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National Civil Services Day

- National Civil Services Day 2026 is observed on the April 21st every year to honor the dedication and hard work of the civil servants of the India. This day recognizes their crucial role in maintaining the governance, implementing policies and ensuring smooth functioning of the administrative system.
- The origin of this day can be trace back to year 1947 when the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the newly appointed civil servants and famously called them the 'Steel Frame of India.'
- **Lord Charles Cornwallis** is widely regarded as the **Father of Indian Civil Services**.
- He have introduced the major reforms during British rule which have structured the civil services system.
- While the **Lord Warren Hastings** has laid the foundation and Cornwallis had formalized administrative practices and introduced merit-based systems that influenced the modern governance.
- Celebrated every year on the April 21.
- Started in 2006 by the Government of India.
- It honors the legacy of Sardar Patel's 1947 speech.
- Also the Prime Minister's Award awarded which includes a medal, scroll, and ₹1 lakh cash prize.



World Creativity and Innovation Day

- World Creativity and Innovation Day observed every year on the April 21. This day celebrates the transformative power of the ideas in shaping a better world.
- The theme for this year in 2026 is '**Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress**' which stressed the importance of turning ideas into the impactful solutions.
- The concept of celebrating creativity originated in 2002 in when the Marci Segal introduced the idea to inspire innovative thinking globally.



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World Liver Day 2026

- On every year 19th April the world observes the World Liver Day to highlight the importance of the liver health and encourage preventive care.
- In 2026 the theme highlights the **'Solid Habits, Strong Liver'** which emphasizes how the simple daily lifestyle choices can protect one of the body's most important part of the organs.
- World Liver Day is observed worldwide to raise the awareness about liver related diseases like the hepatitis, fatty liver disease and liver cancer.



Mumbai Hosts Miss Sake India 2026

- Miss Sake India 2026 title was awarded to the Nishita Yogesh Antarkar at a prestigious event which was held in Mumbai on the April 17, 2026. The event was organized by the Hirohama India Pvt. Ltd. and it highlighted the growing cultural ties between the India and Japan.
- The grand event was took place at Robata Kuuraku where the Nishita Yogesh Antarkar from Mumbai was crowned the new cultural ambassador of Japanese sake in India. Nishita who is the business owner and trained Kathak dancer brings the unique blend of artistic excellence and cultural curiosity.



Global Maritime Security Initiative

- UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and the French President Emmanuel Macron jointly launched the new international initiative which is aimed at securing the Strait of Hormuz which is one of the world's most crucial shipping routes.
- The virtual meeting was attended by around 40 countries including India and comes at a time of unstable peace in the Middle East.
- The initiative is formally called the Strait of Hormuz Maritime Freedom of Navigation Initiative, and it is designed to strengthen international cooperation to safeguard maritime routes.
- This initiative was led by Keir Starmer and Emmanuel Macron, and their effort focuses on the,
 - Ensuring the freedom of navigation
 - Also protecting global energy supply chains
 - And supporting commercial shipping operations
- European leaders have warned that the Hormuz crisis could have serious economic consequences worldwide.
- The disruption has led to rising fuel and oil prices which have impacted the risk of food shortages due to supply chain disruptions.
- Also, several flight cancellations such as jet fuel becoming scarce and also the increased pressure on global inflation.



India's First 'Water Neutral' Railway Depot

- Ahmedabad based Kankaria Coaching Depot has emerged as the 'water neutral' railway depot which has redefining how the traditional railway operations can align with environmental goals.
- As this depot have saving nearly 1.60 lakh litres of water daily and the depot has demonstrated how the innovation and eco-friendly practices which can significantly reduce the resource consumption.
- The Kankaria Coaching Depot has successfully achieved the water neutrality it means that it treats and reuses as much water as it consumes.
- This milestone has been made possible via the advanced wastewater management systems that minimize reliance on freshwater sources.



Philippines Joins US-Led Pax Silica Initiative

- Philippines has joined the US-led Pax Silica initiative. This initiative aims to strengthening the global supply chains for the semiconductors, artificial intelligence and the critical minerals.
- As part of this partnership the 4,000-acre industrial hub will be developed in Luzon and will marks the significant step towards the reducing the global dependence concentrate supply sources.
- 'Pax' in Latin means Peace & 'Silica' is a key compound used in chip manufacturing – thus, together they suggest that the supply chain for new technologies should promote peace & prosperity.
- Pax Silica is the strategic initiative led by the United States to build the secure and resilient technology supply chain. It covers the entire ecosystem from the mineral extraction to chip manufacturing and the data infrastructure.
- The initiative has rapidly expanded as the few months ago countries like India have joined and the South Korea, Singapore, Qatar and the UAE joining and making the Philippines the 13th member of this growing alliance.
- The project will focus on the,
 - Semiconductor production
 - Electronics manufacturing
 - Also, the processing of critical minerals like nickel, cobalt and copper



Union Cabinet Clears Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool

- To strengthen the India's maritime security and trade resilience the Union Cabinet which led by Honorable prime Minister Prime Minister Narendra Modi had approved the creation of the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMI Pool).
- It was announced on the 18th April, 2026 and it is backed by the ₹12,980 crore sovereign guarantee corpus. This initiative aims to ensure the uninterrupted and affordable insurance coverage for the Indian shipping.
- The approval of the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool marks the strategic shift towards self-reliance in maritime insurance. This domestic insurance pool is designed to provide the continuous risk coverage for ships which are operating to and from the Indian ports and even through high-risk global corridors.
- India's maritime sector has long time has been depended on foreign insurers which particularly the International Group of Protection and Indemnity (IGP&I) Clubs for the critical coverage.
- The Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool provides comprehensive maritime risk coverage and making it a one-stop solution for the shipping insurance needs.



India's New AI Tool 'Abhay'

- Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has introduced the AI-powered chatbot named 'Abhay'. This platform will help citizens to verify official notices and avoid falling victim to the digital scams.

- The initiative comes at that time when the digital arrest frauds cases are increasing, and the scammers impersonate themselves as the officials to extort money.
- The 'Abhay' chatbot is the digital tool which is developed by the CBI to allow the individuals to verify the authenticity of notices which are allegedly issued by the agency.
- This system is designed to help the citizens which instantly check whether a notice is genuine or fake, prevent panic caused by the fraudulent communications and reduce the risk of financial exploitation.



Textiles Ministry Launches 'Vishwa Sutra'

- To take the India's rich textile heritage to the global stage the Ministry of Textiles has launched the 'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World' initiative.
- This initiative was unveiled at the prestigious Femina Miss India held in the Bhubaneswar where a special designer collection showcased the country's diverse handloom traditions with the modern global twist.
- One of the most important aspects of Vishwa Sutra is the creative concept. The initiative brings together,
 - Around 30 distinct handloom weaves from across India.
 - Also, each weave represents a different state.
 - And the designs are inspired by 30 different countries and cultures.
- Under the 5F Framework and the project supports the Prime Minister's 5F vision which is,

- Farm → Fibre → Factory → Fashion → Foreign



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Civil Services Day in India is observed on:

- A. April 19
- B. April 20
- C. April 21
- D. April 22

Answer: C. April 21

Explanation: It is celebrated every year on April 21 to honor civil servants and commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 1947 address.

2. Who described civil servants as the "Steel Frame of India"?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru
- D. Subhas Chandra Bose

Answer: B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Explanation: He used this phrase in 1947 while addressing civil servants, highlighting their importance in governance.

3. Who is regarded as the Father of Indian Civil Services?

- A. Warren Hastings
- B. Lord Charles Cornwallis
- C. Lord Dalhousie
- D. Lord Curzon

Answer: B. Lord Charles Cornwallis

Explanation: He introduced major reforms that structured the civil services system.

4. World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed on:

- A. April 18
- B. April 19
- C. April 20
- D. April 21

Answer: D. April 21

Explanation: It celebrates the role of creativity and innovation in solving global challenges.

5. The theme of World Creativity and Innovation Day 2026 is:

- A. Innovate for Future
- B. Creativity for Sustainability
- C. Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress
- D. Ideas for Change

Answer: C. Harnessing Creativity for Global Progress

Explanation: The theme emphasizes turning creative ideas into impactful global solutions.

6. World Liver Day is observed annually on:

- A. April 17
- B. April 18
- C. April 19
- D. April 20

Answer: C. April 19

Explanation: The day focuses on awareness about liver health and prevention of liver diseases.

7. Who won the Miss Sake India 2026 title?

- A. Aditi Sharma
- B. Riya Kapoor
- C. Nishita Yogesh Antarkar
- D. Sneha Iyer

Answer: C. Nishita Yogesh Antarkar

Explanation: She was crowned at an event held in Mumbai and became a cultural ambassador of Japanese sake.

8. The Global Maritime Security Initiative focuses on securing which strategic waterway?

- A. Suez Canal
- B. Panama Canal
- C. Strait of Hormuz
- D. Malacca Strait

Answer: C. Strait of Hormuz

Explanation: It is one of the most important global oil shipping routes.

9. India's first 'water-neutral' railway depot is:

- A. Howrah Depot
- B. Chennai Depot
- C. Jaipur Depot
- D. Kankaria Coaching Depot

Answer: D. Kankaria Coaching Depot

Explanation: It reuses as much water as it consumes, saving about 1.6 lakh litres daily.

10. The AI chatbot 'Abhay' has been launched by:

- A. RBI
- B. ISRO
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Central Bureau of Investigation

Answer: D. Central Bureau of Investigation

Explanation: It helps citizens verify official notices and avoid digital scams.