

# Current Affairs

April 19

1. Belgium has resumed the import of diamonds from Russia after a break of three months *Source: Oreanda*  
[https://www.oreanda-news.com/en/v\\_mire/belgium-has-resumed-the-import-of-diamonds-from-russia-after-a-break-of-three-/article1511944/](https://www.oreanda-news.com/en/v_mire/belgium-has-resumed-the-import-of-diamonds-from-russia-after-a-break-of-three-/article1511944/)
2. WHO urges heightened vigilance on potential spread of bird flu in cows *Source: VoAnews*  
<https://www.voanews.com/a/who-urges-heightened-vigilance-on-potential-spread-of-bird-flu-in-cows/7577164.html>
3. India delivers first batch of BrahMos Cruise Missiles to the Philippines *Source: FinancialExpress*  
<https://www.financialexpress.com/business/defence-india-delivers-first-batch-of-brahmos-cruise-missiles-to-the-philippines-3462455/#:~:text=India%20marked%20a%20significant%20milestone,partnership%20between%20the%20two%20nations.>
4. MSU researchers set new standards and show how a new treatment helps patients with MS, ALS, Parkinson's disease *Source: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY*  
<https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2024/new-treatment-MS-ALS-Parkinsons-disease>
5. Energy scientists unravel the mystery of gold's glow *Source: EPFL*  
<https://actu.epfl.ch/news/energy-scientists-unravel-the-mystery-of-gold-s--2/>
6. UK Space Agency criticized over outreach in Scotland *Source: ResearchProfessionalNews*  
<https://www.researchprofessionalnews.com/rr-news-uk-politics-scotland-2024-4-uk-space-agency-criticised-over-outreach-in-scotland/>
7. Earth's Weakening Magnetic Field Could Lead To Increased Cosmic Radiation *Source: ScienceBlog*  
<https://scienceblog.com/543851/earths-weakening-magnetic-field-could-lead-to-increased-cosmic-radiation/>
8. West Bengal: WBCHSE introduces semester system in state-run schools *Source: The Indian Express*  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/wbchse-released-semester-system-for-higher-education-state-run-school-9279820/>
9. Israel strikes Iran, Israeli official says; U.S. says it was not involved *Source: The Washington Post*  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/04/19/israel-iran-hamas-war-news-gaza-palestine/>
10. Gold retreats from near record despite Middle East tensions *Source: Investment News*  
<https://www.investmentnews.com/investing/news/gold-retreats-from-near-record-despite-middle-east-tensions-252426>

# Today In *History*

## *Find Out What happened On April 19*

### **Important events of April 19**

- *Day of India's entry into satellite space (1975)*
- *World Liver Day*
- *Bicycle Day*
  
- **1451:** *Bahlol Khan Lodi captured Delhi.*
- **1526:** *Babur, founder of the Mughal Empire, laid the foundations of Mughal rule.*
- **1770:** *Captain James Cook became the first Western man to reach Australia.*
- **1775:** *Beginning of the American Revolutionary war.*
- **1852:** *The California Historical Society was formed.*
- **1910:** *Anant Kanhere, Krishnaji Karve, and Vinayak Deshpande were executed.*
- **1919:** *Leslie Irvin of America made the first parachute jump.*
- **1936:** *Anti-Jewish riots began in Palestine.*
- **1948:** *Burma joined the United Nations.*
- **1950:** *Shyama Prasad Mukherjee became the first cabinet minister to resign.*
- **1971:** *Sierra Leone became a republic.*
- **1972:** *Bangladesh became a member of the Commonwealth.*
- **1975:** *Aryabhata, India's first satellite, launched from the Russian space station.*
- **1975:** *The first Indian satellite Aryabhata was launched with the help of then Soviet Russia.*
- **1982:** *NASA named Sally Ride as the first female astronaut.*
- **1989:** *The African country Sierra Leone declared a republic.*
- **1998:** *BBC planned to start an international news magazine.*
- **2001:** *BSF had driven away the Bangladeshi army from a village in Meghalaya.*
- **2003:** *Chinese female weightlifter Bang Ming Chien created a world record.*
- **2005:** *Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected the new Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.*
- **2006:** *The first astronaut Neil Armstrong was presented with a piece of the moon brought by him.*

- 2011:** *Former Cuban President Fidel Castro resigned from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba after serving for 45 years.*

### **Famous People born on April 19**

- 1864:** *Mahatma Hansraj, famous Arya Samaj leader, social reformer and educationist of Punjab, was born.*
- 1868:** *Paul Harris, founder of the Rotary Club.*
- 1922:** *Erich Hartmann, German World War II fighter pilot, was born.*
- 1933:** *Dickie Bird, an English retired international cricket umpire.*
- 1956:** *Mukesh Rishi, an Indian actor.*
- 1957:** *Mukesh Ambani, an Indian billionaire business magnate, and the chairman, managing director, and largest shareholder of Reliance Industries Ltd.*
- 1977:** *Anju Bobby George, a retired Indian athlete.*
- 1987:** *Maria Sharapova, a Russian retired professional tennis player.*
- 1997:** *India's famous athletics player Anju Bobby George was born.*