

Important Weekly Current Affairs PDF 01 to 08 April

Dear Readers, Here we have given the list of Important Weekly Current Affairs 1st week of April 2019. Candidates those who are preparing for Upcoming LIC AAO and SBI PO 2019 exams and other competitive exams can make use of it.

Current Affairs: Important Days

Date	Important days	Theme
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	Assistive Technologies, Active Participation
April 4	International Day for Mine Awareness	'United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home'
April 5	National Maritime day (India)	Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity
April 6	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	-
April 7	World Health Day	Universal Health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere

Current Affairs: National

- The CBDT extended the deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar by six months from March 31 to September 30, 2019
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection stood at Rs. 1.06 lakh crore in March
- Government proposed 2 committees to probe complaints against Information Commissioners
- The government to set up a multi-disciplinary terror monitoring group (TMG) for Jammu & Kashmir
- WhatsApp has launched a tip line for Indians to curb fake news during the national election

Current Affairs: International

- South Korea will launch the world's first fully-fledged 5G mobile networks

USEFUL INFO	
South Korea Capital	Seoul
South Korea Currency	South Korean won
South Korea President	Moon Jae-in

- According to a new joint UN and European Union (EU) report, more than 113 million people across 53 countries experienced acute hunger last year
- Bollywood filmmaker Karan Johar has unveiled his wax statue at Madame Tussauds in Singapore

Current Affairs: State

- Odisha is celebrating 84 years of its foundation on 1st April 2019
- Odisha has received Geographical indication (GI) tag for 'Kandhamal Haldi' variety of turmeric

USEFUL INFO	
Odisha Capital	Bhubaneswar
Odisha Chief Minister	Naveen Patnaik
Odisha Governor	Ganeshi Lal

- Centre has extended the "disturbed area" tag under Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) for 3 districts of Arunachal Pradesh for another six months

USEFUL INFO	
Arunachal Pradesh Capital	Itanagar
Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Pema Khandu

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Arunachal Pradesh Governor	BD Mishra
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4. Telangana state has ranked number one in eLearning training by reaching to 20,000 field staff during 2018-19

USEFUL INFO	
Telangana Capital	Hyderabad
Telangana Chief Minister	Chandrasekhar Rao
Telangana Governor	ESL Narashiman

5. Phayeng Village in Imphal West district of Manipur has become India's first carbon-positive settlement

USEFUL INFO	
Manipur Capital	Imphal
Manipur Chief Minister	N Biren Singh
Manipur Governor	Najma Heptulla

Current Affairs: Banking and Finance

1. Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank will merge with Bank of Baroda to create the third-largest lender of the country

USEFUL INFO	
Bank of Baroda Headquarters	Vadodara
Bank of Baroda CEO	P. S. Jayakumar
Bank of Baroda Tagline	India's International Bank

2. RBI sets NBFC-MFIs' average base rate at 9.21% for April-June
 3. RBI will inject long-term liquidity worth USD 5 billion into the banking system through dollar-rupee swap auction
 4. RBI sets Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for Government at Rs. 75000 crore for the first half of the FY 2019-20
 5. RBI has tweaked liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) norms to provide an additional 2 per cent window to lenders
 6. MPC decided to reduce the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.0% from 6.25%

USEFUL INFO	
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI Governor	Shaktikant Das
RBI Deputy Governor	BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Viral Acharya and Mahesh Kumar Jain
Repo Rate	6.00%
Reverse Repo Rate	5.75%
MSF Rate	6.25%
Bank Rate	6.25%
CRR	4%
SLR	19.25%

7. Kotak Mahindra Bank will charge for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions from the 1st May 2019

USEFUL INFO	
Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters	Mumbai
Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO	Uday Kotak
Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline	Let's make money simple

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8. Asian Development Bank has lowered India's growth forecast for 2019-20 to 7.2 % from 7.6 %

USEFUL INFO	
Asian Development Bank Headquarters	Mandaluyong, Philippines
Asian Development Bank President	Takehiko Nakao

9. Bank of Maharashtra gets Rs. 205 crore capital from government

Bank of Maharashtra Headquarters	Pune, Maharashtra
Bank of Maharashtra Tagline	One Family One Bank
Bank of Maharashtra MD & CEO	A. S. Rajeev

10. The World Trade Organization lowered the Global trade growth for 2019 to 2.6% from 3.7%

USEFUL INFO	
World Trade Organization Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland
World Trade Organization Director General	Roberto Azevêdo
World Trade Organization Member	164

11. SEBI extends phase 1 deadline of UPI for retail IPO investors till June 30, 2019

USEFUL INFO	
SEBI Headquarters	Mumbai
SEBI Chairman	Ajay Tyagi

12. Fitch retained India's sovereign rating at lowest investment grade 'BBB-', with stable outlook

13. Karnataka Bank has entered into a MoU with Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company to distribute the latter's life insurance products

USEFUL INFO	
Karnataka Bank Headquarters	Mangalore
Karnataka Bank Tagline	Your Family Bank, Across India
Karnataka Bank CEO	Mahabaleshwara M S

14. Emirates Islamic becomes world's first Islamic bank to launch banking via WhatsApp

USEFUL INFO	
Emirates Islamic Bank Headquarters	Dubai
Emirates Islamic Bank CEO	Salah Amin

15. Priority Sector Lending Certificates volume crossed Rs. 3-trillion in FY19

Current Affairs: Business

- Eight core industries show 2.1% growth in February 2019
- Paytm's subsidiary Paytm Money has received approval from SEBI to begin stock broking services
- Reliance Jio acquired Mumbai based chatbot making startup Haptik for Rs. 700 crore
- BSNL has received the In-Flight Connectivity license from the Department of Telecommunications

USEFUL INFO	
BSNL Headquarters	New Delhi
BSNL CEO	Sri Anupam Srivastava

5. Lakshmi Vilas Bank approved merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance

USEFUL INFO	
Lakshmi Vilas Bank CEO	Parthasarathi Mukherjee
Lakshmi Vilas Bank Headquarters	Chennai
Lakshmi Vilas Bank Tagline	The changing face of prosperity

6. The government sold enemy shares worth Rs. 1,150 crore in Wipro to Life Insurance Corporation and two other state-owned insurers

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7. Bank of India to sell 25% stake in life insurance JV SUD Life Insurance for Rs. 1,106 crore

USEFUL INFO	
Bank of India Headquarters	Mumbai
Bank of India CEO	Dinabandhu Mohapatra
Bank of India Tagline	Relationships beyond Banking

Current Affairs: Appointments

Air Marshal NS Dhillon	New Strategic Forces Command Chief
Satish Magar	President of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI),
Manu Sawhney	CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC)
Nicholas Koumjian	Head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar
Vipin Anand	Managing Director of LIC
Rakesh Malhotra	Next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cameroon
Mayoori Kango (Former Bollywood actress)	Google India industry head
CS Rajan	Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) Managing Director
Vikram Kirloskar	President of the Confederation of Indian Industry
Keshav Murugesh	Chairman of Nasscom
UB Pravin Rao	Vice Chairman of Nasscom
Sana Dua (Femina Miss India 2017 runner up)	Brand ambassador of Jammu and Kashmir for general polls
Lori Lightfoot	Chicago's First Black Female Mayor
David Malpass	World Bank President
Praful Patel	Member of the FIFA Executive Council
Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa	Re-elected as President The Asian Football Confederation (AFC)
Justice Pradeep Nandrajog	New Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court

Current Affairs: Resignation

Abdelaziz Bouteflika	Algerian President
Rajan Anandhan	Google India head

Current Affairs: Awards and Honours

- Batman to be first inductee into Comic-Con Museum's Character Hall of Fame
- Shah Rukh Khan was conferred an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by The University of Law, London.

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3. Indian Astrologer Dr Sohini Sastri has been honoured with 'D. Litt in Astrology' by National American University, USA

1.	Vikram Patel	John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award
2.	Pawan Munjal	Asian Tour for contribution to golf in Asia
3.	PM Narendra Modi	UAE's highest civilian honour Zayed Medal
4.	Tata Steel	'Global Slag Company of the Year'

ESPN India Multi-Sport Awards

- Olympic silver medallist P V Sindhu and star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra were named as female and male sportsperson of the year in the ESPN India Multi-Sport Awards for their achievements in 2018.
- Sportsperson of the Year (Male) - Neeraj Chopra (athletics)
- Sportsperson of the Year (Female) - P V Sindhu (badminton)
- Comeback of the Year - Saina Nehwal (badminton)
- Coach of the Year - Jaspal Rana (shooting)
- Emerging Sportsperson of the Year - Saurabh Chaudhary (shooting)
- Team of the Year - Women's team (table tennis)
- Match of the Year - Amit Panghal vs Hasanboy Dusmatov (boxing)
- Differently-abled athlete of the Year - Ekta Bhyan (para-athletics)
- Moment of the Year - Women's 4x400m relay
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Pradip Kumar Banerjee (football)

Current Affairs: Summit and Conference

1. India to organize NuGen Mobility summit 2019 in November
2. 4th Session of India-Ukraine working group on Trade and Economic Cooperation held in New Delhi
3. 7th Foreign office consultations between India and Italy held in Delhi
4. 3-day National Cardiology Conference held at Lucknow

Current Affairs: Ranking

1. According to report 'OpenSignal's Hottest city for 4G Availability' Jharkhand's Dhanbad tops in India

Current Affairs: MOU

1. GAIL India Ltd and BHEL have inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the development of solar power projects
2. India has offered \$100 million Line of Credit to Bolivia for financing development projects

USEFUL INFO	
Bolivia Capital	Sucre
Bolivia Currency	Bolivian boliviano
Bolivia President	Evo Morales

3. Reliance Mutual Fund partners with Google to launch voice-based transactions
4. China launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellite Tianlian II-01
5. India and Chile signed three MoUs in the fields of mining, culture and empowerment of persons with disabilities

USEFUL INFO	
Chile Capital	Santiago
Chile Currency	Chilean peso
Chile President	Sebastián Piñera

6. India signed an agreement with a development bank for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi

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7. Tata Power has signed a pact with Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) for setting up rooftop solar projects in the country
8. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has inked a MoU with the IIT Delhi to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment
9. BSE and India INX become first Indian exchanges to sign MoU with Moscow Exchange
10. Saudi Arabia will fund the construction of a \$1 billion sports city in Iraq

USEFUL INFO	
Iraq Capital	Baghdad
Iraq Currency	Dinar
Iraq President	Barham Salih

11. NTPC has inked a Rs. 2,000 crore term-loan agreement with Canara Bank

USEFUL INFO	
Canara Bank Headquarters	Bengaluru
Canara Bank CEO	vacant
Canara Bank Tagline	Together we can

Current Affairs: Mobile App and Portal

1. Sahulat mobile app aimed to facilitate voting by elders has been launched in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district

Current Affairs: Defence

1. ISRO opened a visitors' gallery with 5,000 capacities at Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota Island
2. ISRO launched India's latest satellite EMISAT and 28 other smaller satellites was launched from the Sriharikota spaceport
3. Army constructs Maitri Bridge on Indus river to link villages in Leh
4. US approved sale of 24 MH 60 Romeo Seahawk helicopters to India for \$2.4 bn
5. Sri Lankan army is going to conduct Exercise Western Shield, its biggest-ever military exercise in July 2019
6. Morocco-US joint military exercise 'African Lion 2019' concluded in Morocco

USEFUL INFO	
Morocco Capital	Rabat
Morocco Currency	Moroccan dirham
Morocco President	Saadeddine Othmani

Current Affairs: Sports

1. Five times world champion Lewis Hamilton won the Bahrain Grand Prix
2. Roger Federer lifted his fourth ATP Miami Open title
3. South Korea win the Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey tournament at Ipoh in Malaysia
4. India finished with 16 gold, five silver and four bronze in 12th Asian Airgun Championships in Taoyuan, Taipei.
5. India has won ICC Test Championship mace for the third year in a row
6. Saurav Ghosal became the first Indian male squash player to enter the top 10 in the PSA world rankings.
7. ICC to join hands with Interpol to tackle corruption in sport

USEFUL INFO	
ICC Headquarters	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
ICC Chairperson	Shashank Manohar
ICC CEO	Dave Richardson

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Interpol headquarters	Lyon, France
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8. Indian Football Team climbed two places to move to 101 rank in the FIFA latest rankings

USEFUL INFO	
FIFA Headquarters	Zurich, Switzerland
FIFA President	Gianni Infantino

Complete Winners list of Malaysia Open 2019

- The 2019 Malaysia Open, officially the CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019, is a badminton tournament which takes place at Axiata Arena in Malaysia from 2 to 7 April 2019 and has a total purse of \$700,000.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Single	Lin Dan (China)	Chen Long (China)
Women's Single	Tai Tzu-Ying (Taiwan)	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
Men's doubles	Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen	Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda
Women's doubles	Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan	Du Yue and Li Yinhue
Mixed doubles	Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong	Wang Yilu and Huang Dongping

Current Affairs: Books

Author	Book
Manoshi Sinha	'Saffron Swords: Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders'
Aabhas Maldahiyar	'#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India'
Sharad Dutt	Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music
Wajahat Saeed Khan	Shahid Afridi's biography Game Changer

Current Affairs: Obituaries

Person	Field
J. Mahendran	Noted Tamil film director
Kartik Chandra Rath	Noted Odia theatre personality
Padma Shri Dr. Viharidas Gopaldas Patel	Noted economist
Arie Irawan	Malaysian golfer
Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie	Former South African Women cricket all-rounder
Sydney Brenner	Nobel Prize-winning biologist
Silamboli Su. Chellappan	Noted Tamil Scholar and orator

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