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Today in History on 01 APR

➤ 1979 - Iran declared a Muslim Republic.

In 1979, as a result of a popular uprising in Iran, the monarchy collapsed and an Islamic Republic was established under the leadership of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The main reasons for this revolution were the policy of Iran's Pahlavi rulers to imitate and follow the West and the government's failed economic management. Soon after this, the new ruler of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, fearing the outbreak of an Iran-backed Shia movement in his country, attacked Iran, which lasted for 8 years and ended inconclusively.



➤ 1936 - The Indian state of Orissa was established

On 1 April 1936, Orissa (now Odisha) was established as a separate province, the first state to be formed in India on the basis of language, which is

celebrated as "Utkala Diwas" or "Odisha Day". The Kalinga War of the 3rd century BC was fought in Odisha, which inspired Emperor Ashoka to adopt non-violence and the teachings of the Buddha. In the following centuries, the region was ruled by various kings and great dynasties such as Harsha. In the late 8th century, the regions comprising Kosala and Utkala were merged into one empire by Jajati Kesari I.



➤ 1935 - Reserve Bank of India begins operating.

In 1935, on April 1, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) began operations under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, becoming the central bank of India. The RBI was initially a privately owned institution but was later transferred to the ownership of the Government of India. The original share capital was divided into 100 fully paid shares. The RBI was nationalized on January 1, 1949, about a year and a half after India's independence.





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➤ 1933 - Indian Air Force was established in Karachi, Pakistan.

The Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932. Its first AC Flight came into being on 01 April 1933 with six RAF-trained officers and 19 Hawai Sepoys (airmen). Four and a half years later, "A" Flight was in action for the first time from Miranshah in North Waziristan to support Indian Army operations against the rebellious Bhattani tribesmen. Meanwhile, in April 1936, a "B" Flight was also formed on vintage Wapiti.



➤ 1976 - Doordarshan was separated from All India Radio and Doordarshan Corporation was established.

In 1976, Doordarshan was separated from All India Radio and Doordarshan Corporation was established. Radio broadcasting in India began in 1927 with two private transmitters in Mumbai and Kolkata. It was nationalized in 1930 and then it was named Indian Broadcasting Service (Indian Broadcasting Corporation). Later in 1957, it was renamed as All India Radio.



Important NEWS on 01 APR

➤ Sunil Kakkar Appointed as Whole-Time Director at Maruti Suzuki

Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) has appointed Sunil Kakkar as Director (Corporate Planning) for a three-year term (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2028). With 35+ years of experience, he has held key leadership roles, including Senior Executive Officer – Corporate Planning and Head of Supply Chain &



Gurgaon Production Operations. Kakkar has significantly contributed to supply chain development, strategic localization, and joint ventures with global firms for AMT technology, plastic fuel tanks, and high-tensile sheet metal, reinforcing MSIL's industry leadership.



➤ Rajneet Kohli Appointed as Executive Director of Foods at HUL

Rajneet Kohli, former CEO of Britannia Industries, has been appointed as Executive Director – Foods and Refreshment at Hindustan Unilever (HUL), effective April 7, 2025. With 30 years of experience in consumer and retail, he succeeds Shiva Krishnamurthy, reinforcing HUL's focus on expanding its foods and beverages segment as part of its leadership transformation.



➤ L&T Finance Ltd. Names Jasprit Bumrah as Brand Ambassador

L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), a leading NBFC in India, has appointed cricketer Jasprit Bumrah as its brand ambassador to enhance its brand presence. Known for its leadership in Rural Business Finance, Farm Equipment Finance, and Two-wheeler Finance, LTF serves over 2 lakh villages, with 2,028 rural branches and 185 urban branches, providing accessible financial solutions through a strong retail franchise and 12,500 distribution touch points.

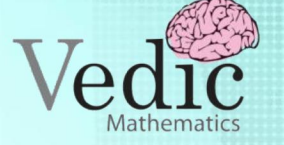


➤ Punjab & Sind Bank Wins Top Improvers Award in EASE 6.0 Reforms Index

Punjab & Sind Bank has been honored with the Top Improvers award in the EASE 6.0 Reforms Index for its exceptional progress in digital transformation, financial inclusion, and customer service excellence. Under the leadership of Swarup Kumar Saha (MD & CEO), the bank has enhanced banking services, operational efficiency, and modernization, reflecting

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its commitment to excellence in the public banking sector.



➤ Masaki Kashiwara Wins the 2025 Abel Prize for Mathematics

Japanese mathematician Masaki Kashiwara has been awarded the 2025 Abel Prize for his groundbreaking contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory. Honored by the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Kashiwara, 78, is recognized for his pioneering work on D-modules and crystal bases, which have significantly influenced modern mathematics. The Abel Prize, established in 2002 and named after Niels Henrik Abel, is one of the most prestigious mathematics awards, often regarded as the Nobel Prize of Mathematics.



➤ CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Inaugurates Techkriti 2025 at IIT Kanpur

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025 at IIT Kanpur, Asia's largest tech and entrepreneurial festival, under the theme "Panta Rhei" (Everything Flows). He emphasized the modernization of the Indian Armed Forces through Cybersecurity, AI, Quantum Computing, and Cognitive Warfare, urging young innovators to contribute to national security.

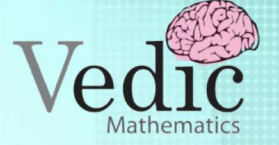


➤ Government to Launch 'Sahkar' Taxi Service Under Cooperative Model

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah announced the launch of 'Sahkar', a cooperative-based taxi service modeled on Ola and Uber but designed to empower drivers as stakeholders. Unlike corporate-owned ride-hailing platforms, 'Sahkar' ensures fair earnings and profit-sharing under the cooperative framework.

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Current affairs MCQS on 01 APR

Q.1. Recently NAMIS (Nag Anti-Tank Missile System) has been developed by which organisation?

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- (c) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- (d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer: (c) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

The Defence Ministry signed a ₹2,500 crore contract for NAMIS (Nag Anti-Tank Missile System) and light vehicles. NAMIS (Nag Anti-Tank Missile System) was developed by the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), a part of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). It is a tracked version of the Nag anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) mounted on the BMP-2 chassis.

Q.2. Recently who has been appointed to the Australia-India Relations Advisory Board?

- (a) Ricky Ponting
- (b) Steve Waugh
- (c) Brett Lee
- (d) Michael Clarke

Answer: (b) Steve Waugh

Former Australian cricketer and captain Steve Waugh has been appointed to the centre of the Australia-India Relations Advisory Board. He will

work to further strengthen Australia-India relations. This board works together between the government, industry, education and community to improve and strengthen relations between the two countries. Steve has been one of Australia's great captains. Australia's Foreign Minister Penny Wong confirmed this in a statement.

Q.3. Recently where did the Indian Armed Forces conduct the tri-service exercise "Prachand Prahar"?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Sikkim

Answer: (b) Arunachal Pradesh

The Indian Army conducted the tri-service integrated multi-domain exercise 'Prachand Prahar' in the high altitude region of Arunachal Pradesh. The aim of the exercise was to validate surveillance, command and control and precision strike capabilities while establishing coordination between the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.

Q.4. Recently RBI imposed a fine on which bank?

- (a) SBI and ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank and Punjab and Sind Bank
- (c) Axis Bank and Yes Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank

Answer: (b) HDFC Bank and Punjab and Sind Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed fines on HDFC Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank and KLM Exiva Finvest for regulatory compliance deficiencies. HDFC Bank fined Rs 75 lakh, Punjab & Sind Bank Rs 68 lakh for violations related to 'Know Your Customer' norms.

Q.5. What was the social security coverage of India in 2024?

- (a) 45.2%
- (b) 46.5%
- (c) 48.8%
- (d) 50.1%



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Answer: (c) 48.8%

India has made remarkable progress in expanding social security coverage, as reflected in the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) World Social Security Report (WSPR) 2024-26. According to this report, India's social security coverage will increase from 24.4% in 2021 to 48.8% in 2024. This achievement reflects the impact of various government welfare schemes. According to the Ministry of Labour and Employment, now about 92 crore people (65% of the total population) are availing some social security benefits in cash or kind through central government schemes. This progress of India has contributed to a 5% increase in global social security coverage, making it play an important role in shaping international welfare policies.

Q.6. Where was India's first nano electronics roadshow inaugurated recently?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IISc Bengaluru
- (d) IIT Bombay

Answer: (c) IISc Bengaluru

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with IISc Bengaluru, IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Delhi, IIT Kharagpur and IIT Guwahati successfully hosted India's first Nano Electronics Roadshow at National Science Seminar Complex, IISc Bengaluru. The event was inaugurated by Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY and Shri Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, MeitY.

Q.7. Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government is working with which state on the Ganga-Narmada tourism corridor?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Gujarat

Answer: (b) Uttar Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh government is working on an initiative to link the state's natural, spiritual and

cultural heritage with major religious sites in Uttar Pradesh. The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is focusing on the development of the Ganga-Narmada tourism corridor, which aims to enhance tourism cooperation between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Q8. Recently, CDS General Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025 in which IIT?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Kharagpur
- (c) IIT Roorkee
- (d) IIT Bombay

Answer: (a) IIT Kanpur

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurship festival, at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. The event serves as a hub for technological innovation, bringing together scholars, industry experts and defence personnel to explore advancements in cutting-edge technology. During the fireside chat, General Chauhan emphasised the importance of modernising the Indian armed forces by integrating cybersecurity, artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing and cognitive warfare. He encouraged young innovators to contribute to national security and technological self-reliance.

Q9. Who has recently become the fifth richest woman in the world?

- (a) Alice Walton
- (b) Julia Koch
- (c) Roshni Nadar
- (d) Jacqueline Mars

Answer: (c) Roshni Nadar

Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCL Technologies, has created history by becoming the first Indian to enter the top 10 of the Hurun Global Rich List for Women 2025. With an estimated net worth of Rs 3.5 lakh crore, she has secured the fifth spot among the wealthiest women in the world.





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Q10. Who recently won the 2025 Abel Prize?

- (a) Jean-Pierre Serre
- (b) Masaaki Kashiwara
- (c) Andrew Wiles
- (d) Terence Tao

Answer: (b) Masaaki Kashiwara

Japanese mathematician Masaaki Kashiwara has been awarded the 2025 Abel Prize for his exceptional contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory. The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters honored the 78-year-old mathematician for his pioneering work in developing D-modules and discovering crystal bases, which have had a significant impact on modern mathematics. The Abel Prize is one of the most prestigious awards in mathematics, often considered the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in the field.

Q.11. In which Asian country was the Ramayana Conclave organized recently?

- (a) India
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Thailand
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (d) Sri Lanka

Eminent scholars and religious leaders from India and Sri Lanka participated in the Ramayana Conference organized by the International Ramayana and Vedic Research Institute at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center in Colombo. In this conference, the global influence of Lord Shri Ram and the importance of historical places related to Ramayana in Sri Lanka were discussed.

Q.12. In which state did RBI recently organize the eighth State Level Coordination Committee meeting?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Meghalaya

Answer: (b) Sikkim

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held the 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) meeting in Gangtok, Sikkim. The meeting, chaired by Shri Ravindra Telang, Chief Secretary, Sikkim, was organised by Shri Thottangam Jamang, Regional Director, RBI and attended by key officials from RBI, SEBI and several State Government departments. The discussions focused on the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes (BUDS) Act, tackling digital frauds and enhancing financial literacy.

Q.13. Where was the 47th National Junior Girls Handball Tournament held recently?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Jaipur

Answer: (c) Lucknow

The 47th National Junior Girls Handball Championship is being organized in Lucknow. This competition is being organized on the occasion of the 50th foundation day of UP Handball Association. This competition is being organized by the Handball Association of India. This competition is being played at KD Singh Babu Stadium.

Q.14. Which city has recently become the billionaire capital of Asia?

- (a) Beijing
- (b) Tokyo
- (c) Shanghai
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (c) Shanghai

The Chinese city of Shanghai has overtaken Mumbai to become Asia's billionaire capital, according to the Hurun Global Rich List 2025. India has retained its status as the country with the third highest number of billionaires in the world after the United States and China.

Q.15. Who has recently been appointed as the brand ambassador of L&T Finance?

- (a) Rohit Sharma





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- (b) Jaspreet Bumrah
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) KL Rahul

Answer: (b) Jaspreet Bumrah

L&T Finance Limited (LTF), one of India's leading non-banking financial companies (NBFC), has announced Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah as its brand ambassador. This strategic partnership aims to strengthen LTF's brand presence across the country and connect with its diverse customer base.

