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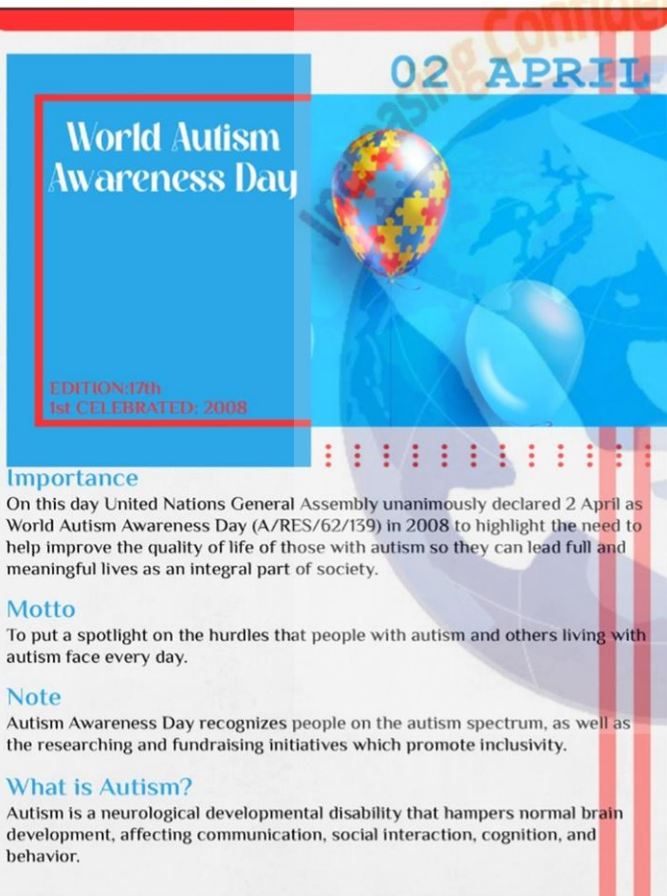


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## Important Personalities

- Who has been named as the flagbearer of Paris Olympics 2024? **Sharath Kamal**
- Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Commissioner of Jalandhar? **Himanshu Agarwal**
- Who has been appointed as the new President of Federation of Indian Export Organization? **Ashwini Kumar**
- Who has been named as the new Ambassador of India to Myanmar? **Abhay Thakur**
- Who led the Indian delegation to the 148th meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva recently? **Harivansh Narayan Singh**

- Minister of which country? **Portugal**
- Who has been appointed as Assistant Secretary-General of UNDRR? **Kamal Kishore**
- Who recently took oath as judicial member of Lokpal? **Ritu Raj Awasthi**
- Who has been appointed by Microsoft as the new head of both Windows and Surface? **Pawan Davuluri**
- Who has been appointed as the managing director & chief executive officer of Bank of Maharashtra? **Nidhu Saxena**
- Who has been appointed as Ireland's youngest Prime Minister? **Simon Harris**
- Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)? **Arnab Banerjee**
- Who took charge as the 33rd Director General of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers? **General JS Sidana**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Prime Minister of Congo? **Judith Suminwa Tuluka**
- Who has taken charge as the Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau? **Shefali B Asylum**
- Who has taken charge as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization? **Joyshree Das Verma**
- Tata International has appointed whom as their Managing Director? **Rajeev Singhal**
- Who has taken over as the 33rd Director General of the Department of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers of the EME Corps? **JS Sidana**
- India's first gene therapy, called "CAR-T cell therapy" developed by Tata Memorial Hospital in a collaboration with whom? **IIT Bombay**
- Who represented India in the 19th annual meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization member states? **Ajit Doval**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman of the committee dealing with the protection of forests in Delhi? **Justice Najmi Waziri**
- Who is the first Indian woman to be appointed as a Jury in the Paris Olympics? **Bilquis Mir**
- Who has been elected as chairman of National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd? **Meenesh Shah**



**02 APRIL**

**World Autism Awareness Day**

EDITION: 17th  
1st CELEBRATED: 2008

**Importance**  
On this day United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139) in 2008 to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

**Motto**  
To put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day.

**Note**  
Autism Awareness Day recognizes people on the autism spectrum, as well as the researching and fundraising initiatives which promote inclusivity.

**What is Autism?**  
Autism is a neurological developmental disability that hampers normal brain development, affecting communication, social interaction, cognition, and behavior.

- Who has recently been appointed the head of the National Investigation Agency? **Sadanand Vasant Date**
- Who has been appointed as Additional Judge of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court? **Justice Mohammad Yusuf Wani**
- Luis Montenegro has been appointed as new Prime

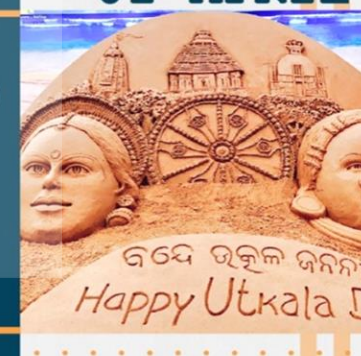


- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Wipro in April 2024? **Srinivas Pallia**
- Who chaired the first tri-service planning conference called "Parivartan Chintan"? **Anil Chauhan**
- Peter Pellegrini has been elected as the new president of which country? **Slovakia**
- Which famous neurologist has been made a part of Britain's world-class research team in April 2024? **Dr Ashwini Keshavan**
- Who has recently been appointed as a full member of the 16th Finance Commission? **Manoj Panda**
- Simon Harris has been elected as the prime minister of which country? **Ireland**
- Who has been appointed as the head of the US-India Tax Forum by the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF)? **Tarun Bajaj**
- Who has appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of SJVN? **Sushil Sharma**
- Who has been re-appointed as the coach of India's women's hockey team? **Harendra Singh**
- Who has been re-elected for a third term to the International Narcotics Control Board? **Jagjit Pavadia**
- Who has been appointed as the new director of 'National Judicial Academy' (NJCA) in April 2024? **Justice Aniruddha Bose**
- Bjarni Benediktsson has been chosen as the Prime Minister of which country? **Iceland**
- Kristalina Georgieva, who has been re-appointed the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, belongs to which country? **Bulgaria**
- Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah has recently become the new Prime Minister of which country? **Kuwait**
- Who has recently been given the additional charge of Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation? **Saurabh Garg**
- Who will head the committee set up recently by the government of India on the welfare of the LGBTQ+ community? **Rajiv Gauba**
- Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff? **Dinesh Kumar Tripathi**
- Who has been approved by the RBI as the next managing director and chief executive officer of Dhanlaxmi Bank? **Ajith Kumar K K**
- Who has been appointed as the Directorate General of National Security Guard in April 2024? **Nalin Prabhat**
- Who has won the recently held parliamentary election in Maldives? **Mohamed Muizzu**
- Who has been appointed the first women Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University? Prof **Naima Khatoon**
- Swami Smaranananda, who recently passed away at the age of 95, served as the \_\_\_ President of the Ramakrishna Mission. **16th**
- Professor Gurulinga Kapse, who has passed away recently was the former chairman of which cultural centre? **Karnataka Sahithya Academy**
- What was the name of only Mizo top grade artist of Akashvani, who has passed away recently? **Vanhlupuii**
- Who was the World's oldest man who died recently? **Juan Vicente Perez Mora**
- Famous scientist Peter Higgs, who has passed away recently, was associated with which research work? **Discovery of God particle**
- Name the cricketer famously nicknamed "Deadly", who passed away in April 2024? **Derek Underwood**
- Recently Surbjit Jaibeli Baldev passed away, he was related to which field? **Singing**
- Famous NFL quarterback player Roman Gabriel passed away. He was of which origin? **Filipino**
- Name the MD and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank, who has resigned recently? **Surinder Chawla**
- Deepak Parekh has recently resigned from his post in April 2024, he was the chairman of which company? **HDFC Life Insurance**

01 APRIL

## Utkal Diwas (Odisha Day)

EDITION: 87th



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Happy Utkala D

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**Importance**  
To embark the formation of the state (Odisha) as a separate state out of Bihar and Odisha province on 1 April 1936.

**Quick Facts**

- After losing its political identity completely in 1568 following the defeat and demise of the last king Mukunda Dev, efforts resulted in the formation of a politically separate state under British rule on a linguistic basis on 1 April 1936.
- Odisha is the third state in India in terms of tribal population.
- Odisha Day is also called Orissa Foundation Day and Vishuva Milan.
- Cuttack was the capital of the state since 1135 till 1948, after which Bhubaneswar took the mantle.

## National & International News

- The third edition of North East Games 2024 has begun in which state? **Nagaland**
- Which operations has been launched to evacuate stranded Indians in Haiti launched? Operation **Indravati**
- In which city will the Cinevistar International Film Festival be organized? **Chandigarh**
- The English translation of the novel 'Phool Bahadur' has recently been launched by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in which original language has it been written? **Magahi**
- In which state has recently a 900-year-old Kannada inscription of the Kalyana Chalukya dynasty found? **Telangana**
- The Border Roads Organization has connected the strategic Nimmu-Padum-Darcha in Ladakh to which city by road? **Manali**
- In which city is Bihar constructing its first-ever green grid substation? **Patna**
- Which port in India emerged as the highest cargo handling port in 2023-24? **Paradip Port**
- Sarthebari Metal Craft, which has recently got geographical indication, is famous in which state? **Assam**
- Who launched an upgraded version of the Complaint Redress System (SCORES 2.0) in April 2024? **Securities and Exchange Board of India**
- In which state did R N Ravi has inaugurated the Param Vir Chakra garden showcasing statues of the 21 awardees? **Tamil Nadu**
- According to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, when does India plan to end the import of Urea? **By the end of December 2025**
- Which state has the maximum number of products under the Geographical Indication tag as the GI registered products in India has crossed 600 recently? **Uttar Pradesh 69 products**
- The city of Miraj, which has been granted GI tag for its art of making musical instruments, is located in which state? **Maharashtra**
- In which city will the Indian Navy Half Marathon be organized? **New Delhi**
- President of India has inaugurated a Homoeopathy Symposium on World Homoeopathy Day in which city? **New Delhi**
- In which state the world's largest hybrid renewable energy park is being constructed? **Gujarat**
- Which state's famous Tiranga Barfi has been given GI tag in April 2024? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which gulf country has become first to debut in Miss Universe Pageant? **Saudi Arabia**
- India launched a new database to record crimes against which group? **UN peacekeepers**
- India has released second tranche of how much to Bhutan for the development of infrastructure related to the GyalSung Project? **500 crore**
- Where has the closing ceremony of the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023) held? **Rome, Italy**
- Which country will chair UN forum on women's rights and gender equality? **Saudi Arabia**

### 04 APRIL

## International Day for Mine Awareness

EDITION: 19th  
1st OBSERVED: 4 APRIL 2006

#### Importance

The General Assembly on 8 December, 2005 declared that each year on 4 April would be officially proclaimed and observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

#### Motto

To spread awareness about the threat caused by landmines to the safety, health and lives of civilian populations and encourages state Governments to develop mine clearing programmes.

#### Note

In April 2015, the UN Secretary-General designated actor Daniel Craig as the first UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards.



- Which countries have recently joined the EU's Schengen area partially? **Bulgaria and Romania**
- India has agreed to help which country in promoting research and education in the Sanskrit language? **Nepal**
- Which foundation celebrated serving food to four billion people at the UN Headquarters in April 2024? **Akshay Patra Foundation**
- How much quantity of kalanamak rice can be exported from India in 2024-25? **1000 tonnes**
- According to a Lancet study, which country has the highest life expectancy? **Monaco**
- Which country has launched eVisa only for Indians, enabling 90-day stays for tourism? **Japan**
- With whom has 'Press Trust of India' joined the Third-Party Fact-Checking Programme (3PFC) in April 2024? **Meta**
- In March 2024, which country overtook India by importing the largest amount of crude oil from Russia? **China**
- In which country will the Clean Energy Investor Forum be organized by IPEF? **Singapore**
- India has acquired the right to operate the overseas Sittwe port, in which country? **Myanmar**
- Which country has issued a new currency called ZiG in April 2024? **Zimbabwe**
- Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) will be organized in which country? **Singapore**
- Lisbon, where the 2024 World Hepatitis Summit was organised recently, is the capital city of which country? **Portugal**
- Which country has become first to come up with the Meningitis vaccine? **Nigeria**
- Where was the 23rd session of the 'United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues' held? **New York**
- Where has the 16th World Future Energy Summit commenced? **Abu Dhabi**
- Recently, "Mount Ruang" volcano has been erupted in which country? **Indonesia**
- The foreign ministers' meeting of the Group of Seven (G-7) was recently held in which country in April 2024? **Italy**
- Where has the First International Rainbow Tourism Conference held? **Nepal**

05 APRIL

## National Maritime day

EDITION: 61st  
1st OBSERVED: 5 APRIL 1964



### Importance

On this day, the steamship Savannah leaving from Savannah Georgia (May 22nd 1819) doing the first ever transoceanic voyage all under steam powered engines.

### Motto

To spread awareness in supporting safe and environmentally sound commerce between the continents across the world.

### Awards Conferred during the National Maritime Day

NMD Varuna Award, NMD Award of Excellence & Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training'.

07 APRIL

## World Health Day

EDITION: 75th  
2024 THEME:  
MY HEALTH, MY RIGHT



### Importance

To mark the inception of WHO which is seen as an opportunity by the organization to draw worldwide attention to a subject of major importance to global health each year.

### Motto

To celebrate the work of nurses and midwives and remind world leaders of the critical role they play in keeping the world healthy.

### Note

- This year was marked by WHO as the "International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife".
- This year WHO also released "State of the World's Nursing Report 2020" which will provide a global picture of the nursing workforce.





## Banking & Economy

- Which bank has introduced "Flash Pay" RuPay smart key chain? **Federal Bank**
- According to Hurun report, which Indian city has recently replaced Beijing as Asia's billionaire hotspot? **Mumbai**
- According to Brand Finance Insurance 100 2024, which is the strongest insurance brand? **Life Insurance Corporation**
- By the end of 2024, how many EV charging points do Tata Motors and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited plan to set up? **5000**
- Which country has the highest number of billionaires in the world according to the Forbes 38th Annual World's Billionaires List 2024"? **USA**
- According to the World Bank the expected growth rate of the Indian economy in 2023-24 will be? **7.5%**
- Recently, which organisation has released the "Young Global Leaders Community The Class of 2024" report? **World Economic Forum**
- RBI Monetary Policy Committee has kept the key repo rate unchanged at what percent for the seventh consecutive time? **6.5%**
- Which company has launched the new version of 'Girls Empowerment Mission' (GEM) in April 2024? **NTPC Limited**
- What is the expected growth rate of the Indian economy in 2024-25, according to Asian Development Bank report? **7.0%**
- Which bank has become the first private bank to open branch in Lakshadweep? **HDFC Bank**
- What is the GDP growth projection of India by the IMF for FY 2024-25? **6.8%**
- Which company has recently launched the first edition of 'IdeationX' in April 2024? **SBI Life Insurance**
- How much foreign direct investment has been allowed by the government for manufacturing components required by the space sector? **100 percent**
- According to a report of S&P Global Market Intelligence, which three banks have been included in the top 50 banks of the Asia-Pacific region? **SBI, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank**
- What was the net direct tax collection of the government of India in 2023-24? **Rs 19.58 lakh crore**
- Who has acquired Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited which has been approved by Competition Commission of India? **Adani Power Limited**
- With which company RBI collaborated for Digital India Trust Agency (DIGITA)? **Google**
- What is the enterprise value at which Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) agreed to acquire the stake in Gopalpur Port Ltd (GPL)? **₹3,350 crore**
- With whom has KABIL signed an agreement for technical cooperation for minerals? **CSIR-IMMT**
- Which is the partner country in the Indian Ocean Observing System (IndOOS)? **USA and India**
- The first export order of the BrahMos missile developed by India and Russia has been delivered to which country? **Philippines**
- With whom has the AFMS partnered for better military health technology in difficult areas in April 2024? **IIT Kanpur**
- The National Defense University has joined hands with Starburst Aerospace of which country for defense innovation? **France**

### World Homeopathy Day

2024 THEME:  
EMPOWERING RESEARCH,  
ENHANCING PROFICIENCY:  
A HOMEOPATHIC  
SYMPOSIUM

## 10 APRIL



#### Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of German physician Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, who is the founder and father of homeopathy. The term "homeopathy" was invented by Christian Hahnemann and first appeared in print in the year 1807. This year marks the 269th birthday of Hahnemann.

#### Motto

To create better awareness about homeopathy, improve its accessibility and to modernise the system of healing.

#### Organised by

World Homeopathy Awareness Organisation.

## Awards & Recognitions

- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been honored with the highest civilian honor of which country? **Bhutan**
- Who have been awarded by the first "Global Inequality Research Award"? **Bina Agarwal and James Boyce**
- Which Indian politician has recently conferred with the India's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna? **Lal Krishna Advani**
- Who has been honored with the 'International Culture Award' in March 2024? **Prof Meena Charanda**
- Who has won the 2023 Annual Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr. Award for the Men Player of The Year? **Hardik Singh**
- Who has won the SKOCH ESG Award 2024 in the RE Financing Category? **REC Limited**
- Vineet Jain, who has been awarded by ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023, is MD of which company? **Times Group**
- Who has won Indian Super League Player of Month (February) award in February 2024? **Madih Talal**
- Which company has been awarded by the 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award 2024 in April 2024? **SJVN Limited**
- Who has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the American Surgical Association (ASA) in April 2024? **Dr Raghu Ram**
- Who has been conferred with the 2024 John L "Jack" Swigert, Jr Award for Space Exploration Award? **Chandrayaan -3 Mission team**
- Who will receive an honorary Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival 2024? **George Lucas**
- Jyoti Choudhary and Vrinda Sharma, who have received Sundar Joshi awards, associated with which sport? **Cricket**
- Which Indian has been honoured with the 2024 American President's Award? **Acharya Lokesh Muni**
- Who has been honoured with the "South Asian Person of the Year" award and title by Harvard University? **Avantika Vandanapu**
- Who was awarded the International Literary Prize in April 2024? **Mamta ji Sagar**
- Who has been announced to be given the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award for the year 2024? **Amitabh Bachchan**
- Which airport is considered as "World's Best Airport" by Skytrax Awards? **Hamad International Airport**
- Who has been honored with the international fellowship by the Engineering Academy of Japan? **Kaushik Rajashekara**
- Who won the World Sportsman of the Year Award? **Novak Djokovic**

11 APRIL

National Safe  
Motherhood  
Day



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**Importance**  
To raise awareness about the proper healthcare of women and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women.

**Motto**  
To seek every woman has right to live and they could be survive during pregnancy and childbirth.

**Organisation Involved**

- White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI).
- Pillars of Safe Motherhood
- Family Planning
- Antenatal Care
- Obstetric Care- Clean & Safe delivery
- Parental Care
- Postnatal Care
- Control of STD & HIV Infections

**Note**  
India is the first country in the world to have officially declared National Safe Motherhood Day.

## Sports

- Who has won two gold medals in the Indian Masters National Badminton Championship 2024? **Nahid Divecha**
- Which team won the title of Boxing Sub Junior National Championship? **Haryana**
- Who has won the women's singles title at World Table Tennis Feeder Tournament? **Sreeja Akula**
- Who won her third straight figure skating world championship in Montreal? **Kaori Sakamoto**
- Who won the gold medal in the 59 kg youth category in the recent Para Powerlifting World Cup? **Vinay**
- Which team has recently made the highest of all time score in Indian Premiere League history? **Sunrisers Hyderabad**
- Who has become the first Indian footballer to sign Latin American Club? **Bijay Chhetri**
- Who is the first umpire from Bangladesh to be included in the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires? **Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid**
- Whose Indian record has been broken by Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy of being the world's No 1 ranked badminton player for the maximum number of weeks? **Saina Nehwal**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology has organized the International Chess Federation (FIDE)-rated rapid chess tournament in March 2024? **IIT Madras**
- Recently, who has become the first Indian footballer to played 150th match? **Sunil Chhetri**
- Which Indian has won the ATP 2024 Miami Open Master 1000 Men's Doubles title? **Rohan Bopanna**
- Which team has won the men's Kho-Kho title at the 56th National Kho-Kho Championship 2023-24? **Maharashtra**
- According to a recent report of the World Anti-Doping Agency, which country's athletes topped in the world for using banned performance-enhancing drugs? **India**
- Who has won the women's single badminton title at the 2024 Kazakhstan International Challenge? **Anupama Upadhyaya**
- Who has won the I-League Championship 2023-24? **Mohammedan Sporting FC**
- In which city will the National Women's Hockey League be inaugurated? **Ranchi**
- Who has become the first Indian to win a match in the Masters 1000 tournament on clay courts in April 2024? **Sumit Nagal**
- Whose record was broken by Novak Djokovic for being the oldest singles ATP no.1 ranked player in Tennis? **Roger Federer**
- Who has won the Valero Texas Open title in April 2024? **Akshay Bhatia**
- Where is the first leg of the Inaugural National Women's Hockey League 2024-2025 scheduled to be held? **Ranchi, Jharkhand**
- Where is the 20th Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 being held? **Bishkek**
- World Athletics has announced prize money for the athletes who win gold medals in which sport in Paris Olympics 2024? **Track and Field**
- Which football club has won the Bundesliga 2023-24? **Bayer Leverkusen**
- Who has become the first Indian cricketer to hit 500 T20 sixes? **Rohit Sharma**
- Who has won the male singles title of the 2024 Badminton Asian Championship? **Jonatan Christie**
- Radhika has clinched silver in which category at Asian Wrestling Championships 2024? **68kg**
- Which male cricketer has been named as the leading cricketer by the famous cricket magazine Wisden in April 2024? **Pat Cummins**
- In which city of Uttar Pradesh will the first skywalk be opened? **Chitrakoot**
- Mykolas Alekna, who broke the world record in the discus throw, belongs to which country? **Lithuania**
- Who has won the 2024 Monte Carlo ATP Masters 1000 singles title? **Stefanos Tsitsipas**
- Which is the first stadium in India to use hybrid pitch technology? **Dharamshala Stadium**
- Recently, who has won the silver medal in Khelo India NTPC National Ranking Archery Competition? **Sheetal Devi**
- Recently where has the 13th European Girls Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO) 2024 concluded? **Tskaltubo, Georgia**
- How many medals were won by India at the 20th Asian Wrestling Championship 2024? **Nine medals**
- Who has become the youngest-ever male player to win the FIDE Candidates tournament? **D Gukesh**
- Who has held the record of shortest limbo skating up to 25 meters? **Takshvi Vaghani**
- Which sport does Saurav Ghosal, who announced retirement recently, belong to? **Squash Player**
- Which Indian won two gold medals in the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024? **Prachi Yadav**
- Who recently won the Shanghai Grand Prix 2024 title? **Max Verstappen**
- Who has become the first bowler to take 200 wickets in the history of IPL? **Yuzvendra Chahal**



## Science & Technology

- ISRO has successfully conducted the landing experiment of which rocket recently in Karnataka? **Pushpak**
- In March 2024, asteroid 2005 EX296 has been named after which Indian scientist to honor him? **Professor Jayant Murthy**
- In which city has Tata Cummins Private Limited (TCPL) inaugurated a new factory to produce hydrogen-based internal combustion engines? **Jamshedpur**
- Election Commission has launched which app to supervise election process? **eVIGIL**
- Which space company has successfully test-fired stage-2 of Vikram-1 rocket? **Skyroot Aerospace**
- Which country has launched Yunhai-3 (02) satellite for atmospheric, space environment monitoring? **China**
- The first Indian made swine fever vaccine has been made by which Indian Institute of Technology? **IIT Guwahati**
- Where has India's largest agri waste-based bio CNG plant being set up by Adani Total Gas Limited? **Mathura**
- What is the range of the recently tested new generation ballistic missile called 'Agni-Prime'? **1,000 to 2,000 km**
- Which Indian Coast Guard ship participated in the joint training with the Vietnamese Coast Guard on tackling marine oil pollution in the high seas? **Samudra Paheredar**
- Which 'air defence security system' has been included in the Indian Army in April 2024? **Akashteer Command and Control System**
- Where will World's largest digital camera be placed? **Vera C Rubin Observatory**
- Where has the Indian Coast Guard Aquatic Center been set up? **Tamil Nadu**
- How deep is a Gigantic Ocean under the Earth discovered recently by Scientists? **700 KM**
- Who launched India's first private sub-meter resolution surveillance satellite? **Tata Advanced Systems Limited**
- Which Indian Institutes of Technology has developed a nanosensor for early detection of serious diseases by targeting cytokines? **IIT Jodhpur**
- Which country has recently tested the Angara-A5 space rocket in April 2024? **Russia**
- Where was the first steel cutting ceremony of Fleet Support Ships for the Indian Navy held? **Visakhapatnam**
- To whom has the government issued a tender for the purchase of 97 LCA Mark-1A fighter aircraft in April 2024? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**
- Who designed and developed the indigenously developed man-portable anti-tank guided missile weapon system? **DRDO**
- Recently, which country has launched first Angara-A5 space rocket on 3rd attempt? **Russia**
- By which year ISRO has decided to achieve debris-free space? **2030**
- Who will launch Proba-3 mission of European Space Agency? **ISRO**
- DRDO has developed SPACE for which armed force? **Indian Navy**
- What is the name of the largest stellar black hole discovered by European astronomers in the Milky Way in April 2024? **BH-3**
- Newly introduced Meta AI is based on which model? **Llama**
- Which country has recently tested the Pyoljji-1-2 anti-aircraft missile? **North Korea**
- Recently where a new Species Clouded Tiger Cat was found? **Brazil's rainforest**
- Which agency of DRDO has prepared indigenous Leading Edge Actuators and Airbrake Control Modules for LCA Tejas MK1A? **Aeronautical Development Agency**
- In April 2024, researchers of which institute have discovered the fossil of a giant prehistoric snake? **IIT Roorkee**



## Miscellaneous

- Vo Van Thuong who has resigned recently was the president of which country? **Vietnam**
- What is the theme of World Water Day 2024? **Water for Peace**
- The film "Bharat Maro Desh Che" based on the book "Saarnama Vagarna Manaviyo" has won 6 awards in Gujarat State Awards, this book is written by? **Mittalben Patel**
- Centre has announced how much wage hike for MGNREGA workers for FY 2024-25? **3-10%**
- What is the rank of India's 'Government e-Market' (GeM) portal as an e-commerce platform in the world? **Third**
- International Day of Zero Waste 2024 has been observed on which day of March? **30th March**
- The 61st raising day of which government agency has been celebrated on 01st April 2024? **Central Bureau of Investigation**
- Which state's foundation day has been celebrated on 01st April 2024? **Odisha**
- Which intergovernmental organization has celebrated its 75th foundation day on 4 April? **NATO**
- What is the theme of "National Maritime Day" 2024? **Navigating the future: safety first!**
- Which Indian Coast Guard ship has recently rescued 27 Bangladeshi fishermen? **ICGS Amogh**
- What is the theme of "World Health Day 2024"? **My Health, My Rights**
- Where was the 'Sagar Kavach' exercise organised recently? **Lakshadweep**
- In which region did America, Japan, Australia and Philippines launch their first joint naval exercise in April 2024? **South China Sea**
- Who will organize "Shakti - Festival of Music and Dance"? **Sangeet Natak Academy**
- What is India's rank in the world for having the maximum number of unicorns, as per the Hurun Unicorn Index 2024? **Third**
- What is the theme of World Homeopathy Day 2024? **Homeoparivar: One Health, One Family**
- The recently launched book "Planning for India's Urbanisation" has been authored by whom? **Vidyadhar K Phatak**
- Which is the highest rank given to an Indian institution by the QS World University Rankings 2024? **Jawaharlal Nehru University**
- In whose memory has National Civil Services Day been celebrated recently on 21st April? **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**
- "International Turban Day" has been observed on which date of April 2024? **13 April**
- With which country does India organized 'Dustlik' joint military exercise? **Uzbekistan**
- According to the Plastic Overshoot Day Report, which country has the lowest per capita plastic waste production in the world? **India**
- According to the Global Trade Outlook and Statistics report, what is the position of India as the exporter of digitally delivered services? **Fourth-largest**
- World Chagas Disease Day has been observed on which day of April 2024? **14 April**
- Which birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar has been celebrated recently on 14 April 2024? **133rd**
- Which tribe has celebrated the Longte Festival in April 2024? **Nyishi Tribe**
- Which state is leading in the Centre's Green Credit Programme (GCP)? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which company has recently published the list of the world's busiest airports in April 2024? **Airports Council International World**
- What is the theme of 'World Hemophilia Day' 2024? **Equal access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders**
- According to data from the Global Forest Watch monitoring project, which state has the highest tree cover loss? **Assam**
- Which former Indian female wrestler has been included among the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine in April 2024? **Sakshi Malik**
- What is the theme of World Heritage Day 2024? **Discover and experience diversity**
- The world's second-largest silver-producing mine, Sindesar Khurd Mine is located in which state? **Rajasthan**
- The recently launched book "India - the Road to Renaissance: A Vision and an Agenda" has been authored by whom? **Bhimeswara Challa**
- 34th Seng Kihlang festival has recently started in which state? **Meghalaya**
- Which armed force has organized the 'Exercise Poorvi Lehar' in April 2024? **Indian Navy**
- The largest temple festival "Thrissur Pooram" 2024 has been celebrated in which state? **Kerala**
- What is the theme of 'International Mother Earth Day' 2024? **Planet vs Plastic**
- Where did recently PM Narendra Modi inaugurate the Bhagwan Mahavir Nirvana Mahotsav? **New Delhi**



## Important Days

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 May	International Labour Day	To honour the contributions of the labourers or working class people.
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the face of the Environmental Crisis
4 May	Coal Miners Day	To highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines.
5 May	World Asthma Day	It aims to educate people on how best to get control over this respiratory problem and other allergic diseases.
7 May	World Athletics Day	To popularize sports among the youth
8 May	World Red Cross Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and International Committee
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All
12 May	International Nurses Day	Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care.
15 May	International Day of Families	Demographic Trends and Families
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	The whole world needs digital innovation. Together, we can make it happen.
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	To alarm the world against the HIV infections
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	To mark the death anniversary of former PM, Rajiv Gandhi
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	Be part of the Plan
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Protecting children from tobacco industry interference

## Let's Recap

- Which IIT has launched India's largest drone pilot training facility? **IIT Guwahati**
- Former Speaker of Lok Sabha Manohar Joshi passed away, he was also the former Chief Minister of which state? **Maharashtra**
- Which is the first spacecraft built by Intuitive Machines to land on the lunar surface? **Odysseus**
- Cabinet Committee on Security has cleared deals worth how much crore for high-power radars? **Rs 13000 crore**
- IRCTC has collaborated with which food company to offer pre-ordered meals to train passengers? **Swiggy**
- Salil Parekh has been appointed to the Board of Directors at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), is the CEO and MD of which company? **Infosys**
- Who has received the Best Debut Film Director award at the 57th Maharashtra State Marathi Film Awards Ceremony? **Achyut Chopade**
- Which country has recently dropped from a global watchdog's list of countries at risk of illicit money flows? **UAE**
- For the financial year 2024-25, how much budget did Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar propose? **Rs 1.89 lakh crore**
- Which organization recently signed an MoU with a Bengaluru institute to provide high-class education for the wards of its troops? **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**
- The 5th edition of joint military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is being organized between India and which country? **Japan**
- In which country will the SAFF Under-16 Women's Championship will be organized? **Nepal**
- With whom has the Bihar state government has signed an agreement to promote the startup ecosystem? **SIDBI**
- In February 2024, which singer has passed away at 72? **Pankaj Udhass**
- Which country has become first Asian country to ratify ILO convention? **Philippines**
- In which country is the Mobile World Congress 2024 being organized? **Spain**
- Fast bowler Neil Wagner retired from international cricket, he is a player of which country? **New Zealand**
- Where will a new regional office of the Central Board of Film Certification be established? **Chandigarh**
- What is the position of India in the Global Intellectual Property Index 2024? **42nd**
- World Gold Council has appointed whom as its chief executive officer? **Sachin Jain**
- With which country has the Ministry of AYUSH signed an agreement to promote Ayurveda? **Thailand**
- When and till when is the 'Annual Financial Literacy' week being organized by RBI? **26 February to 1 March**
- What did SBI Researchers report about India's poverty rate for the year 2022-23? **Declined to 4.5-5%**
- How many artists were selected for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2022 & 2023? **92**
- Which country will repeal a world-first law banning tobacco sales for future generations, despite warnings from researchers and campaigners? **New Zealand**
- Which Indian was awarded honorary knighthood by Britain's King Charles III? **Sunil Bharti Mittal**
- How many crores of rupees have been approved for 'PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana'? **75,000 crores**
- What will be the capacity of world's largest grain storage scheme launched recently? **700 Lakh Tonne**
- The recently launched book "Basic Structure and Republic" has been authored by whom? **P S Sreedharan Pillai**

### World Haemophilia Day

2024 THEME:  
EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL - RECOGNISING ALL BLEEDING DISORDERS.

## 17 APRIL

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**Importance**  
To mark the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia.  
This year marks the 34th anniversary of World Haemophilia Day.

**Motto**  
To increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders.

**Note**  
This is a critical effort since with increased awareness comes better diagnosis and access to care for the millions who remain without treatment.

- Zero Discrimination Day 2024 has been observed on which day of March 2024? **01 March**
- What is the theme of the World Wildlife Day 2024? **Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation**
- Which payment service has recently got final approval from RBI to operate as payment gateway? **Amazon Pay**
- Odisha government hiked monthly remuneration of anganwadi workers from Rs 7500 to how much? **10000**
- Along with India which two other countries have participated in first 'Blue Talks' meeting on Ocean? **France and Costa Rica**
- What is the one-time budgetary support of India for establishment of International Big Cat Alliance till 2027-28? **Rs 150 crore**
- Which ministry has organized the Poshan Utsav event in February 2024? **Ministry of Women and Child Development**
- In which state L&T has commissioned first indigenously manufactured hydrogen electrolyser? **Gujarat**
- The Zoological Survey of India has named a new marine species of ruby red-spotted head-shield sea slug after whom? **Drapadi Murmu**
- Where did Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launch the AYUSH-ICMR Advanced Centre? **New Delhi**
- Global Resources Outlook Report 2024 has recently released by which organisation? **UNEP**
- In March 2024, which state government has passed a resolution to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state? **Manipur**
- A 21-foot statue of which Rajput king has unveiled in Hyderabad? **Maharana Pratap**
- Where is the Asian River Rafting Championship being organised? **Shimla**
- Risa is a tribal costume of which state, which was recently granted GI tag? **Tripura**
- Recently, Brajesh Mehrotra has been appointed as new chief secretary of which state? **Bihar**
- Who has won the elections for Senior Deputy Mayor of Chandigarh? **Kuljeet Singh**
- Which team has won Pro Kabaddi League season 10? **Puneri Paltan**
- In which city is Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 3.0 being organised? **Hamirpur**
- NLC India Green Energy Limited has signed an agreement with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited for how much capacity solar power project? **600 megawatt**
- Which state government has launched Widow Remarriage Promotion Scheme? **Jharkhand**
- First Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024 has kicked off in which city? **Guwahati**
- Which edition of National Conference on Economics of Competition Law has been organized in New Delhi? **Ninth**
- Which country has recently devalued its currency? **Egypt**
- Who won the first prize in the National Youth Parliament Festival, 2024? **Yatin Bhaskar Duggal**
- With whose collaboration has NITI Aayog launched 'Frontier Technology Labs'? **Meta**
- Who has been appointed as next Indian envoy to Mauritania? **Naresh Kumar**
- International Women's Day has recently observed on which day of March 2024? **8th March**
- With which country will the Indian Coast Guard organize 'Sea Defenders-2024'? **USA**
- Which country has recently become a new member of the International Solar Alliance? **Panama**

18 APRIL

International Day for Monuments and Sites

2024 THEME:  
DISASTER AND CONFLICT  
RESILIENT HERITAGE -  
PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE  
AND RECOVERY



This year's theme is important as an expression of our global unity in the face of the ongoing worldwide health crisis.

**Importance**  
To mark the declaration by UNESCO to established 18 April as the International Day for Monuments and Sites in 1983.  
This day is also commonly known as World Heritage Day.

**Motto**  
To raise the awareness about the preserving human heritage, diversity and vulnerability of the world's built monuments and heritage sites. Also, the efforts required to protect and conserve it and to draw attention towards it.

**Organisation Involved**  
UNESCO

- Which festival showcased cultural diversity and talent in Jammu recently in 2024? **Tawi Festival**
- Who has been appointed as new director general of National Security Guard? **Daljit Singh Chaudhary**
- Which country has become the first Spanish-speaking nation to officially recognise the Indian Pharmacopoeia? **Nicaragua**



- Who has sworn in as a provincial minister, becoming the first Sikh to occupy such a position in post-partition Punjab? **Ramesh Singh Arora**
- Which city has been declared the 27th district of Arunachal Pradesh? **Bichom**
- Which government entity is planning to regulate Financial Influencers (Finfluencers) in India? **SEBI**
- Which financial services company concluded its 10th Business Case programme to elevate youth? **HSBC India**
- The two-day Nazrul Utsav has recently begun in which city? **Dhaka**
- President Draupadi Murmu will be the chief guest on the National Day of which country from 11 to 13 March? **Mauritius**
- Who has been crowned as the Miss World 2024? **Krystyna Pyszkova**
- Which ministry is responsible for organizing Poshan Pakhwada? **Ministry of Women and Child Development**
- Recently, who has taken oath as the 14th President of Pakistan? **Asif Ali Zardari**
- In which state of India has the world's longest twin-lane tunnel inaugurated? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the "Global Spirituality Mahotsav" in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Arun Goel has recently resigned from which post of Election Commission? **Election Commissioner**
- Recently, who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Haryana? **Naib Singh Saini**
- Hindi novelist Sanjeev has received the Sahitya Akademi Award 2023 for which of his novels? **"Mujhe Pehchaano"**
- Who has launched "Subhash Abhinandan", a digital exhibition based on the life of Subhash Chandra Bose? **Arjun Ram Meghwal**
- Justice Satyendra Singh appointed as Lokayukta of which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which state government will observe Hindu Year 2081 as "Gauvansh Raksha Varsh" (Cow Protection Year)? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Which Union Minister launched the credit assistance program for Jan Aushadhi Kendras? **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**
- India recently signed an agreement with which country to establish a Joint Economic and Trade Committee? **Dominican Republic**
- Where did PM Modi lay the foundation stone of India's first commercial semiconductor fabrication service? **Gujarat**
- Which team won the Ranji Trophy 2024 title? **Mumbai**
- Where was the largest mass burial of plague victims ever found in Europe discovered? **Nuremberg, Germany**
- What is the name of the newly discovered scorpion species that has eight eyes and eight legs, found in Thailand? **Euscorpions Krachan.**
- Who has been appointed as the new UP Chief Information Commissioner? **Rajkumar Vishwakarma**
- India and Asian Development Bank have signed \$181 million loan to improve livability in which city? **Ahmedabad**
- Wing Commander Satish Bhatia (retd), who has passed away recently, was the former player of which sport? **Badminton**
- Who launched Prasar Bharati's new service PB-'Shabd'? **Anurag Thakur**
- The committee formed on 'One Nation One Election' submitted its report, who is the chairman of this committee? **Ramnath Kovind**
- The recently discussed 'Democracy Report 2024' has been released by which research institute? **V-DEM Institute**
- With whom has the Government of India signed a loan agreement to strengthen the Fintech eco system in India? **ADB**

**World Liver Day**

LOVE YOUR LIVER AND LIVE LONGER

**19 APRIL**



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World liver day is observed on every 19 April, to spread awareness about liver related disease.

The liver is the second largest and the most complex organ in the body, with the exception of the brain.

It is a key player in your body's digestive system.

Hepatitis is a term used to describe inflammation (swelling) of the liver. It can be caused due to viral infection or when liver is exposed to harmful substances such as alcohol.

**Note**

- On 28th July 2018 Govt. of India launched National Viral Hepatitis Control Program.
- This program aims at prevention and control of viral hepatitis in India in order to achieve Sustainable Developmental Goal 3.3 by 2030.

- Which state has become the first to buy land in J&K for tourist facility? **Maharashtra**
- Which country has recently unveiled world's first-ever 3D printed mosque? **Saudi Arabia**
- Who won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2024? **Max Verstappen**
- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has recently launched new automotive fuel "ETHANOL 100" by which petroleum company? **IndianOil**
- In March 2024, Navneet Kumar Sehgal has taken charge as new Chairman of which company? **Prasar Bharati**
- How much capacity of wind power plant has Adani Green Energy commissioned in Gujarat in March 2024? **126 MW**
- Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas, who has passed away recently, was the former chief of which armed force? **Indian Navy**
- Who has been appointed the Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education? **Rahul Singh**
- Which team won the title of the second season of the Women's Premier League? **Royal Challengers Bangalore**
- Which city of Nepal has been declared as country's tourism capital? **Pokhara**
- The first ever "Formula-4" Car race show will organize in which city? **Srinagar**
- Jammu & Kashmir government has approved 10% reservation for which tribe? **Paddari Tribe**
- Which state police recently launched the digital platform 'Trinetra' App 2.0? **Uttar Pradesh**
- The recently formed committee to evaluate the feasibility of 'One Nation, One Election' was chaired by whom? **Ram Nath Kovind**
- What is the name of the mobile application launched by the Election Commission of India to enable voters to check the criminal records of candidates standing for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections? **Know Your Candidate**
- IPS Vivek Sahay has recently appointed as the Director General of Police of which state? **West Bengal**
- In which city has India's first indoor athletics centre inaugurated? **Bhubaneswar**
- Vinay Kumar has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to which country? **Russia**
- Who has recently been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Food and Processing Industries? **Kiran Rijju**
- Who has recently been given additional responsibility as the Governor in-charge of Telangana? **CP Radhakrishnan**
- Which city has emerged as the world's most polluted metropolitan area? **Begusarai**
- Who has been awarded by Saraswati Samman 2023 recently? **Prabha Varma**
- Which state has announced a bonus of Rs 125 per quintal on wheat, which is above the minimum support price announced for the 2024 Rabi season? **Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan**
- Which agricultural commodity has been recently included by the government of India under the Price Stabilisation Fund scheme? **Wheat and Rice**
- By whom was the country's first 1500 HP tank engine tested in March 2024? **Bharat Earth Movers Limited**
- Where was the 4th Shanghai Cooperation Organization Startup Forum organized? **New Delhi**
- When has the World Forestry Day celebrated in March 2024? **21 March**

21 APRIL

Civil  
Service Day

1st CELEBRATED: 2006



#### Importance

This date is chosen to commemorate the day when first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947. He referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'.

#### Motto

To rededicate themselves to the cause of citizen and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work.

#### Note

On this day the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are also given.

#### History

Civil Service word date back to the British time when British East India Company civilian staffs involved in administrative jobs and were known as 'Public Servants'. Its foundation has been laid by Warren Hastings.

#### Father of Civil Services in India: Charles Cornwallis

Civil Service in India consists of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and comprehensive list of All India Services and Central Services Group A and Group B.



## Quick Bytes

- Nalin Prabhat Appointed as Director-General of NSG.
- Santosh Viswanathan Appointed India Region Head of Intel
- Deepika Soreng Honoured with Asunta Lakra Award
- Kaushik Rajashekara Honored with International Fellowship by the Engineering Academy of Japan
- Rohit Sharma becomes 2nd player after MS Dhoni to play 250 matches in IPL
- Keki Mistry appointed as HDFC Life Insurance board's chairman
- Former World No. 1 Kento Momota retired from international badminton
- Kuwait's New Prime Minister: Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah
- BharatPe Appoints Nalin Negi as Chief Executive Officer
- SPACE India named Sanjana Sanghi as its Brand Ambassador
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised India's GDP growth forecast for 2024-25 upwards by 30 basis points to 6.8%.
- Introducing CDP-SURAKSHA: Revolutionizing Horticulture Subsidies
- Mahindra Susten's ₹1,200 Crore Hybrid Renewable Energy Project in Maharashtra
- World Economic Forum names Nykaa's Adwaita Nayar as a 2024 Young Global Leader
- Ram Charan Honored with an Honorary Doctorate in Literature from Vels University
- Delhi's IGI Airport Ranks Among Top 10 Busiest Airports Globally
- Dharamsala to get India's first 'hybrid pitch'
- Renowned Carnatic Musician K.G. Jayan Passes Away at 90
- J&K High Court quashes man's detention under PSA, 1978
- India to test 130 km strike range Astra Mark-2 missile.
- Vivek Aggarwal (IAS) re-appointed as Director of FIU-India.
- ISRO is set to launch ESA's Solar Study Mission Proba-3.
- Amitabh Bachchan awarded "Lata Mangeshkar Puraskar".
- Bernd Hoelzenbein, 1974 World Cup winner, aged 78, passed away
- A penalty of Rs 43.30 lakh has been imposed on Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank for non-compliance with RBI directions.
- Cummins, Nat Sciver named as Wisden Leading Cricketers in the world.
- J&K High Court Upholds Rule of Law, Quashes Detention under Public Safety Act..
- Nigeria Becomes First Country to Roll Out New Meningitis Vaccine
- Madhya Pradesh Leads Implementation of Centre's Green Credit Programme (GCP)
- Saurabh Garg Appointed as Secretary of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- SBI Life Launches IdeationX: Pioneering Life Insurance Innovation
- Apple and CleanMax Collaborate to Advance Renewable Energy in India
- Amitabh Bachchan to be Honoured with the Prestigious Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award
- Alia Bhatt Named to TIME's 100 Most Influential People of 2024 List: A Testament to Global Impact
- Pat Cummins and Sciver-Brunt Named Wisden's Top Cricketers

### Earth Day

1st OBSERVED: 1970  
THIS YEAR MARKS THE  
54TH YEAR OF EARTH DAY  
2024 THEME:  
PLANET VS. PLASTICS

## 22 APRIL



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**Importance**  
To mark the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. As on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

**Motto**  
To raise awareness on the negative impact our actions as mankind have on our environment and earth as a whole, and is a day for political action and civic participation.

**Note**  
United Nations chose Earth Day as the day to sign the Paris Climate Agreement into force.

- Israel Aerospace sets up Indian subsidiary AeroSpace Services India.
- First ever Nuclear Energy Summit 2024 held in Belgium.
- World's first Om-shaped temple inaugurated in Rajasthan.
- Sunil Chhetri is the only Indian footballer to played 150th match.
- First ever India-made swine fever vaccine by IIT Guwahati.
- Bank of Maharashtra appointed Nidhu Saxena as the MD & CEO.
- Nutritional Support to TB patients (Nikshay Poshan Yojana)
- Politician Mukhtar Ansari dies of Cardiac Arrest at 63
- Prominent writer Gurulinga Kapse passed away
- India's first Artificial Intelligence based Film 'IRAH'.
- Vijay Jain bags prestigious "Times Power Icon 2024 Award"
- Daniel Kahneman, Nobel Prize Winner, dies at 90
- A book launched named "From A Car Shed To The Corner Room & Beyond".
- National Football League bans Hip-Drop Tackle in 2024

- of FIH Athletes Committee
- LIC has emerged as the strongest insurance brand globally, according to a report Brand Finance Insurance 100 2024.
- Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani takes oath as judge in J&K
- Saudi Arabia to participate in Miss Universe competition, 1st time.
- Indian Parliamentary Delegation Strengthens Ties with Armenia and IPU
- Bassirou Diomaye Faye Wins Senegal's Presidential Election
- Thailand's Historic Move: Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage
- Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi has taken oath as the new judicial member of the Lokpal (ombudsman).
- Morgan Stanley Raises India GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8%
- Adani Ports Acquires 95% Stake in Gopalpur Port for Rs 3,350 Cr
- CCI Approves Acquisition of Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited by Adani Power Limited
- NTPC Secures USD 200 Million Loan from JBIC for Renewable Projects
- IRDAI Identifies LIC, GIC Re, and New India Assurance as D-SIIs
- A book titled "From A Car Shed To The Corner Room & Beyond" by S. Raman
- Scientists uncover Milky Way's ancient building blocks, Shakti & Shiva
- Govind Dholakiya became new chairman of Surat diamond trade centre
- Luis Montenegro Named Portugal's Prime Minister
- Indian Diplomat Abhay Thakur Appointed as Next Envoy to Myanmar
- Neeraj Chopra Named Eveready's New Brand Ambassador
- Hansha Mishra Appointed as Director in UPSC
- RBI Grants Payment Aggregator Licences To Innoviti Payments And Concerto Software
- Michel Talagrand Awarded the 2024 Abel Prize
- IIT Guwahati Transfers Pioneering Swine Fever Vaccine Technology to BioMed Pvt
- Haryana Crowned Champion at Boxing Sub Junior National Championship
- Popular Tamil Actor Lakshmi Narayanan Seshu Passes Away at 60
- Japan's Kaori Sakamoto wins 3rd Straight World Title.
- Bharat Biotech starts clinical trials of Tuberculosis Vaccine "MTBVAC"
- Election Commission launches Saksham App for PwD persons.

23 APRIL

## World Book & Copyright Day

1st CELEBRATED: 1995

### Importance

To pay a world-wide tribute to several prominent authors like William Shakespeare, Miguel Cervantes and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, who all died on this day.

### Motto

It is an occasion to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors and to encourage people to discover the pleasure of reading.

### Organisation Involved

UNESCO

### Note

- On this day UNESCO and the international organizations select the "World Book Capital" for a year to recognize the scope of books in the world.
- This year's World Book Capital is Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia.


- Kotak Mahindra Bank Acquires Sonata Finance
- Axis Bank Launches Digital US Dollar Fixed Deposits for NRIs at GIFT City
- PR Sreejesh and Camila Caram Appointed Co-Chairs



- Hardik Singh and Salima Tete Honoured at Hockey India Awards 2023
- Professor Meena Charanda Honoured with 'International Culture Award' 2024
- Vineet Jain Honoured with ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023
- Microsoft And OpenAI Unveil \$100 Billion 'Stargate' AI Supercomputer
- 6 traditional products and crafts of Assam, including Bihu Dhol, Jaapi and Sarthebari bell metal craft, have been accorded GI tags.
- Sita Ram Meena appointed India's next envoy to Niger
- Arnab Banerjee elected as the new ATMA Chairman.
- Vinay Kumar wins gold at para powerlifting World Cup in Egypt.
- Pakistan Cricket Board reappoints Babar Azam as captain.
- Tripura's Rignai Pachra textile, Tripureswari temple's Pera got GI tag
- Simon Harris set to become Ireland's youngest PM.
- Dr. Manmohan Singh to Retire from Rajya Sabha
- Tata International Appoints Rajeev Singhal as MD
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has roped in popular actor Ayushmann Khurrana to encourage the youth to exercise their franchise in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections..
- Adani Green Energy Ltd Surpasses 10,000 MW Operating Portfolio: Leading India's Renewable Energy Sector
- CCI Approval: Axis Bank's Stake Acquisition In Max Life Insurance
- Dr. Karthik Kommuri Honoured at National Fame Awards 2024
- The indigenous wheat variety from the Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh, locally known as Kathiya Gehu, has been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag..
- Korea's KSTAR 'Artificial Sun' hits new fusion record At 100 Million°C
- India Mozambique Tanzania Tri Lateral Exercise "IMT TRILAT- 2024"
- R.N. Ravi unveiled "Param Vir Chakra" garden in Chennai.
- World's oldest man, Juan Vicente Perez Mora, dies at 114.
- Japan launches eVisa for Indians, enabling 90-day stays for tourism without physical visa stickers, applying via VFS Global.
- Lt Gen JS Sidana is New Director General of EME
- Sanjay Nayar Appointed as New ASSOCHAM President
- Santosh Kumar Jha Appointed as New CMD of Konkan Railway Corporation
- Merger Announcement: AU Small Finance Bank and Fincare Small Finance Bank
- World Bank Raises India's Growth Projection: FY24 GDP at 7.5%
- Paradip Port Emerges as India's Top Cargo-Handling Port in 2023-24
- IOCL and Panasonic Partner for Lithium-ion Cell Manufacturing in India
- 'One Vehicle, One FASTag' Norm Implemented
- El-Sisi sworn in for third term as Egyptian president.
- Barbara Rush, Award-Winning TV and Film Actress, passed away at 97
- Atul Mehra joins Axis Capital as managing director & CEO.
- ICG vessel "Samudra Paheredar" visits Vietnam for ASEAN Mission.
- Judith Suminwa Tuluka appointed Congo's first female Prime Minister.
- Vineet Jain wins "ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023"
- REC wins "SKOCH ESG Award 2024" in "Renewable Energy Category"
- HAL made two "Dornier 228 Planes" delivered to Guyana.
- Joyshree Das Verma appointed as FICCI Ladies Organisation president.
- Only Mizo top grade artist of Akashvani Vanhlupuii Passes away at 77

## National Panchayati Day

# 24 APRIL



**Importance**  
On this day the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.

**Significance**

- Diversification of the political power in the hands of common men.
- In order to supervise Panchayati Raj System in India a separate Ministry of Panchayati Raj was constituted on 27th May 2004.
- The National Panchayati Raj day is observed in the country since 24 April 2010.

**Structure of Panchayati Raj system in India**

- Gram Panchayat at village level
- Panchayat Samiti at Block level
- Zila Parishad at District level

**Committee Recommended**  
Balwantrai Mehta

**Note**  
Rajasthan was the first state in the country where Panchayati Raj system was implemented.

- C-CAMP launches "OptiDrop" for Advanced Cell Studies.
- SC imposes interim stay on Allahabad HC order on UP Madarsa Board.
- IFFCO signed an MoU with ACME to buy 2 lakh tonne ammonia.
- GAIL wins 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award for Barauni – Guwahati pipeline.
- Rakesh Mohan Appointed to World Bank Economic Advisory Panel
- DRDO successfully conducted a flight test of the new generation ballistic missile called 'Agni-Prime
- Tamil Actor Visheshwara Rao Passes Away at 64
- Manohar International Airport in Goa Launches Digi Yatra System
- BALCO, first Indian company to be certified with ASI Performance.
- Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument made largest 3D map of universe
- Army inducted "Akashteer" system to enhance air defence posture
- Global Life Expectancy rises up 6.2 years despite COVID-19: Lancet
- SpaceX successfully launched Tata and Satellogic's TSAT-1A satellite.
- Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital wins 'Best Scientific Poster Award' 2024.
- Indian-American golfer Akshay Bhatia wins the Valero Texas Open.
- Indian Army gets portable Iгла-S Air defence system from Russia.
- Sumit Nagal, 1st male Indian singles player to win Masters 1000 match
- Air India appoints Jayaraj Shanmugam as global airport operations head
- Aleksei Navalny and Yulia Navalnaya Honoured with Freedom Prize
- Legendary Cinematographer Gangu Ramsay Passes Away at 83
- Briton, nicknamed 'Hardest Geezer', becomes first person to run length of Africa
- Peter Pellegrini Wins Slovakia Presidential Elections: Pro-Russia Stance Solidified
- U.S. and Britain Forge Alliance to Enhance AI Safety
- Innovative Election Initiative: Punjab Launches 'Booth Raabta' Website
- Wipro Appoints New CEO: Srinivas Pallia
- GAIL Wins 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award for Barauni – Guwahati Pipeline
- SIDBI Partners with KarmaLife to Offer Micro Loans for Gig Workers
- Sagar Kavach 2024: Coastal Security Exercise in Lakshadweep Islands
- Sam Pitroda's New Book 'The Idea of Democracy'
- India Tops WADA's Doping Offenders List in 2022
- Miraj's Sitar and Tanpuras Awarded Geographical Indication Tags
- John Tinniswood, the 114-Year-Old Named World's Oldest Living Man
- Red Bull's Max Verstappen wins F1 Japanese Grand Prix 2024.
- J&K Bank partnered with Paymart to launch Virtual ATM Facility
- Meenesh Shah elected chairman of NCDFI
- Yulia Navalnaya to receive German democracy prize.
- 'Zero orbital debris' : ISRO achieves 'zero orbital debris' milestone
- Mary Kom steps down as Chef-de-Mission for Paris Olympics
- Justice Aniruddha Bose to head National Judicial Academy
- The book "The Law and Spirituality: Reconnecting the Bond" launched.
- Anurag Kumar (IPS) appointed as Joint Director in CBI.

25 APRIL

## World Malaria Day

2024 THEME:  
TIME TO DELIVER ZERO  
MALARIA: INVEST, INNOVATE,  
IMPLEMENT

### Importance

World Malaria Day gives people the chance to promote or learn about the efforts made to prevent and reduce Malaria around the world.

### Motto

To highlight the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment for malaria prevention and control.

### Organisation Involved

WHO

### How Malaria spread?

- Malaria is caused by Plasmodium parasites.
- The parasites are spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes, called "malaria vectors."

### Note

Every year there are more than 200 million new cases of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.

- Mirabai Chanu, Only Indian Weightlifter To Qualify For Paris Olympics
- Neeraj Sharma receives "Medal of Honour" at Consular Day 2024




- Russia's Successful Angara-A5 Rocket Test Launch
- Adani Green Energy Builds World's Largest Renewable Energy Park in Khavda, Gujarat
- Ashneer Grover Ventures into Fintech with ZeroPe Medical Loan App
- Moody's Analytics Forecasts India's Economy to Grow by 6.1% in 2024
- Sachidananda Mohanty Appointed as Member, University Grants Commission (UGC)
- Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni Honored with American President's Volunteer Award 2024
- Prestigious John Dirks Gairdner Global Health Award for Dr. Gagandeep Kang
- India Overtakes China in Digital Services Exports: Key Findings from WTO Report
- World Cybercrime Index Unveiled: Russia and Ukraine Top List
- Indian Army Conducts Anti-Tank Guided Missile Training Exercise in Sikkim
- UK's First Woman High Commissioner to India: Lindy Cameron
- Sushil Sharma Appointed CMD of SJVN Limited
- Former Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj to Head US-India Tax Forum
- PhonePe Partners with eSewa, HAN Pokhara to Promote UPI in Nepal
- Asian Wrestling Championship: Udit Bags Silver, Abhimanyu and Vicky Claim Bronze Each
- JNU Tops QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024: A Landmark Achievement for India
- Former NFL Star O.J. Simpson Dies of Cancer at Age 76
- HPCA Stadium becomes first Indian venue with hybrid pitch technology.
- India and Mauritius sign protocol to amend tax treaty.
- England's spin legend Derek Underwood passed away at the age of 78.
- First-ever PSUs' club 'SCOPE - Social Interaction Centre' inaugurated
- Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong to Step Down, Hands Over Power to Deputy Lawrence Wong
- Chitrakoot's Stunning Glass Skywalk Bridge in Uttar Pradesh
- Longte Festival Celebrated by Arunachal Pradesh's Nyishi Tribe
- Kristalina Georgieva Re-appointed as IMF Managing Director
- The Book Titled "The Law and Spirituality: Reconnecting the Bond" Released
- IMGC and Bank of India Partner to Offer Mortgage Guarantee-Backed Home Loans
- LIC Increases Equity Stake in Hindustan Unilever by Over 5%
- Kannada Poet Mamta G. Sagar Honored with Prestigious World Literary Prize
- Nepali Cricketer Dipendra Singh Airee Joins Elite Club with Six Sixes in an Over
- Rohit Sharma Achieves Historic Milestone, Becomes First Indian to Hit 500 T20 Sixes
- Legendary English Cricketer Derek Underwood Passes Away at 78
- India-Kazakhstan to Enhance Counter-Terror Cooperation in Response to Moscow Attacks
- KABIL and CSIR-IMMT Forge Alliance for Critical Minerals Advancement
- India Invokes Peace Clause for Fifth Consecutive Time at WTO
- India Ranks Second in Hepatitis B and C Cases Worldwide
- ICICI Lombard Partners with Policybazaar to Expand Insurance Distribution
- HDFC Bank Becomes First Private Bank to Open Branch in Lakshadweep
- NTPC Limited to Launch New Edition of Girl Child Empowerment Mission (GEM)
- Sangeet Natak Akademi Organizes 'Shakti - A Festival of Music and Dance' in Shaktipeeths
- Harendra Singh Appointed as Coach of Indian Women's Hockey Team Until 2028 Olympics

**World Intellectual Property Day**

INCEPTION: 2000  
2024 THEME:  
IP AND THE SDGS:  
BUILDING OUR COMMON  
FUTURE WITH INNOVATION  
AND CREATIVITY

26 APRIL



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**Importance**  
To mark the inception of WIPO Convention, that came into force in 1970.

**Motto**  
To learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.

**Organisation responsible**  
World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)



- "Just a Mercenary?": Duvvuri Subbarao's Memoir Unveils the Tensions Between the RBI and the Government
- The book, 'India — the Road to Renaissance: A Vision and an Agenda' by Bhimeswara Chall
- Rohit Sharma becomes 2nd player to play 250th game in IPL.
- AFMS & IIT Kanpur collaborated to address health problems of soldiers.
- Skytrax World Airport Awards: Doha's Hamad is world's best airports.
- India to deliver 1st batch of BrahMos missiles to Philippines.
- "Tagore On The Padma Boat" Programme organized in Bangladesh.
- Singapore's PM Lee Hsien Loong to step down on 15 May.
- India clinches 2 silver, 2 bronze medals at Mathematical Olympiad 2024
- Axis Bank & Shoppers Stop launched Axis Bank Shoppers Stop Credit Card
- Dalip Majithia, India's oldest Air Force Pilot passes away at 103.
- SPACE, a evaluation hub for Indian Navy, set up by DRDO, inaugurated.
- Vels university confers honorary doctorate on Dr Ram Charan.
- IAU approves 'Shiv Shakti' as name for Chandrayaan-3 landing site.
- Federal Bank Launches 'Flash Pay' In Partnership With NPCI For Contactless Payments
- Modi Government Allocates Rs 6212.03 Crore For Strengthening Regional Rural Banks
- India's GDP To Grow By 6.8% In FY25: S&P Global
- Hurun Research Institute Report: Mumbai Surpasses Beijing As Asia's Billionaire Capital
- 'Phool Bahadur' – The First Magahi Novel in English
- Indian Scientist Prof Jayant Murthy Honoured with Asteroid Name
- Ferrari's Carlos Sainz clinched victory at the Australian Grand Prix
- Virat Kohli Becomes First Indian to Score 12,000 T20 Runs
- UN Appoints Saudi Arabia To Lead Women's Rights Forum Despite Criticism
- Romania And Bulgaria Partially Join Schengen Travel Zone
- Moushumi Basu Takes Over as New President of JNU Teachers Association
- Rohan Bopanna and Matt Ebden Triumph at Miami Open
- "Code Dependent: Living in the Shadow of AI" book by Madhumita Murgia.
- Tripura: Matabari Pera Prasad, Rignai Pachara Textiles Get GI Tag
- Ms Sheyphali Sharan Takes Charge as Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau
- Vedanta's BALCO: First Indian Company Certified with ASI Performance Standard
- India, Maldives & Sri Lanka's 'Dosti-16' Held in Maldives
- IAF's 10-day mega exercise 'Gagan Shakti' begins from April 1-10
- Novak Djokovic Becomes the Oldest World No. 1 in ATP Rankings History

28 APRIL

## World Day For Safety & Health At Work

INCEPTION: 2003



### Importance

On this day, the International Labour Organization (ILO), began to observe World Day in order to stress the prevention of accidents and diseases at work.

### Motto

To honour the memory of victims of occupational accidents and diseases It is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work.

### Organisation Involved

International Labour Organization (ILO)

### Note

28 April is also the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996.

Last Saturday  
of April

## World Veterinary Day

INCEPTION: 2000  
2024 THEME:  
VETERINARIANS ARE  
ESSENTIAL HEALTH  
WORKERS



### Importance

To mark the proclamation by the World Veterinary Association in 2000.

### Motto

To promote the veterinary profession and work on improvement of the animal and human welfare.

### Organisation Involved

World Veterinary Association

### Note

The VVA and Health for Animals will confer the World Veterinary Day Award and \$2,500 for the best contribution to the annual theme.





- Meenesh Shah Elected as Chairman of NCDFI
- RBI Projects CPI Inflation at 4.5% for FY25
- Enhancing Air Defence Capabilities: Indian Army Inducts Akashteer System
- SJVN Awarded for Outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility
- Former Judge Najmi Waziri to Head Committee for Delhi Forest Protection
- Bilquis Mir: The First Indian Woman on the Paris Olympics Jury
- Vandita Kaul appointed as Secretary of Department of Posts.
- Kannada poet Mamta G Sagar wins international literature prize.
- Tamil actor and politician Arulmani dies due to heart attack at 65.
- Moody's estimates India's GDP to be 6.1 percent in 2024.
- Arvind Kumar appointed as Director (Refineries) Of Indian Oil.
- PhonePe partners with eSewa, HAN Pokhara to promote UPI in Nepal
- IIT Bombay ranks 45th in QS World University Rankings 2024.
- Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024: India ranks third with 67 unicorns.
- Harendra Singh reappointed India women's hockey team coach.
- KABIL and CSIR-IMMT sign MoU for Critical Minerals.
- Asian Development Bank raises India's GDP growth to 7% for FY25
- Ms. Jagjit Pavadia re-elected to the International Narcotics Control.
- Gopi Thotakura: First Indian Pilot to Embark on Space Tourism with Blue Origin
- Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital Wins 'Best Scientific Poster Award' 2024
- British physicist Peter Higgs Passes Away at the age of 94
- Simon Harris Becomes Ireland's Youngest Prime Minister
- Zimbabwe Introduces ZiG: A New Gold-Backed Currency
- Air India Appoints Jayaraj Shanmugam as Head of Global Airport Operations
- ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 Mission Awarded the Prestigious John L. "Jack" Swigert, Jr. Award
- GUJCOST Designated as Nodal Centre for ISRO's START Programme
- Sri Lankan Star Kamindu Mendis and England's Maia Bouchier Crowned ICC Players of the Month
- R.M. Veerappan, the most trusted lieutenant of late MGR, Passes away
- Siddharth Rajsekar announced the release of book 'I Can Coach'.
- Sushil Sharma appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of SJVN
- Nilgiri and Mahoba lead in Jal Jeevan Mission Success.
- USISPF appoints Tarun Bajaj as chairman of US-India Tax Forum.

29 APRIL

## International Dance Day

INCEPTION: 1982



### Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the creator of modern ballet.

### Motto

To honour those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance", and acts as a wake-up-call for governments, politicians and institutions which have not yet recognised its value to the people and have not yet realised its potential for economic growth.

### Organisation Involved

International Theatre Institute (ITI) & UNESCO

### Note

Every year a message from an outstanding choreographer or dancer is circulated throughout the world.

30 APRIL

## Ayushman Bharat Diwas



### Importance

To mark the rollout of India's most affordable medical Scheme, i.e. Ayushman Bharat Programed.

### Motto

To provide free health coverage at the secondary and tertiary level to its bottom 40% poor and vulnerable population.

### About the scheme

Launched: September 2018

Ministry responsible: Health and Family Welfare

- Covers of 5 lakh per family per year for medical treatment
- No restriction on family size, age or gender
- Covers 3 days of hospitalisation and 15 days of post hospitalisation
- Provides cashless and paperless service

## What are Israel's Iron Dome and Arrow missile Defences: Explained

Israel used a multi-layered defence shield to block Iran's mass drone and missile attack on Israeli territory overnight. Its defensive array includes short-range Iron Dome and long-range Arrow-2 and Arrow-3 missiles. Israel has been honing its air defences since coming under Iraqi Scud salvoes in the 1991 Gulf war.

### ARROW



The Arrow or Hetz is a family of anti-ballistic missiles designed to fulfill an Israeli requirement for a missile defense system that would be more effective against ballistic missiles than the MIM-104 Patriot surface-to-air missile. The long-range Arrow-2 and Arrow-3 system, developed by Israel with an Iranian missile threat in mind, is designed to intercept ballistic missiles outside the earth's atmosphere, using a detachable warhead that collides with the target. It operates at an altitude that allows for the safe dispersal of any non-conventional warheads. State-owned Israel Aerospace Industries is the project's main contractor, while Boeing is involved in producing the interceptors.

- ❑ Designer: Israel Aerospace Industries
- ❑ Designed: 1994–present
- ❑ Manufacturer: Israel Aerospace Industries, Boeing Defense, Space & Security
- ❑ Unit cost: US\$3 million
- ❑ Produced: 2000–present

On Oct 31, Israel's military said it had used the Arrow aerial defence system for the first time since the Oct 7 outbreak of the war with Hamas to intercept a surface-to-surface missile in the Red Sea fired towards its territory. On Sept. 28, Germany signed a letter of

commitment with Israel to buy the Arrow-3 missile defence system for nearly 4 billion euros (\$4.2 billion).

### David's Sling



Formerly known as Magic Wand, it is an Israel Defense Forces military system jointly developed by the Israeli defense contractor Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and the American defense contractor Raytheon, that became operational in 2017. It is designed to intercept enemy planes, drones, tactical ballistic missiles, medium- to long-range rockets and cruise missiles, fired at ranges from 40 to 300 km. David's Sling is intended to replace the MIM-23 Hawk and MIM-104 Patriot in the Israeli arsenal.

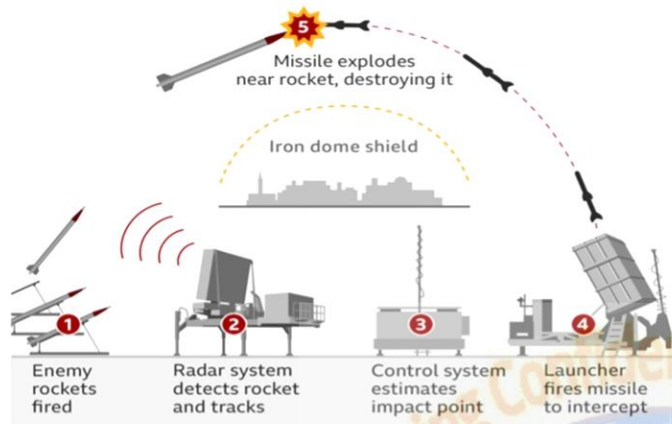
- ❑ Designer & Manufacturer: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Raytheon Missiles & Defense
- ❑ Designed: 2009–present
- ❑ Unit cost: US\$1 million
- ❑ Produced: 2017–present

### Iron Dome

Iron Dome is an Israeli mobile all-weather air defense system, developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Israel Aerospace Industries. The system is designed to intercept and destroy short-range rockets and artillery shells fired from distances of 4 to 70 kilometres away and whose trajectory would take them to an Israeli populated area. Each truck-towed unit fires radar-guided missiles to blow up short-range threats like rockets, mortars and drones in mid-air.



- ❑ Designer & Manufacturer: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems & Israel Aerospace Industries
- ❑ Designed: 2005
- ❑ Unit cost: \$50 million per battery
- ❑ Produced: 2011–present



Rafael says it delivered two Iron Dome batteries to the US Army in 2020. From 2011 to 2021, the United States contributed a total of US\$1.6 billion to the Iron Dome defense system, with another US\$1 billion approved by the US Congress in 2022. Ukraine is seeking a supply as well in its war with Russia, though

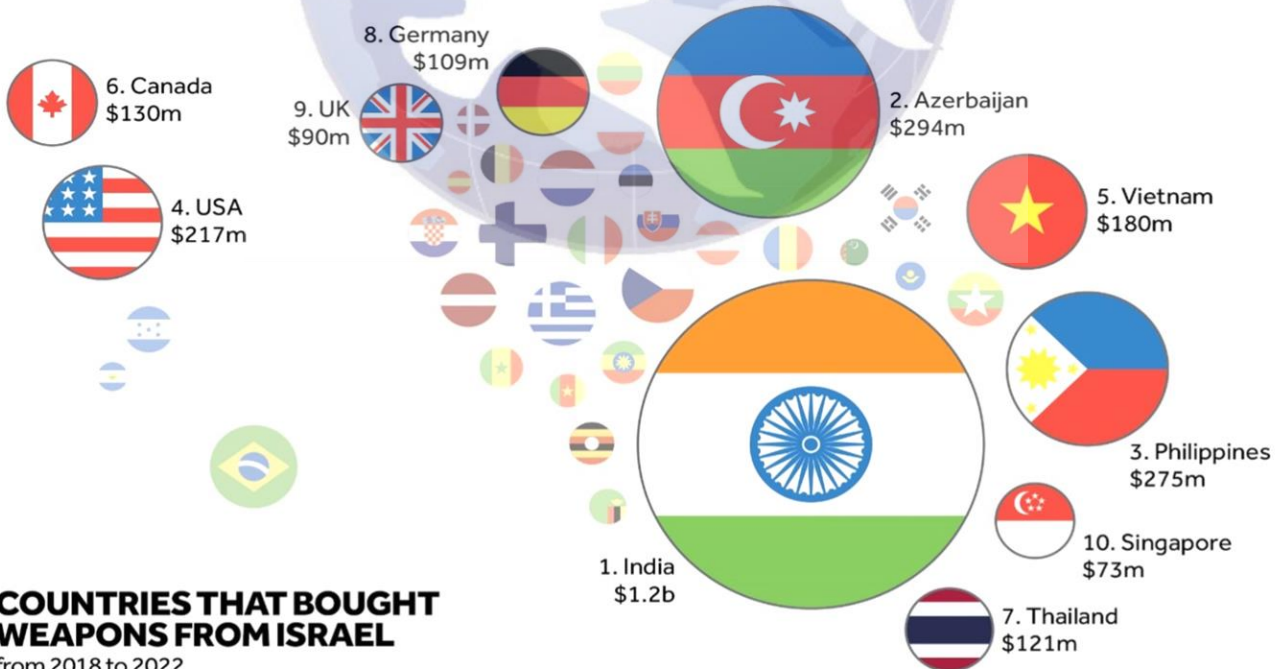
Israel has so far only provided Kyiv with humanitarian support and civil defences. A naval version of the Iron Dome to protect ships and sea-based assets was deployed in 2017. The system quickly determines whether a rocket is on course to hit a populated area; if not, the rocket is ignored and allowed to land harmlessly.

**Laser-based system**



Israel's interception systems cost between tens of thousands and millions of dollars to shoot down incoming threats. Israel is developing a laser-based system to neutralise enemy rockets and drones at an estimated cost of just \$2 per interception.

**WHICH COUNTRIES IMPORTED THE MOST ISRAELI WEAPONS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS?**



**COUNTRIES THAT BOUGHT WEAPONS FROM ISRAEL**  
from 2018 to 2022

# Info-graphics

## Where Highly Educated Migrants Come From

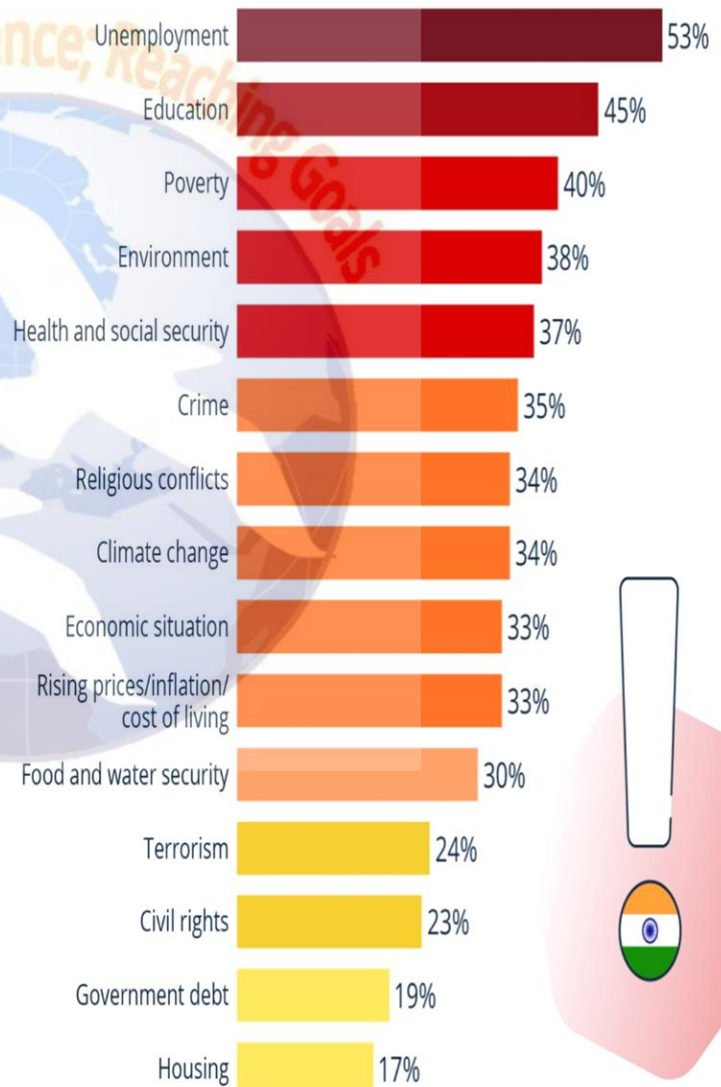
Most common birth countries of highly educated\* migrants residing in OECD nations



\* Having received vocational or academic training  
As of 2015/16 - latest available  
Sources: OECD, World Bank

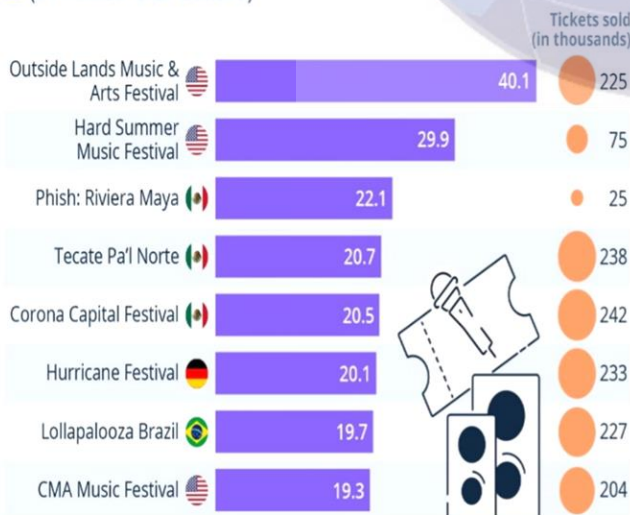
## Ahead of India's Election, What Do People Care About?

Share of Indian respondents who identified the following issues as among the most important in their country



## The World's Most Successful Music Festivals

Highest-grossing festivals worldwide in 2023 (in million U.S. dollars)



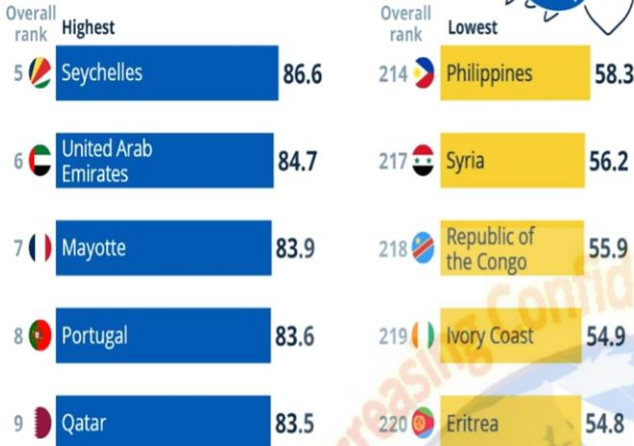
Source: Pollstar

24,201 respondents (18-54 y/o) surveyed Jan. 2023-Dec. 2023

Source: Statista Consumer Insights

## Where Oceans Are Healthy - And Where They Aren't

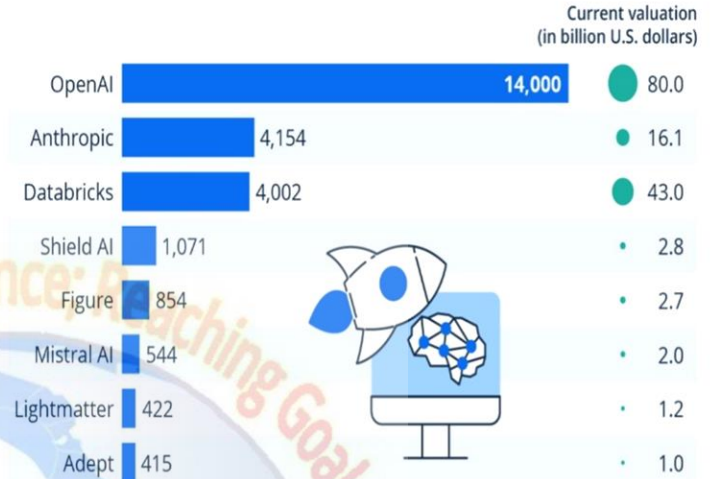
Countries/regions with the highest/lowest scores on the 2023 Ocean Health Index\*



\* Only countries with more than 100,000 residents displayed. Index is based on a review of existing studies  
Source: Ocean Health Index

## The 14-Billion-Dollar Bet on OpenAI

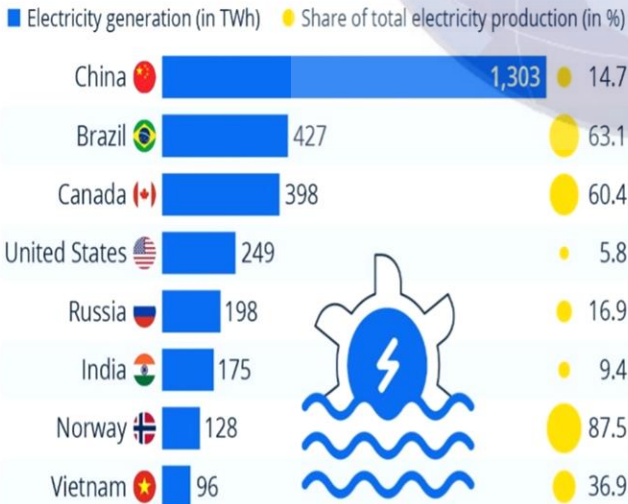
Top 8 AI startups worldwide according to capital invested as of Mar. 25, 2024 (in million U.S. dollars)



Source: CB Insights

## The World's Biggest Hydro Powers

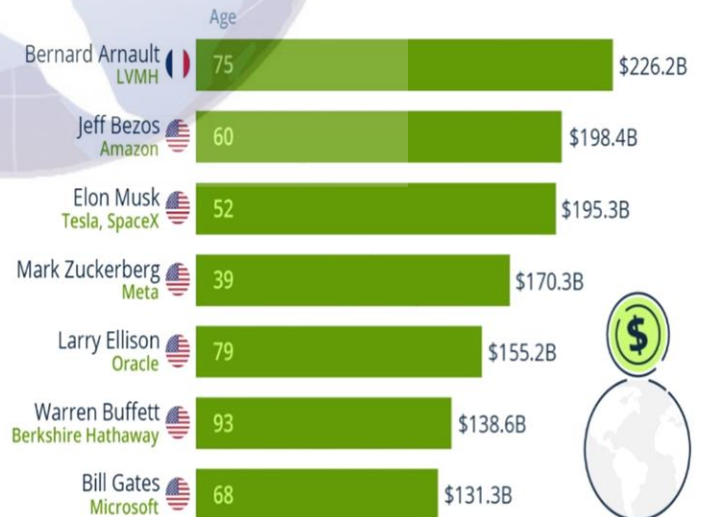
Countries with the highest electricity generation from hydro power in 2022 (in terawatt hours)



Source: Ember

## The World's Richest People in 2024

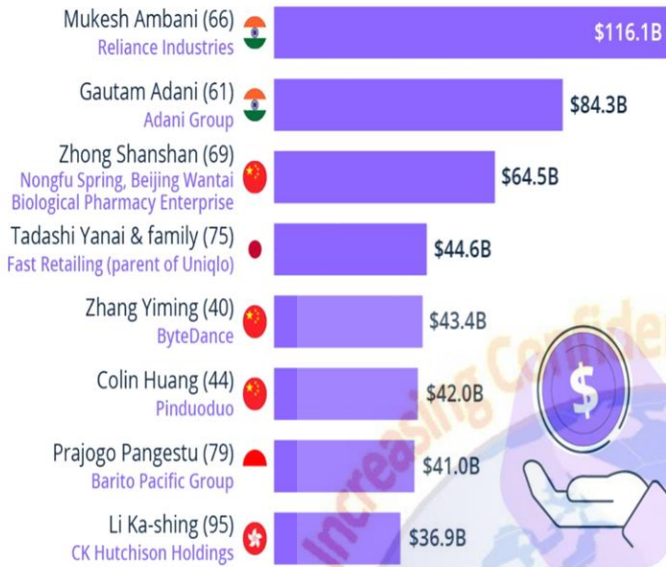
Net worth of the world's richest people\*



\* Net worths based on stock prices and exchange rates from April 1, 2024.  
Source: Forbes

## Asia's Richest Billionaires

Net worth of the richest people in Asia\*



\* Net worths based on stock prices and exchange rates from April 2, 2024.

Source: Forbes' Real-time Billionaires List

## Asia's Best Restaurants in 2024

Ranks and locations of Asia's best restaurants by 50 Best in 2024

1. Sézanne - Tokyo
2. Florilège - Tokyo
3. Gaggan Anand - Bangkok
4. The Chairman - Hong Kong
5. Wing - Hong Kong
6. Nusara - Bangkok
7. Sühring - Bangkok
8. Den - Tokyo



Source: 50 Best by William Reed Business Media

## Where People See a Terrorism Threat

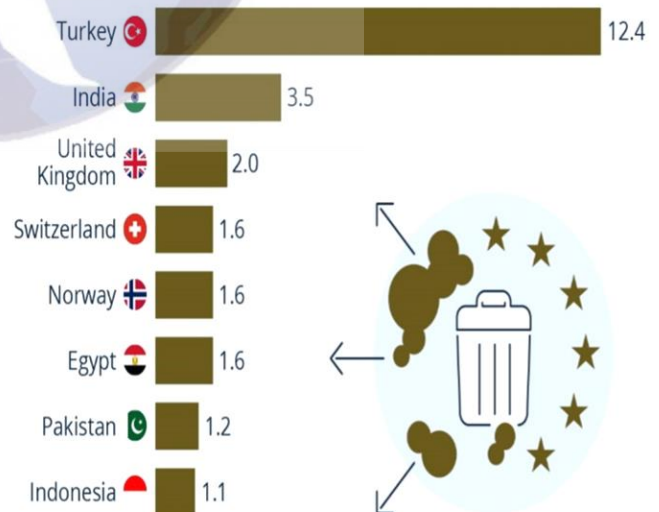
Share of respondents who think that terrorism is one of the biggest challenges in their country (in percent)



12,100-60,300 respondents (18-64 y/o) surveyed Jan.-Dec. 2022 (or closest possible)/Jan.-Dec. 2023  
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

## Where the EU Exports Its Waste

Main destinations for waste from the European Union in 2022 (in million tonnes)

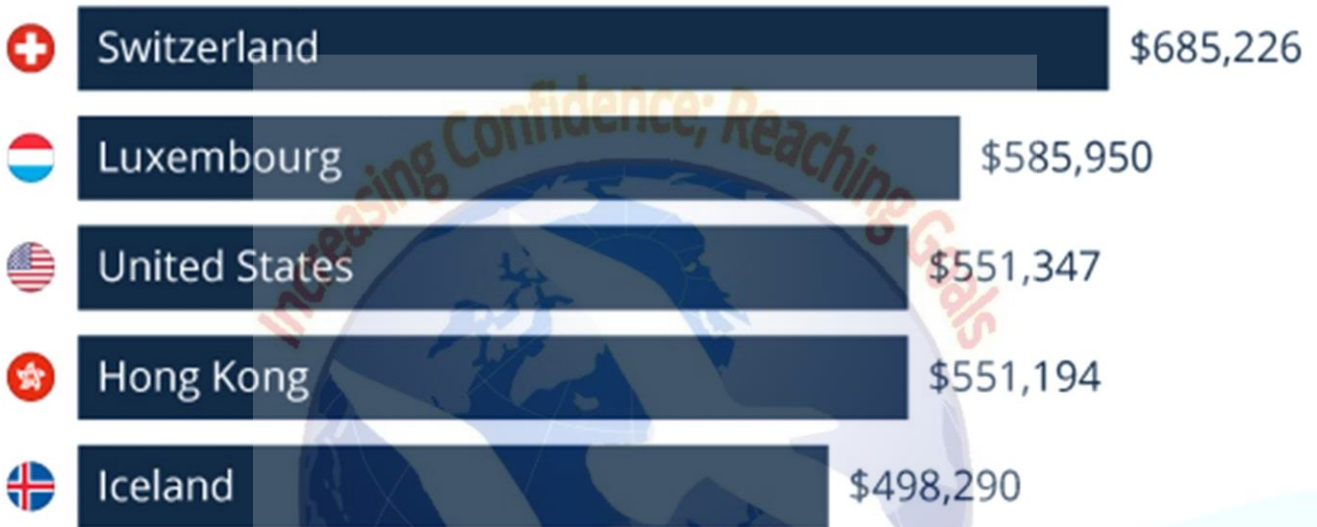


Source: Eurostat

# Which Countries Are Really the Richest?

Countries with the biggest average and median wealth per capita (2022)

## Average wealth



## Median wealth



Source: Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report



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