

- April 20 Chinese Language Day
- Delay in establishing paddy procurement centres (PPC), coupled with absence of market for the 'Bondalu' (MTU-3626) variety of paddy, is causing a major dent in the incomes of the farmers of East Godavari district in the current rabi season.
- Saudi Arabia has issued a formal order increasing the **Haj quota of India to two lakhs from one lakh seventy five-thousand.**
- Thailand is celebrating its first ever weed festival, the Pan Ram weed festival.
- Shyalpa Tenzin Rinpoche inaugurated newly reconstructed Chhyoiphel Kundeling Monastery at Lisankhu village in Sindhupalchok district.
- The number of cases of measles, **one of the world's most contagious diseases is climbing, warned the World Health Organisation (WHO).**
- Helium hydride ion, the first molecule that formed almost 14 billion years ago, was detected by NASA's flying observatory SOFIA towards a planetary nebula.
- Japanese car giant Toyota and investment fund SoftBank Vision Fund on Friday unveiled an investment of \$1 billion in U.S. company Uber to drive forward the development of driverless ridesharing services.
- The 7th China International Technology Fair opened in Shanghai, a national-level professional fair focused on international technology trade.
- Admiral Sunil Lanba PVSM, AVSM, ADC Chief of the Naval Staff launched the third ship of Project 15B, Guided Missile Destroyer Imphal, at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.
- England batsman Alex Hales, who was named in their provisional squad for the Cricket World Cup, has taken an indefinite break from the game due to personal reasons.

