

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 22, 2025

### INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

#### ➤ India & Saudi Arabia

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to **embark on a two-day official visit to Saudi Arabia** starting today, at the invitation of **Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman**.



- ✓ The high-profile visit comes amid growing economic ties between the two nations.
- ✓ **Indian investment in Saudi Arabia** has increased significantly in recent years, **reaching approximately USD 3 billion as of August 2023**.
- ✓ This visit underscores the deepening strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia, marked by robust cooperation in trade, energy, defence, and people-to-people ties.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **SPADEX Satellites (SDX 01 & SDX 02)**

- ✓ ISRO has successfully achieved its second satellite docking under the SpaDeX Mission. On April 20, 2025, ISRO successfully demonstrated the docking of the SPADEX satellites (SDX 01 & SDX 02) for the second time.



- ✓ The mission docked two small spacecraft - SDX01 (chaser) and SDX02 (target)—each weighing around 220 kg.
- ✓ The first docking was successfully accomplished on January 16, 2025, and the satellites were undocked on March 13, 2025.
- ✓ In January, with the successful docking of Spadex satellites, India became the fourth country in the world to dock a satellite in space, joining the US, Russia, and China.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ World Earth Day – April 22

- ✓ World Earth Day 2025, observed on April 22, highlights global environmental awareness and action with the theme “Our Power, Our Planet”.



- ✓ Originating in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson, it sparked major U.S. environmental reforms and now involves over 1 billion people in 192 countries.
- ✓ The 2025 theme stresses collective responsibility, urging the adoption of renewable energy, sustainable living, and climate-positive policies to protect the planet.

