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## DAILY DOSE

### CURRENT AFFAIRS – 25/04/2026

#### 1. India-Japan Inaugural AI Strategic Dialogue

**Recent** - India and Japan held their inaugural AI Strategic Dialogue in Mumbai and Bengaluru to operationalise the India-Japan AI Cooperation Initiative (JAI).

**Talent Mobility:** Japan confirmed plans to integrate 500 highly skilled Indian AI professionals into its research ecosystem by 2030.

**Global Governance:** Both nations aligned their positions on establishing safe and trustworthy international frameworks for AI policy.

#### 2. India's Exports to FTA Partners Declined for Three Consecutive Quarters:

**Recent** - NITI Aayog's Trade Watch Quarterly for Q3 FY26 highlights a "mixed but resilient" trend, with the services surplus continuing to offset the widening merchandise deficit.

**FTA Share:** India's share of total trade with FTA partners rose sharply to 28.8% in 2024, compared with just 4.6% in 2006.

**Export Decline:** Its exports to FTA partners declined for the third consecutive quarter in Q3 FY26, falling 7% year-on-year to \$40.26 billion.

**Steepest Falls:** Singapore saw the steepest fall at 34%, followed by Bhutan (23%) and Australia (22%).

#### 3. Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary:

**Recent** - A herd of 38 elephants recently returned to Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary.

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The sanctuary is situated around the Dalma Hills on the Chotanagpur Plateau in Jharkhand.

Established in 1975, it is a vital elephant corridor connecting Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Odisha.

The sanctuary has hilly, rocky terrain near Dimna Lake within the Subarnarekha River catchment.

## 4. India's First Private Gold Mining Project:

**Recent** - India's first large-scale private gold mine is set to launch in Andhra Pradesh.

**Project Developer:** Geomysore Services India Pvt Ltd, backed by Thriveni Earthmovers and Deccan Gold.

**Location:** Spread across ~598 hectares in Kurnool district (Jonnagiri, Erragudi, Pagidirayi villages).

**Production Capacity:** Expected to produce ~1,000 kg (1 tonne) of gold annually for around 15 years.

**Technology:** Uses modern techniques like open-pit mining and carbon-in-leach extraction.

**Open-Pit Mining:** A surface mining method where overlying rock is removed to extract shallow mineral deposits, enabling large-scale, cost-efficient mineral extraction.

**Carbon-In-Leach Extraction:** A gold recovery process where crushed ore is treated with cyanide solution and activated carbon to absorb dissolved gold for efficient extraction.

## 5. International Seed Day 2026:

**Recent** - International Seed Day 2026 is being observed globally on April 26 to promote patent-free seeds, biodiversity, and farmers' rights.

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This year highlights pastoralists' role in maintaining genetic diversity across landscapes by dispersing seeds during seasonal migrations.

The day commemorates resistance to Order 81, signed in Iraq in 2004, which permitted the patenting of genetically modified seeds.

It promotes organic farming, advances seed sovereignty, and educates about the long-term impacts of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

International Seed Day aligns with India's Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001, balancing breeders' innovation and farmers' rights.

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