



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 10, 2025

SCHEMES

➤ Palna Scheme

- ✓ The 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada began on April, with a spotlight on early childhood nutrition, and the government's Palna Scheme is being promoted as a key childcare intervention under Mission Shakti.



- ✓ Palna is a centrally sponsored scheme that provides quality crèche services for children aged 6 months to 6 years, especially for working mothers in urban and rural India. Implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025 – Shaping the Future of Global Tech**
- ✓ The 9th Global Technology Summit (GTS) 2025, co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India, will be held in New Delhi from April 10-12 with the theme “Sambhavna” (Possibilities).



- ✓ The summit will explore how emerging technologies can drive inclusive growth, digital governance, and global cooperation, featuring 150+ speakers from 40+ countries.
- ✓ Key topics include AI governance, cybersecurity, space security, and tech collaboration in the Global South.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **De-extinction of the Dire Wolf by Colossal Biosciences**
- ✓ Colossal Biosciences, a biotech firm based in Dallas, has made history by reviving the extinct dire wolf (*Canis dirus*) after 12,500 years using CRISPR gene-editing and DNA from ancient fossils.



- ✓ Three dire wolf puppies—Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi—were born using gray wolf cells and domestic dog surrogates.
- ✓ Though hailed as a major de-extinction milestone, the breakthrough faces ecological and ethical concerns over authenticity and modern adaptability.

REPORT

- **Unemployment Rate Dips Marginally to 4.9% in 2024**
- ✓ According to the PLFS 2024, India's unemployment rate (15+ age group) dipped slightly from 5.0% to 4.9%, showing modest gains in employment opportunities.



- ✓ Rural unemployment fell to 4.2%, while urban female unemployment dropped from 8.9% to 8.2%, even as urban male unemployment rose marginally.
- ✓ The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) declined slightly to 59.6%, though urban LFPR increased to 51.0%.
- ✓ Despite positive hiring sentiment and potential rebound in IT and manufacturing, youth employability and joblessness among minorities remain key concerns.

