

## 7th April

### National

- **Vertical-Lift Sea Bridge Inauguration:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first vertical-lift sea bridge, the Pamban Bridge, connecting Rameswaram Island to the mainland.
- **President Murmu's State Visit:** President Droupadi Murmu embarked on state visits to Portugal and the Slovak Republic on April 6, 2025, marking the first such visit in nearly three decades.
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### International

- **Tariff Talks with White House:** Trump advisers revealed that over 50 countries affected by President Donald Trump's new tariffs have reached out to initiate negotiations.
- **Le Pen's Response to Conviction:** France's far-right leader Marine Le Pen called her embezzlement conviction and five-year ban from running for office a "witch hunt," vowing not to give up as she addressed thousands of supporters near the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

### Economic

- **Cash Management Guidelines Unchanged:** The Finance Ministry announced no changes in cash management guidelines for the April-June quarter, aiming to maintain fiscal momentum in the first quarter of FY26 through liberal expenditure management policies.
- **UPS Investment Plan Analysis:** The Finance Ministry will study EPFO and global models to refine the investment plan for the Universal Pension Scheme (UPS), which was approved by the central government last August to provide a guaranteed pension to retirees with a minimum of 25 years of service.

### Business

- **Indian Stock Market Crash:** Indian shares opened sharply lower on April 7, 2025, with the Nifty 50 declining 5% to 21,758.4 and the BSE Sensex falling 5.29% to 71,379.89, amid concerns over a global trade war and growing recession fears in the U.S.

### Sports

- **Japanese Grand Prix Victory:** Max Verstappen secured his fourth consecutive win at the Japanese Grand Prix.

### Politics

- **Amarnath Yatra Preparations:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed security and Amarnath Yatra preparations during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

## Legal

- **Judicial Transparency Debate:** Only 12% of High Court judges in India have disclosed their assets, sparking debates on judicial transparency.
- **Chief Justice Recommendation:** The Supreme Court collegium recommended Justice Arun Palli for appointment as Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

## 8th April

### National News:

- **Congress National Convention in Ahmedabad:** After 63 years, the Congress party holds its national convention in Ahmedabad, focusing on electoral strategies and organizational reforms.
- **India Overtakes Germany in Renewable Energy:** India became the world's third-largest producer of electricity from wind and solar energy in 2024, surpassing Germany, as per a report published on April 8, 2025.

### International News:

- **India-UAE High-Level Talks:** Dubai's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum visits India to strengthen strategic and economic ties.
- **Global Markets in Turmoil:** US President Donald Trump's tariff policies continue to disrupt global markets, erasing \$13 trillion from stocks.

### Economic News:

- **RBI Monetary Policy Meeting:** The Reserve Bank of India begins a key meeting to decide on repo rates and inflation strategies.
- **India-UK Economic Dialogue:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman embarks on a week-long visit to the UK and Austria for the 13th India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue.

### Business News:

- **Market Volatility:** The Nifty 50 index faces significant fluctuations, with 22,000 acting as immediate support amid global market instability.
- **New Consumer Price Index:** India introduces a revised CPI, including rural housing for the first time.

### Sports News:

- **Rudrankksh Patil Shines:** Indian shooter Rudrankksh Patil wins gold at the ISSF World Cup 2025, boosting India's medal tally.

## Political News:

- **Delhi Government Acts on Fee Hikes:** The Delhi government takes action against private schools over complaints of fee hikes.

## Legal News:

- **Kunal Kamra's Plea in Bombay HC:** Comedian Kunal Kamra's plea against multiple FIRs over his alleged remarks on Maharashtra Deputy CM Eknath Shinde is heard in the Bombay High Court.
- **J&K Bills Receive LG's Nod:** Three important bills passed by the Jammu & Kashmir Assembly receive final approval from the Lieutenant Governor.

## 9th April

### National:

- **Mahavir Jayanti Celebrations:** Nationwide celebrations mark Mahavir Jayanti with cultural and religious events honoring Lord Mahavir's teachings.
- **Tahawwur Rana Extradited to India:** 26/11 plotter Tahawwur Rana has been extradited from the US and is currently en route to India, where he will be held in NIA custody for initial interrogation and investigation.

### International:

- **US Tariffs on Chinese Imports:** The United States imposed a 104% tariff on Chinese imports, escalating global trade tensions.
- **Global Executions Reach Decade High:** Amnesty International reported over 1,500 recorded executions in 2024, the highest since 2015, with Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia accounting for 1,380 of them. Only 15 countries carried out executions, the lowest number on record.

### Economic:

- **RBI Reduces Repo Rate:** The Reserve Bank of India reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6%, as announced by Governor Sanjay Malhotra after the MPC's three-day deliberations.
- **FM Sitharaman Engages UK Investors:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted India's growth and reform initiatives during a roundtable, emphasizing government priorities for sustained growth and investment to shape the vision of "New India."

### Business:

- **Titan's Revenue Growth:** Titan Company Limited reported a 25% jump in standalone Q4 revenue, driven by higher gold prices.
- **Nifty 50 Predictions:** Experts predict a potential rally beyond the 23,000 mark as the Nifty 50 index shows bullish divergence.

## Sports:

- **Glenn Maxwell Penalized for Code of Conduct Breach:** Punjab Kings all-rounder Glenn Maxwell was fined 25% of his match fee and received a demerit point for breaching the IPL Code of Conduct during his team's victory over Chennai Super Kings, becoming the sixth player penalized this season.

## Politics:

- **Congress Drafts Roadmap to Counter BJP:** At an extended CWC meeting, Rahul Gandhi advocated for private sector reservation and emphasized the need for Congress to enhance its outreach to OBCs while addressing attacks on minorities.

## Legal:

- **Supreme Court Clears 10 Bills Using Extraordinary Powers:** The Supreme Court invoked Article 142 to clear 10 Bills, criticizing Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi's "pocket veto" and emphasizing the need for "complete justice." The use of Article 142, though rare, has faced criticism for "judicial overreach."



10th April

## National:

- **Supreme Court to hear Waqf law challenge on April 16:** The Centre has filed a caveat in the Supreme Court to ensure no order is passed without its representation. The case is listed before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna.
- **Rafale Marine Jets Deal:** India finalizes a deal to procure 26 Rafale Marine jets from France, enhancing naval capabilities.

## International:

- **China imposes 84% tariffs on US goods:** In retaliation to recent tariffs by the White House, China's finance ministry announces an 84% tariff on US imports, impacting major exporters like Shein.
- **US pauses higher tariffs for most countries but intensifies trade war with China:** President Donald Trump announces a 90-day pause on higher tariffs for most countries, while escalating tensions with China by imposing stricter trade measures.

## Economic:

- **India and Russia agree on 6 new projects to boost bilateral investment ties:** During the 8th Session of the India-Russia Working Group on Priority Investment Projects (IRWG-PIP), both nations discussed strengthening economic ties and affirmed their commitment to expanding investment collaboration through six new strategic projects.
- **India urged to reconsider comprehensive FTA with the US:** Think tank GTRI highlights potential risks to domestic sectors like agriculture, automobiles, and

pharmaceuticals. The remarks follow the US decision to defer additional 26% import duty on India for 90 days.

### Business:

- **Stock Markets Closed:** Indian stock markets remain closed for Mahavir Jayanti, set to reopen on April 11.
- **UPI Transaction Limits Increased:** The RBI permits the National Payments Corporation of India to raise UPI transaction limits for person-to-merchant payments.

### Sports:

- **IPL Milestone:** Ravichandran Ashwin becomes the third-highest wicket-taker in IPL history, surpassing Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

### Politics:

- **Kerala CM's Daughter Under Probe:** T Veena, daughter of Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, faces a money laundering investigation by the Enforcement Directorate.

### Legal:

- **Tahawwur Rana Extradited:** The US extradites Tahawwur Rana, accused in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, to India for trial.
- **Muda case:** Court reserves order on ED's plea challenging Lokayukta's closure report: A special court in Bengaluru has reserved its decision on the Enforcement Directorate's plea against the Lokayukta's 'B' Report, which provided a clean chit to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Muda site allotment case. The verdict will be delivered on April 15.

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### National News

- **Tahawwur Rana in NIA Custody:** 26/11 accused Tahawwur Rana has been sent to 18-day NIA custody and will be held in a highly secured cell at the anti-terror agency's CGO complex headquarters.
- **Increased Cost Under PM-POSHAN Scheme:** The Centre will bear an additional ₹954 crore to cover food material costs, with the cost per student per day rising from ₹6.19 to ₹6.78 starting May 1 for balvatika and primary school students.

### International News

- **UK Military Support to Ukraine:** The UK government announced an additional £450m of military aid to Kyiv, as the UK and Germany prepare to host a meeting of 50 nations in Brussels.

- **Expansion of Gaza Security Zones:** Israel's defence minister announced plans to expand its "security zones" in Gaza to include the southern city of Rafah, following evacuation orders that displaced approximately 100,000 people.

## Economic News

- **RBI May Consider Deeper Rate Cuts:** Economists predict growth risks in India, driven by slowing urban consumption and weak private investment, could worsen due to the escalating US-China trade war.
- **Trade Pact Discussions:** India aims to advance trade agreements as the US pauses reciprocal tariffs for three months, following a February announcement by PM Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump to finalize the first phase of a mutually beneficial BTA by late 2025.

## Business News

- **Relief on Quality Norms:** India plans to 'expedite' relief on quality norms, responding to requests from the US and EU, following initial trade agreement discussions held in March.

## Sports News

- **Brazilian Team Eyes Jorge Jesus:** After a 4-1 defeat to Argentina, Brazil parted ways with coach Dorival Junior, and the Brazilian Football Confederation is considering Jorge Jesus, a seasoned tactician with 672 career wins, as his possible replacement.

## Political News

- **Amit Shah's Tamil Nadu Visit:** During his visit to Tamil Nadu, Amit Shah is expected to hold alliance talks with AIADMK leaders, including former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and ex-deputy speaker Munisamy Thambidurai.

## Legal News

- **Advocate Narender Mann Appointed Special Public Prosecutor:** The Central Government has appointed Advocate Narender Mann to lead trials and related proceedings in the NIA case against Tahawwur Hussain Rana, who is being extradited from the US for his alleged role in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.