

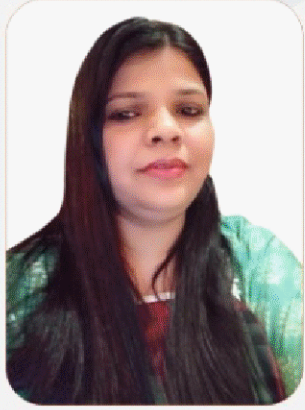


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Current Affairs Related to 16th April

- ◆ **The Department of Financial Services** has announced the merger of 26 RRBs under the One State, One RRB initiative. This is the fourth phase of consolidation of Regional Rural Banks. The Finance Ministry launched the consolidation plan in November 2024. The merger brings together 26 RRBs from 10 states and one union territory. The goal is to improve scale, efficiency and cost effectiveness. After the merger, there will be 28 RRBs serving 700 districts. These RRBs will have more than 22000 branches. This merger will be effective from May 1.
- ◆ **India's first Digital Threat Report 2024 for Banking, Financial Services and Insurance Sector** was released through a collaboration between CERT-In, CSIRT-FIN and SISA. It aims to strengthen cybersecurity in financial institutions. The report provides a comprehensive overview of emerging cyber threats and strategic defense measures for the financial ecosystem. The report is designed to help BFSI organizations identify security gaps, understand emerging cyber risks and improve defense mechanisms against complex cyber attacks.
- ◆ **Antar Drishti Dark Room inaugurated at NIEPVD, Dehradun and MoU signed with Amar Sewa Sangam.** The facility was formally inaugurated by Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Antar Drishti is a specially designed sensory experience space aimed at raising awareness and sensitizing the society towards the challenges faced by visually impaired persons.
- ◆ **Electronics Component Scheme of Rs 22919 crore notified by the Centre to promote Aatmanirbhar Bharat.** This scheme with a funding of Rs 22919 crore was recently approved by the Union Cabinet to make India self-reliant in the electronics supply chain. The scheme aims to develop a strong component ecosystem by attracting large investments in the electronics component manufacturing ecosystem. It also aims to enhance domestic value addition by developing capacity and competence and integrating Indian companies with global value chains.
- ◆ **Bangladesh signed Artemis Accords with NASA for non-military space exploration.** Bangladesh has become the 54th country to sign the Artemis Accords with the US space agency NASA. By signing the agreement, Bangladesh will benefit through technology transfer, economic cooperation and scientific collaboration. The current capacity of the Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organisation will be enhanced through collaboration and cooperation between ISRO and NASA.
- ◆ **Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched the first Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric and Climate Research Centre at Nathtop, Chenani in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.** This landmark initiative aims to provide accurate climate and weather forecasts, as well as research and study the unique high altitude conditions of the region. Launched as a joint initiative of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department and Central University of Jammu, the new centre is located at an altitude of 2250 metres above sea level.
- ◆ **Agreements related to bilateral cooperation in the agriculture sector were signed by Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Israel's Agriculture Minister Avi Dichter in New Delhi.** Its objective is to promote bilateral agricultural cooperation and food security and modernize agricultural practices. The agreement focuses on several key areas including soil and water management, horticulture and agricultural production, post-harvest and processing technology, agricultural mechanization animal husbandry and research and development.
- ◆ **Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav highlighted that AI represents a new era of industrial revolution.** He called upon stakeholders to contribute ideas to integrate AI in digital public infrastructure. In Delhi, Vaishnav inaugurated a one-day stakeholders meeting organized by UIDAI. Vaishnav said that Aadhaar serves as the basis for many initiatives.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court has said that Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi has done illegal and wrongful work by reserving 10 bills re-approved by the state assembly for the President's assent.** The decision came after the Tamil Nadu government challenged the governor's action.

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National & International Current Affairs

1. Where will IIM Ahmedabad open its first overseas campus recently?

- (A) Paris (B) Dubai
(C) Berlin (D) Tokyo

(B) In a major step towards global expansion, the Indian Institute of Management is going to set up the first foreign petroleum company in Dubai. This decision has been taken after signing an MoU between IIM Ahmedabad and the Government of the United Arab Emirates. This will strengthen India's access to higher education at the international level. This campus will be opened in September 2025.



2. According to a recent study by which institute, surface ozone pollution is seriously affecting India's major food crops?

- (A) IIT Kharagpur (B) IIT Madras
(C) IIT Delhi (D) IIT Chennai

(A) According to a study by IIT Kharagpur, surface ozone pollution is seriously affecting India's major food crops. This is especially true in regions like the Indo-Gangetic Plain and Central India. According to researchers, this is hindering India's ability to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of eliminating poverty and hunger by 2030.



3. Recently, ADB has projected how much percent growth in India's economy in the financial year 2025?

- (A) 3.7% (B) 4.4%
(C) 5.9% (D) 6.7%

(D) India's economy is registering growth with global stability. According to the Asian Development Outlook April 2025, India's GDP growth rate is estimated to be 6.7% in the financial year 2025, mainly due to increase in domestic demand, improvement in rural income, and structural unemployment. The Asian Development Bank believes that the pace of growth will continue in the financial year 2026 as well.



4. Recently, China has announced how much percent tariff on US goods in response to the escalation of trade war?

- (A) 50% (B) 65%
(C) 84% (D) 90%

(C) The trade war between the US and China has intensified as China has announced a massive increase in retaliation. In response to the 104% duty imposed by the Chinese administration, China has increased the duty on US goods to 84%. This decision has taken the trade tension between the two countries to a new level.



5. Recently, the monetary policy committee of RBI has cut the policy repo rate by how many basis points?

- (A) 15 (B) 18
(C) 22 (D) 25

(D) The monetary policy committee of RBI has cut the policy repo rate by 25 basis points. This has brought the repo rate to 6%. This is the second consecutive rate cut by the MPC. The permanent deposit facility rate is now 5.75 percent. The marginal permanent facility rate and the bank rate have now been fixed at 6.25 percent.



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6. Recently, which country has successfully tested Gaurav from Sukhoi fighter jet?

- (A) China (B) Russia
(C) America (D) India

(D) Defence Research and Development Organisation successfully tested long range glide bomb Gaurav from Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft of Indian Air Force. In these records, Gaurav bomb hit the target located at a distance of about 100 km with extreme precision, which is a significant achievement in the field of indigenously manufactured defence capability and air-launched weapon of India.



7. Recently, the police station of which state has received the Scotch Award in the police security category?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan (D) Delhi

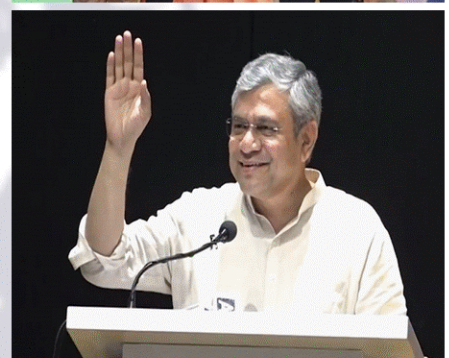
(B) As a significant achievement towards technological advancement in law and order, the investigation, prosecution and conviction portal of Uttar Pradesh Police has been awarded the prestigious Scotch Award in the police and security category at the national level. This gives the initial information about making the investigation process of Uttar Pradesh Police modern and effective through digital medium.



8. Who has recently inaugurated the Vinod Dham Center of Excellence for Semiconductors and Microelectronics at Delhi Technological University?

- (A) Ashwini Vaishnav (B) Amit Shah
(C) Mansukh Mandaviya (D) Piyush Goyal

(A) Recently Vinod Dham Center of Excellence for Semiconductors and Microelectronics was inaugurated at Delhi Technological University, which proved to be an important milestone in India's semiconductor journey. The event was graced by the presence of Union Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting and Electronics and IT, Government of India, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, distinguished alumnus of DTU and Padma Bhushan awardee Shri Vinod Dham, famous as the father of Pentium chip and Vice Chancellor of DTU Prof. Prateek Sharma.



9. Recently, the Government of India has signed an agreement with whom for the modernization of Mi-17 T5 helicopters?

- (A) HAL (B) Reliance Defence
(C) BEL (D) None of these

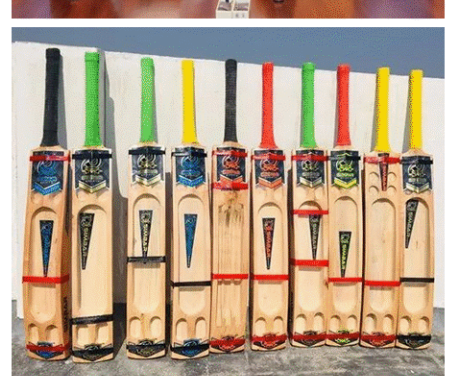
(C) Recently, the Government of India has signed an agreement of Rs 2385 crore with Bharat Electronics Limited for the modernization of Mi-17 T5 helicopters. Electronic warfare suits and modification kits will be installed. This will make the Mi-17 T5 helicopters of the Air Force more safe and effective



10. Recently, the willow bat of which place has got the GI tag?

- (A) Sikkim (B) Jammu and Kashmir
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Himachal Pradesh

(B) Recently, the Kashmir Willow Bat has got the GI tag. Apart from this, many other crafts of Kashmir have also got the GI tag. Getting the GI tag for the Kashmir Willow Bat will strengthen its global identity. This will help in preventing unauthorized use and consumers will get genuine products.



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