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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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- ❖ **World Health Day 2025 Date and Theme:** A global initiative by the World Health Organisation (WHO) is marked on **April 7 every year** to raise awareness about diseases and concerns, the significance of preventive care, and good health rising as a top priority. This year, the day is being celebrated under the theme **“Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures”**, highlighting the importance of the health of mothers and babies forming the foundation of healthy families and communities, thereby helping to ensure hopeful futures for us all.



- ❖ **Kazakhstan** has uncovered its largest-ever reserve of rare earth metals at the **Kuirektykol site in the Karaganda region**, marking a transformative moment for the country's mining industry and its position on the global resource map. With nearly one million tons of rare earth elements (REEs) and potential reserves exceeding 20 million tons in the broader Zhana Kazakhstan zone, this discovery could position Kazakhstan as a major player in the critical minerals sector.



- ❖ **Delhi** became the 35th state or Union Territory to formally implement **the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**, a historic step by **CM Rekha Gupta**. The Ayushman Bharat scheme is a comprehensive healthcare initiative that provides health coverage to economically disadvantaged families. Under this scheme, beneficiaries are entitled to cashless treatment at designated hospitals across the country.





- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first **vertical lift railway sea bridge** – the new **Pamban Rail Bridge** – in Tamil Nadu. This modern bridge spans 2.08 km over the Palk Strait, connecting Rameswaram Island with the mainland. Built at a cost of over ₹700 crore, it replaces the old British-era Pamban Bridge from 1914, which was shut down in 2022 due to structural issues.
- ❖ **Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake** presented PM Narendra Modi with the '**Mitra Vibhushan**' honor. Accepting the award, Modi stated that it is not a personal accolade but a matter of pride for India's 1.4 billion citizens. He was also given a Guard of Honour on his arrival in Colombo.
- ❖ India's boxing contingent made a remarkable debut at the **2025 World Boxing Cup** held in **Foz Do Iguaçu, Brazil**. In a stunning performance, **Hitesh Gulia emerged as the first-ever Indian boxer to win a gold medal at this prestigious event**. His victory was made even more special as he became the only Indian boxer to clinch gold at the World Boxing Cup. This victory came after his opponent, **Odel Kamara of England**.
- ❖ **The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities**, Dehradun, in collaboration with the **National Association for the Blind (NAB)**, New Delhi inaugurated "**Antar Drishti**" a unique sensory dark room on April 07th, 2025. "**Antar Drishti**" is a specially designed sensory experience space aimed at raising awareness and sensitizing society towards the challenges faced by Persons with Visual impairments.
- 1) **Palna Scheme** under Mission Shakti (Samarthya). Erstwhile National Creche Scheme was reorganized and renamed as Palna Scheme under the sub scheme of Samarthya of Mission Shakti, which object is to provide Quality Creche Facility in Safe and Secure Environment for children from the ages 6 months – 6 Years).

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