

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 23, 2024

NATIONAL

➤ IRDAI Removes Age Bar for Purchasing Health Insurance

- ✓ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has removed the age limit for purchasing health insurance policies, with effect from April 1.



- ✓ Earlier, there was an age limit of 65 years to buy new health insurance policies. The IRDAI's latest move is aimed at bringing in extended health benefits to senior citizens.
 - ✓ The IRDAI directive mandates health insurance providers to develop specialised policies catering to senior citizens, and to establish dedicated channels for addressing their claims and grievances.
- #### ➤ Shompen Cast their Vote for the First Time
- ✓ For the first time, members of the Shompen, one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in the country and who reside in the dense tropical rain forests of the Great Nicobar island, on Friday took part in the election process by casting their votes in the Andaman and Nicobar Lok Sabha constituency.



- ✓ Seven members of the tribe exercised their franchise, said Andaman and Nicobar Islands' Chief Electoral Officer B.S. Jaglan.
- ✓ The estimated population of Shompen was 229, as per the 2011 Census data.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ Ocean Decade Conference

- ✓ India, led by Earth Sciences Secretary M. Ravichandran, advocated for the establishment of a region-specific ocean observation center during the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference held in Barcelona, Spain.



- ✓ The conference, organized by the Spanish government and UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, aimed to assess progress toward the goals of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and foster collaboration among stakeholders.

REPORT

➤ SIPRI Report

- ✓ India was the fourth largest military spender globally in 2023. At \$83.6 billion, the country's military expenditure was 4.2% higher than in 2022.

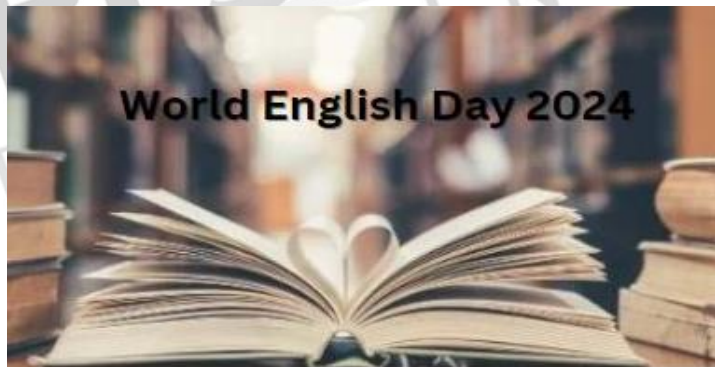


- ✓ Meanwhile, global military expenditure rose by 7% to \$2,443 billion in 2023, the steepest annual rise since 2009, said the latest report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- ✓ As per the report, the 10 largest spenders in 2023, led by the United States, China, and Russia, all increased their military spending.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World English Day: April 23**

- ✓ It is celebrated to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare.



- ✓ It was established 1st time by UNESCO in 2010 to promote multilingualism and cultural diversity.
- ✓ William Shakespeare was an English playwright, poet, and actor.
- ✓ His Books: Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar, The Merchant of Venice, Twelfth Nigh, etc.

➤ **World Book and Copyright Day: April 23**

- ✓ World Book and Copyright Day is a special day celebrated every year on April 23rd.

WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY 2024

APRIL 23RD



- ✓ The main purpose of this day is to promote reading, books, and copyright. On this day, events and activities happening all around the world to honour books and the people who create them – authors.
- ✓ It is a way to encourage everyone to read books and understand why it is important to protect the rights of writers and publishers.

