

Weekly CA Summary: 06 April 2025

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International

- **Operation Brahma:** India launches Operation Brahma to provide humanitarian aid to Myanmar following a 7.7-magnitude earthquake.
- **IAF in INIOHOS-25:** The Indian Air Force participates in Greece's Exercise INIOCHOS-25 with Su-30 MKI fighters to improve international defense cooperation.
- **PM Modi at BIMSTEC Summit:** PM Modi to attend the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand, focusing on a prosperous, resilient, and open partnership.
- **Japan Crypto Regulation:** Japan's Financial Services Agency plans to classify crypto assets as financial products, enhancing regulation and preventing misuse.

- **SpaceX's Fram2 Mission:** SpaceX successfully launches the Fram2 mission, marking the first human spaceflight to orbit Earth from pole to pole.
- **Bangladesh Assumes Bimstec Chairmanship:** Bangladesh takes over the chairmanship of Bimstec for the next two years, following Thailand's leadership.
- **US Reciprocal Tariff Policy Proposal:** US President Trump proposes a 27% reciprocal tariff on Indian exports, matching other countries' tariffs on US goods.
- **Russia Launches New Nuclear Submarine:** Russia unveils its first nuclear submarine, Perm, equipped with the Zircon hypersonic cruise missile, deemed impossible to intercept.
- **N Chandrasekaran at IMF:** Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran joins IMF Managing Director's Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth, supporting global economic policies.

National

- **Gold Monetisation Scheme:** Finance Ministry stops long-term gold deposits due to market changes, but short-term deposits remain available for individuals.
- **PM Modi's IDY Theme:** The theme for 2025's International Day of Yoga is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health" promoting holistic well-being.
- **RBI 90th Anniversary:** RBI celebrates 90 years of financial governance in India, marking key digital initiatives like UPI, CBDC, and RuPay.
- **NITI NCAER States Economic Forum:** The new portal launched by NITI Aayog and NCAER offers a comprehensive data repository for tracking economic trends and formulating policies.
- **PM Modi Launches MY-Bharat:** PM Modi unveils the 'MY-Bharat' calendar for children's creative summer vacations with cultural activities and community engagement.
- **India Surpasses US & Europe in Locomotive Production:** India produced 1,681 locomotives in 2024-25, surpassing the US and Europe with a 19% production increase.

- **India's Rise in Global Technology Rankings:** India ranks 36th in the UNCTAD Technology and Innovation Report 2025, improving from 48th in 2022.
- **Waqf Bills Approved by Parliament:** The Waqf (Amendment) Bill and Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill passed in Parliament, with significant support from both houses.
- **EMRS Expansion for Tribal Students:** The government plans to set up 728 Eklavya Model Residential Schools to benefit 3.5 lakh ST students.
- **Indian Railways Boosts Solar Power:** Indian Railways installs 209 MW of solar power across 2,249 stations, increasing capacity by 2.3 times in five years.

State News

- **Telangana Organ Transplantation Bill:** Telangana passed a bill to regulate organ transplants, enhance punishments for trafficking, and expand brain death criteria.
- **Telangana Fine Rice PDS Scheme:** Telangana launches a Fine Rice PDS scheme, providing free fine rice to the poor, ensuring food security.
- **India's First Leopard Safari:** Punjab announces Nangal as a tourism hub and Jhajjar Bachauli as the state's first leopard safari under CM Mann.
- **Mizoram's Cleanliness Drive:** Mizoram launches a year-long "Hnatlangpui" cleanliness drive in Aizawl, aiming to improve hygiene and environmental awareness.
- **Nainital's Water Crisis:** Naini Lake in Nainital faces its lowest water level in five years, affecting 76% of the town's water supply.
- **Omar Abdullah Launches Free Bus Service for Women:** Jammu and Kashmir introduces a free bus service for women, enhancing mobility and support in the region.
- **Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Zero Poverty - P4' Initiative:** Andhra Pradesh's 'Zero Poverty - P4' initiative aims for a poverty-free state by 2029, promoting public-private partnership.
- **Sarhul Festival Celebrations:** Adivasis in Jharkhand celebrate Sarhul, marking the new year and spring season, with agricultural rituals honoring the Sal tree.

- **Maharashtra Partners with Microsoft for AI Centres:** Maharashtra signs an MoU with Microsoft to establish AI Centres of Excellence in Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur.
 - **Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan Launched:** Assam launches a women entrepreneurship scheme, offering ₹10,000 seed capital to empower 30 lakh women in micro-businesses.
 - **Utkal Divas:** Odisha celebrates Utkal Divas on April 1, honoring the formation of the state and the cultural identity of the Odia people.
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Sports

- **Manisha Bhanwala Wins Gold:** Manisha Bhanwala wins India's first gold at the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship in the 62 kg category.
- **India Open 2025:** Anahat Singh and Kareem El Torkey win women's and men's singles titles at the Indian Open Squash 2025.
- **National Women's Hockey League:** Hockey Haryana wins the National Women's Hockey League 2024-25 title by defeating Hockey Association of Odisha 3-2.
- **Nihal Sarin Wins Tashkent Open:** Nihal Sarin clinches the 2025 Tashkent Open title with an unbeaten score of 8/10, defeating top competitors.
- **Exercise 'Tiger Triumph':** India and the US launch a 13-day tri-services exercise focusing on humanitarian aid and disaster relief, ending April 13.
- **Miami Open 2025:** Aryna Sabalenka wins her first Miami Open title, defeating Jessica Pegula; Vandana Katariya announces retirement from international hockey.
- **India's Performance at 2025 Asian Wrestling Championship:** India won 10 medals, with Deepak Punia and Udit securing silver medals.

Appointments

- Challa Sreenivasalu Setty, SBI Chairman, appointed as Indian Banks Association's chairman for the next fiscal year.
- Poonam Gupta is appointed as RBI's new Deputy Governor, succeeding Michael Patra ahead of the MPC meeting.

Obituary

- Manoj Kumar Passes Away: Legendary Bollywood actor Manoj Kumar, known for patriotic films, passes away at 87, leaving behind a lasting legacy.

Awards

- Hurun Global Rich List: The Hurun 2025 list features 3,442 billionaires, with the US, China, and India having the highest numbers.

Defence

- Exercise INDRA: India and Russia conduct the 14th Maritime Bilateral Exercise in Chennai and the Bay of Bengal, March 28-April 2, 2025.

Science & Tech

- Saturn Gains 128 New Moons: Astronomers discovered 128 new moons for Saturn, making it the planet with the most moons in the solar system.
 - Star Air Adopts Aviator Revenue System: Star Air becomes the first Indian airline to use the Aviator Revenue System to maximize passenger revenue.
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Other News

- **Axis Bank-J.P. Morgan Partnership:** Axis Bank partners with J.P. Morgan for real-time US dollar payments, powered by blockchain for commercial clients in India.
- **Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament Festival:** Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates the National Round of the 2-day Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament Festival in New Delhi.
- **GI Tag for Betel Leaf:** Kumbakonam betel leaf and Thovalai flower garland from Tamil Nadu receive Geographical Indication (GI) tags, totaling 62 GI products.
- **62nd National Maritime Day:** Maharashtra Governor inaugurates the 62nd National Maritime Day and Merchant Navy Week at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.
- **Renault Acquires Nissan Stake:** Renault acquires the remaining 51% stake in Renault Nissan Automotive India, becoming the sole owner of the Chennai facility.
- **Saudagar Block Print GI Tag:** The Saudagari block print from Ahmedabad receives a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, preserving a traditional craft.
- **Chapata Chilli Gets GI Tag:** Chapata Chilli, also called Tomato Chilli, receives the Geographical Indication tag, benefiting 20,000 farmers.

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