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Today in History on 05 APR

➤ **2008 - Parvathy Omanakuttan becomes Femina Miss India World.**

In 2008, Parvathy Omanakuttan was crowned Femina Miss India World, and was the first runner-up in the Miss World pageant. Parvathy has also worked in the entertainment and modelling industry and continues to inspire people through her work and activism. Parvathy was crowned the first Pantaloons Femina Miss India South 2008 at the pageant held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in December 2007.



➤ **1979 - The country's first naval museum opens in Mumbai.**

In 1979, India's first naval museum, the Ballard Bunder Gatehouse Navy Museum, opened in Mumbai, showcasing India's maritime history. The museum is a two-storey structure with a crenellated roof and a veranda on all sides, made of basalt and

limestone, and decorated with coloured glass windows and murals. The museum has a fascinating collection that takes you on a journey through maritime history.



➤ **1964 - Navy celebrated National Maritime Day for the first time.**

National Maritime Day was celebrated for the first time in India on 5 April 1964 to commemorate the historic voyage of India's first indigenous ship SS Loyalty which sailed from Mumbai to London in 1919. This was a major milestone in India's maritime industry, breaking the British monopoly on maritime trade.





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➤ 1949 - The Bharat Scouts and Guides is founded.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG) is the national Scouting and Guiding association of India. The national headquarters of the BSG is recognised by the Government of India. Scouting was founded in India in 1909 as an overseas branch of the Scout Association and became a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 1938. Guiding in India began in 1911 and was one of the founding members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 1928, which at the time also covered present-day Bangladesh and Pakistan.



➤ 1955- Winston Churchill resigns as British Prime Minister.

In 1955, on April 5, Winston Churchill resigned as British Prime Minister for health reasons, and was replaced by Anthony Eden. One of the most important figures of the 20th century, Churchill remains popular in Britain and the rest of the Anglosphere. He is generally seen as a victorious wartime leader who played an integral role in

defending liberal democracy against the spread of fascism.



Important NEWS on 05 APR

➤ Free Bus Service for Women in Jammu & Kashmir

On April, 2025, the Jammu and Kashmir government launched a free bus service for women, aimed at promoting gender-inclusive mobility. Flagged off by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the service allows women to travel for free on smart city e-buses and JKRTC buses across the Union Territory. The initiative includes 200 e-buses in urban areas and 235 JKRTC buses in the Kashmir and Jammu regions.



➤ **Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan Inaugurates 62nd National Maritime Day and Merchant Navy Week**

The 62nd National Maritime Day and Merchant Navy Week were inaugurated by Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, on April 5, 2024, emphasizing India's maritime sector's role in Viksit Bharat (Developed India). The Governor highlighted the need for port modernization and better coordination among key organizations like the Directorate General of Shipping, SCI, Indian Railways, and exporters to boost global trade and strengthen India's maritime infrastructure.



➤ **RBI Revises Norms on Government-Guaranteed Security Receipts**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new guidelines for Government of India-guaranteed Security Receipts (SRs) by Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) to enhance bad loan resolution and financial stability. Key provisions include reversal of excess provisions to P&L accounts,

stricter capital treatment by deducting non-cash SRs from CET1 capital, and a revised valuation methodology requiring periodic valuation based on Net Asset Value (NAV) and recovery ratings.



➤ **RBI's Transition of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) to the PCA Framework**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will transition 500 financially weak Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) from the Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) to the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework starting April, 2025. This shift aims to enhance regulatory oversight, ensure early intervention, and restore financial stability.



RBI Introduces PCA Framework To Improve Financial Health Of UCBs



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➤ Aditya Birla Capital Merged With Aditya Birla Finance Ltd.

Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) has successfully amalgamated its NBFC subsidiary Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. (ABFL), effective April, 2025, after approvals from SEBI, RBI, NCLT, shareholders, and creditors. The merger aims to simplify the corporate structure, enhance financial stability, and improve efficiency. Vishakha Mulye has been appointed as MD & CEO, while Rakesh Singh will serve as Executive Director & CEO (NBFC).



➤ Nikhil Singhal Honored with Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award

Nikhil Singhal, Founder of Vigor Media Worldwide and President of the Noida High Rise Federation, received the Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award at the Taj Lucknow on March, 2025, organized by the Tapasya Foundation Trust. The award, presented by Akhilesh Yadav, recognized his leadership in PR and strategic communication. In his speech, he credited his team's dedication and commitment to excellence.



➤ Sivasubramanian Ramann Appointed as New Chairperson of PFRDA

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Sivasubramanian Ramann as the new Chairperson of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for a five-year tenure. Currently serving as Deputy CAG and Chief Technology Officer at CAG of India, Ramann will oversee India's pension sector, including the National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

Current affairs MCQS on 05 APR

Q.1. Recently, which state government has launched a four-day 'School Chale Hum' campaign?



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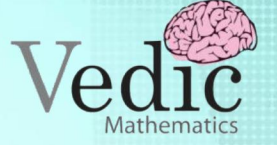
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- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Uttarakhand

Answer: (a) Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav launched the four-day School Chale Hum campaign in Bhopal. All CM RISE schools in the state will be renamed as Maharishi Sandipani Vidyalaya. Education Portal 3.0 launched to digitise school education processes. The campaign aims to improve enrolment, retention and timely textbook delivery. 5.6 crore textbooks (classes 1-12), 1.02 crore Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) workbooks and 26 lakh bridge course books will be made available for free.

Q.2. Where was the 'Developed India Youth Parliament' 2025 organized recently?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Chennai

Answer: (c) New Delhi

Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the national round of Develop India Youth Parliament Festival 2025 in New Delhi. The two-day event aims to empower young minds and promote leadership through parliamentary debates.

Q.3. In which state did Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurate schemes and projects worth more than ₹800 crore?

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

Answer: (b) Bihar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched development projects and welfare schemes worth over Rs 800 crore in Bihar on the occasion of International Cooperative Day. Many dignitaries including Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy

Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha were present on the occasion. Important works related to urban development, cooperative sector, law and order infrastructure and transport projects were announced on the occasion.

Q.4. Recently, India is organizing 'Exercise Tiger Triumph' with which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Australia
- (c) USA
- (d) France

Answer: (c) USA

The fourth edition of the bilateral tri-service India-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise Tiger Triumph is scheduled on the eastern seaboard. The aim of the exercise is to develop inter-operability to conduct HADR operations and build standard operating procedures (SOPs) to establish a Joint Coordination Centre (CCC), which will enable rapid and smooth coordination between Indian and US Joint Task Forces (JTFs) during exercises and crises/contingencies.

Q.5. Who successfully launched the FRAM-2 mission recently?

- (a) NASA
- (b) SpaceX
- (c) ISRO
- (d) Blue Origin

Answer: (b) SpaceX

SpaceX has achieved another historic milestone as it successfully launched the FRAM2 mission, the first human space mission to Earth's polar orbit. Launched on a Falcon 9 rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center, the mission, consisting of an all-civilian team, will spend three to five days in space in a 90-degree polar orbit. The mission aims to advance human space research by conducting 22 scientific experiments, including the first X-ray test in space and a study of growing mushrooms in microgravity.





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Q.6. Which state recently won the 47th National Junior Girls Handball Championship?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (d) Uttar Pradesh

Recently Uttar Pradesh won the 47th National Junior Girls Handball Championship. Uttar Pradesh has won this title for the first time. It defeated Himachal Pradesh in the final. It was organized at K.D. Singh Babu Stadium in Lucknow.

Q.7. Who has recently joined DBS Bank India as Managing Director?

- (a) Rajesh Kumar
- (b) Ambuj Chandna
- (c) Sanjay Gupta
- (d) Vikram Sethi

Answer: (b) Ambuj Chandna

Ambuj Chandna, a seasoned banker with over 16 years of experience at Kotak Mahindra Bank, has joined DBS Bank India as Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group. His move to DBS India comes shortly after Rajat Verma took over as CEO of DBS Bank India. Chandna was previously serving as President and Head of Consumer Banking (Products) at Kotak Mahindra Bank, where he played a key role in the bank's retail strategy. His move is one of the first major leadership changes during Verma's tenure.

Q.8. Who recently became the first African woman to be appointed as Commonwealth Secretary General?

- (a) Patricia Scotland
- (b) Amina Mohammed
- (c) Shirley Botchway
- (d) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Answer: (c) Shirley Botchway

Shirley Botchway took over as the seventh Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, making her the first African woman to hold the

position. She replaced Patricia Scotland of Dominica, who was the first woman to be appointed to the position. Shirley Botchway was elected for a four-year term during CHOGM 2024 (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) in Apia, Samoa.

Q.9. Where did the famous Saudagari block print get the GI tag recently?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Ahmedabad
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Lucknow

Answer: (b) Ahmedabad

The Saudagar block print, a traditional craft practised by artisans in Jamalpur, Ahmedabad, has been officially recognised with a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This unique handmade textile art has been preserved for generations and remains an important part of Gujarat's cultural heritage.

Q.10. Who recently won the Miami Open 2025 title?

- (a) Iga Swiatek
- (b) Coco Gauff
- (c) Aryna Sabalenka
- (d) Naomi Osaka

Answer: (c) Aryna Sabalenka

World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka further cemented her dominance in women's tennis by winning her first Miami Open title, defeating Jessica Pegula 7-5, 6-2 in the final. With this win, she secured her 19th WTA title, including eight WTA 1000 titles and three Grand Slam championships. Sabalenka performed impressively without losing a single set throughout the tournament, further cementing her position as the top-ranked player in the world.

Q.11. With which country did India recently sign an agreement on disaster management and cultural exchange?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Chile
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Peru





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Answer: (b) Chile

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Chile as an "important friend and partner" of India in Latin America and reiterated his commitment to strengthen cooperation in various areas, including Antarctica exploration, health security, trade and strategic partnership.

Q.12. Which Indian women hockey player recently announced retirement?

- (a) Rani Rampal
- (b) Savita Punia
- (c) Vandana Kataria
- (d) Deepika Thakur

Answer: (c) Vandana Kataria

Indian women's hockey legend Vandana Katariya has announced her retirement from international hockey. With an illustrious career spanning 15 years, she has made her mark as India's most capped international women's hockey player. The 32-year-old striker announced her retirement on social media and said that she wanted to quit the sport at the peak of her career. With 320 international matches and 158 goals, Vandana Katariya is retiring as India's most experienced women's hockey player.

Q.13. Who has been given the charge of DGP of Chandigarh recently?

- (a) Sanjay Arora
- (b) Rajkumar Singh
- (c) Anil Kumar
- (d) Vikramjit Singh

Answer: (b) Rajkumar Singh

In a significant administrative move, Chandigarh Director General of Police (DGP) Surendra Singh Yadav has been transferred and appointed as Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in the Border Security Force (BSF) on deputation. Raj Kumar Singh has been given the charge of DGP of Chandigarh till further orders.

Q.14. Which state government has recently renamed 15 places?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c) Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama announced the renaming of 15 places in Haridwar, Dehradun, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar districts in line with public sentiment and Indian cultural heritage. The move is aimed at honouring great historical figures and inspiring the people of the state.

Q.15. Where was the year-long 'Tanglaipuri Swachhata Abhiyan' launched recently?

- (a) Imphal
- (b) Kohima
- (c) Aizawl
- (d) Agartala

Answer: (c) Aizawl

A year-long "cleanliness drive" – Hnatlangpui – was launched in Aizawl, Mizoram. "Hnatlangpui" is being run under the joint aegis of the Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department, Aizawl Municipal Corporation (AMC) and Central Young Mizo Association (CYMA).

