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## DAILY DOSE

### CURRENT AFFAIRS – 21/04/2026

#### 1. Adi Shankaracharya:

**Recent** - PM Modi paid tribute to Adi Shankaracharya today on his birth anniversary.

He was a major Indian philosopher and one of the mystic Bhakti poet-saint leaders of the 8th century.

Born in Kalady, Kerala, he embraced Sannyasa at a very young. He was a devotee of Shiva.

He propounded Advaita Vedanta, which holds that the individual self and the ultimate reality, Brahman, are one.

He taught that the material world is an illusion (Maya) created by ignorance (Avidya), and true liberation (Moksha) comes from realising one's identity as Brahman.

#### 2. Ministry of Textiles Launches Vishwa Sutra Initiative:

**Recent** - The Ministry of Textiles, in collaboration with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), launched the 'Vishwa Sutra – Weaves of India for the World' initiative.

30×30: It reimagines 30 Indian handloom weaves, drawing design inspiration from 30 countries.

Examples: Odisha Ikat used Greek drapery; Kanchipuram silk from Tamil Nadu featured minimalist Norwegian lines; Muga silk from Assam carried Egyptian royal motifs.

Objective: Empower rural artisans and women-led weaving clusters by increasing international demand for indigenous crafts.

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Vision Alignment: The initiative aligns with the Prime Minister's Vocal for Local to Global vision and the 5F Framework (Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign).

Nodal Agency: The Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) is the implementing agency.

## 3. India's First Advanced 3D Chip Packaging Unit:

**Recent** - The foundation stone for India's first advanced 3D chip packaging facility was laid in Info Valley, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The facility will operate as an integrated ATMP (Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging) unit.

The project is being executed by US-based 3D Glass Solutions through its Indian subsidiary.

The greenfield unit is a key part of the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) aimed at strengthening India's self-reliance in high-end electronics.

## 4. 500 Years of the First Battle of Panipat:

**Recent** - April 21, 2026, marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Battle of Panipat, a watershed moment in history.

The battle was fought at Panipat in present-day Haryana, where a small army of 12,000 men under Timurid prince Babur defeated Ibrahim Lodi's much larger force.

Background: Babur invaded North India after Afghan nobles Alam Khan Lodi and Daulat Khan Lodi invited him to overthrow Ibrahim Lodi's centralising rule.

## 5. National Civil Services Day:

**Recent** - The 18<sup>th</sup> National Civil Services Day is being observed on April 21, 2026, to recognise the role of civil servants in public administration.

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The day commemorates Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 1947 address to the first batch of civil servants at Metcalfe House. He described civil servants as the "Steel Frame of India".

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has organised Civil Services Day annually since 2006.

The 2026 theme "viksit Bharat: Citizen-Centric Governance and Development at the Last Mile" highlights the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

"The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration" are conferred on this day to honour high-impact administrative efforts.

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