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National, Polity & Judiciary

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1 Budget Session 2026 of Parliament Concludes (April 18)

The Budget Session (Jan 28-Apr 18, 2026) was adjourned sine die after 31 sittings, extended by three days beyond schedule. Ten Bills were introduced and six passed, and the Union Budget 2026-27 was approved.



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Budget presented by: Finance Minister**Article 112:** Annual Financial Statement**2 Delimitation Package Voted Down in Lok Sabha (April 16-17)**

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 - seeking to raise the Lok Sabha ceiling to 850 seats, base delimitation on the 2011 census and enable women's reservation - was negatived for want of a two-thirds majority; the accompanying Delimitation Bill and UT Laws Bill became infructuous.



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Current LS strength: 543**Constitution amendment:** needs special majority (Art. 368)**3 Six Bills Passed During the Budget Session**

Bills passed included the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, the Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Bill, the Jan Vishwas (Amendment) Bill, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill and the Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill.

4 Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 Passed (April 2)

Parliament passed the Jan Vishwas (Amendment) Bill, 2026, advancing trust-based governance by decriminalising minor offences, removing outdated rules and reducing the litigation burden on citizens and businesses.



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First Jan Vishwas Act: 2023**Theme:** Ease of living & doing business

5 SC Calls Delay on EC Appointments Law the 'Tyranny of the Elected'

Hearing petitions on the CEC and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023, the Supreme Court described Parliament's long delay in framing a law on election commissioner appointments as the 'tyranny of the elected', amid debate over the selection committee's composition.

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Selection panel: PM, a Union Minister & LoP

Article 324: Election Commission

6 Death Penalty in Sathankulam Custodial Deaths Case (April 6)

A special court in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, sentenced all nine policemen accused in the 2020 Sathankulam custodial death case (of P. Jayaraj and his son J. Bennix) to death, a landmark verdict on custodial violence.

7 Census 2027 Self-Enumeration Process Commences

India began its first-ever digital, self-enumeration census process, with mascots 'Pragati' and 'Vikas'. The first-phase web-based self-enumeration rollout covered eight States/UTs through a facility in 16 regional languages.

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Last Census: 2011

Census 2027: first digital census; includes caste enumeration

8 Meghalaya Passes Official Languages Ordinance, 2026

The Meghalaya Cabinet approved the Official Languages Ordinance, 2026, granting Khasi and Garo full official status alongside English using powers under Article 345, repealing the earlier 2005 Act.

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Meghalaya Capital: Shillong

Article 345: official languages of a state

9 Five New Districts Created in Ladakh

The Lieutenant Governor approved five new districts - Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar and Drass - raising Ladakh's total from two (Leh, Kargil) to seven, to improve administration in the UT.

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Ladakh: UT since 2019 (no legislature)

Capitals: Leh & Kargil



Schemes, Cabinet & Regulations

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10 Cabinet Continues PMGSY-III till March 2028 (April 18)

The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III until March 2028 with a revised outlay of Rs 83,977 crore, extending timelines for rural roads and bridges.



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PMGSY launched: 2000

Provides all-weather rural road connectivity

11 RoSCTL Scheme Extended for Garment Exports (April 1)

The Textiles Ministry extended the Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme for garment and made-up exports up to September 30, 2026, to boost export competitiveness, especially for MSMEs.

12 RELIEF Scheme Coverage Expanded (April 17)

The RELIEF Scheme - which insures war-related export risks under the Export Promotion Mission - was expanded to add Egypt and Jordan, alongside existing cover for the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Kuwait, amid West Asia tensions.

13 SEZ Units Allowed Domestic Sales at Concessional Duty (April 1)

The CBIC allowed eligible SEZ manufacturing units to sell goods in the Domestic Tariff Area at concessional customs duty for 2026-27, subject to a minimum 20% value addition and a 30% export-value cap.



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CBIC: Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs

SEZ Act: 2005

14 Online Gaming Rules, 2026 Notified (April 22)

MeitY notified the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Rules, 2026, specifying the Online Gaming Authority's composition, criteria to identify 'online money games' and a 10-year registration certificate for e-sports.

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Under: Online Gaming Act, 2025

Nodal ministry: MeitY

15 Guidelines for Underground Coal Gasification Mining Plans (April 6)

The Coal Ministry released guidelines requiring an approved Mining Plan before gasification, a mandatory Safety Management Plan, a 500-metre barrier in mixed mines and escrow accounts for mine closure.

16 National Highways Fee (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026 (April 13)

MoRTH revised overloading toll rules: no fee up to 10% excess load, twice the base rate for 10-40% overload and four times for above 40%, with certified weighing devices at fee plazas.

17 Draft Tar-balls Management Rules, 2026 (April 3)

The Environment Ministry released draft rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for lifecycle management of tar balls (oil-spill by-products), requiring State Pollution Control Board authorisation and district response teams.

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EP Act: 1986 (post-Bhopal)

18 RBI Draft Master Direction on Prepaid Payment Instruments (April 22)

The RBI's draft proposes barring PPIs for cross-border transactions, reducing the monthly cash-loading limit for full-KYC PPIs to Rs 10,000, and capping person-to-person transfers at Rs 25,000/month.

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PPIs: wallets, prepaid cards, etc.

19 SEBI Amends Alternative Investment Funds Regulations (April 18)

SEBI reduced the minimum investment in a social impact fund from Rs 2,00,000 to Rs 1,000 per individual investor and introduced a provision to tag an AIF as an 'inoperative fund'.



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SEBI HQ: Mumbai

Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey

20 Prepayment Penalties Scrapped on Floating-rate Retail Loans (April 1)

From April 1, 2026, the RBI removed all foreclosure and prepayment penalties on floating-rate loans to individual borrowers, a major consumer-friendly reform.



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Applies to individual (non-business) floating-rate loans

21 Silver Permitted as Loan Collateral

Under RBI norms effective April 2026, banks may accept silver ornaments and coins as collateral for loans, expanding beyond the earlier gold-only framework for secured lending.

22 Two-factor Authentication Made Mandatory for Digital Payments (April 1)

From April 1, 2026, the RBI made two-factor authentication (SMS OTP or biometric verification) compulsory for all digital payment transactions, strengthening payment security.

States & National Events

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23 Nitish Kumar Resigns as Bihar CM (April 14)

Nitish Kumar resigned as Chief Minister of Bihar, with Samrat Choudhary reported to succeed him, marking a significant transition in the state's leadership.



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Bihar Capital: Patna

24 Telangana Makes Cancer a Notifiable Disease (April 6)

Telangana made cancer a notifiable disease with a one-month reporting timeline - a first-of-its-kind public-health governance measure among Indian states to build a cancer registry.

 GK BYTE**Telangana Capital:** Hyderabad

Formed 2014 (29th state)

25 Tamil Nadu & West Bengal Assembly Elections Polling (April 23-29)

Polling for the Tamil Nadu Assembly was held on April 23, while the West Bengal Assembly election was held in phases over April 23-29, ahead of results in early May.

 GK BYTE**Conducted by:** Election Commission of India**26 India's First 'Water Neutral' Railway Depot**

The Kankaria Coaching Depot in Ahmedabad (Western Railway) became India's first water-neutral railway depot, saving nearly 1.60 lakh litres of water daily using phytoremediation.

 GK BYTE**Phytoremediation:** using plants to clean water/soil**27 First Indian Vessel Crosses Strait of Hormuz Post-Ceasefire (April 11)**

The India-flagged LPG tanker Jag Vikram became the first Indian vessel to cross the Strait of Hormuz after the 2026 Iran war ceasefire, easing concerns over India's energy supply routes.

 GK BYTE**Strait of Hormuz:** ~20% of world oil trade

28 India Declares Naxalite Insurgency Effectively Ended

The government declared that the decades-long Naxalite (Left-Wing Extremism) insurgency had been effectively ended, with remaining cadres reported killed, arrested or surrendered - a milestone that dominated security discourse into April.

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Naxalism began: 1967 (Naxalbari, WB)

29 Virudhunagar Firecracker Factory Blast, Tamil Nadu (April 19)

At least 23 people were killed and several injured in an explosion at a firecracker factory in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu, renewing concern over safety in the fireworks industry.

30 Thrissur Firecracker Unit Blast, Kerala (April 21)

At least 13 people were killed and more than 40 injured in an explosion at a firecracker unit in Thrissur, Kerala, one of several fireworks accidents reported in April.

31 Udhampur Bus Accident, Jammu & Kashmir (April 20)

A bus fell into a gorge in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir, killing 21 people and injuring 45, highlighting road-safety challenges in hilly terrain.

**International & Summits**

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32 India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Signed (April 27)

India and New Zealand signed an FTA in New Delhi - concluded in roughly nine months, one of India's fastest. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and NZ Trade Minister Todd McClay signed the pact.

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NZ Capital: Wellington

Currency: NZ Dollar

PM: Christopher Luxon

33 Key Features of the India-NZ FTA

The deal gives 100% duty-free access for India's exports, with India reducing tariffs on ~95% of NZ goods. India excluded sensitive sectors - dairy, onions, sugar, honey and gems & jewellery - and secured a framework for up to \$20 billion NZ investment over 15 years.

34 South Korean President Lee Jae-myung's State Visit (April 19-21)

President Lee Jae-myung made a state visit to New Delhi, with India and South Korea signing 15 MoUs and a joint declaration to resume CEPA-upgrade negotiations; Korea joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative and the International Solar Alliance.

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South Korea Capital: Seoul

ISA HQ: Gurugram, India

35 Austrian Chancellor Christian Stocker's Visit to India (April 14-17)

The Austrian Chancellor visited India, with agreements on film co-production, food safety, road-infrastructure cooperation and a space-industry seminar, plus letters of intent on military cooperation and counter-terrorism.

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Austria Capital: Vienna

Currency: Euro

36 VP C.P. Radhakrishnan's First Bilateral Visit to Sri Lanka (April 19-20)

This was the first bilateral visit by an Indian Vice President to Sri Lanka. He met President Dissanayake and PM Harini Amarasuriya, and India and Sri Lanka signed six MoUs under India's grant-assistance framework.

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Sri Lanka capitals: Colombo (commercial), Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (admin)

37 OCI Eligibility Extended to Sixth Generation for Indian-origin Tamils

During the Sri Lanka visit, the VP announced extension of the Overseas Citizen of India scheme from the fourth to the sixth generation for Indian-origin (Malaiyaha) Tamils, with simplified documentation.

 GK BYTE**OCI:** Overseas Citizen of India (not dual citizenship)**38 Russia & China Veto UNSC Resolution on Strait of Hormuz**

A Bahrain-proposed UN Security Council resolution to reopen the Strait of Hormuz got 11 votes in favour but was vetoed by Russia and China, underscoring great-power divisions over the West Asia crisis.

 GK BYTE**UNSC:** 15 members**Veto powers (P5):** US, UK, France, Russia, China**39 UK Passes Tobacco and Vapes Bill**

The UK Parliament passed the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, barring anyone born on or after January 1, 2009 from ever legally buying cigarettes - effectively raising the smoking age by one year every year.

 GK BYTE**UK Capital:** London**40 Turkey Restricts Social Media for Under-15s**

Turkey enacted legislation restricting social-media access for children under 15, requiring strict age verification and parental controls on major platforms - part of a global trend on child online safety.

 GK BYTE**Turkey Capital:** Ankara

41 Sri Lanka to Join the International Big Cat Alliance

During the April 2026 engagements, Sri Lanka agreed to join the India-led International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), expanding regional cooperation on wildlife and big-cat conservation.

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IBCA: India-led; HQ in India

**Economy & Banking**

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42 RBI MPC Holds Repo Rate at 5.25% (April 6-8)

At its first bi-monthly policy of FY 2026-27, the RBI Monetary Policy Committee under Governor Sanjay Malhotra unanimously held the repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance; SDF at 5.00%, MSF and Bank Rate at 5.50%.

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RBI HQ: Mumbai (est. 1935)

MPC: 6 members

43 RBI Projects FY27 Growth at 6.9%, Inflation at 4.6%

In its April policy, the RBI projected India's real GDP growth for FY 2026-27 at 6.9% and CPI inflation at 4.6%, flagging global geopolitical risk from the West Asia conflict.

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Inflation target: 4% (+/- 2%)

44 CPI Retail Inflation for April 2026 at 3.48%

All-India CPI inflation for April 2026 was a provisional 3.48%, the fastest in a year but below market expectations, with rural inflation at 3.74% and urban at 3.16%.

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Compiled by: NSO / MoSPI

45 WPI Wholesale Inflation for April 2026 Surges to 8.3%

Wholesale Price Index inflation hit a provisional 8.3% for April 2026, a multi-month high, driven mainly by higher prices of mineral oils, crude petroleum, natural gas and basic metals.



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WPI released by: DPIIT (Commerce Ministry)

46 New IIP Series Launched; April IIP Up 4.9%

India's industrial production grew 4.9% in April 2026, the first data under a revamped IIP series with the base year revised from 2011-12 to 2022-23. Manufacturing rose 6.2% and capital goods 16.0%.



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New IIP base: 2022-23

3 sectors: Mining, Manufacturing, Electricity

47 IMF World Economic Outlook (April 2026)

The IMF's April WEO, titled 'Global Economy in the Shadow of War', projected India's real GDP growth at about 6.5%, keeping India the fastest-growing major economy while trimming the global outlook.



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IMF HQ: Washington, D.C.

MD: Kristalina Georgieva

48 World Bank India Development Update (April 2026)

The World Bank noted India remained the fastest-growing major economy with FY26 growth around 7.6% and a current account deficit near 1% of GDP, while projecting FY27 growth at 6.6%.



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World Bank HQ: Washington, D.C.

President: Ajay Banga

49 Record April GST Collection of Rs 2.42 lakh crore

Gross GST revenue for April 2026 rose 8.7% year-on-year to Rs 2,42,702 crore - the highest-ever monthly collection - with GST on imports up 25.8%.



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GST rolled out: 1 July 2017

Apex body: GST Council

50 UPI Processes 22.35 billion Transactions in April 2026

UPI processed 22.35 billion transactions in April 2026 (up 25% year-on-year) worth Rs 29.03 lakh crore, reflecting continued expansion of India's digital-payments ecosystem.



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Operated by: NPCI (est. 2008)

51 India's Merchandise Trade Data for April 2026

India's exports for April 2026 were about \$43.7 billion (up ~13.4%) and imports about \$71.9 billion (up ~10.8%), leaving a trade deficit near \$28.2 billion, with petroleum and telecom instruments leading exports.

52 Enhanced Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Account Terms

Effective April 2026, BSBD (zero-balance) accounts offer free cash deposits, free ATM withdrawals and free passbooks/statements, deepening the financial-inclusion push.



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BSBD accounts have no minimum balance requirement

53 Bank Lending Rates Edge Up on Strong Credit Demand

In April 2026, bank lending rates rose modestly on robust credit demand even as the repo rate stayed unchanged, while deposit rates continued to soften.

54 PlaySimple Files DRHP for IPO

Gaming firm PlaySimple filed its draft red herring prospectus for a public issue comprising solely an Offer for Sale of Rs 3,150 crore, positioning it to become India's second listed gaming company after Nazara.



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DRHP: filed with SEBI before an IPO

55 MakeMyTrip Appoints IPO Bankers

Travel major MakeMyTrip named Axis Capital, Morgan Stanley and JP Morgan as advisers for its planned IPO, signalling a domestic listing push.

56 Pernod Ricard Weighs India IPO

French liquor major Pernod Ricard reportedly began exploring an IPO of its India arm with advisers, reflecting continued interest in listing Indian units of multinational firms.

57 Bharat Steel Summit Hosted in New Delhi (April 16)

India hosted the Bharat Steel Summit in New Delhi to chart the domestic steel sector's growth, decarbonisation and self-reliance goals.



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India is the world's 2nd-largest crude steel producer

58 Overseas Equity Investment by Indian Firms Rises 27%

Overseas equity investments by Indian companies rose about 27% (reported in April 2026) to roughly Rs 12,100 crore, reflecting strong appetite for global expansion.

**Science, Space & Defence**

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59 NASA Launches Artemis II (April 1)

NASA launched Artemis II aboard the Space Launch System, sending astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Canada's Jeremy Hansen on a ~10-day lunar flyby aboard Orion - its first crewed mission beyond low-Earth orbit in over 50 years.



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Artemis: NASA's Moon programme

Artemis III to land humans on the Moon

60 Artemis II Sets Farthest-Human-Spaceflight Record

On April 6, Artemis II surpassed the Apollo 13 distance record, with the crew reaching about 252,756 miles from Earth. The Orion capsule 'Integrity' splashed down in the Pacific on April 11.

61 ISRO Conducts Gaganyaan-1 Crew Module Air-Drop Test (April 10)

ISRO successfully conducted the second Integrated Air Drop Test of the Gaganyaan-1 crew module, validating parachute-based recovery. Gaganyaan-1, the first uncrewed test flight carrying the robot Vyommitra, is planned for later in 2026.

 GK BYTE**Gaganyaan:** India's first human spaceflight programme**Robot:** Vyommitra**62 NISAR Reveals Mexico City Land Subsidence**

Data from the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite showed parts of Mexico City sinking about 2 cm per month, attributed to groundwater over-extraction. NISAR became fully operational in January 2026.

 GK BYTE**NISAR:** joint NASA-ISRO Earth-observation satellite**63 Exercise Cyclone-IV: India-Egypt Special Forces Drill (April 9-17)**

The fourth edition of the India-Egypt joint special forces exercise 'Cyclone' was held at Anshas, Egypt, focusing on special-forces training and counter-terrorism cooperation.

 GK BYTE**Egypt Capital:** Cairo**64 DAC Clears Major Military Modernisation Package**

The Defence Acquisition Council, chaired by Rajnath Singh, cleared a large package (~\$25 billion) including five additional S-400 Triumf air-defence systems from Russia, multirole transport aircraft and remotely piloted strike platforms.

 GK BYTE**S-400 Triumf:** Russian air-defence system

65 Astra Mk-2 to Be Integrated on Mirage 2000 Jets

India announced plans to integrate the DRDO-developed Astra Mk-2 Beyond Visual Range air-to-air missile - with a range up to ~240 km - onto Mirage 2000 fighters to boost aerial dominance.

 GK BYTE**Astra:** India's indigenous BVR air-to-air missile**66 India Plans 100 GW Nuclear Power by 2047 (April 17)**

India outlined a plan to expand nuclear power capacity more than tenfold - from about 8.8 GW to 100 GW by 2047 - as part of its clean-energy and net-zero roadmap.

 GK BYTE**Net-zero target:** 2070**Regulator:** AERB**67 INS Taragiri Commissioned into the Navy**

INS Taragiri, the fourth Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) stealth frigate (~6,670 tonnes) built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam.

 GK BYTE**Project 17A:** stealth frigate class**Builder:** Mazagon Dock, Mumbai**68 INS Aridhaman Inducted - Third SSBN**

India inducted INS Aridhaman, its third indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) under the Advanced Technology Vessel project, joining INS Arihant and INS Arighaat.

 GK BYTE**SSBN:** nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarine

Completes India's nuclear triad

69 INS Malwan Delivered - ASW Shallow Water Craft

INS Malwan, the second of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard, was delivered to the Navy, boosting coastal anti-submarine capability.

70 India Semiconductor Mission - 12 Projects Approved

Under the India Semiconductor Mission, 12 chip projects worth ~Rs 1.64 lakh crore had been approved (one fab, two compound-semiconductor fabs, nine packaging units); 'ISM 2.0' was announced in Union Budget 2026-27.

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Nodal ministry: MeitY

First full fab: Dholera, Gujarat

71 IndiaAI Mission Scales Up GPU Capacity

Over 38,000 GPUs had been onboarded to the IndiaAI common-compute facility (rising toward 45,000+), offered to startups and academia at subsidised rates, with a target of 100,000 public GPUs by December 2026.

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IndiaAI Mission: under MeitY (approved 2024)

72 IIT Bombay Reports Catalytic Chemistry Breakthrough

IIT Bombay scientists reported (in Nature) a new catalytic strategy converting fatty acids into complex molecules for drug development, enabling faster synthesis of compounds with potential anticancer activity.

73 IIT Delhi-Optimist Unveil 50 degrees C Air Conditioner

A collaboration between IIT Delhi and Optimist announced an air conditioner that delivers full performance at 50 degrees C ambient heat, entering pilot testing for India's extreme summers.

74 SKUAST-Srinagar Cultivates Morel Mushroom (April 11)

SKUAST-Srinagar successfully cultivated the prized Morchella (morel) mushroom under controlled conditions for the first time, a potential boost for high-value agriculture in Kashmir.

75 New Marine Nematode Species Found off Tamil Nadu (April 7)

The Zoological Survey of India identified two new free-living marine nematode species off the Tamil Nadu coast, one named *Corononema dhriti*, adding to India's marine biodiversity record.



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ZSI HQ: Kolkata (est. 1916)

**Environment & Ecology**

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76 India Submits Updated NDCs (2031-35) to the UN (April 28)

India formally submitted its updated Nationally Determined Contributions for the 2031-35 period to the UN climate body under the Paris Agreement, outlining its next round of climate targets.



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NDC: under the Paris Agreement (2015)

India's net-zero: 2070

77 India Withdraws Bid to Host COP33 (2028)

India officially withdrew its bid to host the COP33 UN climate summit scheduled for 2028, signalling a recalibration of its climate diplomacy priorities.



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COP: Conference of Parties (UNFCCC)

78 Snowy Owl Granted Protection under CMS (April 2)

The snowy owl was granted international protection under the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS), strengthening safeguards for the Arctic bird.



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CMS: also called the Bonn Convention (1979)

79 India's First Petroglyph Conservation Park in Ladakh (April 19)

The foundation stone for India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park was laid in Ladakh to preserve ancient rock carvings, blending heritage protection with tourism.

80 Draft CAFE-III Fuel Efficiency Norms Released (April 12)

India's draft Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency-III norms - to take effect from April 1, 2027 - propose tighter passenger-vehicle emission standards with a carbon-credit trading mechanism.



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CAFE norms: regulate fleet fuel efficiency / CO2**81 Two Indian Landfills Among World's Top Methane Super-Emitters**

Two landfill sites in India (in Telangana and Maharashtra) were listed among the world's top 25 methane 'super-emitter' sources for 2025, highlighting urban waste-management challenges.



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Methane: potent greenhouse gas (short-lived)**82 Blackbuck Reintroduced in Barnawapara Sanctuary (April 6)**

Blackbucks were reintroduced into the Rampur grassland of Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary, Chhattisgarh, supporting grassland-ecosystem restoration.



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Blackbuck: Schedule I (WLPA); state animal of several states**83 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize Announced**

The 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize - often called the 'Green Nobel' - honoured six grassroots environmental defenders from around the world for their community campaigns.



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Goldman Prize: world's top grassroots environmental award



Sports, Awards & Appointments

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84 Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 - Karnataka Champions (April 3)

The first edition of the Khelo India Tribal Games concluded in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, with Karnataka topping the medal tally (23 gold). Around 3,800 athletes from 30 states/UTs competed; the mascot was 'Morveer'.

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Host: Raipur, Chhattisgarh

85 Laureus World Sports Awards 2026 (April 21)

Held in Madrid, Spain, Carlos Alcaraz won Sportsman of the Year and Aryna Sabalenka won Sportswoman of the Year. Paris Saint-Germain won World Team of the Year and Nadia Comaneci received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Laureus Awards: the 'Oscars of sport'

86 Bhuvneshwar Kumar - First Pacer to 200 IPL Wickets

During IPL 2026's April fixtures, Bhuvneshwar Kumar became the first fast bowler in IPL history to reach 200 wickets, a landmark for Indian pace bowling.

87 Virat Kohli - First to 9,000 IPL Runs

Virat Kohli became the first player in IPL history to reach 9,000 career runs (and 800 boundaries) during IPL 2026, extending his record as the tournament's leading run-scorer.

88 TIME 100 Most Influential People 2026 - Three Indians

TIME's 2026 list featured three Indians: actor Ranbir Kapoor, chef Vikas Khanna and Google & Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, recognising influence across culture and technology.

89 Femina Miss India World 2026 - Sadhvi Satish Sail

Sadhvi Satish Sail from Goa was crowned the 61st Femina Miss India World 2026 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, and will represent India at the Miss World pageant.

90 Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth Appointed Vice Chief of the Army

Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth was appointed Vice Chief of the Army Staff, a key top-tier appointment in the Indian Army's leadership.



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Army HQ: New Delhi**91 Ashwini Bhide - First Woman BMC Commissioner**

Ashwini Bhide became the first woman Municipal Commissioner of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), India's richest civic body.



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BMC: India's largest & richest municipal corporation**92 Ashok Lahiri Appointed Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog**

Economist Ashok Lahiri was appointed Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog, the government's premier policy think tank.



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NITI Aayog: est. 2015 (replaced Planning Commission)**Chairperson:** the PM**93 Roman Gofman Appointed Chief of Mossad**

Roman Gofman was appointed head of Israel's foreign intelligence agency Mossad, taking charge of one of the world's best-known spy agencies.



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Mossad: Israel's external intelligence agency

94 Sudha Murty's Book 'Tides of Time' Unveiled

'Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament', authored by MP Sudha Murty, was unveiled by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan, chronicling India's civilisational journey through Parliament's murals.

17**Important Days & Obituaries**

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95 World Health Day (April 7)

Observed on April 7, marking the founding of the WHO in 1948. The 2026 theme was 'Together for Health. Stand with Science', anchored by the International One Health Summit.



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WHO founded: 7 April 1948

HQ: Geneva

96 Ambedkar Jayanti (April 14)

The birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, chief architect of the Indian Constitution, was observed nationwide to promote equality and social justice.



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Dr Ambedkar: Chair, Constitution Drafting Committee

Born 1891

97 World Heritage Day (April 18)

The International Day for Monuments and Sites was observed on April 18 with the ICOMOS theme 'Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts', focusing on protecting at-risk heritage.



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By: ICOMOS

World Heritage Sites listed by UNESCO

98 National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24)

Observed on April 24 to mark the 1993 enforcement of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment, which gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions.



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73rd Amendment: 1992 (in force 24 Apr 1993)

Three-tier local self-government

99 Earth Day 2026 (April 22)

Earth Day was observed on April 22 with the returning theme 'Our Power, Our Planet', emphasising community-driven clean-energy action and environmental protection.



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First Earth Day: 1970

Day: April 22

100 Obituary: C.D. Gopinath, India's Oldest Living Test Cricketer

C.D. Gopinath, India's oldest living Test cricketer and the last surviving member of the team that secured India's first-ever Test victory (vs England, 1952), passed away in April 2026.

Rapid Revision — One-Line Facts

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Question / Cue	Answer
Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026 - fate	Negatived in Lok Sabha
Census 2027 mascots	Pragati & Vikas
Meghalaya's new official languages	Khasi & Garo
New districts created in Ladakh	5 (total now 7)
PMGSY-III extended till & outlay	March 2028 · Rs 83,977 cr
India signed an FTA in April with	New Zealand (Apr 27)
State visit to India (Apr 19-21)	South Korea (Pres. Lee Jae-myung)
OCI extended to which generation (Lankan Tamils)	6th generation
RBI repo rate (April 2026)	5.25% (neutral)
RBI FY27 GDP / inflation projection	6.9% / 4.6%
WPI inflation April 2026	8.3% (multi-month high)
New IIP base year	2022-23
Record April GST collection	Rs 2.42 lakh crore
IMF WEO April 2026 - India growth	~6.5%
NASA's first crewed lunar mission in 50+ years	Artemis II (Apr 1)
ISRO test on April 10	Gaganyaan-1 crew module air-drop
India-Egypt special forces exercise	Cyclone-IV
India's third SSBN inducted	INS Aridhaman
India's nuclear power target by 2047	100 GW

Question / Cue	Answer
India submitted updated NDCs for	2031-35 period
Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 champion	Karnataka
Laureus 2026 Sportsman / Sportswoman	C. Alcaraz / A. Sabalenka
First woman BMC Commissioner	Ashwini Bhide
NITI Aayog new Vice Chairperson	Ashok Lahiri
World Health Day & WHO founding	April 7 · 1948
National Panchayati Raj Day	April 24 (73rd Amendment)
Earth Day 2026 theme	Our Power, Our Planet

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