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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 22/04/2026

1. Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary:

Recent - Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh has been officially designated as India's 99th Ramsar site.

State Tally: The designation raises Uttar Pradesh's Ramsar site count to 12.

Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary is a freshwater perennial wetland in Aligarh district, Uttar Pradesh.

Origin: The lake formed in 1852 following the construction of the Upper Ganges Canal.

Flyway Status: It is a critical stopover on the Central Asian Flyway and an Important Bird Area (IBA).

Key Resident–Birds: Sarus Crane, Black-necked Stork, Spoonbill, and Indian Peafowl.

Migratory Visitors: Bar-headed Goose, Painted Stork, Greylag Goose, and Northern Pintail.

2. World Earth Day 2026:

Recent - World Earth Day 2026 is being observed today, April 22, to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

This year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet," highlights collective action to protect the environment through local, community-led efforts.

Key Goals: The 2026 campaign emphasises tripling clean electricity by 2030, enhancing accountability, and supporting local climate solutions.

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3. Railways Allows UDID Card Holders in PwD Coaches:

Recent - Indian Railways has expanded access to travel by allowing UDID cardholders to use unreserved coaches reserved for persons with disabilities.

UDID Card project was launched in May 2016 by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Objective: It aims to create a national database & single ID system for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

4. Painted Leopard Gecko (*Eublepharis pictus*):

Recent - A Painted Leopard Gecko was officially recorded in Chhattisgarh for the first time after being spotted at Dilmili Railway Station in Bastar district.

It is a nocturnal, terrestrial gecko endemic to peninsular India.

Distribution: It has been recorded across Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh.

5. Truck-Mounted Attenuators:

Recent - The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is deploying Truck-Mounted Attenuators on National Highways to improve work-zone safety and reduce fatalities.

TMAs are impact-absorbing safety devices mounted on trucks to protect road workers and motorists in highway work zones.

Function: Absorb and dissipate collision energy, reducing impact force and preventing severe injuries or fatalities.