

Current Affairs

April 12

1. Gulf states warn US not to launch strikes on Iran from their territory or airspace *Source: Middle East Eye*
<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/exclusive-gulf-states-warn-us-not-launch-strikes-iran-territory-airspace>
2. South Korea, Japan, US hold naval drills amid North Korea threats *Source: Deccan Herald*
<https://www.deccanherald.com/world/south-korea-japan-us-hold-naval-drills-amid-north-korea-threats-2975134>
3. China holds talks with North Korea in nations' highest-level meeting in years *Source: Firstpost*
<https://www.firstpost.com/world/china-holds-talks-with-north-korea-in-nations-highest-level-meeting-in-years-13758817.html>
4. Hong Kong Poised to Greenlight First Spot Bitcoin and Ethereum ETFs by Monday: Reports *Source: beincrypto*
<https://beincrypto.com/hong-kong-approve-bitcoin-ethereum-etfs/>
5. US Sanctions Office Probes Companies Over Chips in Russia's War *Source: BNN bloomberg*
[https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/us-sanctions-office-probes-companies-over-chips-in-russia-s-war-1.2058479#:~:text=\(Bloomberg\)%20--%20The%20Treasury's%20sanctions,according%20to%20a%20US%20official.](https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/us-sanctions-office-probes-companies-over-chips-in-russia-s-war-1.2058479#:~:text=(Bloomberg)%20--%20The%20Treasury's%20sanctions,according%20to%20a%20US%20official.)
6. Growth in oil use slows, IEA says, as prices hit \$90 a barrel *Source: Financial Times*
<https://www.ft.com/content/91baf0c-cac5-4037-a623-d575132ee7ad>
7. 'India among 12 nations responsible for 60% of mismanaged plastic waste' *Source: Business Standard*
https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/india-among-12-nations-responsible-for-60-of-mismanaged-plastic-waste-124041200709_1.html
8. ProtoDUNE's argon filling underway *Source: CERN Accelerating Science*
<https://home.cern/news/news/experiments/protodunes-argon-filling-underway>
9. New species of ant found pottering under the Pilbara *Source: The University of Western Australia*
<https://www.uwa.edu.au/news/article/2024/april/new-species-of-ant-found-pottering-under-the-pilbara#:~:text=A%20study%20by%20The%20University,%2C%20and%20long%2C%20sharp%20mandibles.>
10. Researchers explore building better antibodies and curbing autoimmune diseases *Source: Harvard Medical School*
<https://hms.harvard.edu/news/new-insights-b-cells>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On April 12

Important events of April 12

- **1606:** Great Britain recognized the Union Jack as its national flag.
- **1621:** Sikh Guru Teg Bahadur was born.
- **1801:** William Cray was appointed professor of Bengali language at Fort William College, Calcutta (now Kolkata).
- **1801:** Ranjit Singh declared himself the Maharaja of Punjab.
- **1861:** The civil war started in America.
- **1927:** The British Cabinet supported granting women over 21 the right to vote.
- **1928:** The German aircraft Bremen made the first successful east-west flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
- **1945:** US President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies in office.
- **1946:** French occupation of Syria ended.
- **1955:** The polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jones Salk was declared safe and effective.
- **1961:** The Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to travel into outer space and perform the first manned orbital flight, Vostok 1.
- **1967:** Kailashnath Wanchu became the 10th Chief Justice of India.
- **1973:** Sudan made its constitution.
- **1978:** To commemorate the completion of 125 years of Indian Railways, the country's first double-decker train, Sinhagad Express, was run from Victoria Terminus of Bombay (now Mumbai) to Pune.
- **1981:** The space shuttle Columbia was launched for the first time.
- **1991:** The Gulf War formally ended.
- **1992:** The Giant Buddha statue was installed in Hussain Sagar Lake in Hyderabad.
- **1997:** Prime Minister of India H D Deve Gowda resigned.
- **1998:** Bharat Ratna awarded to C. Subramaniam.
- **1998:** Girija Prasad Koirala appointed the new Prime Minister of Nepal.
- **2006:** Cyprus President Tasos Papadopoulos visited India on a 6-day visit.

- **2007:** *Pakistan grants Iran gas pipeline to India.*
- **2008:** *Three people, including two Indian engineers, were killed in a suicide attack on an Indian convoy in Afghanistan.*
- **2009:** *Zimbabwe announced the end of its official currency 'Zimbabwe Dollar'.*
- **2010:** *The Indian Kabaddi team won the first World Cup Kabaddi Championship by defeating the Pakistani team 58–24 at the Guru Nanak Dev Stadium in Ludhiana, Punjab (India).*
- **2013:** *The French Senate legalized gay marriage.*
- **2014:** *Famous lyricist Gulzar was awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2013 in 2014.*

Famous People born on April 12

- **1482:** *Rana Sanga, an Indian ruler of Mewar.*
- **1885:** *R D Banerji, an eminent Indian Archaeologist & Museum expert.*
- **1910:** *Kedar Sharma, Indian film director, producer, screenwriter and lyricist of Hindi films was born.*
- **1924:** *F. N. Souza, a Goan artist.*
- **1935:** *Lalji Tandon, as the 18th Governor of Madhya Pradesh and 28th Governor of Bihar.*
- **1943:** *Sumitra Mahajan, an Indian politician.*
- **1954:** *Safdar Hashmi, a communist playwright and director.*
- **1981:** *Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu American MP in the US Congress, was born in 1981.*