

State Wise Current Affairs - April 2019**ANDHRA PRADESH**

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Hyderabad (Amaravati)	N. Chandrababu Naidu	E. S. L. Narasimhan

Tirupati Railway station gets gold rating for green initiative

- The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) has awarded gold rating to the Tirupati railway station for stood ahead in terms of passenger amenities
- The IGBC-CII, in association with the Environment Directorate of the Indian Railways, has developed the green railway stations rating system to encourage adoption of green concepts to reduce its carbon footprint and enhance user experience.

Vikram Nath, new Chief Justice of A.P. High Court

- Justice Vikram Nath, senior most judge of the Allahabad High Court, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. He succeeds acting CJ Justice C. Praveen Kumar. Justice Vikram Nath has been recommended by the Supreme Court collegium, headed by CJ of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi.

Delay in setting up procurement centres affects paddy farmers in East Godavari

- 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.

New fish species being tried out for commercial output

- Commercial production of mangrove red snapper (*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*) has begun in Krishna estuary, exploring possibilities for mass production in the brackish water aqua ponds in Andhra Pradesh.
- The high-valued fish has the potential to become the alternative species for Vannamei, which has been largely infected with white spot virus leading to bleak prospects for the brackish water aquaculture in recent years in Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

VPT achieves a green turnaround

- Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) as one of the most environmentally-friendly ports in the country has achieved an enviable turnaround in enhancing its brand image. The port was adjudged the second cleanest by the Quality Council of India and won a greenery award from AP Greenery and Beautification Corporation.

Vijayawada airport clocks 500% hike in passenger traffic in 5 years

- According to the traffic reports by the Airports Authority of India, between April 2018 and March 2019 the city airport in Gannavaram handled 11.84 lakh international and domestic passengers registering a growth of 58.7 %. The passenger traffic has increased by five times since 2014, the year in which the State was bifurcated.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Itanagar	Pema Khandu	B. D. Mishra

AFSPA withdrawn partially from Arunachal Pradesh

- After 32 years, the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) was partially removed from three of nine districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

CHHATTISGARH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Raipur	Raman Singh	Anandiben Patel

Chhattisgarh to go to polls in the first three phases of Lok Sabha Elections 2019

- Polling for Lok Sabha elections in the State of Chhattisgarh will take place in the first three phases of the seven phased General Election-2019. Chhattisgarh is divided into 11 parliamentary constituencies. Polling will take place in the State on 11th, 18th and 23rd April, 2019.
- In the State of Chhattisgarh, only one parliamentary constituency (PC) namely Bastar will be going to polls on 11th April, 2019.

KARNATAKA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	P. Sathasivam

ISHKS' s Indian Joint Registry (IJR) in Bengaluru

- Indian Society of Hip and Knee Surgeons launched the Indian Joint Registry (IJR) in Bengaluru, The registry was launched by Corin Wilson, Acting British Deputy High Commissioner, at the 13th edition of the National Congress of Indian Society of Hip and Knee Surgeons (ISHKS).

Mysuru-Varanasi Express gets LHB coaches

- Train passengers from Mysuru to Varanasi are experiencing better riding comfort and amenities as the authorities have replaced the ICF (Integral Coach Factory) rake of Mysuru–Varanasi Express with that of LHB (Linke-Hofmann-Busch) rake.

While the overall State turnout was a record

- The Karnataka State may have registered the highest Lok Sabha poll turnout since its reorganization in 1956, The highest increase in voting (8.76%) has been seen in Mandya, which also recorded the highest voter turnout (80.23%).

KERALA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	P. Sathasivam

Supreme Court rejects EPFO plea against Kerala High Court verdict

- The Supreme Court has dismissed a special leave petition filed against an October 2018 verdict of the Kerala High Court setting aside the Employees Pension (Amendment) Scheme (GSR609(E)).

Kerala youngster selected to play for Homeless World Cup in Cardiff

- 20-year-old Alan Solaman K.J. was selected as one of the eight players to represent the country in the 17th edition of the Homeless World Cup, a four-a-side tournament, at the iconic Bute Park in the Welsh capital of Cardiff on July 27.

Kerala floods to feature in World Reconstruction Conference

- The devastating 2018 floods and the rebuilding measures launched by Kerala in the grim aftermath will feature in the fourth World Reconstruction Conference (WRC) to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on May 13 and 14, 2019.

ISRO pavilion at Thrissur Pooram expo

- A model of the space suit designed for Gaganyaan astronauts and a scale model of the proposed Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) are among the big draws at this year's Thrissur Pooram exhibition at Thekkinkad Maidan. S. Somanath, director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), inaugurated the pavilion

MAHARASHTRA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Mumbai	Devendra Fadnavis	Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

Mumbai's Joint CP Bharti transferred

- Mumbai's Joint Commissioner of Police (law and order) Deven Bharti was transferred Mr. Bharti became the city's Joint Commissioner of Police (law and order) in April 2015 and was the longest serving officer on the post.

Supreme Court closes Enron-Dabhol case due to long delay

- The Dabhol power project was set up in 1996 in Maharashtra by US-based Enron and its associate Dabhol Power Corporation. It had a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB).

- The Supreme Court ruled against continuing with the over 17-year judicial inquiry into allegations of corruption in setting up of the Enron-promoted Dabhol power plant in Maharashtra.

ODISHA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Bhubaneswar	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal

Odisha celebrating 84th foundation day

- Odisha is celebrating 84 years of its foundation. The day is also known as 'Utkal Divas' to commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936.
- Odisha was the first Indian state (pre-independence) to be formed on linguistic basis in 1936. Earlier, Odisha was part of Bihar.

TAMIL NADU

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Chennai	Edappadi K. Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit

Madras HC Directs Centre to ban Tik Tok

- Madras High Court Directs the Central Government to ban Chinese video app Tik Tok. The order also directs the media from telecasting videos made using the app.

Adichanallur site belongs to a period between 905 and 696 BC

- Carbon dating of samples excavated from the Adichanallur site in Thoothukudi district has revealed that they belonged to the period between 905 BC and 696 BC. Carbon dating report of samples that were sent to Beta Analytic Testing Laboratory, USA.

Tamil Nadu's first solar-powered boat to begin operations soon

- Tamil Nadu's first solar-powered boat will soon operate at the Manimuthar Dam in Tirunelveli district. According to sources at the Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, the boat will begin operations in the next 10 days.

Tamil Nadu Elections: 72% polling during the 2nd phase of Lok Sabha polls

- Almost six crore voters exercised their franchise in Tamil Nadu when the State votes for 38 Parliamentary constituencies and bypolls to 18 Assembly constituencies on April 18, 2019. Election Commission announced 72% polling during the 2nd phase of Lok Sabha polls.

Retired judge to head T.N. Lokayukta

- The Governor has appointed retired High Court judge P. Devadass as the chairperson of the five-member Lokayukta.
- Former district judges K. Jayabalan and R. Krishnamoorthy are the two judicial members and retired IAS officer M. Rajaram and advocate K. Arumugam are the two non-judicial members of the anti-corruption body.

Japan's Yanmar, Nissei to set up units in Chennai

- Yanmar Group and Nissei Electric of Japan will set up their first manufacturing facilities at Origins, an industrial cluster promoted by Mahindra World City at Ponneri, Chennai.

TELANGANA

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Hyderabad	K. Chandrashekar Rao	Narasimhan

Ramappa temple for world heritage site

- Telangana may get its first Unesco World Heritage Site, but it may be the Ramappa Temple at Palampet near Warangal than any of the Qutb Shahi era sites in Hyderabad.

Belgium opens honorary consulate in city

- Belgium has appointed Dr. Reddy's Laboratories co-chairman and CEO G.V. Prasad as the honorary consul in Hyderabad. With that, Belgium also announced the commencement of operations of the honorary consulate in the city for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Wet run of Kaleshwaram first pump a success

- Kaleshwaram irrigation project reached a major milestone as the wet run of the first pump was conducted successfully in the Package-6 pump house near Nandi Medaram in Peddapally district.

UTTAR PRADESH

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Lucknow	Yogi Adityanath	Ram Naik

Jewar Airport Project

- First conceptualised in 2001, the proposed Jewar airport project stands at a crucial stage land acquisition. As the Uttar Pradesh government makes a final push to get consent from residents of six villages, it will have to negotiate demands for increased compensation, a divide between farmers, and wounds from seven years ago.

WEST BENGAL

Capital	Chief Minister	Governor
Kolkata	Mamata Banerjee	Keshari Nath Tripathi

Election Commission removes Kolkata Police Commissioner Anuj Sharma

- Mr. Sharma is being replaced by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, who is currently posted as ADG, of West Pollution Control Board. Anuj Sharma, was appointed to the post of Kolkata police chief only a few months ago after his predecessor Rajiv Kumar's tenure as the city police commissioner came to an end.

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