

Current Affairs: 08 April 2025

1. Ram Sahay Pandey Passes Away

- Padma Shri Ram Sahay Pandey, iconic exponent of Rai folk dance **Passed away at the age of 92**
 - **Legacy:** Known for preserving & promoting Rai dance; awarded **Padma Shri (2022)**, titled '**Nritya Shiromani**', and served on the **Tribal Folk Art Council (Madhya Pradesh Govt)**.
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2. ISSF Shooting World Cup Achievements

- Sift Kaur Samra -  Gold in **Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions** (comeback win)
 - Esha Singh -  Silver in **25m Pistol**
 - Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil -  Gold in **Men's 10m Air Rifle**
 - Chain Singh -  Bronze in **Men's Event**
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3. Why Kancha Gachibowli is in the News

- **Issue:** Telangana govt auctioning **400 acres** of forest land near **University of Hyderabad**.
 - **Concerns:** Environmental degradation, land disputes, and ecological neglect.
 - **Action:** Protests + Court interventions (Telangana HC & Supreme Court).
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5. India's Global AI Investment Ranking

- **India ranks 10th** globally in private AI investment (US\$ 1.4 billion in 2023).
- Signals India's **growing AI strength** among developing nations.
- In UNCTAD's **Frontier Tech Index**, India jumped from **48th (2022)** to **36th (2024)**.

🔥 6. Nolen Gurer Sandesh gets GI Tag

- **West Bengal secured 7 new GI tags**, including:
 - **Nolen Gurer Sandesh**
 - **Baruipur Guava**
 - Brings Bengal's total GI-tagged products to **33**, promoting cultural heritage and economy.
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👊 7. Hitesh Gulia Creates History at World Boxing Cup

- **Location:** Foz Do Iguacu, Brazil
 - **Achievement:** First Indian boxer to win 🏆 **Gold** at the World Boxing Cup.
 - **India's Medal Tally:** 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 4 Bronze (Total: 6)
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🏦 8. "One State, One RRB" Policy

- **Plan:** Consolidate **43 Regional Rural Banks** into **28**, one per state.
 - **Goal:** Improve efficiency, reduce overlap, enhance rural credit, and service quality.
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🧠 9. Meta Launches Llama-4 AI Suite

- **CEO:** Mark Zuckerberg
- **Features:** Three advanced models — **Scout, Maverick, Behemoth**
- **Focus:** Multimodal, reasoning, and generative tasks
- Competes with **ChatGPT (OpenAI), Gemini (Google), and DeepSeek (China)**.

10. Sudarsan Pattnaik Wins Darrington Award

- **Award:** Fred Darrington Award for Excellence (UK)
 - **Work:** 10-ft Lord Ganesha sand sculpture promoting **world peace**
 - **Venue:** SandWorld, Weymouth, Dorset
 - **Honors:** First Indian to exhibit; received **gold medal** and **glass wave** with sculpture's sand.
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