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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

### BANKING

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### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### 1. 7<sup>th</sup> Poshan Pakhwada begins

- ✓ 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Poshan Pakhwada is being organised From 8<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- ✓ It was operating under Women and Child Development Ministry to address MALNUTRITION.
- ✓ It will emphasize four key **themes**
  1. Focus on the first one thousand days of life.
  2. Management of malnutrition.
  3. Popularisation of the beneficiary module of Poshan Tracker.
  4. A healthy lifestyle to address obesity in children.



#### 2. Nolen Gurur Sandesh of West Bengal secures GI tag

- ✓ West Bengal secures GI tags for **seven iconic products** including Nolen Gurur Sandesh, a winter delicacy made from fresh Chhena and date palm jaggery.
- ✓ Thus, a total of **32 items** were made to the list of GI from the state.

✓ **Other Iconic GI tag products are,**

1. Kamarpukur's White Bonde - a traditional sweet
2. Murshidabad's Chhanabora - a rich sweet made of Chhenna
3. Bishnupur's Motichur Laddoo - a well-known sweet
4. Radhunipagal rice - a small brownish-white aromatic grain grown in winter
5. Malda's Nistari silk yarn - a Nistari variety of Mulberry silkworm
6. Baruipur's Guava - famous for its larger and round shape

### **3. Delhi joins Ayushman Bharat Scheme**

- ✓ **Delhi became the 35th State/UT to implement the Ayushman Bharat Scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).**
- ✓ This scheme provides free health to cover Rs. 5 lakhs per year to each beneficiary family.
- ✓ In addition to this, Delhi government will give an additional of Rs. 5 lakhs.
- ✓ With the implementation of this scheme in Delhi, all the senior citizens aged 70 yrs and above will be covered under Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana which provides **Rs. 5 lakhs free health cover to all the senior citizens of 70 yrs and above.**

#### **About Ayushman Bharat Scheme**

1. It was launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.
2. It is a flagship **healthcare** initiative launched by the GoI to provide accessible and affordable healthcare services.
3. It is recognised as the **largest health assurance scheme** in the world.
4. The National Health Authority (NHA) is the **apex body** responsible for overseeing the implementation of this scheme.

### **4. Sudarsan Pattnaik won Fred Darrington Sand Art award**

- ✓ **Odisha's Legend Sudarsan Pattnaik becomes first Indian** to win UK's Fred Darrington Sand Art award.
- ✓ The award was presented during the Sandworld 2025 International Sand Art Festival which was **held in Dorset, England.**



- ✓ He created a 10 feet high sculpture of Lord Ganesha with the message “**WORLD PEACE**”.
- ✓ He is a renowned **Padma Shri awardee**.

### 5. Project VARSHA

- ✓ India is set to commission its first dedicated nuclear submarine base, INS VARSHA in **Andhra Pradesh in 2026** as part of the Project VARSHA.
- ✓ The project is launched by the Indian Navy near Rambilli, around 50 km south of Vishakapatnam.
- ✓ It plans to operationalise its third nuclear-powered submarine named **INS ARIDHAMAN**.



### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

#### Meta launches Llama - 4 AI suite

- ✓ Meta has unveiled its latest generation of AI models in the Llama family.
- ✓ The three new models of the Llama - 4 suite are **Scout, Maverick and Behemoth**

### SPORTS



#### Oliver Crawford claimed SM Krishna Memorial Open Tennis title

- ✓ Oliver Crawford of Great Britain defeated Ryuki Matsuda of Japan and claimed the SM Krishna Memorial Open Tennis title which held in Bengaluru.

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