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Today in History on 03 APR

- **2016: West Indies defeated England at Eden Gardens Ground in Kolkata to win the BCCI T20 World Cup.**

The Caribbean team defeated England by four wickets in a thrilling match played at Eden Gardens Stadium in Kolkata on Sunday. With this victory, West Indies became the first team to win the World T20 title for the second time. Earlier, after losing the toss, the English team had set a target of 156 runs for West Indies.



- **2010: Apple launches its first iPad.**

In 2010, Apple announced and unveiled the first iPad on January 27, followed by an April 3 release in the US for the Wi-Fi model and later for the Wi-Fi + 3G model. The original iPad had a 9.7-inch display, Apple's custom A4 chip, and ran on the iPadOS operating system. The iPad revolutionized the tablet market and was met with much excitement and anticipation.



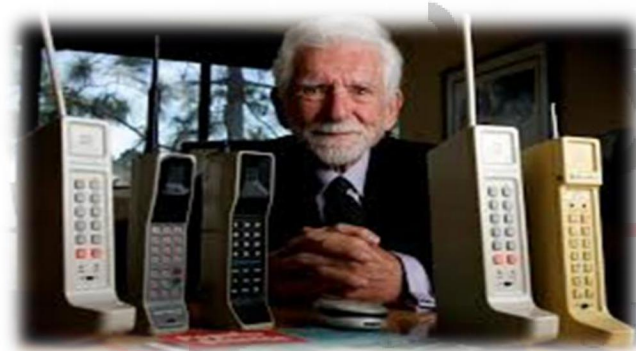
- **1999: India launched the first global telecommunication satellite INSAT-1E.**

On 3 April 1999, India launched the first global telecommunication satellite INSAT 1E. In 1984, Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian astronaut to go to space on the Russian spacecraft Soyuz T 11. In 1999, India launched the first global telecommunication satellite INSAT-2E, a multipurpose satellite for telecommunication, television broadcasting and meteorological services.



➤ **1973: The first public mobile telephone call is made from a Manhattan sidewalk. Martin Cooper of Motorola calls Joel Engel of Bell Labs.**

On April 3, 1973, Martin Cooper of Motorola made the first public mobile telephone call from a Manhattan sidewalk, to Joel Engel of Bell Labs. In the fifty years since that first call, Cooper's bulky device has evolved and been replaced by a wide range of thinner, faster phones.



➤ **1933: Aircraft flew for the first time over Mount Everest.**

In 1933, on April 3, two Westland aircraft flew for the first time over Mount Everest, a historic moment. Lord Clydesdale flew a modified Westland PV-3 biplane with Colonel Stewart Blacker. Following them were Flight Lieutenant David McIntyre and photographer SR Bonnet in a Westland PV-6. This flight would not only test the mechanical capabilities of both aircraft at high altitudes, but also the pilots' endurance in thin and cold air.



Important NEWS on 03 APR

➤ **Ambuj Chandna Joins DBS Bank India as MD & Head of Consumer Banking Group**

Ambuj Chandna, a veteran banker with over 16 years of experience at Kotak Mahindra Bank, has joined DBS Bank India as Managing Director (MD) and Head of Private Banking Group. His move follows Rajat Verma's appointment as CEO of DBS India in March 2025. Chandna previously served as President and Head of Consumer Bank (Products) at Kotak Mahindra and has a background in retail banking and lending from roles at Deutsche Bank and Standard Chartered Bank.



➤ Uttarakhand Government Renames 15 Places to Reflect Indian Culture and Heritage

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced the renaming of 15 places across Haridwar, Dehradun, Nainital, and Udham Singh Nagar to honor Indian cultural heritage and historical figures. The decision, based on public demand and historical significance, aims to instill pride and awareness. Notable changes include Aurangzebpur to Shivaji Nagar, Miyanwala to Ramji Wala, and Nawabi Road to Atal Marg, reflecting a broader trend of cultural and historical realignment in India.



➤ Renowned Historian MyNaa Swamy to Receive Prestigious Ugadi Award

The Andhra Pradesh government will honor renowned historian and archaeologist MyNaa Swamy with the prestigious Ugadi Award for his exceptional contributions to historical research and social service. Conferred by Chief Minister N.

Chandrababu Naidu, the award includes the 'Kalaratna' title, 'Hamsa' medal, a certificate of appreciation, and a cash prize.



➤ The Great Conciliator A Book On Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanjeev Chopra's book, The Great Conciliator:

Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India, delves into the life and legacy of India's second Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri. Chopra highlights Shastri's often overlooked contributions, including the formation of the Border Security Force (BSF) and the iconic "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" slogan. The book underscores Shastri's approach to leadership, marked by consensus-building and pragmatism, which helped stabilize India post-Nehru and strengthen its administrative framework.





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➤ Aryna Sabalenka Wins Miami Open 2025, Defeats Jessica Pegula in Straight Sets

World Number 1 Aryna Sabalenka claimed her first Miami Open title by defeating Jessica Pegula 7-5, 6-2 in the final, completing the tournament without dropping a set. This victory marked her 19th WTA title, including 8 WTA 1000 titles and 3 Grand Slam titles. Sabalenka's dominance was evident as she broke Pegula's serve to love in the first set and showcased aggressive shot-making in the second.



➤ Home Minister Amit Shah Unveils Maharaja Agrasen's Statue & Other Initiatives

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a statue of Maharaja Agrasen, inaugurated an ICU facility, and laid the foundation stone for a PG hostel in Hisar, Haryana, alongside CM Nayab Singh Saini. He praised Haryana's historical contributions, Maharaja Agrasen's economic cooperation model, and PM Modi's development policies. Shah highlighted the Modi government's efforts in poverty alleviation,

healthcare, and infrastructure, commending Haryana's double-engine government for transparent governance, job creation, and agricultural growth.



➤ Amit Shah Unveils Schemes and Projects Worth Over Rs 800 Crore in Bihar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched development projects and welfare schemes worth over Rs 800 crore in Bihar on International Cooperative Day. The initiatives include Rs 111 crore for cooperative sector development, focusing on cooperative banking, agricultural credit, and PACS.





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Current affairs MCQS on 03 APR

Q.1. Which organization has released a report titled "Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well"?

- (a) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- (b) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- (c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- (d) World Bank

Answer: (b) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

UNESCO released the report "Education and Nutrition: Learn to Eat Well" during the 'Nutrition for Development' event hosted by France. The report highlights concerns about the nutritional quality of school meals around the world and urges governments to improve food standards in schools.

Q.2. Where did Prime Minister Modi lay the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Center recently?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Pune
- (d) Bhopal

Answer: (b) Nagpur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Rs 517 crore Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre in Nagpur. The 250-bed hospital will have 14 OPDs and 14 modular operation theatres to provide affordable eye care facilities to the poor and needy. Madhav Netralaya was established in the memory of Madhav Sadashivrao Golwalkar (Guruji), the second RSS Sarsanghchalak.

Q.3. Who was recently appointed as the full-time director of Maruti Suzuki?

- (a) Sunil Kakkar
- (b) Ramesh Kumar
- (c) Anuj Mehta
- (d) Rajesh Verma

Answer: (a) Sunil Kakkar

Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) has appointed Sunil Kakkar as Additional Director and Whole-time Director. He has been appointed as Director (Corporate Planning). Kakkar has over 35 years of experience and has played a key role in corporate planning, supply chain management and localisation efforts at the company. Under his leadership, joint ventures have been established with global partners, and he has been actively associated with various industry associations in the Indian automobile industry.

Q.4. Which state government will develop the first leopard safari site recently?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (c) Punjab

The Punjab government will develop the Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary as a leopard safari park to promote ecotourism in the state. According to state Education Minister Harjot Singh, the Punjab government will develop this wildlife sanctuary, located near Sri Anandpur Sahib, as the state's first wildlife sanctuary, where tourists will be able to see wildlife in their natural habitat. The minister also said that the picturesque Nangal area will be developed as a tourist destination. The state government has allocated Rs 10 crore for the Nangal project in its 2025-26 budget to develop tourism infrastructure in the area.

Q.5. In which country did the multinational joint air exercise INIOCHOS-2025 start recently?

- (a) Greece
- (b) Egypt
- (c) UAE
- (d) France

Answer: (a) Greece

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in the multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25 that begins





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in Greece. The 12-day exercise, hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force, will take place at Andravida Air Base in the historic region of Elis. It will continue till April 11. The IAF contingent will include Su-30 MKI fighter jets, as well as combat-capable IL-78 and C-17 aircraft.

Q.6. Recently, dearness allowance (DA) for central government employees was increased by how much percent?

- (a) 1%
- (b) 2%
- (c) 3%
- (d) 5%

Answer:(b) 2%

The Union Cabinet has approved a 2% hike in dearness allowance (DA) for central government employees, taking it from 53% to 55%. The hike is aimed at helping curb inflation and increase the salaries of employees ahead of the 8th Pay Commission. The last DA hike was made in July 2024 from 50% to 53%.

Q.7. Where was the third edition of SourceX India 2025 concluded recently?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer:(b) New Delhi

The 3rd edition of SourceX India 2025, organised by Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) in collaboration with Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India was inaugurated at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi. The event was officially inaugurated by Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Government of India.

Q.8. Parvati-II hydroelectric project, which was in the news recently, is located in which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh

(c) Punjab

(d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer:(d) Himachal Pradesh

National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited has successfully completed the trial run of Unit 2 (200 MW) of Parvati-II Hydroelectric Project in Himachal Pradesh. Parvati-II Hydroelectric Project is a run-of-the-river project at Sainj, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, harnessing the Parvati River, a tributary of the Beas River.

Q.9. Recently, Indian wrestler Manisha Bhavna won which medal in the Asian Wrestling Championship?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Silver
- (c) Gold
- (d) None

Answer:(c) Gold

Manisha Bhanwala gave India its first gold medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 in Amman, Jordan. She won the gold medal in the women's 62kg category by defeating Korea's Ok Jae Kim 8-7. Anant Panghal won the bronze medal by defeating Meng H Hsieh of Taipei on the basis of technical superiority in the 53kg category. Indian wrestlers have won one gold, one silver and six bronze medals, including two in Greco-Roman wrestling.

Q.10. Recently, the government increased MNREGA wages by how much percent?

- (a) 1% to 5%
- (b) 2% to 7%
- (c) 3% to 8%
- (d) 4% to 10%

Answer:(b) 2% to 7%

The central government has notified the increase in wage rates under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) for the financial year 2025-26. The increase ranges from 2.33% to 7.48%, increasing the wage rate from ₹7 to ₹26 per day, varying by state. This is the first time that NREGS wages have reached ₹400 per day in a state, with Haryana registering the highest increase





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of ₹26 per day. At the same time, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland and Telangana have seen the lowest increase of ₹7.

Q.11. Recently which country has become the second largest 5G market globally?

- (a) USA
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Japan

Answer:(b) India

Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted that India has become the second largest 5G market in the world. Addressing an event in New Delhi, the Minister emphasized that various sectors are changing fundamentally due to the focus of the government. He said that about Rs 11 lakh crore is being invested in various sectors. Mr. Vaishnaw further said that Indian Railways is becoming the second largest carrier with 1.6 billion tonnes this year and ports are also growing at a tremendous pace.

Q.12. What kind of satellite is "Cartosat-3" which was in the news recently?

- (a) Earth observation satellite
- (b) Communication satellite
- (c) Navigation satellite
- (d) Astronomical satellite

Answer:(a) Earth observation satellite

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Cartosat-3 satellite took high-resolution images of earthquake damage in Myanmar. Myanmar was hit by a 7.7 magnitude earthquake. Post-disaster images were compared with data from before the event to assess the damage in Mandalay and Sagaing. Cartosat-3 is a third-generation agile advanced earth observation satellite developed by ISRO. It replaces the Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) series and has high-resolution imaging capabilities. It was launched by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C47).

Q.13. Recently which service like Ola and Uber is the central government planning to launch?

- (a) Bharat Cab
- (b) Sahakar Taxi
- (c) India Ride
- (d) Desi Cab

Answer:(b) Sahakar Taxi

The Indian government will soon launch a nationwide Sahakar taxi service, which will offer an alternative to platforms like Ola and Uber. This cooperative-based service will include two-wheeler taxis, rickshaws and four-wheeler taxis, ensuring that all profits go directly to the drivers.

Q.14. Who recently won the India Open 2025 Squash title?

- (a) Joshna Chinappa
- (b) Saurav Ghoshal
- (c) Anahat Singh
- (d) Deepika Pallikal

Answer:(c) Anahat Singh

Anahat Singh and Karim El Torkhi won the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event held at the Bombay Gymkhana in Mumbai. This was Anahat Singh's 11th PSA title, further cementing her dominance as India's number one women's squash player. Meanwhile, world No. 64 Karim El Torkhi of Egypt defeated India's Abhay Singh in the men's final. The event, with a prize money of \$53,500, was the highest-rated PSA tournament in India since 2018 and the first PSA Copper event held in the country.

Q.15. Recently UIDAI collaborated with whom to launch biometric challenge for fingerprint algorithms?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIIT Hyderabad
- (c) ISRO
- (d) DRDO

Answer:(b) IIIT Hyderabad

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in collaboration with IIIT-Hyderabad has launched a





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comprehensive biometric SDK benchmarking challenge to improve fingerprint authentication for children. The initiative aims to reduce the impact of age differences in biometric systems and increase accuracy and reliability over time.

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