

# Daily Current Affairs

## 11 April 2025

### India, Russia

- India and Russia have **agreed on six new strategic projects** to boost bilateral investment cooperation. The decision was taken during the **eighth session of the India-Russia Working Group on Priority Investment Projects** held in New Delhi.

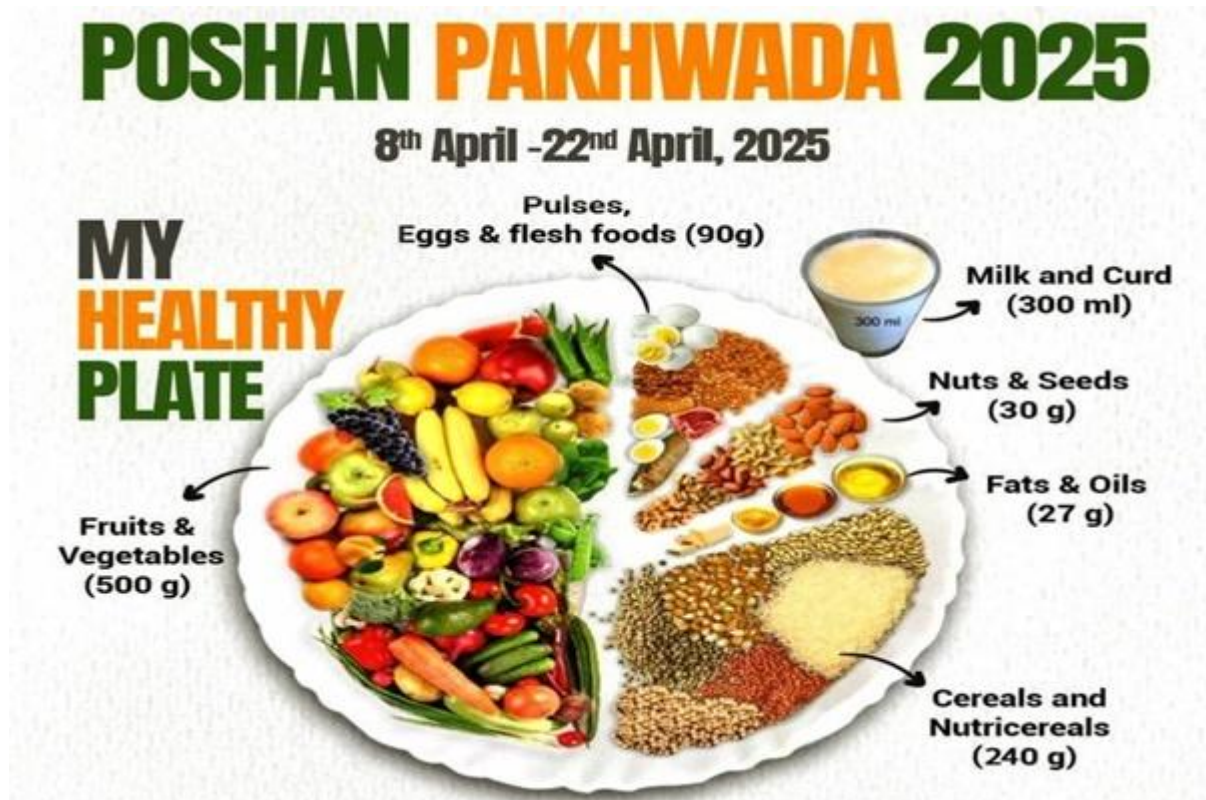


- The session aimed at strengthening economic ties **between India and Russia** by identifying and advancing collaborative projects in sectors of mutual interest. The **India- Russia Investment Forum witnessed** enthusiastic participation from over 80 Indian and Russian businesses, including entrepreneurs, financial institutions, cargo companies, business chambers, researchers, and officials.

### Poshan Pakhwada 2025

- **Women and Child Development Ministry** is celebrating Poshan Pakhwada 2025 to promote nutrition awareness, improve health outcomes, and empower communities.

- This initiative is part of **Mission Poshan 2.0**, which focuses on reinforcing community engagement processes and fostering the empowerment of both individuals and communities as a whole.



- The ministry said the focus on the **first one thousand days of life** is one of the key themes of ongoing Poshan Pakhwada 2025, emphasizing the importance of nutrition from conception to two years of age. This critical period lays the foundation for lifelong health and development. Adequate nutrition during **pregnancy and early childhood is linked to** improved health outcomes, increased productivity, and higher earnings in adulthood.
- The Ministry is celebrating the 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada from 8th April to 22nd April as part of the government's ongoing commitment to addressing malnutrition.

## Tahawwur Rana

- **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** formally arrested Tahawwur Hussain Rana, the key conspirator in the **deadly 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks**, immediately after he arrived in New Delhi evening, following his successful extradition from the United States.



- Rana was escorted to **New Delhi by teams of NSG and NIA**, comprising senior officials, on a special plane from Los Angeles. The **NIA investigation team** at the airport arrested Rana, a **Canadian national of Pakistani origin** living primarily in Chicago, soon after he emerged from the airplane after completing all the necessary legal formalities.
- He was taken for **medical examination** and produced before a special NIA Judge in Patiala House Court, during which the NIA sought his 20-day custody. However, the court sent Rana to the National Investigation Agency's 18-day custody.
- Rana is accused of conspiring with **David Coleman Headley alias Daood Gilani** and operatives of designated terrorist **organisations Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Harkat-ul-Jihadi Islami (HUJI)**, along with other Pakistan-based co-conspirators, to carry out the devastating terror attacks in Mumbai in 2008.



MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(CTCR Division)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 9th April, 2025

S.O. 1686(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 (34 of 2008), read with sub-section (8) of section 18 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), the Central Government hereby appoints Shri Narendra Mann, Advocate as Special Public Prosecutor for conducting trial and other matters related to NIA case RC-04/2009/NIA/DLI on behalf of the National Investigation Agency before the NIA Special Courts at Delhi and Appellate Courts, for a period of 3 years from the date of publication of this notification or till the completion of trial of the said case, whichever is earlier.

[F. No. 11034/10/2009/NIA (part)]

ABHIJIT SINHA, Jr. Secy.

- A total of 166 persons were killed and over **238 injured in the deadly attacks**. Both **LeT and HUJI have been declared** as terrorist organisations by the Government of India under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Central government has **appointed Narendra Mann**, Advocate, as special public prosecutor for conducting trial and other matters in 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana case.

## Global Technology Summit 2025

- **9th edition of the Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025** will be held in New Delhi. The theme for this year's **Summit is Sambhavna – meaning possibilities-** and will explore how emerging technologies can drive inclusive growth, **strengthen digital governance**, and deepen cross-border partnerships. The three-day summit will feature over **40 public sessions**, including keynote addresses, ministerial conversations, expert panels, and strategic conversations.



- **More than 150 speakers from over 40 countries** will join discussions on the most pressing tech challenges and opportunities facing the world today. This year, the summit will also amplify the voices of the next generation.
- Through the **GTS Young Ambassadors program**, students and young professionals from across the country will contribute directly to policy conversations on digital futures, responsible AI, and global tech norms.

## US Announces 90- Day Tariff Pause

- US President Donald Trump has **announced a 90-day pause on reciprocal tariffs** for all but China. In a social media post last night, Mr. Trump said the **90-day breather will apply** to reciprocal and 10 per cent tariffs. The US President said he was authorizing a 90-day pause as part of his tariff plan but was also raising the tariff rate for **China to 125 per cent**, effective immediately.
- Mr. Trump said, based on the lack of respect that China has shown to the World's Markets, he was raising the Tariff charged to China by the United States of America. **Mr. Trump gave respite to the 75 other nations** that he had imposed discounted reciprocal tariffs on last week, saying that he has ordered an immediate pause on such levies after seeing a humble and proactive approach by these nations in trying to resolve the trade imbalance with the United States.



- **China retaliated with an 84 percent tariff on all goods** imported from the US, which came into effect from midnight last night. China said it is raising its retaliatory tariff on the US to 84 percent, up from 34 percent. Beijing accused Washington of bullying practices. It alleged that the White House has damaged the global trade order.
- The **European Union also voted in favor of imposing tariffs** on some US-imported goods. EU member states had approved 25 percent tariffs on various American products in retaliation for the US imposing similar tariffs on EU steel and aluminum imports.

## India-Nepal

- On the sidelines of the **3rd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministerial level meeting** on Wednesday, India's Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and Union Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development of Nepal, **Ram Nath Adhikari**, signed an MoU on 'Cooperation in the Field of **Agriculture between India and Nepal**'.



- The ministers reviewed **bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture** and discussed ways to further enhance collaboration for mutual benefit. This agreement aims to strengthen the ongoing collaboration between the two nations, particularly in areas such as enhancing crop productivity, improving post-harvest management and agri-marketing systems, and promoting climate resilience and sustainable agricultural practices.
- The MoU reflects the shared commitment of both countries to ensure food security, **uplift farmer livelihoods and work towards environmentally sustainable** agriculture. The agreement will give a fresh impetus to the ongoing cooperation, especially in areas such as improving crop productivity, post-harvest management and marketing.

## President Droupadi Murmu

- **Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Slovakia**, conferred an Honorary Doctorate (Dr. h. c.) to President Droupadi Murmu in recognition of her distinguished **career in public service, social justice, and** advocacy for education and women's empowerment.
- In her address, President Murmu emphasized the **transformative power of education, reflecting on her journey** from teacher to the highest office. The honorary title is awarded to individuals who have made substantial contributions to education, science, culture, and global understanding.
- **Slovakia's President, Peter Pellegrini**, noted the visit marked a significant step in strengthening bilateral ties.



## Death Sentences And Executions 2024” Report

- Amnesty International recently released the “**Death Sentences and Executions 2024” Report**. According to the report, in 2024, the number of recorded executions **worldwide surged to 1,518**, the **highest** figure in nearly a decade. It revealed an increase in executions primarily in Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. These countries accounted for an **alarming 91% of known executions**.





- This rise reflects a troubling trend of using capital punishment to suppress dissent and punish minorities. In 2024, the global execution tally **reached 1,518, marking a 32% increase from 2023**. This rise is the highest since 2015. Iran executed at least 972 individuals, while Saudi Arabia's numbers rose to at least 345. Iraq saw a dramatic increase, with executions jumping from 16 to at least 63.
- The overall figures exclude thousands believed to have been executed in China, North Korea, and Vietnam. Amnesty International reports that the death penalty is **increasingly weaponised against protesters and minority groups**.



- **In Iran, the government used executions** to punish participants of the Women, Life, Freedom protests. This included executing individuals with mental disabilities. **Saudi Arabia targeted its Shiite minority**, executing those involved in anti-government protests under terrorism charges. Over 40% of all global executions in 2024 were linked to drug-related offences. Amnesty International argues that such executions violate international humanitarian law, which restricts the death penalty to the most serious crimes.
- **Countries like Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore continue** to impose death sentences for drug crimes, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations. Despite the rise in executions, the number of countries carrying out capital punishment remains low.
- **Only 15 countries executed individuals in 2024**, the lowest on record. Meanwhile, 145 nations have abolished the death penalty in law or practice. Zimbabwe recently abolished the death penalty for ordinary crimes, and the UN General Assembly continues to advocate for a moratorium on its use.

## Niveshak Didi Initiative

- **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)** and **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** launched Phase 2 of the “Niveshak Didi” initiative. This collaboration focuses on increasing **financial literacy among women** in rural and underserved areas.
- The initiative aims to empower women through education and community involvement. **Niveshak Didi was introduced to address** financial literacy gaps in India. It trains women postal workers and community leaders to become financial educators. The first phase saw over 55,000 participants, primarily women. **Approximately 60% of attendees were from** rural areas, denoting the initiative’s grassroots impact.



- Phase 2 aims to expand the initiative. It plans to conduct over 4,000 financial literacy camps across India. **Nearly 40,000 trained women postal workers** will lead these camps.
- Topics include responsible investing, **fraud awareness, savings habits, and digital banking tools.**
- **IPPB plays important role in the initiative. It aims to provide accessible banking to all citizens. The bank leverages a vast postal network** to reach underserved populations. This partnership enhances trust and promotes financial discipline in local communities.



# NIVESHAK DIDI

A unique initiative for promoting  
financial literacy

By

Investor Education & Protection  
Fund Authority (IEPFA)

in association with

Department of Posts

&

India Post Payments Bank

- **Financial literacy is vital for economic empowerment.** It helps individuals manage their finances effectively. The initiative addresses the needs of those with limited access to financial education. By educating women, the programme encourages a financially aware society.
- The **Niveshak Didi initiative is transforming rural communities.** Educated women become community influencers. They share knowledge and inspire others to adopt sound financial practices. This ripple effect can lead to broader economic improvements.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which Is Nodal Ministry For Implementing The Poshan Pakhwada Initiative**

- A. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- B. Ministry of Social Justice
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Niveshak Didi Initiative Is Launched For**

- A. Education
- B. Healthcare
- C. Financial Literacy
- D. Self Help Groups

**ANSWER: C**

**3. First-ever 'Himalayan High-altitude Atmospheric & Climate Centre' Launched**

- A. Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- C. Mussoorie, Himachal Pradesh
- D. Gangtok, Sikkim

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Name Of Scheme Launched By MeitY To Promote Manufacturing Of Electronic Components**

- A. Smart Components Initiative
- B. Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme
- C. Passive Electronics Growth Scheme
- D. Atmanirbhar Tech Mission

**ANSWER: B**

**5. The Registrar General Of India Functions Under Which Ministry**

- A. Ministry of Law and Justice
- B. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs

**ANSWER: D**

**6. World Homeopathy Day Is Observed On Which Day Annually**

- A. April 8
- B. April 9
- C. April 10
- D. April 11

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Which Country Has Launched The “Three Gorges Antarctic Eye,” A 3.2-metre Aperture Radio And Millimetre-wave Telescope**

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. India
- D. United States

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Which State Reported Discovery Of 2,000-year-old Megalithic Relics In April 2025**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: B**

**9. PSLV Orbital Experimental Module-4 (POEM-4) Is A Space Research Platform Developed By Which Space Organization**

- A. European Space Agency (ESA)
- B. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- D. China National Space Administration (CNSA)

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Mount Kanlaon, Is Located In Which Country**

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. Vietnam
- D. Philippines

**ANSWER: D**

**11. According To Panchayat Advancement Index Which State Has The Highest Number Of Front Runner Gram Panchayats**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Telangana
- C. Gujarat
- D. West Bengal

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Which Country Unanimously Elected To United Nations ISAR For 2025–2027**

- A. Brazil
- B. India
- C. Germany
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: B**

**13. In Which City Is The 3rd AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) Consultation Being Held In April 2025**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Where Was 2024–25 National Awards & Exhibition For Young Authors Held**

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Which Organization's Talcher Kaniha Super Thermal Power Station Achieved 100% Ash Utilization In FY 2024–25**

- A. NTPC
- B. BHEL
- C. Power Grid Corporation
- D. NHPC

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Which Country Launched The Digital Threat Report 2024 For The BFSI Sector To Enhance Cybersecurity Resilience**

- A. United States
- B. United Kingdom
- C. India
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: C**

**17. What Is Term Duration For Which India Has Been Appointed To The UN's ISAR**

- A. 2023 to 2025
- B. 2024 to 2026
- C. 2025 to 2027
- D. 2026 to 2028

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Which Country Launched The Digital Threat Report 2024**

- A. China
- B. India
- C. United States
- D. Germany

**ANSWER: B**

**19. With Which Country India's Supreme Court Signed An Mou To Enhance Judicial Cooperation**

- A. Nepal
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: A**

**20. What Is India's Rank In Terms Of The Largest Railway Networks In The World**

- A. 5th
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

**ANSWER: A**