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DAILY UPDATE 1 : IMPORTANT DAY



World Parkinson's Day : 11 April :-

Dr. James Parkinson discovered Parkinson's Disease for the first time in 1817. The European Association for Parkinson's Disease stated in 1997 that April 11 will be commemorated annually as World Parkinson's Day. Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative ailment that primarily affects the neurological system and the body's nerve-controlled organs. Nerve cell damage in the brain leads to decrease in Dopamine levels – this leads to Parkinson's Disease. Some of the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease are tremors, slow movement, stiffness and loss of balance.



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DAILY UPDATE 2 : IMPORTANT DAY



11 APRIL NATIONAL SAFE MOTHERHOOD DAY

National Safe Motherhood Day (India) : 11 April :-

National Safe Motherhood Day is an annual event observed on April 11 in India. The White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI) established this day to emphasize the importance of maternal health and minimize maternal mortality rates in the country. India has one of the world's highest maternal mortality rates, accounting for 12 percent of all maternal deaths. However, most of these deaths can be prevented with the use of right healthcare solutions to avoid or manage many complications during pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period.



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DAILY UPDATE 3: APPOINTMENT



Air India Appoints Jayaraj Shanmugam As Head Of Global Airport Operations :-

Air India has appointed Jayaraj Shanmugam as Head of Global Airport Operations. Shanmugam will begin his duties on April 15 and report to Chief Operations Officer Capt Klaus Goersch. Shanmugam previously served as Chief Operating Officer of Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL). During his tenure, BIAL's new Terminal 2 became operational. Shanmugam is an industry veteran with a career spanning 25 years across airline, airport, and telecom industries. He had earlier worked with Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways, and Jet Airways.

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DAILY UPDATE 4 : AWARDS



ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 Mission Awarded The Prestigious John L. "Jack" Swigert, Jr. Award For Space Exploration :-



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India's Chandrayaan-3 mission team had been honored with the prestigious 2024 John L. 'Jack' Swigert Jr. Award for Space Exploration, recognizing their efforts to raise the bar for space exploration. With the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission in August of last year, India became the first country to land on the moon's south pole. The award was accepted by India's Consul General in Houston, D C Manjunath, on behalf of the Isro at the inaugural event of the annual Space Symposium in Colorado.

DAILY UPDATE 5 : INTERNATIONAL





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Simon Harris Becomes Ireland's Youngest Prime Minister :-

Simon Harris became Ireland's new prime minister, succeeding Leo Varadkar, who abruptly resigned last month for personal and political reasons. The Irish parliament voted 88 to 69 in favor of Mr. Harris, 37. He was officially installed later in a ceremony alongside President Michael D. Higgins, becoming the country's youngest prime minister. Mr. Varadkar, who was in his second stint as prime minister and at 45 was one of Europe's youngest leaders, said last month that he felt he was no longer the "best person" to lead the country.

DAILY UPDATE 6 : MISCELLANEOUS



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GUJCOST Designated As Nodal Centre For ISRO's START Programme :-

The Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST) has been appointed as the nodal centre for Isro's Space Science and Technology AwaReness Training (START) initiative. This effort seeks to foster a greater understanding of space science and technology among postgraduate and final-year undergraduate students in physical sciences and technology. The registration for the inaugural online programme, Exploration of Solar System, ends on April 19, said officials. The event will take place from April 24 to May 10.



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DAILY UPDATE 7 : OBITUARY



R.M. Veerappan, The Most Trusted Lieutenant Of Late MGR, Passes Away :-

R.M. Veerappan, one of the key Ministers in the Cabinet led by late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran in the 1980s and a close acquaintance of the matinee idol turned politician, died in Chennai on April 9 at the age of 97. Veerappan previously served as a minister in the Cabinets of former Chief Minister M G Ramachandran and late Chief Ministers Janaki Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa. This Dravidian leader born on September 9, 1926, enjoyed good ties with DMK stalwart and former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi too. He launched the MGR Kazhagam party after quitting the AIADMK.



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DAILY UPDATE 8 : OBITUARY



Telangana: Senior IPS officer Rajiv Ratan passes away due to cardiac arrest :-

Rajiv Ratan, a senior IPS officer, died after a heart arrest at a private hospital, according to government sources. Ratan, a 1991 batch IPS officer aged around 60, was the Director General of Telangana Vigilance and Enforcement. Ratan led the state government-appointed vigilance and enforcement inquiry into the Medigadda (Laxmi) barrage of the Kaleshwaram project. During his stint, the IPS officer worked as Karimnagar Superintendent of Police, Director General of State Fire Services, Inspector General to Hyderabad Region, and Police Housing Corporation MD.



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DAILY UPDATE 9 : SPORTS



Sri Lankan Star Kamindu Mendis And England's Maia Bouchier Crowned ICC Players Of The Month:-

Kamindu Mendis, a batting all-rounder from Sri Lanka, won the ICC Men's Player of the Month title to cap off a fantastic month in March. Mendis began the month with a modest T20I series against Bangladesh. Mendis rebounded with a record Test series, scoring century in both innings of the first game in Sylhet. He almost reached three tons in a row, scoring 92* in the opening innings of the second Test in Chattogram. England's Maia Bouchier enjoyed a remarkable run



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in the T20Is against New Zealand. The 25-year-old scored 223 runs at an average of 55.75 in five T20I games, helping England complete a 4-1 series win.

DAILY UPDATE 10 : SPORTS



Sumit Nagal Makes History At Monte Carlo Masters :-



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Sumit Nagal has once again etched his place in Indian tennis history with an outstanding exhibition of ability and dedication. Nagal became the first Indian man to win a Masters 1000 tournament on clay, demonstrating his rising status in the tennis world. Nagal shown his resilience and court prowess when he faced Matteo Arnaldi of Italy at the Monte Carlo Masters. The unseeded 95th-ranked player found himself in a tough battle, dropping the first set 6-7. However, undeterred by the setback, Nagal mounted an impressive comeback, claiming the next two sets 6-2, 6-4.