

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 5, 2021

TAMIL NADU

- **The Greater Chennai traffic police - have implemented "no helmet, no parking" rule across all police stations in the city.**
- ✓ As per the new rule, those who come on bikes without wearing helmets will not be allowed to park their vehicles in any police station.
- ✓ This rule is not only applicable in police stations but is all set to be followed in all government buildings soon.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has witnessed a 35% decline in the number of deaths due to two-wheeler accidents without helmets in 2020
- ✓ The decline is attributed to increased awareness on road safety and strict enforcement of traffic rules.
- ✓ In 2019, as many as 3,537 two-wheeler riders and pillion riders were killed in accidents across the state, while in 2020 it was reduced to 1,346.

- **Chennai division of Southern Railway - has operated the highest number of goods trains carrying automobiles in March 2021**
- ✓ The vehicles were loaded in 74 trains or 1,923 wagons, including 21 trains from Walajabad goods shed and 53 trains from Melpakkam goods shed
- ✓ Under the initiative, the Southern Railway had earned net revenue of ₹17.77 crore.


NATIONAL

- **Twenty-three security personnel - were killed and 33 injured in one of the deadliest Maoist ambushes ever in Bastar, Chhattisgarh on April 3**
- ✓ Seven CoBRA battalion personnel and one from the Bastariya battalion of CRPF were martyred, while Chhattisgarh police lost 14 personnel.
- ✓ A CoBRA commando is still missing in the major attack carried out by more than 400 Maoists in the jungles of Bijapur

- ✓ The area is a bastion of Maoist commander Madvi Hidma, whose name figured in every major attack since the massacre of Congress netas in Jhiram Ghati in 2013.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Odisha police sounded a high alert in Maoist-affected districts of the state, especially on the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border

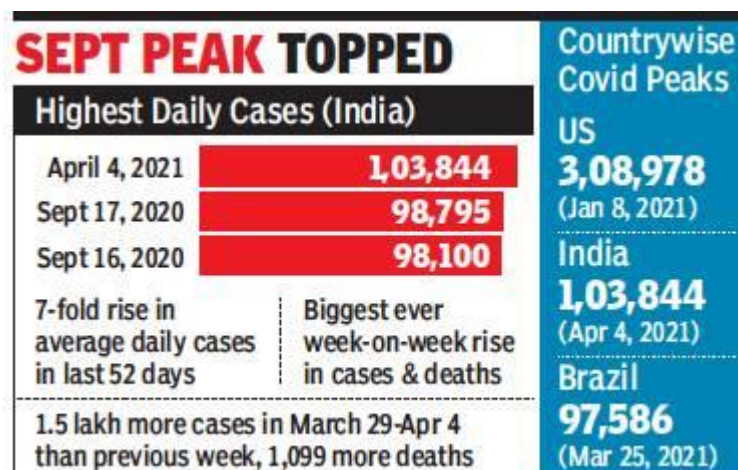
SHOT, STABBED & HACKED

- In the jungles of Bijapur, Maoists triggered blasts and then rained bullets and shells on 2,000 jawans, from camouflaged positions
- Injured jawans tried to take refuge in abandoned huts but ran into a trap. Maoists stabbed, shot and hacked them to death



- One of the encounter survivors says they were attacked by over 400 Maoists from three sides. Ambush lines stretched over 2km
- Bullet-riddled and stabbed bodies of security personnel were scattered over 1km
- Maoists had set up firing positions on a hilltop, in a field and at spots in the village and 'jawans were completely surrounded'. Maoists looted seven AK-47s, two Insas rifles and an LMG, & even shoes of martyred jawans

- ✓ The deaths of 23 security personnel came in a planned offensive launched jointly by the CRPF and Chhattisgarh police and resulted in casualties among the Maoists
- ✓ The operation was part of a tactical move to take on CPI (Maoist)'s guerrilla force, People's Liberation Guerrilla Army battalion No.1 (PLGA-1) led by 'most-wanted' commander Hidma.
- **India – became only the second country after the US to record 1 lakh Covid-19 cases in a single day.**
- ✓ On April 4, the country recorded 1,03,844 fresh cases, led by a massive spike in the pandemic in Maharashtra, which added a record 57,074 fresh infections.



- ✓ The record daily tally was more than 5,000 higher than the previous peak of 98,795 cases reported on September 17 last year
 - ✓ With this, the second wave of the pandemic in India, which began just around 52 days ago, has already seen a higher peak in cases than the first wave.
 - ✓ Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted a high-level meeting on the day to review Covid-related issues
 - ✓ Following the meeting, the Centre announced a special campaign to promote Covid-appropriate behaviour at workplaces, health facilities and other public places from April 6 to 14.
 - ✓ The 10 high burden states and UTs are contributing 91.4% of total cases and 90.9% of total deaths in the country.
 - ✓ Apart from Maharashtra, Punjab and Chhattisgarh, other states like Karnataka, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have also shown rise in daily new cases over the last three weeks.
 - ✓ Regarding the Covid-19 vaccination programme, 7.6 crore doses were administered in the country till April 4.
 - ✓ Of this, more than 6.5 crore people received their first dose while around 1 crore people were fully vaccinated with second doses.
- **The e-committee of the Supreme Court - has released a draft proposal for the third phase of the e-courts project**
- ✓ The draft proposal was prepared by an expert panel comprising of judicial, legal and information technology (IT) experts
 - ✓ The third phase of the e-courts project highlights various key goals, including open digital hearings like livestreaming and providing transcriptions of court proceedings to lawyers and litigants.
 - ✓ The e-panel of the apex court has put the vision document for phase III on its website and invited inputs, feedback and suggestions from various stakeholders, including lawyers and the public.
 - ✓ The Supreme Court's e-committee is headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud
 - ✓ The e-courts project is conceptualised under the National Policy and action plan for implementation of information and communication technology in the Indian judiciary-2005.

DEFENCE

- **Indian Navy - to induct 24 heavy-duty MH-60 'Romeo' multi-mission helicopters soon**
- ✓ In this regard, the Centre will send a team of pilots and technicians to the US for training and induction of the MH-60Rs by May/June 2021
 - ✓ The helicopters will support the Indian Navy in detecting and destroying enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

- ✓ This year, the Navy is expected to get at least three of the 24 heavy-duty helicopters
- ✓ All the 24 MH-60R helicopters, which will operate from frontline warships including aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, will be inducted by end-2023.
- ✓ These choppers are equipped with multi-mode radars and night-vision devices as well as armed with Hellfire missiles, MK-54 torpedoes and precision-kill rockets
- ✓ The Seahawks will be supplied by the US to India as per the ₹15,157 crore (\$2.13 billion) contract signed in February 2020
- ✓ The 140-warship Navy is now having only a few old anti-submarine warfare (ASW) helicopters like Kamov-28s and Sea Kings
- ✓ The Navy, in fact, has also projected a long-term requirement for another 123 naval multi-role helicopters (NMRHs), after the 24 MH-60Rs.
- ✓ Manufactured by Sikorsky-Lockheed Martin, the MH-60Rs will be the third type of iconic US helicopters to be inducted by Indian armed forces.
- ✓ The IAF has already inducted 22 Apache attack (for ₹13,952 crore) and 15 heavy-lift Chinook (₹8,048 crore) choppers, both produced by Boeing.
- ✓ The Army, in turn, is slated to get six Apaches under ₹5,691 crore (\$796 million) deal, which was also signed during former US President Donald Trump's visit to India in February last year.

SPORTS

- **Reigning World No. 1 shooter Elavenil Valarivan - bagged a place in the Tokyo Olympics team as the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) announced the 15-member squad on April 4.**



- ✓ Manu Bhaker will shoot in three events -- 10m air pistol, 25m sports pistol and 10m air pistol mixed event with Saurabh Chaudhary – at Tokyo.
- ✓ Considering the Covid situation, the selection committee also announced 14 reserve shooters.
- ✓ Elavenil will compete in women's 10m air rifle individual as well as 10m air rifle mixed event with Divyansh Singh Panwar.
- ✓ Elavenil will take the quota won by Anjum Moudgil in the air rifle event.

- ✓ Apurvi Chandela and Anjum had won the quota places in the 10m event at the World Championships in 2018.
- ✓ While Apurvi will shoot in the 10m individual event, Anjum has been named for the 50m rifle 3position event along with 10m air rifle mixed event with Deepak Kumar.
- ✓ Anjum will shoot in the 50m event on Chinki Yadav's quota, which she had won in women's 25m pistol event.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu shooters Gaayathri and P Shri Nivetha have been named in the reserve list of the Indian shooting team for the Tokyo Games
- ✓ Shri Nivetha will feature in the women's 10m air pistol category while Gaayathri is part of the women's 50m rifle 3-position event.
- ✓ The final squad chosen for the Olympics comprises –
- ✓ Men
 - ✓ 10m air rifle - Divyansh Singh Panwar,Deepak Kumar;
 - ✓ 50m rifle 3 position - Sanjeev Rajput, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar;
 - ✓ 10m air pistol - Saurabh Chaudhary, Abhishek Verma;
 - ✓ Skeet - Angadvir Singh Bajwa, Mairaj Ahmad Khan.
- ✓ Women
 - ✓ 10m air rifle - Apurvi Chandela, Elavenil Valarivan;
 - ✓ 50m rifle 3 position - Anjum Moudgil, Tejaswini Sawant;
 - ✓ 10m air pistol - Manu Bhaker, Yashaswini Singh Deswal;
 - ✓ 25m sports pistol - Rahi Sarnobat, Manu Bhaker.
- ✓ Mixed
 - ✓ 10m air rifle team - Divyansh Singh Panwar, Elavenil Valarivan; Deepak Kumar, Anjum-Moudgil;
 - ✓ 10m air pistol team - Saurabh Chaudhary, Manu Bhaker; Abhishek Verma, Yashaswini Singh Deswal.

RANKINGS

- **India - has emerged at the bottom of a global tally of countries with good online security habits and cyber hygiene.**
- ✓ Out of 21 countries ranked, India was placed at 19th place with just 51.2 points scored out of the total 100 points, whereas the global average is 65 points
- ✓ This was revealed in the National Privacy Test conducted recently by global VPN service provider NordVPN
- ✓ Only Turkey and Japan featured below India in the study
- ✓ The study surveyed 48,063 respondents from 192 countries on their digital habits, privacy awareness and digital risk tolerance.
- ✓ European nations topped the chart with Germany (71.2 points out of 100), Netherlands (69.5/100) and Switzerland (68.9/100) ranked in the top three spots.
- ✓ Tech major United States (68.5/100) was ranked at fourth place.
- ✓ Indians scored 65.2% in awareness on threats such as exposure of personal data compared to Germany's 90.2%.

- ✓ Regarding the theoretical knowledge of cybersecurity, Indians scored 57.6%.
- ✓ Further, Indians scored low (36%) on awareness of information that should not be shared on social media platforms.
- ✓ The study evaluated digital habits based on digital terms of service and app permissions, privacy awareness was assessed based on how people use digital devices and passwords, and the digital risk tolerance was judged based on how people react to phishing emails or online blackmail.

