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## National News

- **AFSPA Extended:** The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act has been extended for six months in select areas of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, and Nagaland.
- **Chilean President's Visit:** Chilean President Gabriel Boric Font begins his five-day state visit to India, focusing on strengthening trade, defense, and technology ties.

## International News

- **Iran's Complaint to UN:** Iran has lodged a complaint with the United Nations over remarks made by former U.S. President Donald Trump.
- **Myanmar Earthquake Tragedy:** Myanmar has declared a week of national mourning as hopes of finding survivors from the devastating magnitude 7.7 earthquake fade.

## Economic News

- **New Financial Year Changes:** Key updates include revised income tax slabs, GST portal security enhancements, and changes to UPI payment guidelines.
- **NITI Aayog's Data Portal:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveils a 30-year repository of social, economic, and fiscal data developed by NITI Aayog and NCAER.

## Business News

- **Bosch Tax Demand Notice:** Bosch Ltd has received a demand notice from the Income Tax department for over ₹20 crore, including ₹18,36,85,366 as tax and ₹1,80,14,645 as interest.

## Sports News

- **IPL 2025:** Lucknow Super Giants face Punjab Kings in Lucknow, with new skipper Rishabh Pant aiming for his first home win.

## Legal News

- **2020 Delhi Riots Acquittal:** A Delhi court acquitted 12 accused in the 2020 Delhi riots case, citing lack of substantive evidence. The judge noted that a key prosecution witness failed to identify the accused and made a "generalised statement, perhaps based on hearsay."
- **Supreme Court Observation on FIR Quashing:** The Supreme Court observed that there is no absolute bar preventing a High Court from quashing an FIR at the nascent stage of investigation under Section 482 of CrPC and its equivalent Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

# 2nd April

## National

- **President Droupadi Murmu Lauded RBI:** Lauded the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for its role in making India a global leader in digital payments.
- **Law Enforcement Collaboration:** At the D.P. Kohli Memorial Lecture, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasized the need for law enforcement agencies to adapt to societal changes by collaborating more with academia, startups, and industry.

## International

- **US Trade Policy:** President Donald Trump announced reciprocal tariffs on all trading partners globally under the "Liberation Day" plan.
- **India's Relief Efforts:** Launched "Operation Brahma" to aid earthquake-hit Myanmar.

## Economic

- **Gold Price Surge:** Prices of 24-carat gold rose to ₹92,840 per 10 grams in major cities across India.
- **LPG Price Reduction:** Oil marketing companies slashed commercial LPG cylinder prices by ₹41 per unit in Delhi.

## Business

- **Global Stock Markets:** Witnessed significant fluctuations due to concerns over US reciprocal tariffs.
- **Personal Computer Import Licensing:** India is likely to scale back plans to curb personal computer imports, with the government deferring the implementation timeline four times since 2023 and now setting December 2025 as the deadline.
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## Sports

- **Arjun Maini's DTM Career:** Indian motorsport driver Arjun Maini will represent the HRT Ford Performance team in his fifth year in the German touring car racing series, having made 64 appearances in the DTM to date.

## Politics

- **Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024:** Scheduled for consideration and passage in the Lok Sabha today.
- **Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill:** Passed by Parliament, granting it national importance.

## Legal

- **Sabarmati Ashram Redevelopment:** Supreme Court rejected Tushar Gandhi's plea challenging the project.
- **Jama Masjid Whitewashing Case:** Supreme Court dismissed the plea against the Archaeological Survey of India's permission.

## 3rd April

### National

- **Waqf Amendment Bill Passed:** The Lok Sabha passed the Waqf Amendment Bill after a 12-hour debate, with 288 votes in favor and 232 against.
- **Mamata Banerjee Criticizes Medicine Prices:** Mamata Banerjee criticized the central government over rising medicine prices, warning of protests by the Trinamool Congress.

### International

- **U.S. Tariffs on Indian Imports:** U.S. President Donald Trump announced sweeping reciprocal tariffs, including a 26% tariff on Indian imports.
- **Israel Expands Gaza Operations:** Israel expanded military operations in Gaza, initiating large-scale evacuations.

### Economic

- **Indian Markets React to Tariffs:** Indian markets plunged following Donald Trump's tariff announcement, impacting key sectors.
- **Nepal Seeks Economic Cooperation:** Nepal's envoy emphasized improving economic ties with India despite momentary differences.

### Business

- **Nothing Phone (3a) Series Tops Sales:** The Nothing Phone (3a) series has emerged as the best-selling mid-range smartphone on Flipkart, according to an announcement from the London-based technology company.

### Sports

- **Barcelona Advances to Copa del Rey Final:** Barcelona narrowly edged past Atletico Madrid on aggregate to set up a meeting with Real Madrid in the final of the Copa del Rey.

### Politics

- **Owaisi Opposes Waqf Bill:** Asaduddin Owaisi strongly opposed the Waqf Bill, tearing a copy during the debate.

### Legal

- **VHP Seeks Ram Navami Rally Approval:** The VHP moved the High Court seeking permission for Ram Navami rallies.

**Legal Concerns Over Waqf Bill:** Senior advocate Rauf Rahim argued that multiple provisions in the Waqf bill violate Article 26 of the Constitution, which guarantees religious denominations the right to manage their own affairs.

## 4th April

### National

- **Parliament clears Waqf Amendment Bill:** Rajya Sabha witnessed an intense debate lasting over 14 hours, concluding past 2:30 a.m. on April 4, with 128 members voting in favour and 95 against the bill.
- **PM Modi arrives in Thailand to attend BIMSTEC Summit:** The visit includes discussions with his Thai counterpart and interactions with leaders such as Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli, Bangladesh Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, and Myanmar military junta leader Min Aung Hlaing, among others, to strengthen regional cooperation.

### International

- **Hungary withdraws from International Criminal Court (ICC):** The announcement came shortly after Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, who is sought under an ICC arrest warrant, arrived in Hungary for a state visit.
- **Denmark and Greenland show united front against US 'annexation' threats:** Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, alongside Greenland's outgoing PM Mute Egede and newly elected PM Jens-Frederik Nielsen, held a press conference in Nuuk, reaffirming Denmark's stance against yielding Greenland to the US during an official visit to the Arctic Island.

### Economic

- **Global markets declined as Trump's tariffs took effect:** The imposition of tariffs caused uncertainty across European and Asian financial sectors, with major indices reflecting a downturn amid heightened concerns about supply chain disruptions and increased production costs.
- **RBI to cut rates three more times this year on tariff threat:** Citibank economists predict a total of 100 basis points in rate cuts for 2025, citing the negative impact of U.S. import tariffs on India's economic growth.

### Business

- **Zepto CEO defends India's internet startups after Piyush Goyal's 'fancy ice creams' jibe:** Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal criticized start up for focusing on food delivery and instant logistics with limited long-term impact during Start up Mahakumbh on April 3.

### Sports

- **IPL 2025, KKR vs SRH:** Kolkata Knight Riders delivered a dominant performance at Eden Gardens, with Venkatesh Iyer and Angkrish Raghuvanshi scoring superb fifties to take the team to 200 runs for the first time this season.

## Politics

- **Congress to challenge Waqf Amendment Bill in Supreme Court:** The bill, tabled and passed in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, has sparked controversy, with Congress questioning its constitutionality and planning to file a challenge in the Supreme Court.

## Legal

- **Supreme Court stays clearing of 400-acre green cover near Hyderabad University:** The apex court directed the Telangana High Court registrar (judicial) to inspect the 400-acre land in Kancha Gachibowli near the University of Hyderabad campus and submit a detailed report, following concerns over deforestation and environmental impact.

**Supreme Court on Article 142 and illegal appointments:** In a recent judgment, the court ruled that candidates cannot invoke special powers under Article 142 to secure a post if their initial appointment is deemed illegal.

5th April

## National News:

- **Civil Society Meeting on Manipur Crisis:** Civil society groups from Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities are set to meet in Delhi to discuss the Manipur crisis.
- **Vibrant Villages Programme Phase II:** The Union Cabinet approves ₹6,839 crore for the second phase of the Vibrant Villages Programme.

## International News:

- **BIMSTEC Summit Talks:** Prime Minister Modi and Bangladesh Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus hold talks on boundary tensions and minority issues during the BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok.
- **South Korean President Removed:** South Korea's Constitutional Court unanimously voted to uphold the impeachment of President Yoon Suk Yeol, officially removing him from office.

## Economic News:

- **US Reciprocal Tariffs Announced:** US President Donald Trump has announced reciprocal tariffs on trading partners, prompting countries, including India, to assess the potential impact.
- **RIL and Nayara Energy Tariff Exposure:** Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy face risks from US tariff policies due to their purchases of discounted crude oil from Russia and Venezuela and significant export revenues from fuel sales to the US.

### Business News:

- **India Services PMI Declines:** The HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell from 59.0 in February to 58.5 in March, indicating a slight easing in growth.

### Sports News:

- **Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying:** Qualifying for the Japanese Grand Prix begins at Suzuka Circuit, with McLaren's Oscar Piastri leading the practice sessions.
- **IPL 2025 Matches:** IPL 2025 features double-header matches: CSK vs. DC and PBKS vs. Gujarat Titans.

### Political News:

- **AIMPLB Concerns:** AIMPLB seeks an urgent meeting with President Murmu to express concerns over the Waqf Bill.

### Legal News:

- **Supreme Court Hearing on Waqf Bill:** The Supreme Court begins hearing petitions against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, citing concerns over its impact on religious institutions.
- **High Court's Appeal for Strict Laws:** The Bombay High Court has urged the Maharashtra government to enact stringent laws to curb illegal constructions.

  
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