

➤ April Current Affairs

- Chief Justice of India NV Ramana launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) software, which allows the Supreme Court to pass or communicate interim orders, stay orders & bail orders to appropriate authorities via secured electronic channel.
- The Union Government approved a hike in the Dearness Allowance to the Central Government employees and the dearness relief to pensioners from 3% to 34%.
- The Ministry of State for Culture and External Affairs launched "Temple 360", a digital platform where anyone can do darshan of 12 Jyotirlinga & Chardham from any location.
- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Larsen & Toubro (L&T), and ReNew Power (ReNew) have signed a binding term sheet to set up a Joint Venture (JV) company to develop the green hydrogen sector in India.
- The Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur launched the Broadcast Seva Portal in New Delhi which will provide a single point facility to all the stakeholders to request for the required permission, licenses & registrations.
- The World Health Day is celebrated on the 7th April. The theme for 2022 is "Our Planet, our Health".
- The world's largest electric cruise ship (Yangtze River Three Gorges 1) has returned to the port in Yichang in China after travelling up and down the Yangtze River for its maiden voyage.
- The Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, re-elected in power after elections in 2022 for the 4th successive term.
- The United Nations Human Rights Council has appointed Dr Ian Fry as the world's first independent expert for human rights and climate change.
- Aleksandar Vucic has been re-elected as the President of Serbia.
- The Taliban has banned drug cultivation, including lucrative opium.
- Australia has won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 by defeating England which was held in New Zealand. The player of the tournament went to Alyssa Healy.
- The Nepalese Prime minister Sher Bahadur Deuba arrived in Varanasi and visited temples with PM Modi.
- Tata Group's super app Tata Neu is launched which brings together all of its digital service on a single platform.
- Vinay Mohan Kwatra appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India.
- Meghalaya will hold the 83rd National Tennis Championship 2022 at Shillong from April 18 to 25.
- A Museum of all former Prime Ministers, Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, has been built in New Delhi.
- The RBI has released the framework for geo-tagging of payment system touchpoints (capturing the geographical coordinates).

- President Ram Nath Kovind has conferred the Best State Award to Uttar Pradesh at the 3rd National Water Awards 2022.
- The BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) has launched a three-months training programme for journalists.
- Assam signed a pact with Meghalaya to resolve decades-old inter-states border disputes.
- Mirabai Chanu has won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year Award 2021.
- Sumant Sinha has been appointed as the new president of ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India).
- Aphasia Disorder, recently in news, is a disorder which impacts the brain.
- The Konkan Railway Corporation was in news for achieving the target of 100% electrification.
- Maharashtra has launched a scheme to offer personal loans (up to Rs. 50,000) for prisoners.
- Dr. S. Raju has been appointed as the Director-General of Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- According to the El Dorado weather website, Chandrapur, a city in Maharashtra, was reported as the third hottest city in the world with a maximum temperature of 43.2 degree celsius.
- Gianni Infantino has been re-elected as the President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association or International Federation of Association Football).
- Russia's membership to the Human Rights Council (HRC) was suspended after the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) voted, 93 to 24, with 58 abstentions, including India, to adopt a resolution suspending Moscow from the UN body.
- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated five-day-long Madhavpur Ghed Fair at Madhavpur Ghed, Porbandar in Gujarat on April 10, 2022.
- All India Radio News has launched a new weekly interactive programme, Abhyaas for Competitive Examinations, to be broadcasted on Saturdays in Hindi from 9:30-10 PM.
- The Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated 'Seema Darshan Project' at Nadabet, located on the Indo-Pak border in the Banaskantha District of Gujarat.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the first-ever Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award, instituted in the memory of the veteran singer who passed away recently.
- India and the US reaffirmed their commitment to promote regional stability and the rule of law at the fourth 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue held in Washington.
- Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif is serving as the 23rd and current prime minister of Pakistan, in office since 11 April 2022.
- Renowned Indian economist and political commentator Prabhat Patnaik has been named the recipient of the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award this year.
- The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage the talent of women, artisans and craftsmen to provide them with the right opportunities.
- The South-East Central railway has introduced "one station one product campaign" at six main stations across 6 main divisions.
- Mumbai and Hyderabad have been recognized as the 2021 Tree City of the World by FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) jointly with Arbor Day Foundation.
- Ecuador became the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals.
- China successfully launched a new satellite Gaofen-303 for Earth Observation.
- 16-year old R Praggnanandhaa has won the prestigious Reykjavik Open Chess Tournament.

- Netherlands has won the FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup 2022 after beating Germany in South Africa.
- The Commonwealth Games will be held in Victoria in 2026, hosted by Australia.
- 13-year old Riya Jadon has won the 11th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship.
- Falguni Nayar has been named as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2021 at the 23rd edition of the EY Entrepreneur of The Year India awards. She is the founder and CEO of company Nykaa.
- The country's highest literary award, the 56th Jnanpith for the year 2021, is awarded to one of the most celebrated poets of Assam, Nilamani Phookan.
- Ashwini Shrivastava is the author of the new book titled "Decoding Indian Babudom."
- The Gangaur festival is celebrated in the state of Rajasthan.
- School Chalo Abhiyan is the initiative of the Uttar Pradesh Government.
- Ramdarash Mishra will be awarded with the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2021.
- The GDP growth forecast for India for the FY 2022-23 as per the Asian Development Bank is 7.5%.
- Amazon has launched Project Kuiper to increase global broadband access.
- 'Tomb of Sand' is the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the International Booker prize.
- The World Homeopathy Day is observed on April 10 annually, the founder of Homeopathy is Samuel Hahnemann.
- The Uttarakhand Government has launched "1064 Anti-corruption Mobile App".
- Manoj Soni has been appointed as the new Chairman of the UPSC.
- Harsh Vardhan Shringla has been appointed as the Chief Coordinator of the 2023 G20 Summit.
- A training institute for the drone pilots will be set up in Haryana to support quality development under the aegis of the Drone Imaging and Information service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA).
- Poila Boisakh is celebrated on April 14th in Bangladesh and on 15th April in the Indian states of West Bengal, Tripura & Assam by Bengalis.
- India will host the Street Child Cricket World Cup in 2023 , which will be organised by the Street Child United and Save the Children India.
- The United Kingdom has signed a deal with Rwanda to send some asylum seekers to the East African nation. The main target of the pilot scheme is to save countless lives from human trafficking.
- On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 108 ft statue of Lord Hanuman in Morbi, Gujarat on 16th April, 2022.
- The Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways has developed "e-DAR" portal to provide instant information on road accidents and for better claim of compensation by victims' families.
- The Union Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, virtually launched e-Sanjeevani Tele-consultation facility at one lakh centres on the occasion of the 4th Anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres.
- Legendary music composer, singer, writer and lyricist Prafulla Kar passed away.
- India and Finland announced the decision to establish an Indo-Finnish Virtual Network Centre on Quantum Computing.
- PM Modi will inaugurate the first ever Semicon India-2022 Conference on 29th April in Bengaluru to make India a significant player in the Global Semiconductor value chain.

- The Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched two online portals, Comprehensive Registration of Pesticides (CROP) & Plant Quarantine Management System (PQMS) of the plant protection division at a function in New Delhi.
- Lieutenant General Manoj Pande has been appointed as the next Chief of the Indian Army.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- China had signed a pact with the Solomon islands on security cooperation.
- India's first pure green hydrogen plant commissioned in Jorhat, Assam with the first-time use of AEM technology in India.
- Russia announced that it has successfully test-launched a Sarmat Intercontinental Ballistic Missile in north-west Russia.
- The 21st April is celebrated as the National Civil Services Day. On this occasion, PM Modi conferred the Prime Ministers's Awards for excellence in Public Administration.
- Tamil Nadu has defeated Punjab in the final to win the men's title in the 71st Senior National Basketball Championship.
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has unveiled the logo of 2023 FIH Men's Hockey world Cup at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- Indian swimmer Sajan Prakash won the men's 200m butterfly gold at the Danish Open Swimming meet in Denmark.
- Haryana has won the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship by defeating Tamil Nadu held in Bhopal, MP.
- Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh has clinched the 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title in Castile-La Mancha, Spain.
- Indian-American Navy veteran Shanti Sethi has been appointed as the USA Vice President Kamala Harris's Defence Adviser.
- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will build the world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass, at 16,580 feet, to connect Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh.
- J&K has launched a 24*7 internet-based platform 'Jan Nigrani', intended to help people lodge their complaints related to various government schemes online.
- The 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 World Earth Day 2022 was observed with the main theme for 2022 as "Invest In Our Planet" on 22nd April.
- The first Khelo India National Ranking Women Archery Tournament has begun in Jamshedpur.
- Bengaluru is the first Indian city to become a part of the Global Silk City Network.
- Philippines recently hit by the tropical storm Megi.
- Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla has topped the Hurun Global Healthcare Rich list 2022.
- Ajay Sood has been appointed as the Principal Scientific advisor (PSA) to the Government of India.
- Estonia is hosting the world's largest cyber exercise named Locked Shields 2022.
- As per the Budget for 2022-23, the government has a target to set up 75 Digital Banking Units in 75 districts.
- The term "Blue Bob" recently seen in the news refers to the region of cold water.
- Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma have found a place in the Wisden Cricketers of the Year 2022 edition.

- Biliti Electric will set up the world's largest electric 3- wheeler factory in Telangana.
- "Irada kar lia humne" is a song launched by the Delhi Government dedicated to the field of education.
- PM Modi dedicated a 500 KV solar plant to the nation at Palli in J&K's border region of Samba, making it the country's first 'carbon neutral panchayat.'
- Robert Golob has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Slovenia.
- Patrick Achi has been re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Ivory Coast.
- Dr. Suman K Bery has been appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog.
- M. Vijayan (structural biologist), DAE Homi Bhabha Professor at IISc , passed away in Bengaluru.
- French President Emmanuel Macron won re-election to a second term by defeating Marine Le Pen.
- The Himachal Pradesh government has signed an MoU with the National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML) for the development of 7 ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts of the state.
- The Union Cabinet of India approved the signing of the MoU between India and Chile for cooperation in the Disability Sector.
- Whakari White Island, located in New Zealand, was recently in news for pre-eruption warning signals.
- The SAANS (Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully) campaign has been launched by the Karnataka government related to the treatment of pneumonia.
- 'HELLO' is a new payment system introduced by Russia.
- India has been designated as the Guest of Honour country at the Paris Book Festival.
- PBW1 Chapati is a newly developed wheat variety with excellent baking quality.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs funds the PM SVANidhi that has been extended beyond March 2022 till December 2024.
- Delhi is set to renovate the 14th century monument, Malcha Mahal.
- Denmark has become the first country in the world to suspend the Covid-19 vaccination programme.
- The WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference will be hosted in Geneva.
- Mwai Kibaki, who passed away recently, was the former President of Kenya.
- The World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on 26th April.
- Tamil Nadu has announced to notify Nanjarayan Tank as the 17th bird sanctuary.
- Raghav Chadha, the Rajya Sabha member, was honoured as a Young Global leader for 2022 by the World Economic Forum.
- The USA has conducted an open-air study of genetically engineered mosquitoes.

Objective Type Practice Question

- Q. 1.** Who has launched the FASTER software?
(a) Chief justice of India
(b) Vice President of India
(c) Prime Minister of India
(d) Chief Minister of New Delhi
- Q. 2.** When is the World Health Day celebrated?
(a) 4th April (b) 5th April
(c) 6th April (d) 7th April
- Q. 3.** Which state has won the National tennis Championship 2022?
(a) Meghalaya (b) Punjab
(c) Sikkim (d) Uttar Pradesh
- Q. 4.** Which country has launched the satellite Gaofen-303?
(a) Russia (b) China
(c) USA (d) India
- Q. 5.** Which of the following city has/have been recognized as the 2021 Tree City of the world?
(a) Mumbai
(b) Hyderabad
(c) Both a & b
(d) None of the above
- Q. 6.** Who has been awarded the 56th Jnanpith Award 2021?
(a) Nilamani Phookan
(b) Sharad limble
(c) Saraswati Saran
(d) Debjita Biswas
- Q. 7.** Which nation will host the Street Child cricket world Cup in 2023?
(a) USA (b) India
(c) Russia (d) China
- Q. 8.** Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Indian Army?
(a) Manoj Pande
(b) Manoj Mukund
(c) Dalbir Singh
(d) Bikram Singh
- Q. 9.** What was the theme of the World Earth Day 2022?
(a) Our planet , Our future
(b) Go green
(c) Invest in our planet
(d) None of these
- Q. 10.** Which state has launched the "Jan Nigrani" platform?
(a) Assam
(b) West Bengal
(c) Punjab
(d) Jammu and Kashmir
- Q. 11.** Mwai Kibaki, who passed away recently, was the former president of which country?
(a) Tanzania (b) Kenya
(c) Rwanda (d) Burundi
- Q. 12.** Which state has announced to notify Nanjarayan Tank as the 17th bird sanctuary?
(a) Telangana
(b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Kerala
(d) Tamil Nadu
- Q. 13.** Which team has won the 12th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2022?
(a) Haryana (b) Punjab
(c) Odisha (d) West Bengal
- Q. 14.** Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chairman of NITI Ayog?
(a) Rajiv Kumar
(b) Sumit Vohra
(c) Suman K bery
(d) Ashutosh Singh
- Q. 15.** Sarmat Intercontinental ballistic missile has recently been tested by which country?
(a) Pakistan (b) India

- (c) China (d) Russia
- Q. 16.** Which bank won the Global “Celent Model Bank” Award for its Enterprise Payments Hub (EPH)?
- (a) HDFC Bank
(b) ICICI Bank
(c) IndusInd Bank
(d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- Q. 17.** The National Civil Services Day is celebrated every year on which date in India?
- (a) 20th April (b) 21st April
(c) 25th April (d) 30th April
- Q. 18.** Sajan Prakash recently won gold at the Danish open in which sport?
- (a) Surfing (b) Archery
(c) Swimming (d) Gymnastics
- Q. 19.** Recently, PM Modi has unveiled a 108 ft statue of Lord Hanuman in which state?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Karnataka
(c) Orissa (d) Gujarat
- Q. 20.** Which nation has become the first country in the world to suspend the Covid-19 vaccination programme?
- (a) Denmark (b) China
(c) Switzerland (d) Russia

Answer Key

1. (a)	2. (d)	3. (a)	4. (b)	5. (c)	6. (a)	7. (b)	8. (a)	9. (c)	10. (d)
11. (b)	12. (d)	13. (a)	14. (c)	15. (d)	16. (c)	17. (b)	18. (c)	19. (d)	20. (a)