

## Current Affairs: 08.04.2021

### India contributes USD 500,000 to UN Trust Fund for counter-terrorism



India has contributed an additional USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism. With this amount, India's total contribution to it so far is USD 1.05 million. The UN Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism was established by the Secretary-General in 2009.

### Narendra Singh Tomar launches Madhukranti portal and Honey Corners of NAFED in New Delhi



The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar launched a portal 'Madhukranti' and Honey Corners on April 07, 2021, with the aim to bring an increase in income of farmers, employment generation and increase in exports. Madhukranti portal is an initiative of National Bee Board (NBB). The

portal is being developed for online registration to achieve traceability source of Honey and other beehive products on a digital platform. The portal will also check the source of adulteration and contamination in honey. It will have end-to-end record to track the source of honey. Honey Corner is a specially designed space in National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) stores dedicated to sale of honey.

### S A Bobde launches Supreme Court of India's first AI-driven Research Portal 'SUPACE'



The first-of-its-kind Artificial Intelligence (AI) based portal of the Supreme Court of India called "SUPACE", was unveiled on April 06, 2021 by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde. SUPACE stands for "Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency". The SUPACE portal is a

tool that collects relevant facts and laws and makes them available to a judge, to make research easier for judges, and thereby ease their workload. Through SUPACE, the apex court judges will be able to fetch facts on any given case accurately, do all discovery of facts. The system has been designed not to decide but to do all discovery of facts to let the Judge decide.

### RBI to conduct open market purchase of government securities of ₹1 lakh crore under the G-SAP 1.0 Programme

The Reserve Bank of India has announced to conduct open market purchase of government securities of Rs 1 lakh crore under the G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 1.0) in the first quarter of 2021-22.

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The objective of this is to have a stable and orderly evolution of the yield curve. Under this scheme the first purchase of government securities for an aggregate amount of Rs. 25,000 crore under G-SAP 1.0 will be conducted on April 15, 2021.

## The Great Khali formally inducted in WWE Hall of Fame 2021



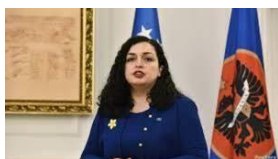
India's one-time World Heavyweight Champion, "The Great Khali", has been inducted into the **WWE Hall of Fame** as part of the **2021 class**. The 7'1" tall Khali is **first Indian world champion in WWE**. He made his professional wrestling debut in 2000. The official name of "The Great Khali" is Dalip Singh Rana.

## Government Appoints S Ramann as new Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI



**S Ramann** has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**. He has been appointed for a period of **three years** from the date of his assuming the charge or until further orders. Ramann, a 1991-batch Indian Audit & Accounts Service officer, is currently the CEO of National E-Governance Services Ltd, India's first Information Utility.

## Vjosa Osmani elected as new President of Kosovo



The U.S. educated female law professor **Vjosa Osmani** has been elected as the new **President of Kosovo**. The 38-year-old candidate of the ruling Vetevendosje party has been sworn in as the seventh president of the country for a period of five-year-term. She is the second female leader, in the post-war period of Kosovo. Previously, Osmani was acting president of the country between November 2020 and March 2021 and the speaker of the Assembly of Kosovo from February 2020 to March 2021.

## Vietnam National Assembly Votes Pham Minh Chinh as new Prime Minister and Nguyen Xuan Phuc as new President



The **National Assembly of Vietnam** has voted **Pham Minh Chinh** as the new **Prime Minister** of the country on April 05, 2021. The 62-year-old Chinh replaces former prime minister **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**, who has been elected as the new **President** of the country.

## CRPF Valour Day: 09 April



Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is observed on **9 April** every year, as a tribute to the brave men of the Force. **2021 marks 56th CRPF Valour Day.** It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading Pakistani army, several times larger, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat. The CRPF men eliminated 34 Pakistani soldiers and captured four alive. In the conflict, CRPF lost six personnel who had attained martyrdom.

## World's first-ever Woman Commentator Chandra Nayudu passes away at 88



**Chandra Nayudu, the first woman cricket commentator of India,** has passed away. She was 88. She was the daughter of India's first Test captain **Col CK Nayudu.** She was a professor in English at the Government Girls College in Indore. But despite being an English teacher, Chandra had equal command over India's national language. Chandra was a very good Hindi commentator and first commented in the MCC v Bombay game in the 1976-77 season.