

**What's hot in IT
An Indian Perspective
April 2019**

Universities, Science & Technology, Policy, Special events and Milestones

- **JEE Main results** out on April 29, 2019 (ahead of time)
- Professor **Gagandeep Kang** of Translational Health Science & Technology Institute, Faridabad, Delhi is the **first Indian woman** to become a **Fellow of the Royal Society** on April 20, 2019
- **NIRF** 2019 rankings out on April 8, 2019; IITM and IISc top the list; IITM, IITD, IITB, IITKGP & IITK are the **Top 5 Engineering Institutes**; IISc, JNU, BHU, UoH and Calcutta University are **Top 5 Universities**; IITM, IISc, IITD, IITB & IITKGP are the **overall Top 5**
- UC Berkeley Professor and IITK Alum Professor **Jitendra Malik** named **2019 IEEE Computer Society's Computer Pioneer award winner** on April 2, 2019
- IIT-KGP Alumna and IITB faculty Dr **Subhasis Chaudhury** takes charge as **IIT - Bombay** Director on April 15, 2019

- MIT visualization scientist could share the first-ever picture of a black hole on April 10, 2019
- **Korea** becomes the first country to start offering **5G services** commercially on three networks in Korea starting April 2019; Samsung S10 5G is the first device to offer the service
- **Air India server breakdown** for six hours (330 AM to 930 AM on April 27, 2019) leads to several hours of wait for thousands of passengers across the globe

- **Japanese Emperor** abdicates power on *April 30, 2019*; the **new Emperor** is anointed on May 1, 2019
- **Sensex** touches **39,000** on April 28, 2019
- **Microsoft** market capitalization touches **\$ 1 Trillion** on April 25, 2019
- **Crude oil price** shoots **past \$ 75** per barrel on April 25, 2019
- **Bajaj quadri-cycle** finally reaches Indian roads on April 18, 2019
- **Terrorist attack in Sri Lanka** on Easter Sunday kills hundreds on April 21, 2019
- **Jet Airways operations** come to a **grinding halt** on April 17, 2019
- Fire damages the 850-year old historic Notre Dame cathedral in France on April 16, 2019; global efforts to restore the monument takes off in a big way
- **Indian Parliamentary Elections** off to a good start on April 12, 2019; to end on May 19, 2019 with results on May 23, 2019
- **Gmail** turned 15 on April 1, 2019
- RBI cuts Repo rate by 0.25% on April 4, 2019; Maruti will stop selling Diesel cars from April 1, 2010

Markets

- Markets ended high by the end of the financial year 2018-19 with BSE touching 39,000 and **NSE** touching 11,500 by March 31, 2019 (the last day of trading) representing 9% increase over the year
- **Mindtree** joins the "**billion dollar club**" on April 17, 2019
- **L & T Infotech** hostile take-over of Mindtree continues to draw attention in April too

Indian IT Companies

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- **TCS & Infosys** post good results for Q4 and the financial year 2019-20 on April 12, 2019; TCS revenue crosses \$ 20 Billion; Infosys revenue crosses \$ 11 Billion
- **Wipro** posts **38% growth** in Q4 profits; announce buyback of Rs 10,400 Cr

MNC IT Companies in India

- **ThoughtSpot** (US-based AI & analytics company) announces its decision to invest \$ 25 Million in Bangalore center

People

- **Wal-Mart CEO** visits India during April 15-16, 2019
- IIT-KGP Alumnus and IITB faculty Dr **Subasis Chaudhury** takes charge as **IIT - Bombay** Director on April 15, 2019
- Government of India's experiment of **lateral induction of talent in government** fructifies with five joint secretaries appointed on April 12, 2019
- **Kanishak Kataria**, IITB Alum, is No 1 in Indian Civil Services Exam (results were out on April 8, 2019)!
- **David Malpass** was named the **13th World Bank President** on April 5, 2019
- **Keshav Murugesh** and **Praveen Rao** are **Chair** and **Vice Chair** of **NASSCOM** for FY 2019-20 (starting April 1, 2019)

Start-up Scene

- Leading **RPA** (Robotic Process Automation) vendor **UiPath** gets **\$ 568 Million fund infusion** on April 28, 2019
- **BookMyShow** invests in Pune-based payments start-up AtomX in April 2019
- **Dream11** (Mumbai-based fantasy sports company) is the latest Unicorn (with investment from Steadview Capital on April 9, 2019) that too with just 220 employees!
- **Airbnb** to invest up to \$ 200 Billion in **Oyo** starting April 2019

Interesting numbers

- **GST** collection for March Rs 1.06 Lakh Crores, the largest ever
- **Sensex** crosses 39,000 for the first time ever on April 1, 2019

General

- **Gaana** reaches **100 million** monthly users in April 2019
- **BoB (Bank of Baroda)** becomes the third largest Indian Bank (after SBI and HDFC) with the merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank on April 1, 2019; the transition was fairly smooth for millions of customers
- Google abandons AI Ethics board on April 3, 2019

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