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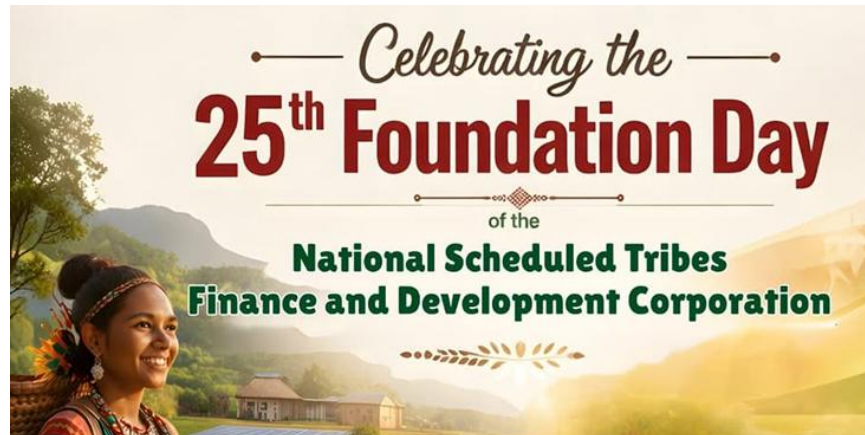
- ❖ The Indian Army participated in the 4th edition of Exercise Cyclone, a joint special forces military exercise between India and Egypt, held in Egypt.
- ❖ Meta launched Muse Spark, its first artificial intelligence model from Superintelligence Labs, which can estimate calories from photos, answer questions, and show object placement visually.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh's AI-based Urban Flood Management Cell, Gorakhpur is India's first AI-enabled urban flood early warning system using real-time sensors and models to predict floods in advance.
- ❖ Vantara launched the world's first global university for wildlife and veterinary sciences in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- ❖ The Environment Ministry panel recommended clearance for the 1,200 MW Kalai-II project in Arunachal Pradesh on the Lohit River in Anjaw district (Hawai village), a tributary of the Brahmaputra River.
- ❖ The Indian Army conducted Exercise Brahmastra at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan, where AH-64E Apache helicopters carried out precision strikes to display combat capabilities.
- ❖ C. D. Gopinath, a former Indian cricketer, passed away at the age of 96 and was a member of India's first Test-winning team in 1952, when India defeated the England cricket team in Chennai.
- ❖ The Indian Army completed Operation Him Setu to rescue stranded tourists in North Sikkim after a landslide.

NATIONAL NEWS

NSTFDC Silver Jubilee

- ❖ National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation celebrates its 25th Foundation Day on 10 April in New Delhi.
- ❖ It aims to improve financial inclusion and income opportunities for tribal communities.
- ❖ NSTFDC was established in 2001 under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU).
- ❖ It works for the socio-economic and educational development of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in India.

- ❖ The corporation provides concessional loans and skill development support for self-employment.
- ❖ It operates through State Channelizing Agencies and supports marketing of tribal products with the help of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).



Harivansh - Rajya Sabha nominated member



- ❖ Harivansh Narayan Singh took oath as a nominated Rajya Sabha member after nomination by Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi.

- ❖ Rajya Sabha is the Upper House of Parliament, and nominated members are selected by the President for their experience in fields like literature, science, art, and social service.
- ❖ He was nominated to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ranjan Gogoi.
- ❖ His second term ended on 9 April 2026, and he took the oath again on 10 April 2026.
- ❖ He is a senior leader of Janata Dal (United) and was first elected Deputy Chairman in 2018.

CAPF General Administration Act 2026

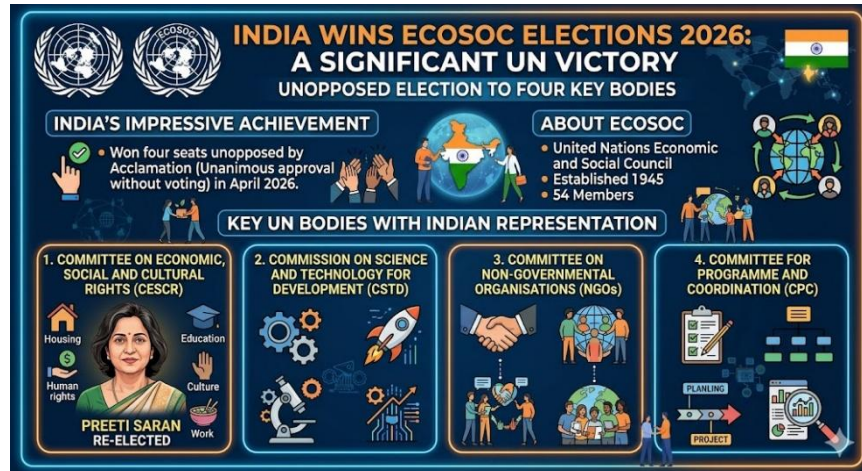


- ❖ The Government notified the Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026, after assent by Droupadi Murmu.
- ❖ The Act creates a uniform system for recruitment and service conditions in CAPFs (Central Armed Police Forces).
- ❖ It covers forces like CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force), BSF (Border Security Force), CISF (Central Industrial Security Force), ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) and SSB (Sashastra Seema Bal).
- ❖ 50% of Inspector General posts and at least 67% of Additional Director General posts will be filled through deputation from the Indian Police Service (IPS).

- ❖ The Act allows the Central Government to frame rules overriding previous laws and court judgments.
- ❖ CAPFs play a key role in national security, border management, and internal law enforcement.

ECOSOC Elections 2026 - India

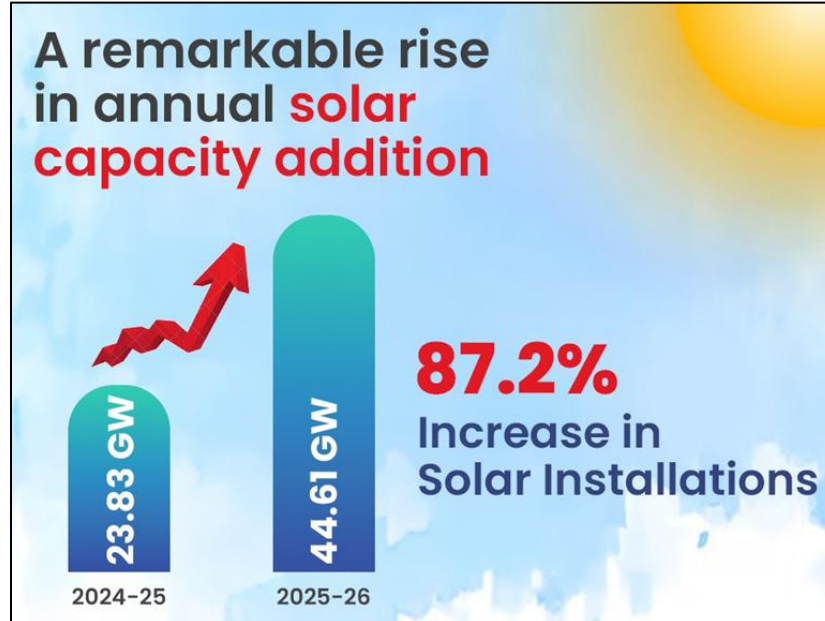
- ❖ India won four seats unopposed in the United Nations Economic and Social Council elections in April 2026.
- ❖ Preeti Saran was re-elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).
- ❖ Other bodies include the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC).
- ❖ Elections were held by acclamation, meaning unanimous approval without voting.
- ❖ ECOSOC (United Nations Economic and Social Council) is a main UN body with 54 members, established in 1945.
- ❖ It coordinates economic, social, and development activities of the United Nations.



Record Solar Energy Growth

- ❖ India recorded its highest-ever solar capacity addition of 45 gigawatts (GW) in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ India added 6.65 GW of solar capacity in March 2026, the highest-ever in a single month.
- ❖ States like Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra led solar energy growth.

- ❖ India became the third-largest country globally in renewable energy capacity, surpassing Brazil.
- ❖ Non-fossil fuels contributed 29.2% of total power generation, and India achieved 50% installed capacity from non-fossil sources in 2025.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Madman Theory in Foreign Policy



- ❖ Madman Theory is being discussed again in global politics due to recent international crises.
- ❖ It is a foreign policy and strategic doctrine where a leader deliberately appears unpredictable, irrational, or willing to take extreme action.

- ❖ The theory is closely associated with Richard Nixon and his adviser, Henry Kissinger, during the Cold War.
- ❖ It was mainly used in the context of the Vietnam War.
- ❖ The aim is to force opponents to back down by creating fear of extreme actions like war.
- ❖ It relies on psychological pressure and can give a short-term advantage, but reduces long-term trust.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Climate Change on Antarctic Species



Emperor penguins and Antarctic fur seals have moved to be classed as endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

The primary driver is the early break-up and loss of sea-ice, which has reached record lows since 2016, and reduced food availability has already driven a 50% reduction in the Antarctic fur seal population since 2000.

IUCN

- ❖ IUCN updated its Red List, marking key Antarctic species as endangered due to climate change.
- ❖ Emperor penguin (*Aptenodytes forsteri*) is now Endangered, with its population expected to decline by half by the 2080s due to sea-ice loss.
- ❖ Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) is also Endangered, with its population falling by over 50% since 2000 due to reduced food (krill) availability.
- ❖ The Southern elephant seal (*Mirounga leonina*) is now Vulnerable due to disease outbreaks like Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

- ❖ Melting sea ice, rising ocean temperatures, and climate change are the main causes affecting breeding, feeding, and survival.
- ❖ The Red List highlights the urgent need for global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect biodiversity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Human Space Flight 2026 - April 12

- ❖ On 12 April 1961, Yuri Gagarin of the Soviet Union became the first human to travel into space and orbit Earth.
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly declared this day in 2011.
- ❖ The day highlights the importance of space science and technology for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and improving human life.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

200 Ancient Sites in Greece

- ❖ A major archaeological survey discovered over 200 ancient sites in Evia, Greece, showing 6,000 years of human history.
- ❖ The survey was conducted by the Swiss School of Archaeology in Greece across more than 30 square km of land.
- ❖ Researchers found farms, settlements, quarries, and roads linked to the ancient city of Eretria.

- ❖ LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) was used to detect hidden structures like buried walls and paths.
- ❖ The region had “demes” (rural administrative units) which supported agriculture and economic activities.

