

## April 2025 Current Affairs

### Important Days

- **April 13:** Siachen Day, commemorating Operation Meghdoot in 1984.
- **April 18:** World Heritage Day, with the 2025 theme "Heritage Under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts." India's 43rd UNESCO World Heritage Site is the Ahom Dynasty's Mount Burial System in Assam.
- **April 22:** World Earth Day.
- **April 23:** World Book and Copyright Day and English Language Day.
- **April 24:** National Panchayati Raj Day.

### National News

- The **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana**, which offers loans for micro and small enterprises, completed 10 years. The scheme has four categories: Shishu (up to ₹50,000), Kishore (₹50,000 to ₹5 lakh), Tarun (₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh), and Tarun Plus (up to ₹20 lakh).
- The **Modernization of Command Area Development and Water Management (MCADWM)** sub-scheme has been approved under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana to improve irrigation facilities.
- **Simlipal National Park** in Odisha was officially notified as a national park. It is the only place in the world where melanistic (black) tigers are found.
- The 9th edition of the **Global Technology Summit 2025** took place in New Delhi with the theme "Sabhavana" (Possibilities).
- The **Sagarmala Program**, an initiative by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, completed 10 years.
- An **Inter-AIMS Referral Portal** was announced by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, J.P. Nadda, to facilitate referrals between AIIMS hospitals.

### International News

- The **Baisabi Festival** is a New Year celebration observed by the Chakma, Marma, and Tripura communities in Bangladesh.
- **Mauritius** has become the first African country and the fourth globally to sign the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- A commemorative stamp was released during President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Portugal to mark **50 years of diplomatic relations** between India and Portugal.
- The **Huangmaozhou Bridge** in China, part of the Shantou-Kanyun Expressway, was inaugurated.

### Awards

- **International Booker Prize 2025:** Banoo Mustaq's short story collection

"Heartlamp" was shortlisted.

- **India Audio Summit and Awards 2025:** A radio program was awarded "Series of the Year."

## Books

- *"Beyond the Courtroom"* by Pali S. Nariman.
- *"Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed and Lost Idealism"* by Sara Win Williams.
- *"The Great Conciliator"* by Sanjeev Chopra.

## Sports

- **IPL:** Matheesha Pathirana became the first player to switch bowling arms in an over.
- **Olympics:** Cricket is returning to the Olympics after 128 years at the 2028 Los Angeles Games.
- **Hockey:** Indian hockey player Vandana Katariya announced her retirement.
- **Football:** Mohun Bagan Super Giant won the Indian Super League.
- **Formula 1:** Oscar Piastri won the Saudi Arabian and Bahrain Grands Prix. Max Verstappen won the Japanese Grand Prix.
- **Moto GP:** Francesco Bagnaia won the Moto GP America Grand Prix.

## Science & Technology

- A new **Angstrom scale semiconductor chip** was developed by IISc Bengaluru for use in smartphones, computers, and AI tools.

## Defense

- A report from **SIPRI** (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) named the **US** as the top military spender in 2024, followed by China, Russia, Germany, and India.

## Finance & Reports

- The parent company of **Zepto** was renamed as part of its preparations for an IPO.
- The **Digital Threat Report 2024** for the BFSI (Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance) sector was launched in a collaboration between CSIRT-Fin, CISA, and the Computer Emergency Response Team.