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## TAMIL NADU

- ❖ The Government of Tamil Nadu launched an online portal for victims of usury to file complaints.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded its highest polling percentage (84.69%) in an Assembly election on April 23, 2026.
- ❖ A study has confirmed that the fossil assemblage found at Panaiyur in Thoothukudi district dates back to the Holocene period (about 8,000–12,000 years ago).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu ranks first in India for public healthcare usage, with the highest number of people receiving treatment in government hospitals.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded a high real economic growth rate of 10.83% in 2025–26
- ❖ A prehistoric rock painting site called “Oor Pare”, has been rediscovered in the Nilgiris district.

## NATIONAL

- ❖ Indian Navy received the indigenous stealth frigate INS Dunagiri under Project 17A, which is the fifth ship of the Nilgiri-class frigates.
- ❖ The National Statistics Office released the publication “Energy Statistics India 2026”.
- ❖ The Supreme Court ruled that a person who converts to Christianity cannot claim Scheduled Caste status in the case of Chinthada Anand vs State of Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The Government notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, which will come into force from April 1, 2026.
- ❖ Three frontline naval platforms, namely Dunagiri, a missile warship, Sanshodhak, a survey vessel used for coastal and ocean research, and Agray, an anti submarine vessel, delivered to the Indian Navy.
- ❖ Indian Navy received Malwan, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), an indigenously built warship designed for anti-submarine operations in shallow and coastal waters.
- ❖ India launched INS Shachi, the first Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) in, Goa, as part of a series of eleven such vessels.
- ❖ Indian Navy received Sanshodhak, the fourth and last Survey Vessel Large, which is used for hydrographic surveys and mapping sea and coastal areas.
- ❖ The Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot was unveiled by the Vice-President and the Minister of Law and Justice during the DISHA programme.

- ❖ India emerged as the global leader in issuing Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance (IRCCs) under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS).
- ❖ The Income Tax Act, 2025, came into effect from 1 April 2026, replacing the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- ❖ Lok Sabha passed the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026, to reform legal provisions.
- ❖ Election Commission of India (ECI) relaxed rules for Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) to retain common symbols under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- ❖ The government extended the National PNG (Piped Natural Gas) Drive 2.0 till 30 June 2026 to expand gas connections across the country.
- ❖ India record defence exports of ₹38,424 crore in FY (Financial Year) 2025–26.
- ❖ Union Defence Minister commissioned the advanced stealth frigate INS Taragiri in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, which is the fourth stealth frigate under Project 17A of the Indian Navy.
- ❖ INS Aridaman, India's 3rd nuclear-powered submarine, has been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- ❖ the Union Home Ministry simplified its classification of districts affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). It replaced the old "most affected districts" category with three specific designations: LWE affected, districts of concern, and legacy and thrust districts.
- ❖ Border Roads Organisation celebrated the 47th Raising Day of Project Chetak in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- ❖ India achieved the highest-ever wind energy capacity addition of 6.05 gigawatt (GW) in FY2025–26, taking total installed wind power capacity to over 56 gigawatts (GW).
- ❖ National Statistical Office (NSO) launched the first-ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises for 2024–25.
- ❖ Ministry of Women and Child Development organised the 8th Poshan Pakhwada from 9th to 23rd April 2026 across India to improve nutrition outcomes.
- ❖ The National Highways Authority of India launched 'Arogya Van' for medicinal tree plantations along highways.
- ❖ India successfully demonstrated a 1,000 km quantum communication network under the National Quantum Mission.
- ❖ Vantara launched the world's first global university for wildlife and veterinary sciences in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

- ❖ National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation celebrates its 25th Foundation Day on 10 April in New Delhi.
- ❖ India recorded its highest-ever solar capacity addition of 45 gigawatts (GW) in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the Constitution of India in the Sindhi language in 2026.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India ruled that the right to vote and contest elections is a statutory right, not a fundamental right.
- ❖ India recorded a 30.2% rise in patent applications, reaching 1,43,729 in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ The Government of India notified Startup India Fund of Funds (FoF) 2.0 with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore.
- ❖ The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, proposed to expand the Lok Sabha and enable early women's reservation.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha rejected the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty-First Amendment) Bill, 2026 with 298 votes in favour and 230 against, out of 528 members present and voting.
- ❖ The Centre extended the tenure of the Commission of Inquiry led by K. G. Balakrishnan for the third time till June 10, 2026.
- ❖ India has launched a roadmap to achieve cocoa self-sufficiency by 2040 under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023 was brought into force by the Central Government from April 16, 2026.
- ❖ Samudra Sahas Sailing Expedition is organised from Marve, Mumbai by the Regiment of Artillery to mark its 200th anniversary.
- ❖ The Government of India has approved the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool with ₹12,980 crore guarantee.
- ❖ Union Cabinet extended Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III) till March 2028.
- ❖ The Government of India has proposed to continue the River Basin Management (RBM) Scheme with an outlay of ₹2,183 crore for 2026–31.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) introduced a new deportation policy to speed up the identification and removal of illegal migrants.
- ❖ India has a total food stock of about 602 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), including 222 LMT wheat and 380 LMT rice.
- ❖ The Central Bureau of Investigation launched an AI chatbot, 'Abhay', an AI tool that helps citizens check if agency notices are real or fake and avoid online scams.

- ❖ India's seafood exports reached a record ₹72,325.82 crore in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare aims to establish at least one blood centre in every district by December 2026.
- ❖ India's textile exports increased by 2.1% to ₹3.16 lakh crore in FY 2025–26.
- ❖ IIT Ropar launched India's first fully integrated agricultural intelligence system.
- ❖ INS Sudarshini made its maiden visit to Las Palmas, becoming the first Indian naval ship to reach the archipelago.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India has ruled that safe travel on National Highways is part of the Right to Life under Article 21.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India has set minimum standards for Intensive Care Units in hospitals across India.
- ❖ Symbiosis Skills and Professional University (SSPU), Pune, launched Asia's first UNESCO Chair on Gender Inclusion & Skill Development.
- ❖ The Government of India has formed a panel headed by C. S. Setty to assess risks from the AI platform Mythos.
- ❖ The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India has made helpline 1855 operational nationwide for Census 2027.
- ❖ The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India launched its first heritage designer collection, "Soul Threads".
- ❖ The Indian Army has raised the 16<sup>th</sup> Bhairav Battalion at the Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre in Belagavi
- ❖ India ranked 5th globally with military spending of \$92.1 billion in 2025, showing an 8.9% increase from 2024.
- ❖ NITI Aayog launched the DPI@2047 roadmap to transform India into a developed economy.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

- ❖ The Global Action Plan for Steppe Eagle was adopted at CMS COP15 held in Brazil.
- ❖ Bangladesh has launched an emergency vaccination drive against a rapidly spreading measles outbreak.
- ❖ The Philippines joined the US-led Pax Silica to strengthen global semiconductor and technology supply chains.
- ❖ India and Russia have operationalised the RELOS (Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement) to boost defence cooperation.

- ❖ The United Kingdom passed a tobacco and vapes law banning people born on or after 1 January 2009 from legally buying tobacco.
- ❖ Finland is preparing to operationalise the world's first permanent nuclear waste repository.
- ❖ Jordan has signed the Artemis Accords, becoming the 63rd country to join the global framework for responsible space exploration.
- ❖ The World Health Organization has prequalified the first malaria treatment for newborns and infants, artemether-lumefantrine, designed for babies weighing 2–5 kg for safe dosing.

## **ECONOMY**

- ❖ RBI made Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) mandatory for all digital payments from 1 April 2026 to improve transaction security.
- ❖ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) retained LIC, GIC Re and New India Assurance as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SII) for FY 2025–26.
- ❖ India has emerged as the world's 2nd-largest fish-producing nation after China, contributing about 8% of global fish production.
- ❖ Retail inflation increased from 3.21% in February 2026 to 3.4% in March 2026.
- ❖ The International Monetary Fund stated that India became the 6th largest economy in 2025 based on global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rankings.
- ❖ China became India's largest trading partner in FY 2025–26, surpassing the United States, with total trade at USD 151.1 billion and a record trade deficit of USD 112.6 billion.
- ❖ India expanded the RELIEF (Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme to include Egypt and Jordan.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- ❖ The European Space Agency launched two Celeste satellites named Celeste IOD-1 and IOD-2 to improve navigation systems.
- ❖ Astronomers have discovered a new planetary system with two Earth-like planets about 120 light-years away from Earth.
- ❖ India's PFBR (Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, achieved criticality.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates launched the world's first 10G (10 Gigabit) U6GHz internet network.

- ❖ “Bhavasagara” Referral Centre at CMLRE (Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology) in Kerala and Agharkar Research Institute in Maharashtra was designated as a National Repositories under the Biological Diversity Act 2002.
- ❖ NASA’s Artemis II mission set a new record for the farthest distance travelled by humans in space.
- ❖ Artemis II, the first crewed lunar mission since the Apollo astronauts safely returned to Earth after a historic Moon flyby.
- ❖ US plans to deploy nuclear reactors in space by 2028 and on the Moon by 2030 under the “National Initiative for American Space Nuclear Power”
- ❖ The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, Built by NASA has completed assembly and entered final testing before its 2026 launch.
- ❖ Chinese scientists discovered a new Moon mineral named Cerium–Magnesium Changesite, marking the 11th lunar mineral identified so far.
- ❖ Astronomers have mapped the massive Vela Supercluster (Vela-Banzi) for the first time which is located about 800 million light-years away.
- ❖ China developed the world’s first coal-based fuel cell that can generate electricity with near-zero carbon emissions.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- ❖ Bhavasagara Referral Centre has been designated as a National Repository for Deep-Sea Fauna by the Government.
- ❖ Snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) has been given international protection under the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).
- ❖ Freshwater fish fossils, including gourami, were discovered for the first time in the Shivalik foothills near Dehradun.
- ❖ The European Union (EU) has added PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) to its water pollution monitoring list.
- ❖ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered two new marine species off the coast of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ A Sanderling was spotted in Narcondam Island after a long-distance migration.
- ❖ The Salween River, also known as the Nu River in China, shows high arsenic contamination above safe limits.
- ❖ Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, a freshwater wetland from Uttar Pradesh, was designated as India’s 99th Ramsar Site.

- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued a draft notification to declare an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around the Barasingha Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Scientists have discovered a new underground-dwelling blind fish species named Gitchak nakana in Assam.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has conducted the third synchronized survey of Nilgiri Tahr, a state animal, under Project Nilgiri Tahr.
- ❖ The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster was marked on 26 April 2026.

## **REPORTS AND INDICES**

- ❖ The Global Education Monitoring Report 2026, titled “Access and Equity: Countdown to 2030”, was released by UNESCO.
- ❖ A new report titled “Under the Weather: India’s Climate-Health Intersections and Pathways to Resilience,” released by Dasra
- ❖ NITI Aayog released a report titled “From Borrowers to Builders: Women and India’s Evolving Credit Market.”
- ❖ The International Labour Organization (ILO) released a report titled “Universal social protection in changing labour markets: Protecting workers in all types of employment”.
- ❖ The first national report, “State of India’s Bats (2024–25)”, highlights threats to bat species in India.
- ❖ Indian Space Situational Awareness Report (ISSAR) 2025 was released by the ISRO.
- ❖ The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific released its 2026 Economic Survey
- ❖ The FAO and WMO jointly released the report “Extreme Heat and Agriculture” on April 22, 2026 (Earth Day).

## **STATES**

- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has started new excavation work in 2026 at the historic Balirajgarh site, Bihar.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was passed by the Lok Sabha to declare Amaravati as the sole capital from June 2, 2024.
- ❖ Meghalaya signed an MoU with Starlink to boost satellite internet services.
- ❖ For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in India Regional Passport Office Bhopal launched Braille and sign language services for passport applicants.

- ❖ The Telangana government declared cancer as a notifiable disease through a new government order.
- ❖ Unique polling stations and a humanoid robot 'Nila' were used during the Puducherry Assembly Elections 2026 to attract voters.
- ❖ The Indian Army launched Sikkim's first border village community radio station named "Sikkim Sundari."
- ❖ Gujarat launched the Sports Genomics Programme to create an athlete genome database before the 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- ❖ Meghalaya approved the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, 2026 to give official language status to Khasi and Garo, along with English.
- ❖ Women's quota law came into effect in the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Puducherry from 17 April 2026.
- ❖ Kankaria Coaching Depot in Ahmedabad became India's first 'water neutral' railway depot.
- ❖ Bhubaneswar, Odisha will host the ground-breaking of India's first Advanced 3D semiconductor chip packaging unit.
- ❖ India's first large-scale private gold mining project is set to start operations in Andhra Pradesh in May 2026.
- ❖ Odisha became the first state to launch a Marine Spatial Plan (MSP).
- ❖ The foundation stone of India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park was laid in Ladakh, on the banks of the Indus River
- ❖ The Forest Department in Prayagraj launched the Dolphin Friends volunteer network to conserve the endangered Ganges River dolphin.
- ❖ Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) won the 4th Gender Equality Mobilisation (GEM) Award in 2026.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh received India's first integrated recycling facility for lithium-ion batteries and rare earth magnets at Sikandrabad
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh has launched its first Mushroom Mission with an investment of ₹13,000 crore.
- ❖ A new excavation at Virli Khandar, Maharashtra revealed unique burial structures and artefacts.

## INITIATIVES, SCHEMES AND CAMPAIGNS

Name	Ministry/Organization	Aim
<b>National AI Skilling Initiative</b>	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	To train 15,000 professionals in the AVGC
<b>MyWAVES platform</b>	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	To supports Indian creators in multiple languages
<b>Advanced Electronic Programme Guide</b>	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Digital access in remote areas
<b>Atoms4NetZero</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency	To support countries in using nuclear energy for achieving net zero emissions
<b>Mission MITRA</b>	ISRO	To test astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission
<b>e-SafeHER Initiative</b>	MeitY	Cyber Security Awareness
<b>Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages (VAANI 3.0)</b>	AICTE	To promote technical education, research, and learning in Indian languages
<b>Global Maritime Security Initiative</b>	UK & France	Safe navigation in the Strait of Hormuz
<b>Vishwa Sutra Initiative</b>	Ministry of Textiles	To promote Indian handlooms globally

## PERSONALITIES AND AWARDS

Personalities	Associated fields	Remarks
<b>Niranjan Jyoti</b>	–	Assumed charge as Chairperson of NCBC
<b>Kiran Umesh Mahalle</b>	–	Assumed charge as Member of NCBC
<b>R.K. Raghavan's</b>	Former CBI Director	Autobiography - A Road Well Travelled
<b>Menaka Guruswamy</b>	–	India's first openly queer MP
<b>Harivansh Narayan Singh</b>	–	Nominated Rajya Sabha member
<b>Samrat Choudhary</b>	–	New Chief Minister of Bihar
<b>Roman Gofman</b>	–	New head of Mossad in Israel

<b>Harivansh</b>	–	Elected unopposed for a third consecutive term as Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
<b>Aronyak Ghosh</b>	–	India's 95 <sup>th</sup> Grandmaster
<b>Upendra Dwivedi</b>	The third Indian Army Chief to receive this honour	Inducted into the International Hall of Fame of the US Army War College
<b>M.M. Naravane</b>	Former Army Chief	Authored "The Curious and the Classified".

Prize/Awards	Awardee	Remarks
<b>M.S. Swaminathan Award</b>	Dr. Cherukumalli Srinivasa Rao	Director of IARI

## EVENTS AND SUMMITS

- ❖ Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems 2026 started in New Delhi with the theme "Driving Progress, Attaining New Heights".
- ❖ One Health Summit 2026 is held in Lyon, France, under the G7 Presidency.
- ❖ India hosted the first BRICS Health Working Group meeting in New Delhi to discuss global health cooperation.
- ❖ The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Global Anti-Doping Intelligence and Investigations Network (GAIIN) conference was held in New Delhi.
- ❖ India participated in the World Border Security Congress 2026 held in Vienna.
- ❖ The 9th India International Water Week (IIWW-2026) was launched in New Delhi with the theme "Climate Resilient Water Management".

## DEFENCE EXERCISES AND OPERATIONS

Name	Countries/ Organization Involved	Venue
<b>IONS Maritime Exercise TTX 2026</b>	Indian Navy	Kochi
<b>Exercise Dweep Shakti</b>	Tri-Service of India	–
<b>Exercise Cyclone-IV</b>	India and Egypt	Egypt
<b>Exercise Brahmastra</b>	Indian Army	Rajasthan
<b>Operation Him Setu</b>	Indian Army	North Sikkim
<b>Exercise DUSTLIK VII</b>	India and Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan
<b>DIVEX 2026</b>	India–Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka

## SPORTS

- ❖ Sheetal Devi was named Para Archer of the Year 2025 by World Archery for her outstanding performance.
- ❖ Khelo India Tribal Games concluded in Chhattisgarh, where Karnataka emerged as the overall champion in the medal tally.
- ❖ Payal Nag became the world's first quadruple amputee to win an international archery gold medal at the World Para Archery Series Final held in Bangkok.
- ❖ Sarun Payasingh won the men's long jump at the Indian Athletics Series in Ranchi with a jump of 7.46 metres.
- ❖ Sawan Barwal broke India's oldest marathon record at the Rotterdam Marathon by finishing in 2:11:58, surpassing Shivnath Singh's 1978 record of 2:12:00.
- ❖ Sujeet Kalkal (65 kg freestyle category) and Abhimanyu Mandwal (70 kg freestyle category) won gold medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ Ayush Shetty won a silver medal at the Badminton Asia Championships 2026 held in Ningbo, China.
- ❖ Mitchell Starc (Australia) and Deepti Sharma (India) were named Leading Cricketers in the World for 2025 by Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.
- ❖ At the 2026 Asian Wrestling Championships in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Sujeet Kalkal and Abhimanyu Mandwal won gold in the men's freestyle 65 kg and 70 kg categories.
- ❖ Vishvanath Suresh won gold in the men's 50 kg category at the 2026 Asian Boxing Championships held in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia),
- ❖ Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali won the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 and became the challenger for the Women's World Chess Championship.
- ❖ Indian Institute of Technology Madras introduced OmegaBall, a new three-team football format, in 2026.
- ❖ For the first time in Central Asia, The 13th edition of World Para Athletics Championships 2027 will be held in Tashkent.
- ❖ The SAFF Women's Championship 2026 will be hosted by India in Goa, marking its first time hosting since 2016 in Siliguri, West Bengal.
- ❖ India topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2026 held in Cairo, Egypt.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Important Day	Theme
<b>April 01</b>	RBI Foundation Day	–
<b>April 04</b>	NATO Day	–
<b>April 04</b>	International Day for Mine Awareness	Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action
<b>April 05</b>	National Maritime Day	Maritime India – Empowering Progress
<b>April 05</b>	International Day of Conscience	Together for Peace: From Conscience to Collective Action
<b>April 06</b>	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
<b>April 07</b>	World Health Day	Together for health. Stand with science
<b>April 1-7</b>	Prevention of Blindness Week	Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World
<b>April 10</b>	World Homoeopathy Day	Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health
<b>April 11</b>	World Parkinson's Disease Day	Bridge the care gap
<b>April 11</b>	National Safe Motherhood Day	Equity in Maternal Healthcare: Leaving No Mother Behind
<b>April 12</b>	International Day of Human Space Flight	–
<b>April 12</b>	International Day for Street Children	Protect, not Punish
<b>April 14</b>	Equality Day/ Bhim Jayanti	–
<b>April 14</b>	National Fire Service Day	Safe School, Safe Hospital & Fire Safety Aware Society Together for Fire Prevention
<b>April 17</b>	World Hemophilia Day	Diagnosis: First Step to Care
<b>April 18</b>	International Day for Monuments and Sites	Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters
<b>April 19</b>	World Liver Day	Solid Habits, Strong Liver
<b>April 21</b>	Civil Services Day	Holistic Development – Saturation of Government Schemes
<b>April 23</b>	World Book and Copyright Day	–

<b>April 23</b> <b>(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b> <b>of April)</b>	International Girls in ICT Day	AI for Development: Girls shaping the digital future
<b>April 24</b>	National Panchayati Raj Day	–
<b>April 25</b>	World Malaria Day	Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must
<b>April 25</b>	International Delegate's Day	–
<b>April 25</b>	World Veterinary Day	Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health
<b>April 26</b>	World Intellectual Property Day	IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate
<b>April 28</b>	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Good psychosocial working environments: A pathway to thriving workers and strong organizations

