

## Top 10 Current Affairs Questions of Today - April 21, 2025

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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 21st April 2025. So, check out the current affairs and stay up-to-date. You can download PDF also for current affairs today.

Let's check this news about (Amrit Vrishti) Then, we will move ahead.

## SBI Brings Back 'Amrit Vrishti' Fixed Deposit Scheme with Updated Interest Rates

SBI has cut fixed deposit (FD) rates by 10 basis points on select tenures from April 15, 2025, with the highest rate now 6.90% for 2–3 years for regular customers and 7.50% for senior citizens on 5–10 years. The special 'Amrit Vrishti' scheme returns with lower returns: 7.05% for general, 7.55% for seniors, and 7.65% for super seniors for 444 days. Other banks like Canara, Yes Bank, and HDFC have also reduced FD rates following the RBI's repo rate cut.



[Image Source: Mint]

## India and Slovakia Sign First Defence MoU via JCBL Group Collaboration

Airbornics Defence & Space (ADSL), part of the JCBL Group, has partnered with Slovakia to co-develop and manufacture advanced defence technologies for Light Tanks, FRCVs, and FICVs. This first defence MoU between India and Slovakia was signed during President Droupadi Murmu's visit. ADSL will lead indigenous production in India, supporting the Make-in-India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. The partnership focuses on technology transfer and co-development, aiming to boost India's global defence role and open export opportunities through joint innovation and manufacturing.

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[Image Source: BBC News]

## New York City Honors Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with Dedicated Day

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary was celebrated at the United Nations headquarters in New York, organised by India's Permanent Mission to the UN. In a significant tribute, New York City officially declared April 14 as Ambedkar Day. Union Minister Ramdas Athawale highlighted the global recognition of Ambedkar's contributions to justice and equality. India's UN Representative, Parvathaneni Harish, emphasized Ambedkar's vital role in India's freedom struggle and his legacy as the principal architect of the Indian Constitution.



[Image Source: Mint]

## SBI Card and Tata Digital Introduce Tata Neu SBI Co-branded Credit Card



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SBI Card and Tata Digital have introduced the Tata Neu SBI Card in two variants—Infinity and Plus—offering 5% and 2% cashback in NeuCoins on spending across Tata brands like BigBasket, Croma, and Air India. The card includes fuel surcharge waivers, lounge access benefits, and UPI compatibility with the RuPay version. Users earn joining rewards and can redeem NeuCoins via the Tata Neu app. Annual fees can be waived based on yearly spending. The card can be applied for online or at select Croma stores.



[Image Source: Mint]

## FY25 Sees Over 6% Rise in Engineering, Textile, and Apparel Exports

India's exports for FY2024-25 rose by 5.5% to 820.93 billion, with March 2025 alone seeing a 2.65374.08 billion. The data, released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, reflects India's robust export momentum across diverse industries.



[Image Source: Mint]

## Andhra Pradesh Cabinet Greenlights Draft Ordinance on SC Sub-Categorisation

The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has approved an ordinance for Scheduled Caste (SC) sub-categorisation, aiming to allocate reservations based on each sub-caste's social and economic backwardness. Following a Supreme Court verdict, a commission led by Rajeev Ranjan Mishra proposed dividing SCs into three groups: Most Backward (1% quota), Backward (6.5%), and Less Backward (7.5%). This move seeks to ensure equitable access to education, employment, and representation for all SC sub-groups, especially those like the Madiga community who feel underrepresented.



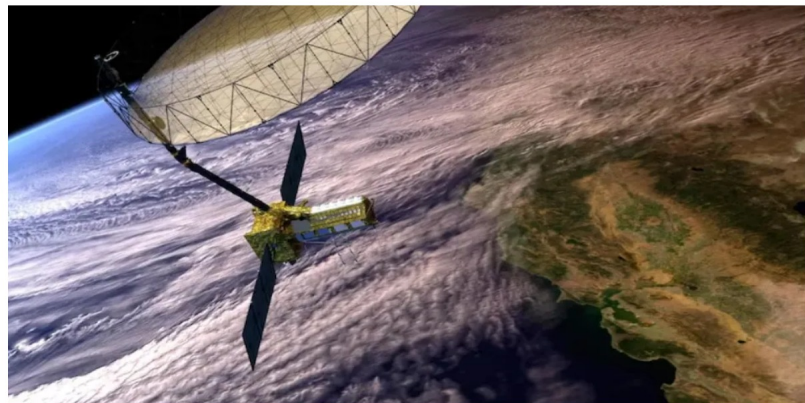
[Image Source: India Today]

## ISRO-NASA's NISAR Satellite Launch Anticipated for June 2025

The long-delayed NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite mission, a joint project between India and the US, is expected to launch in June 2025, as confirmed by ISRO Chairman V Narayanan during a meeting with Science Minister Jitendra Singh. This groundbreaking mission aims to monitor Earth's surface changes with high precision. Before NISAR, ISRO has scheduled two key launches in May, including the EOS-09 Earth observation satellite, which will capture high-resolution images during both day and night.



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[Image Source: Wikipedia]

## PM Modi Scheduled to Visit Saudi Arabia on April 22–23, 2025 – Key Highlights

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Saudi Arabia from April 22-23, 2025, to enhance bilateral relations and discuss key regional and global issues. This marks his third visit and follows Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's 2023 India trip. The two nations share strong ties in defence, trade, energy, and people-to-people relations. Trade reached \$43.3 billion in 2023-24, and defence cooperation is growing, with major ammunition deals and joint naval exercises. Modi's visit will also address West Asia's security and boost investment and expatriate engagement.



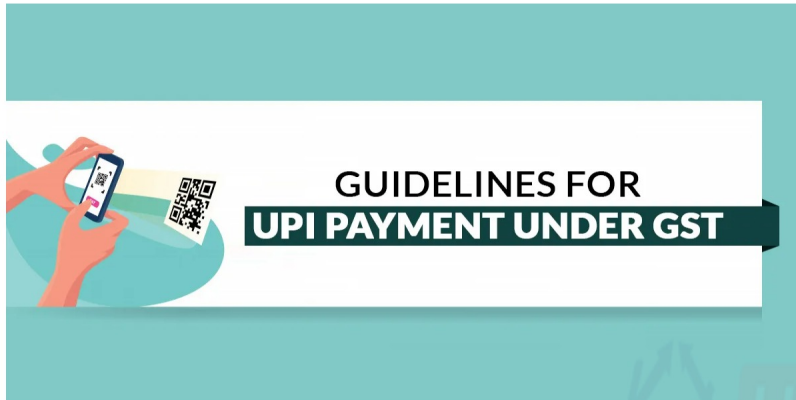
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## Centre Confirms No GST on UPI Payments Exceeding ₹2,000



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The government has clarified that claims about imposing GST on UPI transactions over ₹2,000 are false and baseless. No such proposal exists, and since no Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) is charged on Person-to-Merchant UPI payments, GST is not applicable. To promote digital payments, the government launched an Incentive Scheme from FY 2021-22, allocating ₹7,230 crore over three years. This initiative has strengthened India's digital ecosystem, with UPI transactions rising sharply, making up 49% of global real-time payments in 2023.



[Image Source: Mint]

## Govt Unveils Pilot Project for Barrier-Free Tolling Using ANPR-FASTag Technology

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has clarified that there are no plans to launch a satellite-based tolling system from 1st May 2025. Instead, an "ANPR-FASTag-based Barrier-Less Tolling System" will be introduced at select toll plazas. This system combines Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and the existing FASTag technology, allowing seamless toll collection without stopping. E-notices will be issued for non-compliance. NHAI has invited bids for this system, and its success will determine nationwide implementation.



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