

The week from 15 April 2024 to 21 April 2024

Gopi Thotakura, an Indian entrepreneur and aviator, is set to become the first Indian space tourist and will join five other crew members on the NS-25 mission of Blue Origin. Blue Origin is an aerospace company founded by Jeff Bezos.

Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Meta launched the company's advanced AI assistant, Meta AI, powered by the latest LLM named Llama 3. The assistant can be used on Meta apps – Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp along with its own dedicated website.

Nigeria has become the first nation to introduce the innovative Men5CV vaccine, recommended by the WHO, targeting five strains of meningococcal bacteria which causes meningitis. The vaccine rollout is a crucial step towards WHO's target of eliminating meningitis by 2030.

Mamta G. Sagar, a renowned Kannada poet, writer and academic has been awarded the prestigious World Literary Prize from the World Organization of Writers (WOW). Her works mainly focus on identity politics, feminism, and issues around linguistic and cultural diversity.

The Time's magazine released its list of "100 most influential people of 2024". 8 people of India or of Indian origin featured on the list including actress Alia Bhatt and wrestler Sakshi Malik.

World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, is observed annually on April 18. The theme for 2024 was "Disasters & Conflicts Through the Lens of the Venice Charter". The day was proposed by International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in 1982 and approved by UNESCO in 1983.

The Indian government has launched CDP-SURAKSHA, a ground-breaking digital platform aimed at streamlining the distribution of subsidies to horticulture farmers under the Cluster Development Programme (CDP).

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has released the National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education 2024 titled 'Aadharshila,' on the lines of the NEP 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework. The curriculum is expected to bridge foundational literacy and numeracy gaps which may arise in later school years.

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