

# PRABHA IAS IPS COACHING ACADEMY



## DAILY DOSE

### CURRENT AFFAIRS – 08/04/2026

#### 1. Mohra Power Project:

**Recent** - Jammu & Kashmir government is reviving the historic Mohra Power Project to accelerate hydel power development while the Indus Water Treaty remains in abeyance.

Mohra Power Project, also called the Mahura Project, stands on the Jhelum River in Uri, Baramulla.

It was commissioned in 1905 as the first hydroelectric plant in the Kashmir Valley.

#### 2. Poshan Pakhwada 2026:

**Recent** - The Ministry of Women and Child Development is observing the 8<sup>th</sup> Poshan Pakhwada (9–23 April 2026) under POSHAN Abhiyaan.

**Objective:** It is a 15-day awareness campaign to promote behavioural change and improve nutritional outcomes among children and women.

**Theme:** “Maximising Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life”.

**Focus Areas:** Includes maternal nutrition, breastfeeding, complementary feeding, early stimulation, and play-based learning.

**Implementation Mechanism:** Through Anganwadi Centres with Jan Bhagidari (people’s participation).

#### 3. Indian Crested Porcupines:

**Recent** – Saffron farmers in Kashmir are experiencing significant losses because of damage caused by Indian crested porcupines.

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Indian crested porcupine is a large, nocturnal rodent native to South Asia and the Middle East.

Distribution: Its range spans Southwest and Central Asia, from Turkey and the Middle East to India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

Conservation Status: IUCN: Least Concern; WPA: Schedule I

## 4. Mission MITRA:

**Recent** - ISRO has launched Mission MITRA to study astronaut performance under extreme conditions for Gaganyaan.

Mission Name: MITRA – Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Response Assessment.

Location & Conditions: Conducted in Leh at ~3,500 m altitude. Simulates space-like conditions: hypoxia (low oxygen), extreme cold and isolation.

Key Focus Areas: Human factors in space missions; Crew-ground interoperability; Psychological resilience & communication under stress.

## 5. Sanderling:

**Recent** – Recently, a tagged shorebird Sanderling that flew more than 7,400 km from South Australia has been spotted on the remote Narcondam Island in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago.

The sanderling (*Calidris alba*) is a small plump wading bird.

Its name comes from Old English sand-yrðling and means “sand-ploughman”.

Distribution: It is mainly found in North America, Europe, Asia, South America, Africa, and Oceania.