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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 17/04/2026

1. LIC Launches New Digital Accessibility Applications

Recent - The Ministry of Finance recently launched two mobile applications, 'MyLIC' and 'Super Sales Saathi', for the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

The applications are powered by LIC's Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement (DIVE) platform, which provides a secure digital insurance ecosystem.

Objective: To digitally transform LIC's ecosystem and enhance service delivery for customers and agents.

MyLIC: It enables policyholders to manage portfolios, pay premiums, track benefits, avail paperless loans, revive policies, and complete e-KYC.

2. Dillenia nagalim:

Recent - Scientists have discovered Dillenia nagalim, a new flowering plant, from Manipur.

D. nagalim is a short, woody shrub native to the Indo-Myanmar biodiversity hotspot.

Habitat: The shrub inhabits open tropical deciduous forests at elevations between 250 and 350 metres.

Distribution: It is endemic to the Kamjong district of Manipur.

3. Automotive Industry Reached Consensus on CAFÉ-III Norms:

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Recent - Union Government and the automobile industry have reached a broad consensus on the draft Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFÉ) III norms.

Purpose: CAFÉ III mandates a fleet-wide reduction in carbon emissions to push the transport sector towards higher fuel efficiency.

Timeline: The norms take effect on April 1, 2027, giving manufacturers a five-year compliance window to overhaul their engine line-ups.

Emission Targets: It will lower the CO₂ limits from the current 113 g/km to an eventual 78.9 g/km to meet global climate commitments.

4. World Haemophilia Day

Recent - World Haemophilia Day is observed on 17 April to raise awareness about haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.

The 2026 theme, “Diagnosis: First Step to Care,” highlights a global healthcare gap where about 75% of people with bleeding disorders remain undiagnosed.

Haemophilia is a rare inherited genetic disorder that impairs the body’s normal blood-clotting ability.

It is a sex-linked disorder carried on the X chromosome; it primarily affects males, while females usually act as carriers.

It is known as the “Royal Disease” because of its spread among Queen Victoria’s descendants.

5. National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation:

Recent - National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) reported record financial performance for FY 2025–26.

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NBCFDC is a non-profit company incorporated under the Companies Act (Section 8) in 1992.

Core Mandate: Socio-economic empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) with an annual family income of up to ₹3.00 lakh.

Nodal Ministry: It operates under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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