

The week from April 17, 2023 to April 23, 2023

As per the UN, India's population reached 142.8 crore, overtaking China to become the world's most populous country. With around 25% of the population aged under 14, this will be a major factor in driving India's development in a consumer-driven economy.

The Cabinet approved the National Quantum Mission, putting India among the top 6 leading nations involved in the research and development of quantum technologies. With an outlay of ₹6003.65 crore, NQM is planned during 2023-2031.

A hybrid solar eclipse occurred on 20 April, which was seen in some parts of Southeast Asia and Australia. During a hybrid solar eclipse, the sun briefly appears to form a 'ring of fire' around the moon.

Twelve cheetahs, consisting of seven males and five females were released in the acclimatisation enclosure of the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district. They were brought from South Africa to India in February 2023.

Indian Railways successfully conducted the trial run of Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express train between Thiruvananthapuram and Kannur. The train is expected to be flagged off by PM Modi later this month.

Nepal leg-spinner Sandeep Lamichhane became the fastest bowler to take 100 wickets in ODI cricket, achieving the feat in his 42nd ODI against Oman. He surpassed Afghanistan all-rounder Rashid Khan, who took 100 wickets in 44 ODIs.

22 April was celebrated as Earth Day with the theme "Invest in our Planet". The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, and 22 April 2023 marked 53 years of Earth Day.

Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam won the gold medal in the men's doubles event at Brazil Para-Badminton International 2023, defeating the Korean pair of Joo Dongjae and Shin Kyung Hwan in the finals.



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