

26 April 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. Basaveswara Jayanti

Context:

PM pays homage to Lord Basaveshwara on Basava Jayanthi.

Details:

- Basava Jayanthi is an annual event celebrated in the honour of the birth of Vishwaguru Basaveshwara, the 12th century philosopher and social reformer.

For more on Basaveshwara, check [PIB dated Feb 22, 2020](#).

2. India Meteorological Department (IMD)

Context:

Likely formation of a Low Pressure area over south Andaman Sea & neighbourhood around 30th April 2020.

Details:

- As per the forecast guidance from various numerical weather prediction models and the environmental and thermo-dynamical conditions prevailing over the region, a **Low Pressure Area** is very likely to form over the south Andaman Sea and neighbourhood around 30th April 2020.
- It is very likely to intensify further during the subsequent 48 hours and very likely to move north-northwestwards initially and then north-northeastwards along & off the Andaman & Nicobar Islands during 30th April – 3rd May 2020.
- The Cyclone Warning Division of the India Meteorological Department says that the system is under continuous surveillance and the concerned state governments are being informed regularly.
- During these dates, the fishermen are advised not to venture out into the sea.

For more on the [India Meteorological Department](#), click on the linked article.

3. Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

Context:

The CBDT has denied asking for a report from IRS officers or IRS Association about suggestions to tackle the COVID-19 outbreak, as is being circulated on various social media.

To know more about the [Central Board of Direct Taxes \(CBDT\)](#), click on the linked article.

To get the latest updates on [COVID-19](#), click on the linked article.

5. Hydrogen Fuel Bus and Car Project

Context:

NTPC Ltd, India's largest power producer and a central PSU under the Ministry of Power, has invited Global Expression of Interest (EoI) to provide 10 Hydrogen Fuel Cell (FC) based electric buses and cars in Leh and Delhi.

Details:

- The move to procure Hydrogen Fuel Cell based vehicles is the first of its kind project in the country, wherein a complete solution from green energy to the fuel cell vehicle would be developed.
- The initiative, which has been undertaken with support of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, will also harness renewable energy for generation of hydrogen and develop its storage and dispensation facilities as part of pilot projects at Leh and Delhi.
- The move to launch hydrogen powered vehicles aims at decarbonizing the mobility segment.

For more on hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and the differences between fuel cell cars and other EVs, check [PIB dated Dec 5, 2019](#).