

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF APRIL 2021

Awards

The Marathi novelist who has been chosen for 2020 Saraswati Samman for his novel Sanatan, by KK Birla Foundation – Sharankumar Limbale

The veteran film star from Tamil Nadu who has been chosen for the Dada Saheb Phalke award (for 2019) – **Rajinikanth**

Defence

The 19th edition of the Indian French Navy bilateral exercise conducted in the Arabian Sea from 25 to 27 April 2021 is named – **VARUNA 2021**

The multi-lateral maritime exercise conducted from 05 to 07 April 2021 by Indian Navy, French Navy (FN), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and United States Navy (USN) in Eastern Indian Ocean Region is named – **La Perouse**

The multinational military exercise held in Bangladesh from 04 to 12.04.21 to commemorate the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman and mark glorious 50 years of liberation with participation of India, Royal Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh army was named – Shantir Ogroshena 2021

Persons

The former Attorney-General of India and Padma Vibhushan recipient who passed away on 30 April 2021 at the age of 91 years – **Shri Soli Sorabjee**

The Padma Bhushan recipient Indian classical vocalist who passed away on 25 April 2021 – **Pt Rajan Mishra**

The veteran music composer of Nadeem-Shravan duo who passed away on 22 April 2021 – **Shravan Rathod**

The new Chief Election Commissioner of India who has been appointed to take over from Shri Sunil Arora with effect from 13.04.2021 – **Shri Sushil Chandra**

The Supreme Court Judge who has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India from 24 April 2021 – **Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana**

Sports

The Indian chess player from Tamil Nadu who has become 68th Indian Chess Grandmaster – **Arjun Kalyan**

Places

The state which has appointed film star Sonu Sood as its Covid-19 vaccine ambassador – **Punjab**

The Indian State which has become the first in the country to launch a cashless medical insurance scheme worth Rs. 5 lakh to each family of the state – **Rajasthan**

Miscellaneous

The motto of Mission Aahaar Kranti jointly launched by Vijnana Bharati (Vibha), 'Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats' Forum (GIST), Vigyan Prasar, and Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS) – **Uttam Aahaar-Uttam Vichaar**

The municipal corporation which has become the first in the country to issue and list Municipal Green Bonds – **Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam**

The theme of International Children's Book Day being observed on 02 April 2021 – **Music of Words**

93rd Academy Awards (Oscars)

Best Picture – **Nomadland** directed by Chloe Zhao

Best Director – **Chloe Zhao** for Nomadland

Best Actor – **Anthony Hopkins** for The Father

Best Actress – **Frances Mcdormand** for Nomadland

Best Animated Film – **Soul**

Best International Feature Film – **Another Round** (Danish) directed by Thomas Vinterberg

Most nominations – **Mank** (10)

Indian entry in the International Feature Film category – **Jallikattu** (Malayalam) (Not nominated)

Inclusive Internet Index 2021

Released by **The Economist Intelligence Unit**

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Sweden	39.	China
2.	United States	49.	India
3.	Spain	77.	Sri Lanka
4.	Australia	82.	Bangladesh
5.	Hong Kong	90.	Pakistan

Global Gender Gap Index 2021

Released by **World Economic Forum**

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Iceland	107.	China
2.	Finland	116.	Sri Lanka
3.	Norway	140.	India
4.	New Zealand	147.	Bangladesh
5.	Sweden	153.	Pakistan

Note: India was ranked at 112 in 2020

Important Days of April

<p>World Autism Awareness Day: 02 April 2021 Theme: Recognise the Genius in Me Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p>International Mine Awareness Day: 04 April 2021 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Perseverance, Partnership and Progress First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p>International Day of Sport for Development and Peace: 06 April 2021 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2014</p>
<p>World Health Day: 07 April 2021 Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone First Observed in: 1950</p>
<p>International Day of Human Space Flight: 12 April 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p>World Haemophilia Day: 17 April 2021 Designated by: World Federation of Haemophilia Theme: Adapting to Change, Sustaining Care in a New World First Observed in: 1989</p>
<p>International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day): 18 April 2021 Designated by: UNESCO Theme: Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures First Observed in: 1983</p>

<p>International Mother Earth Day: 22 April 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Restore our Earth First Observed in: 2010 Note: Earth Day was first observed in 1970 in the United States and it went global in 1990. The same day was adopted by the UN in 2009 as the International Mother Earth Day.</p>
<p>UN English Language Day: 23 April 2021 Designated by: UN Dept of Public Information First Observed in: 2010 Significance: Birthday of William Shakespeare</p>
<p>World Malaria Day: 25 April 2021 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2007 Theme: Reaching the Zero malaria target</p>
<p>World Intellectual Property Day: 26 April 2021 Designated by: World Intellectual Property Organisation First Observed in: 2000 Theme: IP and SMEs: Taking your ideas to market</p>
<p>World Day for Safety and Health at Work: 28 April 2021 Designated by: International Labour Organisation First Observed in: 2003 Theme: Anticipate, prepare and respond to crises: Invest now in resilient occupational safety and health systems</p>

World Press Freedom Index 2021

Released by Reporters without Borders

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1.	Norway	106.	Nepal
2.	Finland	142.	India
3.	Sweden	145.	Pakistan
4.	Denmark	152.	Bangladesh
5.	Costa Rica	177.	China

Wisden ODI Cricketers of the Decades

Announced in Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2021

1970s : Vivian Richards (West Indies)

1980s : Kapil Dev (India)

1990s : Sachin Tendulkar (India)

2000s : M Muralitharan (Sri Lanka)

2010s : Virat Kohli (India)

Books in News

Manohar Parriker: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life by Nitin Gokhale

Believe - What Life and Cricket Taught Me by Suresh Raina

Abbreviations in News

SARTHAQ: Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education