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Dear Enlightened Readers,

The week has its plus and minus points:

- India -Canada strike N-deal;
- Obama-Castro poised for historic negotiation;
- Pak and Russia to perform first ever military exercise;
- In India, Maoists hyper active again;
- Both Saudi Arabia and Syria active against ISIS;
- ISIS video threatening another 9/11;
- Hillary Clinton announces candidature for 2016 US Presidency.
- India to review the Official Secrets Act—vintage;
- India can grow at 8 percent, feel both the IMF and the World Bank;
- Pak gives 40 years' right to China over strategic Gwadar deep sea port;
- The "voice of cricket" Richie Benaud of Australia fell silent on April 10 on his 84th year.
- All women jihadi group emerges in Syria—a positively negative development India and China talks focus on peace at border;
- people remembered the innocent victims of the infamous Jallianwala Bagh Massacre was on April 13;
- the nation pays tribute to Dr. Baba Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his 125th birth anniversary on April 14;



Thanking you & with regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Geopolitical:

- **India, China Focus On Peace At Border:** This was the thrust after the 7th army conference ending on Friday. ([The Hindustan Times, April 11, 2015](#))
- **Pak Releases Lakhvi, India Lodges Protest:** The French President also describes this as "deeply shocking". ([All Press, April 11, 2015](#))
- **Obama And Castro Poised For Historic Negotiations:** The aim is to bury age-old animosity. ([All Press, The Asian Age, April 11, 2015](#))
- **Bangla Hangs Islamist Jamaat Leader Over 1971 Massacre:** This happened on Saturday. ([All Press, April 12, 2015](#))
- **Hillary Would Contest The Next US Presidential Election Due In 2016:** If elected, she would be the first woman President in the USA. ([All Press, April 13, 2015](#))
- **Pak Gives China 40-year Rights Over Gwadar Deep-Water Strategic Port:** This has serious international security implications, especially for India. ([The Times Of India, April 15, 2015](#))
- **India, Canada Ink N-fuel Deal:** This was path-breaking deal, guaranteeing India 350US dollar deal over five years. Done on Wednesday during the Indian Prime Minister's visit to Canada. ([All Press, April 16, 2015](#))
- **China Reviewing Neutral Stand On 26/11:** China feels awkward. It does not mean the Chinese sympathy is with the terrorists, clarified the Director of a foreign ministry run Institute. Chinese President to visit Pak on April 20, 2014. ([The Times Of India, April 17, 2015](#))
- Pak, Russia To Hold First -ever Military Drill. ([All Press, April 17, 2015](#))

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- **New Round Of Iran Nuke Talk** On April 22-23: But, they have time till June 30. ([Times Of India, April 17, 2015](#))
- **Obama Writes Modi Profile** In Time's Most Influential List: He says Modi represents India's dynamism and India's potential for rise. ([All Press, April 17, 2015](#))

International Terrorism:

- **Pak Declines Saudi Call For Armed Support In Yemen:** Pakistan in a way went back on its earlier assurance. Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei calls Saudi bombing in Yemen a genocide. ([Reuters, The Independent, The Hindustan Times and The Statesman, April 11, 2015](#))
- **Suicide Car Bombers Kill 15 Civilians:** This was in eastern Afghanistan on Friday. ([The Hindustan Times, April 11, 2015](#))
- **All Women Jihadi Group Emerges In Syria:** This was shown in a five-minute video show. ([The Independent, The Times Of India, April 11, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Kills 25 Policemen And Soldiers at Anbar In Iraq.** ([The Indian Express, April 11, 2015](#))
- **PLO Refuses To Join The Conflict In Yemen.** ([AP, The Asian Age, April 11, 2015](#))
- **ISIS In Striking Distance Of Syrian President's Palace.** ([The Independent, The Statesman, April 11, 2015](#))
- **Somalia Puts 250k US Dollars Bounty On Al-Shabaab Leaders.** ([The Pioneer, April 11, 2015](#))
- **Saudi-led Strikes, Ground Combat Shake South Yemen** On Saturday. ([The Asian Age, April 12, 2015](#))
- **35 Killed As Syria Repels ISIS Attack:** Most of the killed were jihadists. ([The Asian Age, April 12, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Mutilates Assyrian City Of Nimrud In Iraq:** This has been captured and shown on video. ([AP, The Hindustan Times, April 13, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Gunmen Attack South Korea Embassy In Libya, 2 Killed:** This was on Sunday. ([Reuters, The Hindustan Times, April 13, 2015](#))
- **US Drone Strikes Killed 50 of Qaeda's Asia Branch:** This happened in Pak territory on Sunday. ([Agencies, The Asian Age, April 13, 2015](#))
- **11 Killed In Egypt As Militants Attack Security Personnel:** This was on volatile north Sinai region on Sunday. ([PTI, The Pioneer, April 13, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Releases Warning Video For USA:** Threat of another 9/11: The motto is "no safety for any Americans on the globe". ([The Independent, The Statesman, April 14, 2015](#))
- **Peace Bid For. Libya: Only through compromise.** US and Europeans pressed rival factions to set an unconditional ceasefire. ([AFP, The Statesman, April 14, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Breaches Australian Airport e-site:** They posted mails for supporting the rebel cause. ([AFP, The Statesman, April 14, 2015](#))
- **Al Sahaab, that Al Qaeda Outfit, Attacks Somalia Govt Office, Kills 10:** There were two blasts -both on Tuesday. ([Reuters, The Times Of India, April 15, 2015](#))
- **Isolate Countries That Back Terrorism:** So said the Indian Prime Minister to the press in Berlin at the end of his two-day visit to Germany. ([The Hindustan Times, April 15, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Seizes Village In Iraq's Anbar Province** On Wednesday. ([Reuters, The Hindustan Times, April 16, 2015](#))
- **Saudi-led Air Raids Hit Rebel Targets** But They Also Killed Seven. ([Agencies, April 16, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Seizes Villages Near Ramadi, 115 kms Away From Baghdad:** This was like revenge action. ([AP, The Times Of India, April 16, 2015](#))
- **RBI Governor Gets Death Threat:** This was on e-mail, purported to be from ISIS-connected body. ([All Press, April 17, 2015](#))
- **Al Qaeda Wrests Yemen Airport, Sea port.** So, the game goes on. ([Agencies, The Statesman, April 17, 2015](#))

Terrorism:

- **Maoists Kill 7 Of Elite Force In Chhattisgarh:** This has been the biggest such attack this year on Saturday morning 12 more injured. ([All Press, April 12, 2015](#))

National Economy:

- **Economy Gathers Space:** India can grow at 8 per cent, say both IMF and World Bank. ([The Hindustan Times, April 15, 2015](#))

Insurgency:

- **This was the 4th attack in 72 hours.** BSF camp was also hit. ([All Press, April 14, 2015](#))

General:

- **April 13 Marks the most infamous day in the history of the freedom movement,** known as the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

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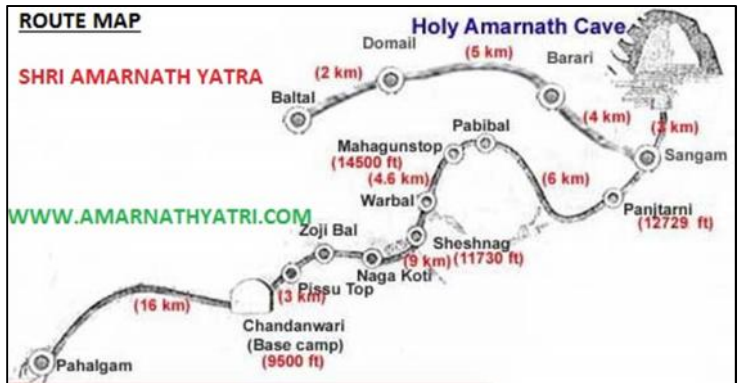
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- **The "Voice of Cricket" Falls Silent:** The legendary cricket player-turned commentator, Richie Benaud of Australia breathed his last in sleep at 84 on April 10. ([All Press, April 11, 2015](#)) Govt Notifies Law On Appointment Of Judges: The notification was made just two days before the hearing on the subject in the Supreme Court. ([All Press, April 14, 2015](#))
- **The Nation pays tribute to Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar,** the great scholar- cum-freedom fighter, more known as the maker of the Indian Constitution, on his 125th birth anniversary. ([All Press, April 14, 2015](#))
- **Centre Forms Panel to Look Into Official Secret Act 1923:** At long last, the government decided to examine the Official Secrets Act of 1923, a long pending requirement. ([All Press, April 16, 2015](#))



Shri Amarnathji Yatra from 2nd July to 29th August, 2015: The process of registration of pilgrims for Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2015 has started. Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board chaired by the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir has issued following procedure for registration of yatris through bank:-

- This year's Shri Amarnathji Yatra will commence on 2nd July, 2015, via both the routes Baltal and Pahalgam, and conclude on 29th August, 2015.
- Registration is necessary for the Yatri.
- Nobody, shall be allowed to undertake the Yatra without Yatra Permit which is valid for the day and route in question.
- A Yatri can secure his / her Yatra Permit via selected bank branches (87 of J&K Bank, 305 Punjab National Bank and 38 of YES Bank) located in various States / UTs.
- The addresses of the selected Bank Branches, for providing Registration are available at Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com
- The Registration for the Yatra 2015, via selected Bank Branches, has commenced from 01st March, 2015.
- For Registration / obtaining a Yatra Permit through a designated Bank, an intending Yatri shall have to submit filled-in prescribed Application Form and Compulsory Health Certificate issued by the Authorised Doctor / Reputed Private Medical Institution.
 - The State-wise list of Doctors / reputed private Medical Institutions authorized to issue the prescribed Compulsory Health Certificate are available at Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's website: www.shriamarnathjishrine.com
- For Yatra 2015, Compulsory Health Certificate issued only after 10th February, 2015, would be valid for the registration purposes.
- An intending Yatri will be required to pay Rs.50/- as Registration fee, for registration through a designated Bank.



<http://www.security-risks.com/security-trends-south-asia/jammu-kashmir/shri-amarnathji-yatra-from-2nd-july-to-29th-august-2015-4652.html>