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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 24/04/2026

1. AZEC Plus:

Recent - the Indian EAM participated in the AZEC Plus meeting on disruptions in energy markets.

Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC):

It is an expanded cooperation platform focused on clean energy transition & energy security in Asia.

Origin: Proposed by Japan in 2022 and launched in 2023 with 11 partner countries in the Asia-Pacific.

Core objective: Promote decarbonisation and clean energy transition across Asia.

Members: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.

“Plus” format: It includes additional partner countries (like India and ASEAN members) beyond core AZEC participants for broader cooperation.

2. *Limnonectes motijheel*:

Recent - Scientists discovered *Limnonectes motijheel*, a new frog species from Arunachal Pradesh.

It is a medium-sized, terrestrial, mud-nesting, fanged frog species.

Habitat: The species inhabits moist soil and thick leaf litter of tropical evergreen forests.

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Distribution: It is endemic to the Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh.

3. Prajna AI Satellite Imaging System:

Recent - Home Ministry has inducted the 'Prajna' system to enhance real-time surveillance and intelligence in national security operations.

Prajna is an AI-enabled satellite imaging system that provides surveillance and decision support for security agencies.

Indigenous System: Developed by DRDO's Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.

Purpose: Enhances internal security, surveillance, and counter-terrorism operations by monitoring sensitive regions.

4. National Panchayati Raj Day 2026:

Recent - Ministry of Panchayati Raj is celebrating the 17th National Panchayati Raj Day on April 24, 2026, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The day marks the enforcement of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, which institutionalised Panchayati Raj in 1993.

Theme: The 2026 celebration focuses on 'Sashakt Panchayat, Sarvangeen Vikas', aligning Panchayats with localised Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Purvanchal Expressway:

Recent - Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted a comprehensive two-day emergency-landing drill on the Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh.

The Expressway is a 341-km, six-lane, access-controlled highway connecting Lucknow to Ghazipur.

It links eastern UP to the National Capital Region (NCR) via the Agra-Lucknow & Yamuna Expressways.

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