

## Weekly One Liners 18th to 24th of April 2022

### Bumrah, Rohit among Wisden's five 'Cricketers of the Year'

The Wisden Almanack has named India captain **Rohit Sharma** and bowler **Jasprit Bumrah** among the “Five Cricketers of the Year” for 2022. **Rohit Sharma** amassed 368 runs at an average of **52.57** in four Tests, completing an outstanding tour with a second-innings 127 at **The Oval**, his first Test century away from home.

#### Key Points:

- Others that made the cut include England fast bowler **Ollie Robinson**, South African women's player **Dane van Niekerk**, and New Zealand opener **Devon Conway**.
- Former England captain **Joe Root** has been crowned the World's Leading Cricketer, while South African **Lizelle Lee** has been named the World's Leading Woman Cricketer, and Pakistan's **Mohammad Rizwan** has been named the World's Leading T20 Cricketer.

### National Panchayati Raj Day 2022

**National Panchayati Raj Day** is a national holiday in India that honours the **Panchayati Raj system**. Every year on **April 24th**, it is commemorated. The **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act**, which was passed in **1992**, is also commemorated on this day. **The Panchayati Raj system**, which is one of the country's oldest governing organisations, governs about **6 lakh communities in India**.

The day was initially observed in **April 2010** to commemorate the decentralisation of power, which is considered one of India's most significant milestones. As **Panchayati Raj Diwas 2022** approaches, we bring you additional information about the event's history, significance, and topic.

#### PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY: IMPORTANCE

The day is significant because, in 1957, a committee was formed under the head of **Balwantraj Mehta** with the goal of bringing about reforms in the central electricity system. The committee suggested a decentralised **Panchayati Raj** hierarchy, with **Gram Panchayats** at the village level, **Panchayat Samiti** at the block level, and Zila Parishad at the district level, according to the study.

#### PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY: THEME

Every year, the Prime Minister meets with members from **Gram Panchayats** and reviews their progress reports. In addition, a variety of village-level festivities, seminars, and other events are held. This year, however, it will be held without a theme. The award ceremony, which will honour the outstanding work of panchayats across the country for their participation under the Panchayat Empowerment Accountability Incentive Scheme, will be the centrepiece of the event this year. On **National Panchayati Raj Day**, the Central government honours around 170 Panchayati Raj institutions.

#### BACKGROUND

Despite the fact that **Panchayati Raj** Institutions have existed for a long time, it has been observed that they have not been able to achieve the status and dignity of viable and responsive people's bodies due to a variety of factors including the lack of regular elections, prolonged super sessions, insufficient representation of weaker sections such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and women, insufficient devolution of powers, and a lack of financial resources.

The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act of 1992, which took effect on **April 24, 1993**, gave Panchayati Raj institutions constitutional standing. As a result, this date symbolises a watershed point in the history of decentralisation of governmental power to the people. The **73rd Amendment's** influence on rural India is palpable, as it has irreparably altered power dynamics. As a result, the Indian government decided, in conjunction with the states, to commemorate April 24th as **National Panchayati Raj Day**. The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** is leading the commemoration.



## National Affairs

- The Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has unveiled a **108 ft statue of Lord Hanuman ji in Morbi, Gujarat**, at the Ashram of Babu Keshvanand ji, via video conferencing, on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti. This statue is the second among the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the '**Hanumanji Char Dham**' project.
- **NITI Aayog** plans to launch the **National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP)**, which would give government data in a user-friendly manner and encourage **data-driven decision-making and research**. The platform, which was conceived in **2020**, aims to standardise data across government sources and provide **flexible analytics** that allow users to easily analyse data using numerous datasets.
- The **first portable solar rooftop system** in India has been inaugurated at **Swaminarayan Akshardham temple complex in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The **10 Photovoltaic PV Port system** has been manufactured by New Delhi-based Servotech Power Systems Ltd and designed by the **German development agency Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**.
- The Union Health minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**, organised a week-long celebration under the "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**", marking the fourth anniversary of **Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)** from **April 16 to April 22**. The inauguration of the first AB-HWC on **14th April 2018**, at **Jangla, a serene village in the Bijapur District of Chhattisgarh**.
- The **World Health Organization** launched its **Global Centre for Traditional Medicine** at a site in **Gujarat**, aimed at unlocking its potential by blending ancient practices with modern science. During the event, the WHO chief **Tedros Ghebreyesus** spoke in Hindi which surprised all. The WHO chief **Tedros Ghebreyesus** and Prime Minister of Mauritius Shri **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth** were present at the event.
- The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, **Jammu and Kashmir**, under the e-governance initiative has launched an app '**Jan Nigrani**', intended to help people lodge their complaints related to various schemes online. The Jan Nigrani app is a 24x7 internet-based platform aimed at reporting and resolving the grievances of the residents of J&K, against various government schemes launched by the department.

- To bolster **India's cyber posture**, the **National Security Council Secretariat** is holding a **National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise (NCX India)** for **government officials** and key sector organisations. The **National Cyber Security Incident Response Exercise** was kicked off by **National Security Advisor Ajit Doval**.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister**, recently launched the **National Conference on Agriculture** for the **Kharif Campaign 2022-23** at the **NASC Complex in New Delhi**. The production of **pulses and oilseeds** will be 269.5 lakh tonnes and 371.5 lakh tonnes, respectively. **Horticulture production** is expected to reach 3310.5 lakh tonnes in 2020-21, the greatest level ever for Indian horticulture, according to third advanced projections.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone and inaugurated the various projects worth 22,000 crore rupees at a function organized at **Dahod in Gujarat**. Dahod District Southern Area Regional Water Supply Scheme, constructed at Narmada River Basin (Rs 840 crore); Dahod Smart City (Rs 335 crore).

## States in the News

- **Manipur chief minister, N Biren Singh** announced that a 165-foot-high Indian national flag, the tallest in the Northeast, would be hoisted at the **Indian National Army (INA)** headquarters complex in **Moirang in Manipur's Bishnupur district**, for which a pole had already been erected.
- The **Karnataka State Government** in association with **NIMHANS and Niti Ayog** launched the **Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)** in January. Indian cricketer **Robin Uthappa** has been recently appointed as the brand ambassador for **Karnataka- Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)**. Training of doctors and preparations to start Brain Health Clinics in the three pilot hospitals has also commenced.

## International Affairs

- According to a **United Nations** report released, the **pandemic pushed 77 million** additional people into severe poverty last year, and many developing nations are unable to recover due to the heavy cost of **loan repayments** — and that was before the extra burden of the crisis in **Ukraine**.

- **Indonesia** has stopped imports of **agricultural products from India**, citing a failure by **New Delhi** officials to register **laboratories that evaluate food safety and issue certificates of analysis (COA)**, causing worry among cereal exporters.
- **Tropical Storm Megi** wreaked havoc on the **Philippines**, killing at least 167 people in **landslides and floods**. According to the national disaster organisation, another **110 persons are missing**, and **1.9 million people have been impacted**. Hillside avalanches and overflowing rivers wreaked havoc on the villages surrounding **Baybay city in central Leyte province**.
- The **flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, Moskva**, was being hauled to port when it sank due to stormy waves. The **510-crew missile cruiser**, which led **Russia's naval attack on Ukraine**, was a symbol of the country's military might.
- Indian-American **Navyveteran Shanti Sethi** has been appointed as USA Vice President **Kamala Harris's Defence Adviser**. Shanti Sethi is the first Indian-American commander of a major US Navy combat ship. Shanti Sethi commanded the guided-missile destroyer, USS Decatur, from December 2010 to May 2012.
- A **cyber organisation recognised by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation** will undertake the world's largest and most complicated "live-fire" cyber defence drills. The biennial Locked Shields event, according to the **NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Estonia**, is designed to improve the skills of cybersecurity experts protecting national IT systems and vital infrastructure against real-time attacks.
- **Patrick Achi** has been re-appointed as Prime Minister of **Ivory Coast** by President **Alassane Ouattara**. He was appointed prime minister in March 2021. He was the third prime minister in the West African state (Ivory Coast) in the last three years after Amadou Gon Coulibaly (who died in 2020) and Hamed Bakayoko (who died in 2021).
- Russian President Vladimir Putin said that his military had successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying a big nuclear payload, but the Pentagon said the missile did not pose a substantial danger to the US. Russia's most powerful ICBM is the **RS-28 Sarmat, dubbed "Satan 2" by NATO**.

## Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **National Insurance Academy** with the goal of creating capacity and establishing a qualified talent pool in the insurance sector in **International Financial Services Centres**.
- The latest report on the **State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development** will be jointly developed and launched by **NITI Aayog** and **UNICEF India**. This was determined, when the two organisations signed a **Statement of Intent (SoI)**, reiterating their joint commitment to achieving **children's rights in India**.
- **The Tripura state government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre** to develop an international grade Data Centre in the state. To establish the projected Data Centre, the **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and CSE e-governance services Ltd** have formed a joint venture called **NIXI-CSC Data Services Centre**.

## Books and Authors

- **Dr BR Ambedkar's 131st birth anniversary**, a new book titled "**The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights**" authored by **Rajesh Talwar**, a fact-based drama on Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's own recollections of his childhood has been released. It is published by Ponytale Books. Talwar's also authored books include "**The Vanishing of Subhash Bose**", "**Gandhi, Ambedkar, and the Four-Legged Scorpion**", and "**Aurangzeb**".

## Banking/Economy/Business News

- London-based Cryptocurrency lender, **Nexo** has joined hands with global payments company Mastercard to launch the world's first "**crypto-backed**" **payment card**. Electronic money firm DiPocket is Nexo's card issuer. The card requires no minimum repayments, monthly, or inactivity fees. There are no FX fees for up to **20,000 euros per month**. Interest remains at 0% for customers who maintain a loan-to-value ratio of 20% or below.



- **State Bank of India (SBI)**, India's largest commercial bank, has raised **USD 500 million** through a three-year syndicated loan facility, via its **International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City** branch. The facility is worth USD 400 million, with a USD 100 million greenshoe option. SBI, on the other hand, did not provide pricing information. The SBI's Gift City branch has raised its first offshore USD **Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)** linked syndicated loan.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has tightened the rules for **non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)** relating to their large exposures. RBI capped aggregate exposure of NBFCs which are in the upper layer toward one entity at **20% of the capital base**. The limit can only be extended by another **5% with the board's approval**. For a particular borrower group, the cap is at **25%**, with an additional **10%** if exposure is towards infrastructure.
- **Manappuram Finance Limited** was fined Rs 17.63 lakh by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for failing to comply with **Know Your Customer (KYC)** and **Prepaid Payment Instruments regulations (PPIs)**.
- **HDFC Ltd**, a mortgage lender, announced the sale of a **10% share** in its private equity arm, **HDFC Capital Advisors**, to an **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)** wholly-owned subsidiary for **Rs 184 crore** on Wednesday.
- For the collection of taxes, **Dhanlaxmi Bank** has signed a **memorandum of understanding** with the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** and the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**. Dhanlaxmi Bank said in a regulatory filing that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has authorised the bank to collect different taxes based on a recommendation from the **Controller General of Accounts**.
- The **wholesale price index (WPI)** based inflation in India in the **month of March** rose to **14.55%** due to an increase in power prices and rising edible oil prices. In March 2022, the high rate of inflation was recorded due to a rise in prices of mineral oils, crude petroleum and natural gas, and basic metals owing as there was a disruption in the global supply chain caused by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. In March 2021, the WPI-based inflation had stood at **7.89%**.
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has slashed the gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India in **FY23 to 8.2 per cent** in its latest World Economic Outlook report, released on April 19, 2022. Earlier in January report, this was estimated at 9 per cent. IMF has also cut India's FY24 GDP growth forecast to 6.9 per cent. Earlier this was 7.1 per cent. In the case of the global economy, IMF has cut the growth forecast for the calendar year 2022 to 3.6 per cent from 4.4 per cent.
- **Paytm** has become an official digital payments partner for the prime ministers' museum. It is offering its payment gateway, **EDC (Electronic Data Capture) machines** and QR code payment options to make way for superfast, convenient and secure transactions. The museum, which is a tribute to former Prime Ministers of India, will be opened to the public on April 21, 2022. PM Modi also purchased the first ticket of the museum before its inauguration.
- The **World Bank** has lowered the global growth forecast for **2022 to 3.2%**. Earlier this was estimated at **4.1%**. The downward revision is due to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on the world economy.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India's** advisory council on leveraging regulatory and technological solutions has been reconstituted **advisory committee on leveraging regulatory and technology solutions (ALERTS)**. **Sunil Bajpai** will now lead the seven-member panel.
- **India** will provide an additional **\$500 million** in financial aid to help the **Srilanka island** nation buy fuel, and that Bangladesh was willing to postpone \$450 million in swap repayments to help Colombo. This is the second **\$500 million** in gasoline credit that **India** has given to a **Sri Lankan government** grappling with the country's greatest financial crisis in living memory.



## Appointments/Resignations

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, approved **Vikram Dev Dutt's** appointment as the **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India Asset Holding (AIAHL)**, with effect from **27th January 2022**, in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- Lieutenant General **Manoj Pande** has been appointed as the next **Chief of Army Staff**. Lt Gen Pande is the incumbent Vice-Chief of the Army. He will take over from General MM Naravane, who is set to retire on April 30, 2022. Lt Gen Manoj Pande is the first-ever officer from the Corps of Engineers to be appointed as Army Chief.
- **India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA)**, the apex body for India's pulses trade and industry, has appointed **Bimal Kothari** as the new Chairman with immediate effect. Kothari takes over from **Jitu Bheda**, who was the IPGA chairman since 2018.
- IT major **Wipro** has announced the appointment of **Satya Easwaran** as the **Country Head for India**. He will be in charge of strengthening Wipro's business in India across segments through strategic consulting, transformation and modernisation engagements.
- **Digit Insurance** has appointed **Jasleen Kohli** as the company's new **managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO)** with effect from April 20, 2022. She succeeds **Vijay Kumar** who retired from the company on April 19, 2022. She served as chief distribution officer (CDO) at Digit, where she was responsible for all of the company's sales and distribution channels.
- Lieutenant General **Manoj Kumar Katiyar** has been appointed as the next Director-General of Military Operations. He would take charge of the new office on May 1st. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Lieutenant General Katiyar was commissioned in the **23rd Battalion of the Rajput Regiment in June 1986**.
- Procter & Gamble India appointed **LV Vaidyanathan**, who leads the company's business in Indonesia, as the new **chief executive officer**. He takes over from **Madhusudan Gopalan** who will move into a new role at the parent company. Vaidyanathan takes over as the CEO from July 1, 2022.

- According to a home ministry notification released, senior **IAS officer Naresh Kumar** has been appointed as the **chief secretary of Delhi**. **Kumar, an IAS officer from the 1987 batch of the AGMUT cadre**, has been shifted from **Arunachal Pradesh to Delhi**. Before being transferred, he was the chief secretary of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Babita Singh, a serial entrepreneur**, was named a **Global Peace Ambassador** for her work in promoting peace through education, sports, art, culture, and diplomacy at the **India International Conclave 2022**, which was held in collaboration with the **Asia Africa Consortium (AAC) in New Delhi**.
- **Ajay Kumar Sood**, a member of the **Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council** to the Prime Minister, has been appointed to the post for a period of three years to succeed renowned biologist **K VijayRaghavan**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Sood as Principal Scientific Advisor to the government.

## Defence News

- Exercise **KRIPAN SHAKTI**, an Integrated Fire Power exercise was recently conducted by **The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps** at the **Teesta Field Firing Ranges (TFFR), near Siliguri, West Bengal**. The exercise was led by Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar and General Officer Commanding Trishakti Corps.
- In New Delhi, the **Army Commanders' Conference**, an **apex level biannual** event, has commenced. The conference serves as an institutional forum for **high-level discussions** that lead to **major policy decisions** for the **Indian Army**.
- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** kicked off the **8th edition** of the two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise, '**NATPOLREX-VIII**', on April 19, 2022, off Mormugao harbour, Goa. The marine spill preparedness exercise was inaugurated by Defence Secretary **Dr Ajay Kumar**.
- The **Indian Navy** launched the sixth and last submarine, **Yard 11880**, of the French Scorpene-class under **Project 75**, at the **Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) in Mumbai**. The submarine has been named '**Vagsheer**'. The submarine will now undergo rigorous harbour trials and sea trials, before being commissioned in the Indian Navy. These submarines are designed by French naval defence and energy company '**DCNS**' while Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai has manufactured them.

## Awards and Recognitions

- The Regional Connectivity Scheme **UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik)**, the flagship scheme of the **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)** has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2020 under the category "**Innovation (General) - Central**".
- **Nitin Gadkari**, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, presented the **2021 AIMA Managing India Awards (AIMA)** in multiple categories in Delhi. In the films category, **Shoojit Sircar** was honoured with the **Director Of The Year award for Sardar Udham**. This year, the 12th edition of the AIMA Managing India Awards is being organised physically, coinciding with the 7th National Leadership Conclave.
- **IndusInd Bank** has been awarded the global '**Celent Model Bank**' award under the category of '**Payments System Transformation**' for building a best-in-class **Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH)**. The award recognises the Bank's outstanding journey in creating a cloud-based central payments hub.
- The "**National Metallurgist Award 2021**" will be held here tomorrow by the Union Ministry of Steel. **Shri Ram Chandra Prasad Singh, the Union Minister of Steel**, will host the event. The programme aims to recognise the outstanding contribution of metallurgists/engineers working in the field of iron and steel in the areas of **manufacturing, research and development, design, education, waste management, and energy conservation**, as well as their specific contribution to achieving **Atmanirbhar Bharat's objectives**.
- The **Indo-American Chamber of Commerce** has picked **Indian-American chief executive of General Atomics Global Corporation Vivek Lall** for the prestigious Entrepreneur Leadership Awards in appreciation of his contribution to the defence sector. **The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) was founded in 1968** and is the premier bi-lateral chamber for **India-US commercial cooperation**.

## Summit and Conference

- The three-day "**Smart Cities, Smart Urbanization**" conference kicked off today in Surat. Under the clarion call of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)**, given by Hon'ble Prime Minister to commemorate the **75th anniversary of Independence**, the event is being organised by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, Government of India, in collaboration with **Surat Smart City Corporation Development Ltd.**

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will open the **Global Ayush Investment & Innovation Summit 2022** at **Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The three-day conference will bring together **key policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors, startups**, and other national and international players to discuss innovation and how **India** can become a **global Ayush destination for entrepreneurship**.
- **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and AYUSH, said that the **1st Incredible India International Cruise Conference-2022** hosted in **Mumbai**. The two-day event in Mumbai is being organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Mumbai Port Authority, and the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**.

## Ranks and Reports

- The **extreme poverty rate in India** fell from **22.5%** in 2011 to **10.2%** in 2019 as per **World Bank Policy Research Working Paper**. This represents a decline of 12.3 percentage points in extreme poverty count between 2011 to 2019 in the country. The decline in rural areas was much higher than in urban areas.
- Chairman and Managing Director of **Serum Institute of India(SII)**, **Dr Cyrus S. Poonawalla** has topped the **Hurun Global Healthcare Rich List 2022** and became the **richest billionaire in the healthcare sector 2022**. He has topped the list with a new value of **USD 26 billion** (up 41%). Cyrus Poonawalla is followed by **Thomas Frist Jr & Family** of HCA Healthcare, **Li Xiting and Xu Hang** of Mindray at the 2nd position with a net value of USD 19 billion. **Dilip Shanghvi & Family**, of the Sun Pharmaceuticals, is at the 5th position with a net worth of USD 18 billion.

## Sports News

- The 35-year-old, **New Zealand** pacer (fast bowler) **Hamish Bennett**, has announced his retirement from his 17-year-old cricket career with the 2021/22 season as the last one. Before retiring, Bennett represented New Zealand in T20I against Bangladesh in Mirpur, Pakistan in September 2021.
- Top Indian swimmer **Sajan Prakash** won the **men's 200m butterfly gold** at the **Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark**.



- **Haryana** has emerged as the champions of the **12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship** by defeating **Tamil Nadu** 3-1 in the shootout after the final ended 1-1 in the regulation time. The tournament was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from April 6 to 17, 2022. Haryana has won the trophy for the first time since 2011. **Karnataka** prevailed over **Maharashtra** 4-3 in the third/fourth place classification match.
- Indian Grandmaster **Dommaraju Gukesh** has clinched the **48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title** in **Castile-La Mancha, Spain**.
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the second edition of the **Khelo India University Games** to be held in the tech capital Bengaluru will have its own mobile application. A brainchild of the **Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES)** and hosts Jain Deemed-to-be University, the unique '**Khelo India Uni Games 2021**' mobile app promises to be a one-stop-shop for all information regarding the prestigious event scheduled to begin on the 24th April.
- **West Indies** all-rounder **Kieron Pollard** has announced his retirement from international cricket. Pollard, who was the captain of West Indies' limited-overs teams, played a total of 123 ODIs and 101 T20Is.

### Important Days

- Every year on **April 18**, the United Nations commemorates **World Heritage Day**. The Day is observed to preserve the human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organizations working for it. Monuments and ancient buildings are an asset to the world. They make for the rich heritage of the nation. Since 1983, the International Council on Monuments and Sites has set a theme around which events are centred on the day. The theme for World Heritage Day 2022 is "**Heritage and Climate**".
- **World Liver Day** is observed on **19 April** annually to spread awareness about the causes of liver disease and tips for its prevention so as to take **holistic care of the liver**. The liver is the second largest and the second most complex organ in the body, after the brain.
- **The UN Chinese Language Day** is observed on **April 20** annually. The day has been chosen to pay tribute to Cangjie, who is a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about **5,000 years ago**.

- **World Creativity and Innovation Day** is celebrated on **April 21** every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of creativity and innovation in problem-solving and encourage creative multidisciplinary thinking at the individual and group levels. The World Creativity and Innovation Week is also observed from **April 15-21**. The theme of World Creativity and Innovation Day 2022: **Collaboration**
- India observes **National Civil Services Day** on **April 21** every year to acknowledge the works of officers engaged in several public service departments in the country. The day also marks a reminder for civil servants, who collectively run the country's administrative machinery and their dedication to serving the citizens of the country.
- **World Earth Day**, also known as **International Mother Earth Day**, is celebrated every year on **April 22**. The Day will be celebrated all over the world to spread awareness for Earth's wellbeing and to encourage people to support environmental protection. The day focuses on the global climate crisis that is worsening with each passing day. World Earth Day 2022 will mark the **52nd Anniversary**.
- Every year on **April 23**, **World Book and Copyright Day** is observed to promote the love of reading. April 23 is significant in world literature because it commemorates the death on this date of prominent writers such as **Miguel de Cervantes and William Shakespeare**.
- Every year on April 23, the **United Nations celebrates English Day**. The date of **April 23** was chosen for **English Language Day** because it is "traditionally honoured as both the birthday and date of death of **William Shakespeare**."



## Obituaries

- Veteran Hindi television presenter and actor, **Manju Singh** has passed away due to cardiac arrest. She was one of the pioneers in the Indian television industry and was fondly remembered as didi. She was the anchor of the children's program, **Khel Khilone for 7 years**.
- Popular Odia singer and music director **Prafulla Kar** has passed away following age-related ailments. Kar was an eminent musician, singer, lyricist, writer and columnist. He received the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2015.

## Miscellaneous News

- **BRO Director General Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary** announced that the **Border Roads Organisation** will build the world's highest tunnel at **Shinku La Pass, at 16,580 feet**, to connect **Himachal Pradesh** and **Ladakh**. He said this while opening the strategically crucial **Himachal to Zaskar Road at Shinku La Pass**, where more than a half-dozen vehicles crossed from the **Zaskar side** towards **Manali**.
- India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired, named '**Radio Aksh**' has been launched in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**. Nagpur's 96-year-old institution, **The Blind Relief Association Nagpur (TBRAN)** and **Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal (Saksham)** are the organisations behind this idea. The channel will be available on various internet radio platforms for free.
- **Leh** has taken the first step in building an IT sector. **SS Khandare, the Additional Director General of Police for Ladakh**, has opened **Ethosh Digital's first IT Training and Services centre in Leh**.
- **Biliti Electric Inc (Biliti)**, based in California, United States of America, has announced its intention to establish the world's largest electric three-wheeler manufacturing facility in **Telangana**. The plant will be built in 2 phases over an area of 200 acres. Phase I of 13.5 acres with a capacity to produce **18000 Electric Vehicles (EV)** per year will become operational in 2023 and the larger facility of 200 acres with a production capacity of 240000 EV per year will become operational in 2024.

## Static Takeaways

- Assam Capital: Dispur;
- Assam Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma;
- Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- J&K Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha;
- J&K Formation (Union territory): 31 October 2019;
- J&K Capital: Jammu (winter), Srinagar (summer).
- National Security Advisor: Ajit Doval
- Union Agriculture Minister: Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
- Gujarat Capital: Gandhinagar;
- Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat;
- Gujarat Chief minister: Bhupendrabhai Patel.
- Manipur Chief Minister: N Biren Singh
- Capital of Manipur: Imphal
- Manipur Dance: Manipuri Raas Leela
- Imphal: Imphal is the capital of Manipur and one of India's oldest cities.
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru;
- Karnataka Chief Minister: Basavaraj S Bommai;
- Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot.
- Ivory Coast Capital: Yamoussoukro;
- Ivory Coast Currency: West African CFA franc;
- Ivory Coast President: Alassane Ouattara.
- UNICEF India's Chief of Social Policy: Hyun Hee Ban
- Officer in Charge – Deputy Representative UNICEF: Arjan de Wagt
- Tripura is the third smallest state in India.
- Agartala is the Capital of Tripura
- Mizoram and Assam shares border with Tripura
- Mastercard Founded: 16 December 1966, United States;
- Mastercard Headquarters: Purchase, Harrison, New York, United States;
- Mastercard CEO: Michael Miebach;
- Mastercard Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga.
- SBI Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara;
- SBI Establishment: 1955;
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- RBI Founded: April 1, 1935;
- RBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das;
- RBI Deputy Governors: Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, T Rabi Sankar.
- World Bank Founded: July 1944, United States;
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, USA;
- World Bank President: David Robert Malpass;
- World Bank Member Countries: 189 (including India).



- Deutsche Bank's head of corporate banking technology in India: Puneet Narang
- TCS Research and Innovation's Principal Scientist: Girish Keshav Palshikar
- Paytm Founded: August 2010;
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India;
- Paytm CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma.
- Wipro CEO: Thierry Delaporte;
- Wipro Founder: M.H. Hasham Premji;
- Wipro Founded: 29 December 1945, India;
- Wipro Owner: Azim Premji;
- Wipro Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- Digit Insurance Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka;
- Digit Insurance Chairman: Kamesh Goyal.
- Puduchery Chief Secretary: Shri Ashwini Kumar
- NDMC chairman: Shri Naresh Kumar
- Union Defence Minister: Rajnath Singh
- Indian Army Chief: Lieutenant General Manoj Pande
- IndusInd Bank Founded: 1994;
- IndusInd Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- IndusInd Bank MD & CEO: Sumant Kathpalia;
- IndusInd Bank Tagline: We Make You Feel Richer.
- Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs: Shri Kaushal Kishore
- Minister of Education, Andhra Pradesh: Dr Audimulapu Suresh
- Mayor, Surat: Hemali Kalpeshkumar Boghawala
- Secretary, MoHUA: Shri Manoj Joshi
- Prime Minister of Mauritius: Shri Pravind Jugnauth
- Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO): Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal
- Secretary of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways: Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan
- Chairman of the Mumbai Port Authority: Rajiv Jalota
- Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India: Sanjay Bandopadhyay
- World Bank Founded: July 1944, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States;
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington DC, USA;
- World Bank President: David Robert Malpass;
- World Bank Member Countries: 189 (including India).
- UNESCO formation: 4 November 1946;
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
- UNESCO Director-General: Audrey Azoulay;
- Headquarters of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS): Paris, France;
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Founded: 1965;
- President of International Council on Monuments and Sites: Toshiyuki Kono.
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya.
- United Nations Environment Programme Head: Inger Andersen.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founder: Maurice Strong.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 5 June 1972, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Minister of Information and Broadcasting : Anurag Thakur
- Additional Director General of Police for Ladakh: SS Khandare.
- Telangana Capital: Hyderabad;
- Telangana Governor: Tamilsai Soundararajan;
- Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao.

