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#### **NEWS-INSHORTS**

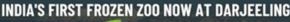
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- India's First Frozen Zoo has been established at the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling.
- Kannadippaya has become the first tribal handicraft from Kerala to receive the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
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- Al Kiran, an initiative to empower women in Artificial Intelligence, has been launched.
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- PROJECT VARSHA is a classified naval project aimed at strengthening India's underwater nuclear capabilities.

















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#### **April 2025- CURRENT AFFAIRS**

#### 1. The SVAMITVA scheme:

<u>The SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas)</u> Scheme has completed 5 years of its launch.



**About SVAMITVA:** 

Launch: 2020.

Implemented by: The Scheme is implemented with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj,

State Revenue Department, State Panchayati Raj Department and Survey of India.

objective is to provide a legal ownership title to rural residents for their residential properties through drone-based surveys and mapping, thereby enabling them to leverage their property as a financial asset.

#### 2. PANCHAYAT ADVANCEMENT INDEX:

Ministry of Panchayati Raj Introduced Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) to Assess Gram Panchayat Performance and promoting better governance and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Categories in the PAI

- Achiever (0%): No panchayat in India achieved the 'achiever' rank in this year's assessment.
- Aspirant (61.2%): The largest percentage of panchayats falls under this category.
- Performer (36%): A significant portion of panchayats has achieved moderate progress.
- Front-Runner: Gujarat topped the rankings with the highest number of panchayats in this category.

#### 3. INDIA – SRI LANKA RELATIONS:

Prime Minister of India , Modi received Sri Lanka's highest civilian honour, Mithra Vibhushana, in Colombo .









#### 4. INDIA-UAE RELATIONS:

The Prime minister's recent visit of Crown Prince of Dubai, was his first official to India.

During the visit Bharat Mart & Virtual Trade Corridor (VTC) was inauguarated. It is to boost bilateral trade and strengthen the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC). The Bharat Mart is India's warehousing facility which would help the Indian exports showcase their products under one roof. This is similar to China's Dragon Mart.

#### **5. 6TH BIMSTEC SUMMIT:**

The 6th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit with the theme "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open", concluded in Bangkok under the chairmanship of Thailand.

#### **About BIMSTEC**

• Genesis: It is a regional organization established in 1997 with signing of the Bangkok Declaration. Secretariat located at Dhaka, Bangladesh

It was originally formed with 4 Members (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka & Thailand) with the acronym 'BIST-EC'.

• Member States (7): Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

#### 6. MORAG AXIS:

Israel has completed the takeover of a new security corridor known as the Morag axis. Morag axis.

- This area consists mainly of agricultural land located between Khan Younis and Rafah, stretching from east to west across the Gaza Strip.
- The name "Morag" refers to an illegal Israeli settlement that was established in the region between 1972 and 2005.









#### 7. PRADHAN MANTRI MUDRA YOJANA (PMMY):

On 8 April 2025, India marks 10 years of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY). Ministry of finance launched it in the year 2015.

Objective: The main objective of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) is to provide access to formal financial services for microenterprises and small businesses.

#### Categories of the loan:

o Shishu: covering loans upto 50,000/-

o Kishor: covering loans above 50,000/- and upto 5 lakh

o Tarun: covering loans above 5 lakh and upto 10 lakh

Value Addition by MUDRA

- Mudra Card: It provides a facility of working capital arrangement in the form of an overdraft facility to the borrower.
- Mudra Mitra: It is a mobile phone application. It guides a loan seeker to approach a Banker in availing MUDRA loan under PMMY. o Tarun Plus: covering loans above 10 lakh and upto 20 lakh for those entrepreneurs who have availed and successfully repaid previous loans under the 'Tarun' category.

#### 8. ONE STATE, ONE RRB:

Recently, Department of Financial Services notified amalgamation of 26 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on the principles of "One State One RRB".

The amalgamation was done by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976.

• This is the fourth phase of amalgamation and post amalgamation, there will be 28 RRBs (down from 43 earlier) in 26 states and 2 UTs.

Genesis: Regional Rural Banks were established in 1975 based on the recommendations of the Narasimham Working Group.

Ownership: Jointly owned by Government of India (50% stake), the concerned State Government (15%), and the sponsoring commercial bank (35%).







#### 9. NANO SULPHUR:

TERI scientists have developed nano sulphur which reportedly increased mustard yield by 30-40%.

• DMH-11 is the genetically-modified mustard.

#### Nano-sulphur

- It is a completely green product that uses biological agents like plant promoting bacteria that secrete enzymes and metabolites.
- o This makes it different from other nono-fertilizers such as nano urea and nano diammonium phosphate.
- Nano-sulfur has antibacterial and insecticidal properties.
- Benefits: Acts as a plant growth promoter, enhancing plant stress resistance, and improving the nutritional quality of plants, etc.

#### **10. RAFALE MARINE (M) FIGHTER JETS:**

Centre approved 26 Rafale Marine (M) Fighter Jets From France. These fighter jets will be for the Indian Navy and will be deployed on the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. The Indian Air Force operates 36 Rafale jets, acquired earlier.

#### 11. LONG-RANGE GLIDE BOMB 'GAURAV':

DRDO successfully conducts release trials of Long-Range Glide Bomb 'Gaurav'. Weapon Specifications



• Weight: 1,000 kg class

• Range: 'Gaurav' achieved 100 km range with pinpoint accuracy.

• Development: Designed and developed indigenously.



It is a classified naval project aimed at strengthening India's underwater nuclear capabilities.









- Objective: To develop a secure underground base to house a fleet of over 12 nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs).
- Location: Coastal village Rambilli in Andhra Pradesh.
- Similar to Project Varsha from the east, Karwar base in Karnataka under Project Seabird safeguards the west coast.

#### 13. EXERCISES IN NEWS:

- <u>i.</u> Exercise Desert Flag-10: Indian Air Force is participating in Exercise Desert Flag-10. It is a premier multinational air combat exercise being hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- ii. Operation ATALANTA: European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Operation ATALANTA has proposed a joint exercise with the Indian Navy. It operates in the Western Indian Ocean and the Red Sea region.
- iiii. Exercise 'Dustlik : 6th edition of Exercise Dustlik started in Pune, Maharashtra. It is a yearly Joint military Exercise event conducted alternatively in India and Uzbekistan.
- iv. Exercise Tiger Triumph: The Fourth edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph has commenced at Vishakhapatnam coast. It is the Bilateral Tri-Service India-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise.
- v. INIOCHOS-25: Indian Air Force to Participate in Multinational Air Exercise in Greece. It is an annual multinational air exercise hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force.

#### 14. REVISED CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRIES:

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has directed State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) to adopt a revised classification of industries.

In the new revised classification, CPCB has classified a total of 419 sectors into Red (125), Orange (137), Green (94), White (54) and Blue (9) category. o Blue category has been newly introduced.

#### **About Blue Category:**

• It includes Essential Environmental Services (ESSs) for management of waste generated from domestic/ household activities. ESSs are those facilities which are essential to control, abate and mitigate pollution generated from Domestic and Industrial activities.

#### 15. COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT AND WATER MANAGEMENT (M-CADWM)

M-CADWM as a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is set to run for the period 2025 2026. PMKSY was launched in 2015-16 to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under







assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, etc.

#### **16. GREEN MUNICIPAL BONDS:**

Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam pioneered India's first certified Green Municipal Bonds. It was issued under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, raising ₹150 crore for the development of a cutting-edge Tertiary Sewage Treatment Plant (TSTP).

Green bonds are used to raise funds specifically for the climate mitigation, adaptation and other environment friendly and low carbon projects (World Bank).

#### 17. SIMILIPAL TIGER RESERVE:

Odisha notified Similipal tiger reserve as national park. Out of the 2,750 sq km of the Reserve, 845.70 sq km has been notified as National Park, making it largest in Odisha, leaving behind Bhitarkanika. It is the 107th National Park and the second in the eastern state, after the Bhitarkanika.

#### 18. GANDHI SAGAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY:

Cheetah Project Steering Committee cleared the relocation of some of the cheetahs from Kuno National Park to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Gandhi Sagar is a wildlife sanctuary located at eastern Madhya Pradesh. It is spread over two districts of Madhya Pradesh i.e. Mandsaur and Nimach. This region is known as Nimar region. River Chambal Passes through it.

#### 19. GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK (GGN):

During the 10th Anniversary of UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGPs), 16 new sites across 11 countries were added to the GGN. GGN is a non-profit International Association founded under UNESCO. It establishes ethical standards that must be adopted by Global Geoparks.

There are 229 UNESCO Global Geoparks in 50 countries (none in India).

#### **20. PARTICULATE EMISSION TRADING MARKET IN GUJARAT'S SURAT:**

It is the world's first-ever market for trading in particulate matter emissions.

o It is also India's first pollution trading scheme of any kind. o The concept of ETS first originated in US, targeting sulfur dioxide (SO2) pollution.

A new study has revealed that the Surat Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) launched in 2019 has been successful in controlling particulate matter emissions cutting Pollutants By 20-30%. Pollution abatement costs also dropped by over 10 %, and







compliance with environmental rose laws among participating plants.

#### **21. BAKU TO BELEM ROADMAP:**

India urges BRICS nations to unite on 'Baku to Belem Roadmap' to mobilise USD 1.3 trillion in climate finance annually by 2035 to support Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

#### **Baku to Belem Roadmap**

- UNFCCC COP29, held in Baku (Azerbaijan), agreed on a new global finance goal and a framework for raising ambition for climate finance in run-up to COP30 in Belém (Brazil).
- It aims at scaling up climate finance to developing country parties to support low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development pathways and implement NDCs.

#### 22. AIM 4 NATURE INITIATIVE:

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Earth Day (22nd April) launched Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration (AIM4NatuRe).

• AIM4NatuRe is an acronym of Acce<mark>lerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration. It is part of FAO's AIM4Forests Programme, expanding the scope beyond forests to provide a holistic approach to nature restoration monitoring.</mark>

#### 23. SMALL HIVE BEETLE (SHB):

Alien or non-native beetle, Small Hive Beetle (Aethinatumida), was recorded for the first time in India in West Bengal. It is found in Sub-Saharan Africa. It seldom causes harm to Africa but creates havoc across other regions.



• Characteristics: Oval-shaped, reddish-brown, and 5-7 mm long, its life cycle goes through different stages: eggs, larva, pupa and adult.

### 24. MOSPI RELEASED "WOMEN AND MEN IN INDIA 2024: SELECTED INDICATORS AND DATA:

Report offers a comprehensive overview of the gender landscape in India across key areas like population, education, health, economic participation, and decision-making. Key Highlights from Report

Sex Ratio at Birth: Between 2014-16 and 2018-20, sex ratio in urban areas (910)







has surpassed that of rural areas (907).

- Health: Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) declined from 122 in 2015-17 to 97 in 2018-20.
- Education: Literacy rates in India reached 84.7% for males and 70.3% for females in 2017 with Kerala having the smallest gender literacy gap, while Rajasthan having the highest.
- Economic Participation: Female Labour Force Participation Rate (LPFR) increased significantly from 23.3% in 2017 18 to 41.7% in 2023-24.
- o Financial Inclusion: Women own 39.2% of all bank accounts and contribute to 39.7% of total deposits.
- o Leadership roles: Women held 28.7% share in board of directors in FY25, up from 26.7% in FY20.
- Political Participation: Female voter turnout varied over the years, reaching 67.2% in 2019 but slightly declining to 65.8% in 2024.
- Violence against Women: Nearly one-third (31.9%) of married women aged 18-49 in India experience spousal violence, with the highest rates in Karnataka (48.4%), Bihar (42.5%) and Manipur (41.6%).

#### **25. AI KIRAN:**

Al Kiran, an initiative to empower women in Artificial Intelligence, has been launched.

- Objective: To foster a vibrant AI community where women can thrive as innovators, changemakers, and leaders.
- Led by: Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India.
- Focus Areas: It highlights contributions of over 250 women driving advancements in AI across critical sectors such as education, healthcare.

#### **26. NON-NUCLEAR HYDROGEN BOMB:**

Recently a non-nuclear hydrogen bomb has been detonated by china.

Key Features of the Non-Nuclear Hydrogen Bomb

- Chemical Reaction: It deploys chemical reaction with Magnesium Hydride to create a powerful explosion without nuclear materials.
- o Hydrogen bomb, on the other hand, is primarily based on the nuclear fusion process.

Magnesium Hydride is a silvery powder that acts as a solid-state hydrogen storage material.





o When ignited it releases hydrogen that rapidly mixes with air and on reaching explosive limits, the gas ignites creating a self-sustaining combustion cycle.

#### 27. MISSION "FRAM2":

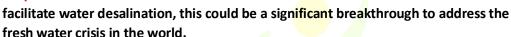
Mission titled "Fram2" has been launched using Dragon spacecraft of SpaceX.

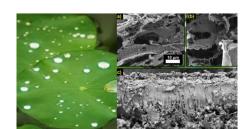
- It will carry out a series of experiments, including the first X-ray in space and the cultivation of mushrooms in microgravity.
- It will be the first human spaceflight to cruise directly over Earth's Polar Regions.

#### **28. DESALINATION TECHNOLOGIES:**

IIT Bombay Scientists Developed a lotus leaf-like solar evaporators for salt-water treatment.

Developed a new hydrophobic
 Graphene-based material that can





#### 29 . BANARSI SHEHNAI AND TABLA:

Geographical Indication (GI) certificates awarded to Banarasi Shehnai and Banarasi Tabla.

#### **About Banarasi Shehnai**

• It is an Indian wind instrument similar to the oboe in tone and has seven holes on its staff in place of keys. Its music is associated with the temple music of the country. It gained global recognition through the legendary Ustad Bismillah Khan.



#### **About Banarasi Tabla**

 Benares tabla gharana was developed a little over 200 years ago by the legendary Pandit Ram Sahai.
 Banaras Gharana is recognized as one of the six principal tabla gharanas in Indian classical music.
 Noted tabla player Padma Vibhushan Pandit Kishan Maharaj belonged to the Banaras gharana of Hindustani classical music.



#### **30. KANNADIPPAYA TRIBAL CRAFT:**

Kannadippaya has become the first tribal handicraft

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from Kerala to receive the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It is a beautifully woven mat, also known as "mirror mat" due to its unique reflective pattern.

#### **31. CHINA'S RARE EARTH ELEMENTS EXPORT CONTROL:**

China's Ministry of Commerce imposed export restrictions on seven rare earth elements (REEs) and magnets used in the defence, energy, and automotive sectors in response to U.S. tariff increases.

The new restrictions apply to 7 of 17 REEs: It requires companies to secure special export licenses to export these minerals and magnets.

Rare Earth Elements (RREs): As per the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) in 2005, are a group of 17 elements. o These elements share similar properties such as high density and high conductivity. o cerium (Ce), dysprosium (Dy), erbium (Er), europium (Eu), gadolinium (Gd), holmium (Ho), lanthanum (La), lutetium (Lu), neodymium (Nd), praseodymium (Pr), promethium (Pm), samarium (Sm), scandium (Sc), terbium (Tb), thulium I, ytterbium (Yb), and yttrium (Y).

• Source: Main sources of REEs are minerals such as bastnasite, loparite and monazite.

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Mapping The River Flows of Bangladesh's Teesta &

India's Brahmaputra River

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#### 32. Bangladesh Welcomes China's Participation in Teesta Project

Bansihari

- 1) Teesta river is a tributary of the Brahmaputra (known as Jamuna in Bangladesh), flowing through India and Bangladesh.
- 2) It originates in the Himalayas near Chunthang, Sikkimand flows to the south

flows to the south
through West Bengal before entering Bangladesh

\*\*Brahmaputra River\*\*

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3) Teesta River agreement regarding the sharing of Teesta River waters, but a formal treaty has not been finalized.

#### 33. The India Justice Report 2025

The report ranks Karnataka as the top state for justice delivery among 18 large and mid-sized states, excelling in four pillars: police, judiciary, prisons, and legal aid, while West Bengal ranks at the bottom, highlighting regional disparities in judicial







efficiency.

#### 34. Frozen Zoo:

India's First Frozen Zoo has been established at the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling.

This pioneering facility is designed to preserve the genetic material of endangered Himalayan species.

The initiative is a collaborative effort with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad.

The frozen zoo will collect and store genetic samples, enabling future scientific research and conservation programs.

This marks a major advancement in biodiversity preservation, focusing on the protection of the region's vulnerable wildlife.





### 35. India to become world's third-largest economy by 2028, overtaking Germany, says Morgan Stanley.

• The report says the Indian economy, valued at 3.5 trillion dollars in 2023, is projected to expand to 4.7 trillion dollars by 2026

#### 36. Amazon launches first Kuiper internet satellites, taking on Starlink.

The satellites are the first of 3,236 that Amazon plans to send into low-Earth orbit for Project Kuiper, a \$10 billion effort unveiled in 2019 to beam broadband internet globally.

## 37. Togalu Gombeyaata Artist Bhimavva Among Several Achievers Conferred Padma Awards.

At a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the prestigious Padma Awards for the year 2025 to 71 distinguished individuals for their outstanding contributions in various fields. Among the awardees was Togalu Gombeyaata (traditional leather puppet theatre) artist Bhimavva.







#### 38. The Karnataka recipients of the 2025 Padma Awards:

#### Padma Vibhushan (2nd Highest Civilian Honour)

 L. Subramaniam (Violin Maestro & Composer) – honored for his outstanding contributions to music

#### Padma Bhushan (3rd Highest)

- Anant Nag (Actor, Kannada actor, known for 300+ films)
- A. Surya Prakash (Journalist & Educationist, ex-Prasar Bharati Chair)

#### Padma Shri (4th Highest)

- Five honoured from Karnataka:
- Bhimavva Doddabalappa Shillekyathara (age 96) Togalu Gombeyaata shadowpuppeteer from Koppal
- Venkappa Ambaji Sugatekar Gondhali folk artist & storyteller
- Dr. Vijayalakshmi Deshamane Oncologist from Kalaburagi
- Ricky Kej Grammy-winning music composer.
- Prashanth Prakash Founding partner of Accel India, recognized for trade & industry
- Hassan Raghu (listed also as Hasan Raghu) Film producer/director from Hassan.

Award	Recipient(s)		
Padma Vibhushan	L. Subramaniam		
Padma Bhushan	Anant Nag, A. Surya Prakash		
Padma Shri	Bhimavva Shillekyathara, Venkappa Sugatekar, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Deshamane, Ricky Kej, Prashanth Prakash, Hassan Raghu		

A total of nine Karnataka-based achievers were felicitated as part of the 2025 Padma Awards.

39. Justice B.R. Gavai succeeds
Chief Justice Sanjeev Khanna,
who superannuated on

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Justice B.R. Gavai set to take oath as 52nd Chief Justice of India on 14th May

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Tuesday. Gavai will serve as CJI for the next six months and retire on November 30

#### 40. Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA):

It came into being on **15 May 2025**, replacing BBMP as the top administrative body

- Chaired by CM Siddaramaiah, with DK
   Shivakumar as vice-chairm
- Initially at least three municipal corporations under GBA (Central, North, South), with the possibility of expanding up to seven.
- In draft plans, five Palikes based on zones (North, Central, West, South, East) are being considered
- Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) covering ~709 sq km —
  has been officially redesignated as Greater Bengaluru under the Greater
  Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024.











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# **Indian Constitution**

#### Parts of Indian Constitution

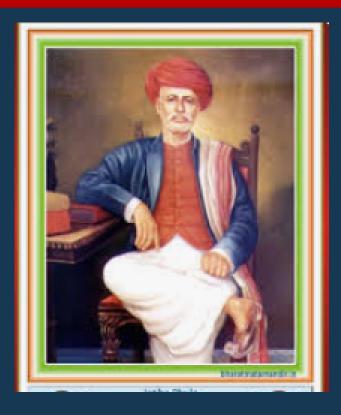
You can fly directly from US to UP meet Shyam & Ram. Fruit taste sweet to eat so on, eat Maggie as tasty snack.

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# **Social Reformer**



Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, born on April 11, 1827, and passed away on November 28, 1890, was a prominent Indian social reformer, activist, thinker, and writer from Maharashtra. He is best known for his work in eradicating untouchability and the caste system, as well as for his efforts in educating women and lowercaste individuals.

Phule was born into a Mali (gardener) caste family in Pune, Maharashtra. Despite facing societal barriers, he received an English education at the <u>Scottish Mission High School</u> in Pune.

Phule and his wife, Savitribai Phule, were pioneers in women's education in India. They established the first school for girls in India in 1848 in Pune.

In 1873, Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj (Society of Seekers of Truth), an organization that aimed to achieve equal rights for people from lower castes by challenging Brahminical dominance and promoting social justice.

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