AI and digitalization at work</b></p>

**New Pamban Bridge**

- Connects Indian mainland with Rameshwaram island
- Constructed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Railways.
- Length: 2.08 kilometer
- Navigational span: 72.5-meter
- Height to which navigational span can be lifted: 17 meters
- Construction from 2020 to 2024
- Cost: Rs. 5 billion
- The old bridge was constructed in 1914.

**New GI Tags**

The following items have been granted GI tags recently

- The Saudagari block print, a traditional craft practiced by artisans in Jamalpur, Ahmedabad
- The Kumbakonam betel leaf of Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
- The Thovalai flower garland of Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu
- The Chapata Chilli, also known as Tomato Chilli of Warangal, Telangana
- Nolen Gurer Sandesh of West Bengal
- White Bonde, a traditional sweet from Kamarpukur, West Bengal
- Chhanabora, a sweetmeat made from chhena of Murshidabad, West Bengal

- Motichur Laddoo from Bishnupur, West Bengal
- Rice variety from Radhunipagal, West Bengal
- Nistari Silk Yarn from Malda, West Bengal
- Guavas from Baruipur, West Bengal
- Ryndia silk and Khasi handloom from Meghalaya
- Shehnai from Banaras, U.P.

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