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Important Personalities

- Stuti Pradhan from Sikkim has been selected to represent India at which international platform? **World Youth Parliament**
- Who has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to the United Kingdom? **P. Kumaran**
- Who has taken oath as the Prime Minister of Nepal? **Balendra Shah**
- Who was appointed new DGCA chief? **Vir Vikram Yadav.**
- Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff in 2026? **Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth**
- Which airline appointed William Walsh as CEO in 2026? **IndiGo**
- Who has been appointed as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting? **Chanchal Kumar**
- Who has been appointed as the first woman Commissioner of BMC? **Ashwini Bhide**
- Who has been elected as the President of Myanmar recently? **Min Aung Hlaing**
- Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of YES Bank in 2026? **Vinay Muralidhar Tonse**
- Who was elected as the President of Vietnam in 2026? **To Lam**
- Who was appointed Non-Executive Chairman of OLX India in 2026? **Varun Sanghi**
- Which Indian-origin scientist was appointed to the Governor's Chair in Tennessee? **Deep Jariwala**
- Who has been appointed as India's Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union? **Pranay Verma**
- Pranay Verma has been appointed Ambassador to which two entities? **Belgium and the European Union**
- Nitish Kumar has been elected to which house of Parliament? **Rajya Sabha**
- Who has been appointed as the coach of India's junior women's hockey team? **Tim White**
- Which organization appointed Tim White as junior women's team coach? **Hockey India**
- Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of ONDC in April 2026? **Vibhor Jain**
- Preeti Saran was re-elected to which UN body for the term 2027-2030? **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of BPCL in April 2026? **Sanjay Khanna**
- Who has been elected as the new President of Iraq in 2026? **Nizar Amedi.**
- Who has been re-elected as the President of Djibouti in 2026? **Ismail Omar Guelleh.**
- Who defeated Viktor Orbán in Hungary's 2026 elections? **Péter Magyar**
- Who has been appointed as the new head of Israel's Mossad in 2026? **Roman Gofman**

Utkal Diwas/ Odisha day

1st
APRIL

Edition:89th



Importance:

To embark the formation of the state (Odisha) as a separate state out of Bihar and Odisha province on 1 April 1936.

Quick Facts:

- After losing its political identity completely in 1568 following the defeat and demise of the last king Mukunda Dev, efforts resulted the formation of a politically separate state under British rule on a linguistic basis on 1 April 1936.
- Odisha is the third state in India in terms of tribal population.
- Odisha Day is also called Orissa Foundation Day and Vishuva Milan.
- Cuttack was the capital of the state since 1155 till 1948, after which Bhubaneswar took the mantle.
- Recently, Chanchal Kumar has been appointed as Secretary of which ministry? **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**
- Recently, Sanjay Jaju has been appointed as Secretary of which ministry? **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**
- Recently, Bhuvnesh Kumar has been appointed as Secretary of which ministry? **Ministry of Tourism**
- Recently, Srivatsa Krishna has been appointed as Secretary of which ministry? **Ministry of Minority Affairs**
- Recently, Rohit Kansal has been appointed as Secretary of which department? **Department of Rural Development**
- Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Mongolia? **Uchral Nyam-Osor**

- Who will succeed Nadir Godrej as Chairman of Godrej Industries Group? **Pirojsha Godrej**
- Susan Coyle, recently in news, has been appointed as the first female Chief of Army of which country? **Australia**
- Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Bihar in April 2026? **Samrat Choudhary**
- Samrat Choudhary belongs to which political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**
- Recently, Roelf Meyer was appointed as South Africa's ambassador to which country? **United States**
- Recently, Shri Sunil Bajpai was appointed as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for which region? **Tamil Nadu & Puducherry**
- Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of FICCI in April 2026? **Anant Swarup**
- Who has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for a third consecutive term? **Harivansh Narayan Singh**
- Who elects the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha? **Members of the Rajya Sabha.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Grappling Federation of India in 2026? **Prof. Sikander Kumar**
- Who won Bulgaria's 2026 parliamentary election? **Rumen Radev**
- Which new political party led by Rumen Radev won the election? **Progressive Bulgaria**
- Who will continue as Chairman of India's Senior Selection Committee for one more year? **Ajit Agarkar**
- Till which year is Ajit Agarkar expected to continue as Selection Committee Chairman? **June 2027**
- Who will become the new CEO of Apple from 1 September 2026? **John Ternus**
- Who has been re-appointed as MD & CEO of HDFC Life for another five years? **Vibha Padalkar**
- Which company approved Vibha Padalkar's re-appointment as MD & CEO? **HDFC Life Insurance**
- For how many years has Vibha Padalkar been re-appointed as MD & CEO of HDFC Life? **Five years**
- Who has been appointed as CEO of Dabur's India Business in 2026? **Herjit S. Bhalla**
- Who is the MD & CEO of Bank of India whose tenure was extended? **Rajneesh Karnatak**
- Parminder Singh was appointed CEO of which Reliance-Meta joint venture in 2026? **Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Ltd (REIL)**
- Which Indian hockey player announced retirement from international hockey in March 2026? **Gurjant Singh**
- Who resigned as President of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC)? **Gabriele Gravina**
- Who resigned as CEO of Air India in 2026? **Campbell Wilson**
- Which High Court judge resigned amid impeachment proceedings? **Yashwant Varma**
- Yashwant Varma was a judge of which High Court? **Allahabad High Court**
- Samrat Choudhary succeeded which leader as Bihar CM? **Nitish Kumar**
- Who is stepping down as CEO of Apple in 2026? **Tim Cook**
- When will Tim Cook step down as Apple CEO? **1 September 2026**
- Veteran BJP leader Datta Meghe, who passed away in 2026, was associated with which region of Maharashtra? **Vidarbha**
- E. A. Rajendran, who passed away recently, was related to which regional cinema? **Malayalam**
- Which former Chairman of Raymond Group passed away at the age of 87 in March 2026? **Vijaypat Singhania**
- Chandrikapersad Santokhi, who passed away recently, served as President of Suriname during which period? **2020-2025**
- Who was Vijaypat Singhania? **He was the former Chairman of Raymond Group and a renowned Indian industrialist and aviator.**
- Mohsina Kidwai, who passed away in April 2026, was associated with which field? **Politics**
- Who was the Iranian leader who passed away after injuries from a Tehran attack in 2026? **Kamal Kharrazi.**
- Name the last surviving member of India's first Test-winning team (1952), who passed away recently? **C. D. Gopinath**
- Which Kargil War hero known as the "Lion of Ladakh" passed away in 2026? **Colonel Sonam Wangchuk.**
- Asha Bhosle recorded her first song in which year? **1943.**
- Asha Bhosle is associated with which field? **Playback singing**
- Balbir Punj, who passed away in April 2026, was associated with which political party? **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**

National & International News

- The Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 seeks to amend which two major Acts? **Companies Act, 2013 and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act, 2008**
- Which company operationalised India's first Port of Refuge? **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ)**
- What is the main objective of the Women's Reservation Bill? **To reserve 33% seats for women in Parliament and State Assemblies.**
- What is the government's formula for implementation of Women's Reservation Bill? **Census → Delimitation → Reservation.**
- Kaynes Semicon Plant was inaugurated in which state? **Gujarat**
- What replaces imprisonment under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 for minor offences? **Monetary penalties / civil penalties**
- Which body adjudicates corporate insolvency cases under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026? **NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal)**
- Which body handles insolvency cases of individuals under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026? **DRT (Debt Recovery Tribunal)**
- What is the maximum time limit for insolvency resolution under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026? **330 days**
- Which service's deputation is codified under the Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Bill, 2026? **Indian Police Service (IPS)**
- Which Act is proposed to be amended by the FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026? **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010**
- What is the Telangana Gig Workers Bill, 2026? **A law to provide social security and protection to gig workers.**
- Which state introduced the Gig Workers Bill, 2026? **Telangana.**
- Which Bill declared Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh? **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026**
- Which Constitutional Amendment granted constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions? **The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992.**
- Which city has been given statutory status as the capital of Andhra Pradesh in 2026? **Amaravati**
- Which High Court barred AI use in judicial decision-making in 2026? **Gujarat High Court**
- Where is India's first indigenous fast breeder reactor located? **Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**
- Which stage of India's nuclear programme does PFBR belong to? **Second stage**
- Who is known as the father of India's nuclear programme? **Homi J. Bhabha**

World Autism Awareness Day

2nd APRIL

Edition: 19th
1st Celebrated: 2008

Importance:

On this day United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139) in 2008 to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

Motto:

To put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day.

Note:

Autism Awareness Day recognizes people on the autism spectrum, as well as the researching and fundraising initiatives which promote inclusivity.

What is Autism?


Autism is a neurological developmental disability that hampers normal brain development, affecting communication, social interaction, cognition, and behavior.



- What is the main objective of UCC? **Equality and uniformity in laws**
- Which port recently became India's largest automobile export hub by shipping 6,008 cars in a single vessel? **Mundra Port (Gujarat)**
- Under NEP 2020, how many Indian languages must be included in the three-language formula? **At least two**
- Minimum wages in India are regulated under which law? **Code on Wages, 2019**
- Which state is the largest producer of bauxite in India? **Odisha**
- The implementation of women's reservation in Lok Sabha is linked with which process? **Delimitation based on Census data**
- Which constitutional provision directs the State to strive for a Uniform Civil Code in India? **Article 44 (Directive Principles of State Policy)**
- The Anti-Sacrilege Amendment Bill, 2026 in Punjab is related to protection of which religious text? **Guru Granth Sahib**

International Day for Mine Awareness

4th APRIL



Edtition: 21st
1st. observed:
4 April 2006

Importance:
The General Assembly on 8 December, 2005 declared that each year on 4 April would be officially proclaimed and observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

Motto:

To spread awareness about the threat caused by landmines to the safety, health and lives of civilian populations and encourages state Governments to develop mine clearing programmes.

Note:

In April 2015, the UN Secretary-General designated actor Daniel Craig as the first UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards.

- What is the current strength of the Lok Sabha? **543 seats**
- To how many seats does the new Constitutional Amendment Bill propose to increase Lok Sabha strength? **Around 850 seats**
- Which Article of the Constitution is proposed to be amended to increase Lok Sabha seats? **Article 81 of Indian Constitution**
- The Karnataka High Court linked menstrual leave to which Fundamental Right under the Indian Constitution? **Article 21 (Right to Life and Dignity)**
- PPFAS Asset Management received approval from which authority to sponsor a pension fund under the National Pension System (NPS)? **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**
- What percentage of reservation is provided under the Women's Reservation law? **33%.**
- Women's Reservation law provides reservation in which institutions? **Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies.**
- What was the name of the bill introduced in 2026 to implement women's reservation? **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026.**
- A bill introduced by a minister is called what? **Government Bill.**
- A bill introduced by an MP who is not a minister is called what? **Private Member Bill.**
- In which House can a Money Bill be introduced? **Only in Lok Sabha.**
- Which body handles flood control in Northeast India under River Basin Management (RBM) Sche? **Brahmaputra Board**
- Illiberal democracy is a combination of which two elements? **Democracy without liberalism**
- In which Indian state will the new POSCO-JSW steel plant be built? **Odisha**
- Which body is responsible for delimitation in India? **Delimitation Commission of India**
- Which constitutional principle is followed in delimitation? **One Person, One Vote, One Value**
- Which Articles of the Constitution deal with delimitation of Lok Sabha seats? **Articles 81 and 82**
- On which Census is the current Lok Sabha seat allocation among states mainly based? **1971 Census**
- Which Constitutional Amendment froze Lok Sabha seat allocation based on the 1971 Census? **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976**

- Which law freezes the voter list after the last date of nomination filing? **Representation of the People Act, 1951**
- Under which Article did the Supreme Court allow restored voters to vote? **Article 142 of the Constitution**
- What does Article 142 empower the Supreme Court to do? **To pass orders for complete justice**
- Which authority has been set up to regulate the online gaming sector in India? **Online Gaming Authority of India (OGAI)**
- Which new category of students has been included in the PM Internship Scheme eligibility? **Final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students**
- What is the total sovereign guarantee approved by the Union Cabinet (2026) for the Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool? **₹12,980 crore**
- Where is India's first 3D chip packaging plant being set up? **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
- Which Act regulates tobacco use in India? **COTPA, 2003**
- Which organisation is proposed as the Market Coupling Operator (MCO)? **Grid Controller of India Ltd (Grid India)**
- SAF-blended aviation fuel has been brought under which regulation? **Aviation Turbine Fuel (Regulation of Marketing) Order, 2001**
- Which organization issued the advisory for Indian travellers regarding drug laws in Maldives? **Narcotics Control Bureau**
- Which region is the major hub of firework production in India? **Sivakasi (Tamil Nadu)**
- Which Act regulates explosives manufacturing in India? **Explosives Act, 1884**
- The Model Code of Conduct is enforced by which constitutional authority? **Election Commission of India**
- Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, recently declared a Ramsar Site, is located in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- India's 99th Ramsar site is situated in which wetland? **Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary**
- Poland is an important partner of India in which region? **Central Europe**
- Which region supplies a major share of global helium? **Gulf region (especially Qatar)**
- What is the Jones Act? **A US law regulating domestic maritime shipping**
- When was the Jones Act enacted? **1920**
- What does the Jones Act mandate? **Use of US-built, owned, and crewed ships for domestic transport**
- Which country leads globally in issuing IRCCs under the Nagoya Protocol? **India**
- What was the main objective of the IPI project? **To supply natural gas from Iran to India and Pakistan at affordable cost.**
- What is the Liberties Clause in shipping? **A contract provision allowing ships to change route, delay, or alter destination in emergencies.**
- What is another name for the Liberties Clause? **Deviation Clause.**
- Why was the Liberties Clause originally introduced? **To provide flexibility to ships facing risks like war, piracy, and bad weather.**

National Maritime day

5th APRIL



**Edition: 63rd
1st Observed:
April 5, 1964**

Importance:

On this day, the steamship Savannah leaving from Savannah Georgia (May 22nd 1819) doing the first ever transoceanic voyage all under steam powered engines.

Motto:

To spread awareness in supporting safe and environmentally sound commerce between the continents across the world.

Awards Conferred during the National Maritime Day

NMD Varuna Award, NMD Award of Excellence & Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Maritime Education and Training'.

- Which country used bunker buster bombs in the Isfahan strike? **United States.**
- Which country announced a 6-month free tourist visa programme for 39 countries? **Sri Lanka**
- How many countries are included in Sri Lanka's free visa programme? **39 countries**
- Which country introduced the MATCH Act to restrict China's chip access? **United States**
- The idea of Greater Israel broadly extends between which two rivers? **Nile River and Euphrates River**
- What is the maximum age limit for dependent children under New Zealand resident visa rules? **24 years or younger.**
- Which country recently passed a law to combat cybercrime scam rings? **Cambodia**

- What is the minimum punishment under Cambodia's new cybercrime law? **2–5 years imprisonment with fines.**
- Which country is currently facing a severe economic and energy crisis in 2026? **Cuba**
- Which external factor has worsened Cuba's economic crisis? **U.S. sanctions.**
- Which country has announced a 100% tariff on patented pharmaceutical imports in 2026? **United States**
- The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf with which water body? **Gulf of Oman**
- Indonesia is a member of which regional organization in Southeast Asia? **ASEAN**
- Which military alliance is central to Europe's defence planning? **NATO**
- Europe's NATO fallback plan aims to reduce dependence on which country? **United States**
- Which countries are key players in Europe's new defence strategy? **Germany, France, UK, Poland, Nordic nations**

World Health day

7th APRIL



On April 7th, we come together to raise awareness of the importance of health and well-being. It's a day to celebrate and encourage everyone to take care of their physical and mental health.

Edition: 77th
2026 Theme: Together for health. Stand with science

Importance:
 To mark the inception of WHO which is seen as an opportunity by the organization to draw worldwide attention to a subject of major importance to global health each year.

Motto:
 To celebrate the work of nurses and midwives and remind world leaders of the critical role they play in keeping the world healthy.

Note

- Ⓞ This year was marked by WHO as the "International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife"
- Ⓞ This year WHO also released "State of the World's Nursing Report 2020" which will provide a global picture of nursing workforce.

- Which two countries vetoed the UNSC resolution on reopening the Strait of Hormuz (2026)? **Russia and China**
- Which city hosts the headquarters of major EU institutions? **Brussels**
- Iraq follows which type of political system for power-sharing? **Ethno-sectarian power-sharing system.**
- In Iraq's power-sharing system, the President is usually from which community? **Kurdish community.**
- In Iraq, the Prime Minister generally belongs to which community? **Shia community.**
- Djibouti is located near which important water bodies? **Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.**
- The primary channel through which the West Asia conflict can impact India's Kharif crops is? **Disruption in fertiliser supply and LNG-dependent urea production.**
- Which European country recently approved an amnesty programme for undocumented immigrants to grant them legal status? **Spain**
- Which country recently announced a \$10 billion framework to help Asian nations secure oil supplies? **Japan**
- Which country became the 13th signatory of the US-led Pax Silica initiative? **Philippines.**
- Pax Silica is mainly related to which sectors? **Semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence (AI).**
- What is the main objective of General Anil Chauhan's UK visit? **To strengthen India-UK defence partnership and strategic cooperation**
- Which country lifted its ban on lethal weapons exports in 2026? **Japan**
- Which constitutional provision is central to Japan's pacifist defence policy? **Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution**
- What does Article 9 of Japan's Constitution mainly restrict? **War and military expansion**
- Japan also wants to reduce dependence on which country's security umbrella? **United States**
- Which countries pushed for suspension of the EU-Israel trade pact? **Spain, Ireland, and Slovenia**
- Which article of the EU-Israel Association Agreement is being cited? **Article 2 (Human rights clause)**
- Which country has introduced a lifetime ban on cigarette purchase for youth? **United Kingdom**

Important Projects & Schemes

- What is the total outlay approved for the Modified UDAN Scheme (2026–2036)? **₹28,840 crore**
- The IVFRT Scheme in India is related to which sector? **Immigration and visa management**
- Which organization is supported under the BIND Scheme? **Prasar Bharati**
- Under the BIND Scheme, AIR FM coverage is targeted to reach what percentage of population? **80%**
- LEAF, recently launched by Government of India, focuses on which category of vehicles? **Electric two-wheelers and three-wheelers**
- What is Mission MITRA? **A team behavioural study for human spaceflight missions**
- Under the RELIEF scheme (2026), which two countries were newly added to support Indian exporters amid the West Asia crisis? **Egypt and Jordan**
- NAMASTE Scheme was launched in which year? **2023**
- What does NAMASTE stand for in Central Sector NAMASTE Scheme jointly implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs? **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem**
- Structured pulse procurement in Bihar has been launched under which mission? **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses**
- The pulse procurement initiative in Bihar is linked with which scheme? **PM-AASHA**

National Safe Motherhood Day

11th APRIL



Importance:

To raise awareness about the proper healthcare of women and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women.

Motto:

To seek every woman has right to live and they could be survive during pregnancy and childbirth.

Organisation Involved:

- White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI)
- Pillars of Safe Motherhood
- Family Planning
- Antenatal Care
- Obstetric Care- Clean & Safe delivery
- Parental Care
- Postnatal Care
- Control of STD & HIV Infections

Note:

India is the first country in the world to have officially declared National Safe Motherhood Day.

International Day for Monuments and Sites

18th APRIL



2026 Theme:
Emergency Response for Living Heritage in contexts of Conflicts and Disasters.

This year's theme is important as an expression of our global unity in the face of the ongoing worldwide health crisis.

Importance:

To mark the declaration by UNESCO to established 18 April as the International Day for Monuments and Sites in 1985. This day is also commonly known as World Heritage Day.

Motto:

To raise the awareness about the preserving human heritage, diversity and vulnerability of the world's built monuments and heritage sites. Also, the efforts required to protect and conserve it and to draw attention towards it.

Organisation Involved:

UNESCO

Banking & Economy

- Under which Article of the Constitution is a Money Bill defined? **Article 110**
- What is the minimum number of authentication factors required for digital payments as per the new RBI guidelines? **Two**
- Which agency projected India's GDP growth at 6.5% for FY27? **ICRA**
- RBI recently allowed exchange of INR at which places? **Forex counters at international airports**
- Who manages India's foreign exchange reserves? **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
- Which organization reduced India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 6%? **Moody's Ratings**
- What is the repo rate as per RBI's April 2026 policy? **5.25%**
- What is the maximum deposit insurance amount under DICGC? **₹5 lakh**
- What does CRAR measure as per RBI's New Policy Measures (2026)? **Bank's capital adequacy/financial strength**
- Which organization raised India's growth forecast to 6.6% for FY27? **World Bank**
- Which bank launched the AI platform 'SAMVAD'? **Bank of Baroda**
- Which organization recently raised India's growth forecast to 6.9% for the current financial year? **Asian Development Bank (ADB).**
- RBI has proposed what asset threshold for classifying Upper Layer NBFCs in 2026? **₹1 lakh crore**
- Recently, the 'kill switch' feature proposed by Reserve Bank of India is aimed at preventing which type of digital activity? **Digital Payment Fraud**
- Myntra, recently seen in news, is a subsidiary of which company? **Flipkart**
- Which currency used by Indian refiners for Iranian oil payments to bypass US sanctions? **Yuan**
- On which date were 14 major banks nationalised in India? **19 July 1969.**
- Who was the Prime Minister during the 1969 bank nationalisation? **Indira Gandhi.**
- How many major private banks were nationalised in 1969? **14 banks.**
- What was the minimum deposit criterion for banks nationalised in 1969? **More than ₹50 crore deposits.**
- Which committee of HDFC Bank is responsible for deciding the reappointment of the CEO? **Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)**
- What is the current repo rate decided by RBI MPC in 2026? **5.25%**
- RBI cancelled the licence of Paytm Payments Bank under which Act? **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**
- The ₹30 billion currency swap approved by India for Maldives is under which framework? **SAARC Currency Swap Framework**

World Homeopathy day

10th APRIL



2026 Theme:
Harmony Through Homeopathy – Healing Beyond Borders

Importance:

To mark the birth anniversary of German physician Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, who is the founder and father of homeopathy. The term "homeopathy" was invented by Christian Hahnemann and first appeared in print in the year 1807.

Motto:

To celebrate the work of nurses and midwives and remind world leaders of the critical role they play in keeping the world healthy.

Organised by:

World Homeopathy Awareness Organisation.

- SAARC Currency Swap Framework was launched in which year? **2012**
- BHASHINI signed an MoU with which organization to make pension services multilingual and inclusive? **PFRDA**
- With which company did Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) sign the agreement to promote innovation? **KRAFTON India Pvt. Ltd.**
- What is the total value of contracts signed by the Defence Ministry for Tunguska and P-8I systems? **₹858 crore**
- Which country signed a defence cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia in March 2026? **Ukraine**

- Which two countries signed a defence cooperation agreement during President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's visit to Doha in 2026? **Qatar and Ukraine**
- Which two countries agreed to deepen cooperation in ICT, healthcare and renewable energy in March 2026? **India and Malta**
- Recently, CSIR-NIScPR signed an MoU with which organisation to strengthen science communication and promote research in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy? **Science City of Andhra Pradesh (SCAP)**
- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,950 crore contract with which company? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- Which state signed an MoU with Starlink for satellite internet connectivity? **Meghalaya**
- UIDAI has partnered with which company to display authorised Aadhaar centres on Mappls app? **MapmyIndia**
- With which company did Wipro sign a \$1 billion transformation deal? **Olam Group**
- India and Sweden agreed to strengthen cooperation in which key areas during the 8th Foreign Office Consultations (2026)? **Trade, defence, innovation, and sustainability.**
- What is Pax Silica? **A US-led initiative for secure tech and supply chains**
- Pax Silica focuses on cooperation in which three key areas? **AI, semiconductors, and critical minerals**
- When did India join Pax Silica? **February 2026**
- Which sector focuses on oil, gas, and solar projects in India–Mauritius ties? **Energy and infrastructure**
- What type of transport initiative is India supporting in Mauritius? **E-buses (green transport)**
- Recently, Telangana government signed an MoU with which university to advance Artificial Intelligence (AI)? **Deakin University.**
- Which country suspended its defence cooperation agreement with Israel in April 2026? **Italy**
- In which year was the Italy–Israel defence cooperation agreement originally signed? **2003**
- The Italy–Israel defence deal was renewed after how many years? **Every 5 years**
- Ukraine recently signed a major drone production and defence cooperation agreement with which country? **Germany**
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) signed an MoU with which organization to curb financial frauds using telecom resources? **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
- Recently India and Austria agreed to set up a Joint Working Group on which issue? **Counter-terrorism**
- SEBI signed an MoU with which organization in 2026 to strengthen market surveillance and combat money laundering? **Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-India)**
- Which country discussed extradition and institutional cooperation with India recently? **Cyprus**
- What is the target for India–South Korea bilateral trade by 2030 as discussed in the 2026 summit? **\$50 billion**
- Which region is a major strategic focus of India–UK defence cooperation? **Indo-Pacific region**
- Which country signed four MoUs with India in April 2026 to strengthen strategic cooperation? **South Korea (Republic of Korea)**
- Which South Korean President visited India during the signing of four MoUs in 2026? **Lee Jae-myung**
- Which two companies signed a \$7.3 billion deal to build a steel plant in India in 2026? **POSCO Group and JSW Steel**
- What is the total investment value of the POSCO–JSW Steel steel plant project? **10.7 trillion won (about 7.3 billion US dollars)**
- Which South Korean company signed an MoU with TCS for AI and digital business opportunities in India? **NAVER Corporation**
- Which Indian IT company partnered with NAVER for AI and digital business cooperation? **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**
- Which South Korean company signed an MoU for a joint shipyard project in India in 2026? **HD Hyundai**
- Which Indian entities partnered with HD Hyundai for the shipyard project? **NSHIP TN and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd. (SMFCL)**
- What is the main purpose of the HD Hyundai–India MoU? **To establish a joint shipyard project in India**
- The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹975 crore deal for procurement of which specific system for Indian Army tanks? **TRAWL systems**
- Which Indian companies have been awarded contracts for manufacturing the TRAWL systems? **BEML and Electro Pneumatics and Hydraulics (India) Pvt. Ltd.**
- Which two countries are set to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) as announced by Christopher Luxon? **India and New Zealand**

Awards & Recognitions

- Who was awarded the Grand Prize for Contribution to World Peace in 2026? **Jupally Krishna Rao**
- Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards are given in which field? **Journalism**
- Which city hosted its first International Film Festival in 2026? **Delhi**
- Which veteran actor was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFD 2026? **Dharmendra**
- Which renowned actress was awarded for her contribution to Indian cinema at IFFD 2026? **Sharmila Tagore**
- Which is the highest cinema award received by Asha Bhosle? **Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000).**
- Which is the highest civilian award received by Asha Bhosle? **Padma Vibhushan (2008).**
- Who won the Femina Miss India World 2026 title? **Sadhvi Satish Sail**
- Who won the Miss Sake India 2026 title? **Nishita Yogesh Antarkar**
- Who won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award 2026? **Carlos Alcaraz**
- Who won the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year Award 2026? **Aryna Sabalenka**
- Where were the 2026 Laureus World Sports Awards held? **Madrid, Spain**
- Which sport dominated the top honours at the 2026 Laureus Awards? **Tennis**
- The Laureus World Sports Awards are popularly known by what nickname? **Sports Oscars**
- Which prestigious environmental award had all six women winners for the first time in 2026? **Goldman Environmental Prize**
- The Goldman Environmental Prize is popularly known by what name? **Green Nobel Prize**
- Who founded the Goldman Environmental Prize? **Richard Goldman and Rhoda Goldman**
- How many winners are selected every year for the Goldman Environmental Prize? **6 winners**
- Which country's activist Iroro Tanshi won the 2026 Goldman Prize? **Nigeria**
- Borim Kim, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **South Korea**
- Sarah Finch, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **United Kingdom**
- Theonila Roka Matbob, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **Papua New Guinea**
- Alannah Acaq Hurley, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **United States**
- Yuvelis Morales Blanco, winner of the 2026 Goldman Prize, belongs to which country? **Colombia**
- Which Telugu actor was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFD 2026? **Nandamuri Balakrishna**
- Which film won the Best Film award at the Chetak Screen Awards 2026? **Homebound**
- Which film won the most awards at the Chetak Screen Awards 2026? **Dhurandhar (14 awards)**
- Which company won the Golden Peacock Innovative Product/Service Award 2026? **Tejas Networks**



World Haemophilia Day

17th APRIL

2026 Theme:
Diagnosis:
First step to care

Importance:
To mark the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia.
This year marks the 36th anniversary of World Haemophilia Day.

Motto:
To increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders.

Note:
In April 2015, the UN Secretary-General designated actor Daniel Craig as the first UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards.

WORLD Hemophilia DAY

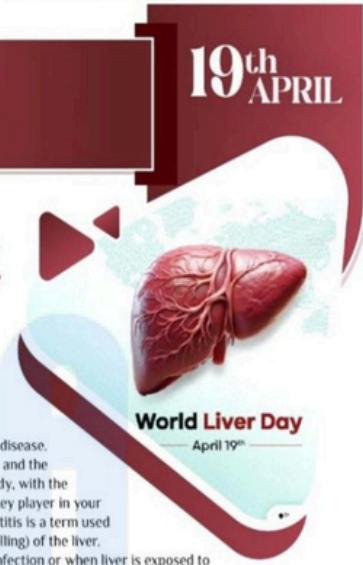
Sports

- Indian archers won how many medals at the Asia Cup World Ranking Archery Tournament? **Two bronze medals**
- Which organization banned transgender women from female events at the Olympics? **International Olympic Committee**
- Which body has introduced the new transgender policy for Olympics? **International Olympic Committee**
- What does the new policy related to Olympics state? **Only biological females can compete in women's events**
- Which group is mainly affected by Olympics Transgender Policy? **Transgender women athletes**
- Which body introduced the SRY gene test policy? **International Olympic Committee**
- What is the purpose of the SRY gene test? **To determine biological sex for eligibility**
- The SRY gene is associated with which chromosome? **Y chromosome**
- Presence of SRY gene indicates what? **Male biological characteristics**
- Which Indian para-badminton player won two gold and one silver medal at the Spanish Para Badminton International 2026? **Pramod Bhagat**
- Which Indian athlete won the decathlon event at the David Noble Relays 2026 in Texas? **Tejaswin Shankar**
- Who won the Para Archer of the Year 2025 award? **Sheetal Devi**
- Where was the World Archery Para Series (2026) held? **Bangkok, Thailand**
- How many medals did India win at the World Archery Para Series in Bangkok? **16 medals**
- Who became the first fast bowler to take 200 wickets in IPL history? **Bhuvneshwar Kumar**
- Who won gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at ISSF World Cup 2026? **Palak Gulia and Mukesh Nelavalli**
- How many medals did India win in Greco-Roman at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026? **Five**
- What was India's total medal tally in the women's category at the Asian Boxing Championships 2026? **10 medals.**
- Tim White belongs to which country? **Australia**
- Who won the Monte Carlo Masters 2026 singles title? **Jannik Sinner.**
- Monte Carlo Masters belongs to which category of tournaments? **ATP Masters 1000.**

World Liver Day

19th APRIL

Love your Liver and Live Longer



World liver day is observed on every 19 April, to spread awareness about liver related disease. The liver is the second largest and the most complex organ in the body, with the exception of the brain. It is a key player in your body's digestive system. Hepatitis is a term used to describe inflammation (swelling) of the liver. It can be caused due to viral infection or when liver is exposed to harmful substances such as alcohol.

Note:

On 28th July 2018 Govt. of India launched National Viral Hepatitis Control Program. This program aims at prevention and control of viral hepatitis in India in order to achieve Sustainable Developmental Goal 3.3 by 2030.

- Which edition of the Monte Carlo Masters was held in 2026? **119th edition.**
- Who won the 2026 Masters Tournament (Golf)? **Rory McIlroy.**
- The Masters Tournament is associated with which sport? **Golf.**
- Who won India's first gold medal at the US Open Pickleball Championship 2026? **Arjun Singh and Aditya Singh.**
- Pickleball is a combination of which sports? **Tennis, badminton, and table tennis.**
- Gout Gout, recently seen in news, is associated with which sport? **Athletics (Sprint – 200m)**
- Which famous badminton player announced retirement in April 2026 due to injury? **Viktor Axelsen**
- Viktor Axelsen belongs to which country? **Denmark**
- Who won the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 and earned the right to challenge for the World Chess Championship? **R. Vaishali**

Science & Technology

- Which aircraft of IAF will be equipped with ASRAAM missiles? **MiG-29**
- What are AI tokens? **The smallest units of text (words/parts/characters) that AI models process.**
- What is the standard pricing model in AI services? **Cost per 1,000 or 1 million tokens.**
- What is Artemis II? **A crewed Moon flyby mission by NASA under the Artemis programme.**
- What is the main objective of Artemis II? **To test spacecraft systems and human survival in deep space.**
- How many astronauts are part of Artemis II? **Four.**
- Which country, besides the US, is part of the crew in Artemis II? **Canada.**
- Which Indian PSU will manufacture the RxT17 hemodialysis machine? **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**
- What is RxT17? **An indigenously developed hemodialysis machine.**
- Which company designed the RxT17 hemodialysis machine? **Renalyx Health Systems**
- Which fighter jet of the Indian Air Force is being upgraded with ASRAAM missiles? **MiG-29**
- What does ASRAAM stand for? **Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile.**
- Name one Indian aircraft already equipped with ASRAAM HAL Tejas
- INS Taragiri belongs to which project of the Indian Navy? **Project 17A (stealth frigate project).**
- What type of warship is INS Taragiri? **Stealth guided missile frigate.**
- Which mission set a new record for the farthest distance traveled by humans in space in 2026? **Artemis II**
- Why is only one side of the Moon visible from Earth despite its continuous motion? **Due to tidal locking with Earth.**
- How long does the Moon take to complete one rotation and one revolution around Earth? **About 27.3 days.**
- Which space mission first provided images of the far side of the Moon? **Luna 3 (1959).**
- Which mission conducted the first ship-to-ship call with the ISS? **Artemis II**
- Which climate summit did India withdraw from hosting in 2028? **COP33**
- What does IADT stand for in the Gaganyaan mission? **Integrated Air Drop Test**
- After which mission did Artemis II become the first human lunar mission in over 50 years? **Apollo 17**
- Keytruda, recently in news, is associated with which type of treatment? **Cancer immunotherapy**
- Which organization launched the Celeste satellites? **European Space Agency (ESA).**
- Will Artemis II land on the Moon? **No, it will only orbit/fly around the Moon.**

Civil Service Day

21st APRIL

NATIONAL Civil Service Day



1st Celebrated:
2006

Importance:
This date is chosen to commemorate the day when first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947. He referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'.

Motto:
To increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders.

History:
Civil Service word date back to the British time when British East India Company civilian staffs involved in administrative jobs and were known as 'Public Servants'. Its foundation has been laid by Warren Hastings.

Father of Civil Services in India:
Charles Cornwallis
Civil Service in India consists of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and comprehensive list of All India Services and Central Services Group A and Group B.

NOTE:
On this day the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration are also given.

Miscellaneous

- What is the minimum number of metered homes required under the new TV Ratings Policy 2026? **80,000**
- Why is helium important for MRI machines? **It is used for cooling superconducting magnets**
- Why are cluster munitions difficult to intercept? **They split into many small bombs mid-air**
- Where was the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX TTX 2026) hosted? **Kochi**
- What is another name of the IPI pipeline? **The "Peace Pipeline"**.
- Which Indian bank topped the S&P Global CSA Rankings 2025? **YES BANK**
- Why was Exercise 'Dweep Shakti' conducted? **It was conducted to test rapid response capabilities and improve joint operational readiness for coastal and island security threats.**
- Who are gig workers? **Workers engaged in short-term, platform-based jobs like delivery and ride-hailing.**
- INS Aridhaman strengthens which component of India's defence system? **Nuclear triad (land, air, and sea-based nuclear capability).**
- Which country topped the AIU list of ineligible athletes due to doping? **India**
- Which organization releases the Renewable Capacity Statistics report? **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**
- What is India's rank in global renewable energy market in 2025? **Third**
- Which two countries rank above India in renewable energy capacity? **China and the United States**
- Who became the first brand ambassador of Jindal Stainless? **Ranveer Singh**
- Which case is related to women's entry into a temple in Kerala? **Sabarimala Temple Case**
- What new defence step is planned by India in Mauritius? **Appointment of an Indian Defence Attaché**
- What is impeachment in the context of judges? **Process to remove a judge for misconduct**
- Exercise DUSTLIK is a joint military exercise between which two countries? **India and Uzbekistan.**
- In which year was Exercise DUSTLIK first conducted? **2019.**
- Exercise DUSTLIK is conducted with what frequency? **Annually.**
- The 7th edition of Exercise DUSTLIK (2026) is hosted by which country? **Uzbekistan.**
- Which country topped the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026? **Pakistan.**
- Which report ranks countries based on terrorism impact? **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026.**
- Who publishes the Global Terrorism Index (GTI)? **Institute for Economics and Peace.**

Earth Day

22nd APRIL

1st observed:
1970
2026 Theme:
**Our Power,
Our Planet**
This year marks the
50th year of Earth Day.

Importance:

To mark the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. As on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

Motto:

To raise awareness on the negative impact our actions as mankind have on our environment and earth as a whole, and is a day for political action and civic participation.

Note:

United Nations chose Earth Day as the day to sign the Paris Climate Agreement into force.

- GTI 2026 covers how many countries? **163 countries (about 99% of world population).**
- On which occasion did India Post release stamps showcasing ISRO's space journey from Aryabhata to Gaganyaan? **International Day of Human Space Flight**
- Outlook Lite app, recently in news, was developed by which company? **Microsoft**
- Which organization releases the annual TIME100 list of the world's most influential people? **TIME magazine**

- The 'Kavach' system in Indian Railways is related to what? **Train collision avoidance/safety system.**
- Why did India slip to 6th position in global GDP rankings as per International Monetary Fund despite strong growth? **Depreciation of the Indian rupee against the US dollar**
- Which Indian company became the first to receive the global FSA 3.0 certification for agricultural sourcing? **ITC Limited**
- How many digits are in a Indian Railways PNR number? **10 digits**
- Who was named 'Person of the Year 2026' by the Harvard South Asian Association? **Sayani Gupta**
- Which country joined Balikatan 2026 as a full participant for the first time? **Japan**
- Balikatan is the annual military exercise between which two countries? **Philippines and United States**
- What is the meaning of the word "Balikatan"? **Shoulder-to-shoulder**
- Which exercise is known as the world's largest naval exercise led by the US? **RIMPAC**
- Designer rice has been developed by which institution? **CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology**
- What is meant by recusal of judges? **Voluntary withdrawal of a judge due to conflict of interest or bias**
- DIVEX 2026 is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country? **Sri Lanka**
- Parliamentary privileges in India are provided under which Articles? **Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution**
- Composite Backwardness Index measures what? **Multi-dimensional regional backwardness**

World Book & Copyright Day

23th APRIL

1st Celebrated:
1995

Importance:
To pay a world-wide tribute to several prominent authors like William Shakespeare, Miguel Cervantes and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, who all died on this day.

Motto:
It is an occasion to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors and to encourage people to discover the pleasure of reading.

Organisation Involved:
UNESCO

Note:

- On this day UNESCO and the international organizations select the "World Book Capital" for a year to recognize the scope of books in the world.
- This year's World Book Capital is Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia.

National Panchayati Day

24th APRIL

Importance:
On this day the 75rd Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.

Significance:

- Diversification of the political power in the hands of common men.
- In order to supervise Panchayati Raj System in India a separate Ministry of Panchayati Raj was constituted on 27th May 2004.
- The National Panchayati Raj day is observed in the country since 24 April 2010.

Structure of Panchayati Raj system in India

A) Gram Panchayat at village level
B) Panchayat Samiti at Block level
C) Zila Parishad at District level

Committee Recommended:
Bahwantrai Mehta

Note:
Rajasthan was the first state in the country where Panchayati Raj system was implemented.





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Important Days of the Month

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 May	International Labour Day	To honour the contributions of the labourers or working class people.
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Shaping a Future at Peace
4 May	Coal Miners Day	To highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines.
5 May	World Asthma Day	It aims to educate people on how best to get control over this respiratory problem and other allergic diseases.
7 May	World Athletics Day	To popularize sports among the youth
8 May	World Red Cross Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and International Committee
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen
12 May	International Nurses Day	Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives.
15 May	International Day of Families	Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	Strengthening digital lifelines for a resilient and connected world
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	To alarm the world against the HIV infections
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	To mark the death anniversary of former PM, Rajiv Gandhi
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	Acting locally for global impact
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Unmasking the appeal – countering nicotine and tobacco addiction

Let's Recap

- What was the theme of MILAN 2026? **“Camaraderie, Cooperation, Collaboration.”**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to develop a comprehensive strategy for India’s cultural and creative economy in February 2026? **The Ministry of Culture and FICCI.**
- The Maoist insurgency in India is also known by what name? **Left Wing Extremism (LWE).**
- Which Indian state government signed MoUs worth ₹90,000 crore with Japanese companies? **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Who recently stepped down as President and CEO of the World Economic Forum amid scrutiny over past interactions with Jeffrey Epstein? **Borge Brende**
- Which U.S. administration introduced the third-country deportation policy? **The Donald Trump administration.**
- On which island is Japan planning to deploy surface-to-air missiles? **Yonaguni Island.**
- Which country has objected to Japan’s missile deployment plan? **China.**
- Which U.S. government department is in conflict with Anthropoc? **United States Department of Defense.**
- The Durand Line forms the border between which two countries? **Afghanistan and Pakistan.**
- Why is the Durand Line strategically sensitive? **Due to cross-border militancy and difficult mountainous terrain.**
- Which Iranian medium-range ballistic missile has a range of about 1,000–2,000 km? **Shahab-3.**
- Which DRDO laboratory led the development of VSHORADS? **Research Centre Imarat.**
- Which company’s semiconductor ATMP facility will be inaugurated in Gujarat? **Micron Technology.**
- For how many years will India and the EU grant each other MFN status? **Five years.**
- The Ghatak, being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, is a type of which aerial platform? **Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV).**
- Who has been appointed President of Jio Platforms Limited to lead its global expansion? **Dan Bailey.**
- The Pink Mobility Card provides free travel for women on buses operated by which organisation? **Delhi Transport Corporation.**
- Under the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana, the maturity amount for beneficiary girls may reach approximately how much? **About ₹1 lakh.**
- The Indian Army signed an MoU with which department to strengthen wildlife conservation in Ladakh? **Forest, Ecology and Environment Department of Ladakh.**
- What is Operation Epic Fury? **It refers to the joint military strikes carried out by the United States and Israel against Iran in February 2026.**



World Malaria Day

25th APRIL

2026 Theme: United Against Malaria

Importance:
World Malaria Day gives people the chance to promote or learn about the efforts made to prevent and reduce Malaria around the world

Motto:
To highlight the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment for malaria prevention and control.

Organisation Involved:
WHO

How Malaria spread?
 © Malaria is caused by Plasmodium parasites
 © The parasites are spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes, called "malaria vectors."

Note:
Every year there are more than 200 million new cases of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.

- Which U.S. law allows Congress to limit the president's military actions abroad? **The War Powers Resolution of 1973.**
- Operation True Promise-4 was launched in response to strikes by which two countries on Iran? **United States and Israel.**
- Through which platform will UNICEF India provide technical expertise for nutrition initiatives? **IMPAct4Nutrition (I4N) platform.**
- What are the names of the mascots unveiled for Census 2027? **Pragati and Vikas.**
- Which global forum related to circular economy will India and Finland co-host in India? **World Circular Economy Forum.**
- Which minister announced the nationwide ASMITA women's athletics league? **Raksha Khadse.**
- On which occasion was the nationwide ASMITA athletics league announced? **International Women's Day (March 8).**
- Who is the current President of Somalia? **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.**
- Which militant group remains a major security threat in Somalia? **Al-Shabaab.**
- Which country's company Kazatomprom also signed a uranium supply agreement with India? **Kazakhstan**
- What is the estimated investment for upgrading schools under the KPS model? **₹3,900 crore**
- Which digital currency issued by a central bank has been included in the reporting framework? **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**
- Which global framework focuses specifically on reporting crypto-asset transactions? **Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF)**
- Which country is considered the main regional ally of the Houthis? **Iran.**
- Which important maritime route did the Houthis target between 2023 and 2025? **The Red Sea shipping corridor.**
- Who is the leader of the Rastriya Swatantra Party? **Balendra Shah.**
- Which movement influenced the 2026 Nepal elections? **The 2025 Gen-Z youth protest movement.**
- Which US agency announced the maritime reinsurance programme to protect shipping? **US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).**
- What does VLEO stand for? **Very Low Earth Orbit.**
- Why is VLEO gaining attention in the space industry? **Because Low Earth Orbit (LEO) is becoming crowded with satellites.**
- What is the name of the Parkinson's disease stem-cell therapy approved in Japan? **Amchepry.**
- Who has been appointed as the next General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) of the Indian Army's Western Command? **Pushendra Pal Singh**
- Which report states that nearly half of the world's migratory species populations are declining? **State of the World's Migratory Species Report**
- The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) was established in which year? **1979**
- Who was the Player of the Match in the T20 World Cup 2026 final? **Jasprit Bumrah.**

World Intellectual Property Day

26th APRIL

Inception: 2000

2026 Theme:
IP and Sports:
Ready, Set,
Innovate

Importance:

To mark the inception of WIPO Convention, that came into force in 1970.

Motto:

To learn about the role that intellectual property (IP) rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.

Organisation responsible:

World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)



- Who won the All England Open 2026 men's singles title? **Lin Chun-Yi.**
- Which bank launched a \$500 million syndicated social term loan for women empowerment in 2026? **State Bank of India.**
- Which two countries conduct the joint military exercise Freedom Shield? **United States and South Korea.**
- Which Israeli air-launched ballistic missile was used in the 2026 Tehran strike? **Blue Sparrow**
- Which missile defence system uses Sparrow missiles as practice targets? **Arrow missile defense system**
- Which Indian Army soldier and Vir Chakra awardee passed away in Kerala in March 2026? **K. G. George**

- Vir Chakra is the _____ highest wartime gallantry award in India. **Third**
- Which major political process linked to population distribution is expected to resume in India? **Delimitation of Parliamentary Constituencies in India.**
- Which American team debuted in F1 in 2026? **Cadillac Formula One Team**
- Which law was invoked by the Government of India in 2026 to ensure uninterrupted LPG supply? **Essential Commodities Act, 1955.**
- Who is the Chairman of the Board of IndiGo? — **Vikram Singh Mehta**
- Which canal links the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea? — **Suez Canal**
- Why is the Strait of Hormuz important for global energy markets? — **Major oil export chokepoint**
- Which two space agencies signed an agreement for Earth observation cooperation in 2026? — **ISRO and ESA**
- Which European solar mission launched by ISRO studies the Sun's corona? — **Proba-3 mission**
- Which city hosted the 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship 2026? — **Hyderabad**
- Which is the world's largest single-site refining hub operated by Reliance Industries? — **Jamnagar Refinery Complex**
- Which organisation developed the Air Droppable Container ADC-150? — **DRDO**
- Which country is positioned as the gateway for the Indo-CIS pharmaceutical corridor? **Uzbekistan.**
- Which event will serve as the commercial execution platform for the Indo-CIS corridor? **Pharma Eurasia 2026.**
- Who is the Chief Election Commissioner against whom the Opposition plans to move an impeachment motion? **Gyanesh Kumar.**
- The removal procedure of the CEC is similar to the removal of which authority? **A judge of the Supreme Court.**
- Which Act governs the appointment and service conditions of the CEC and Election Commissioners? **Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023.**
- Which NASA mission intentionally collided with an asteroid to test planetary defense technology? **Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART).**
- Dimorphos is a moonlet asteroid orbiting which larger asteroid? **Didymos.**
- Who was the veteran Tamil filmmaker who passed away in March 2026? **Thakkali Srinivasan**
- Who was the previous Governor of West Bengal before R. N. Ravi? **C. V. Ananda Bose**
- Who was the patient for whom passive euthanasia was allowed by the Supreme Court? **Harish Rana**
- Which famous euthanasia case in India involved a nurse who remained in a vegetative state for 42 years? **Aruna Shanbaug**
- In which state is the Kaiga Nuclear Power Station located? **Karnataka**

World Veterinary Day

Last Saturday of April

Inception: 2000

2026 Theme: Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health

Importance:

To mark the proclamation by the World Veterinary Association in 2000.

Motto:

To promote the veterinary profession and work on improvement of the animal and human welfare.

Organisation Involved:

World Veterinary Association

Note:

The WVA and Health for Animals will confer the World Veterinary Day Award and \$2,500 for the best contribution on the annual theme.

- Which organisation launched the SHINE initiative to empower women employees? **Indian Railways.**
- The SHINE initiative mainly focuses on empowering which group in Indian Railways? **Women employees.**
- Which bank is the most valuable banking brand in the world in 2026? **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.**
- Which organisation released the report stating that India is the world's second-largest arms importer? **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.**
- Rashmika Mandanna won the Telangana Gaddar Award for Best Actress for which film? **The Girlfriend.**
- Who resigned as CEO of IndiGo in March 2026? — **Pieter Elbers**

- Which Indian company received a contract to manufacture components for Rafale fighter aircraft control systems? **Hical Technologies**
- Axis Max Life Insurance is a joint venture between which two companies? **Max Financial Services Limited and Axis Bank**
- Who was Biren Singh Engti? **A veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister from Assam.**
- Who has been appointed as the Whole-Time Member of SEBI for a three-year term? **Kompella Venkata Ramana Murty**
- Who is the current Chairman of SEBI? **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**
- Who announced that he will step down as the CEO of Adobe? **Shantanu Narayen.**
- Who is the Chairman of HDFC ERGO's Board? **Keki M. Mistry.**
- What sectors will SBI-MUFG collaboration focus on? **Mergers & Acquisitions, Aviation, and Real Estate**
- What is Bharat Tex 2026? **A major textile trade fair and exhibition in India**
- Who won the gold medal in men's javelin throw at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026? **Sumit Antil**
- Which company partnered with the WHO Foundation to prevent childhood obesity in India? **Novo Nordisk**
- Which Indian authority regulates food safety and nutrition standards? **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**
- Which law governs NBFC regulation in India? **RBI Act, 1934**
- Which organisation won a National Award for the Dhvani Spandana innovation? **Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)**
- Dhvani Spandana initiative is related to which sector? **Public transportation accessibility**
- Who was sworn in as the President of Chile? **José Antonio Kast**
- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 aims to amend which Act? **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019**
- Who became India's 94th Chess Grandmaster and the first from North-East India? **Mayank Chakraborty**
- GI-tagged Joha rice exported to the UK and Italy originates from which Indian state? **Assam**
- Freedom Shield is a joint military exercise conducted between which two countries? **United States and South Korea**
- Which strategic waterway connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman? **Strait of Hormuz**
- Which film won Best Picture at the 98th Academy Awards? **One Battle After Another.**
- Which film had the highest number of nominations at the 98th Academy Awards? **Sinners (16 nominations).**
- Which veteran Bollywood actress known for films like Hero and Satta Pe Satta passed away in March 2026? **Madhu Malhotra.**

World Day for Safety and Health at work

28th APRIL

Inception: 2003

Importance:

On this day, the International Labour Organization (ILO), began to observe World Day in order to stress the prevention of accidents and diseases at work.

Motto:

To honour the memory of victims of occupational accidents and diseases It is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work.

Organisation Involved:

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Note:

28 April is also the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996.

- Who won the Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer (Men) at the 2026 BCCI Naman Awards? **Shubman Gill.**
- Street vendors registered under which act will be deemed registered under FSSAI? **Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.**
- Which organisation successfully tested the CE20 cryogenic engine at 22-tonne thrust in 2026? **Indian Space Research Organisation.**
- How many satellites were originally planned in the NAVIC constellation? **Seven.**
- What is the main objective of the Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026? **To prevent forced or fraudulent religious conversions**

- How many languages are covered under Sahitya Akademi Awards? **24**
- Where was the Gajapati inscription recently discovered? **Guntur, Andhra Pradesh**
- How many medals did India win at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026? **5**
- How many medals did India win at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026? **208**
- What does SATHEE (an initiative of Ministry of Education) stand for? **Self-Assessment, Test and Help for Entrance Exams**
- Asia's largest tulip garden is located in which city? **Srinagar**
- What type of industrial parks are planned under BHAVYA? **Plug-and-play industrial parks.**
- Which countries are involved in the northern power transmission joint venture? **India and Sri Lanka**
- Which country has the highest number of billionaires as per Hurun Global Rich List 2026? **United States**
- Which countries will host the 2026 FIFA World Cup? **USA, Canada, and Mexico**
- In the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026, which key provision related to gender identity has been proposed to be removed? **The right to self-identification of gender.**
- Which two organisations signed an MoU to enhance satellite-based defence applications in 2026? **Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and Space Applications Centre**
- Which modern warfare concept was highlighted in recent Exercise 'Amogh Jwala'? **Multi-domain warfare**
- What is the name of the scheme launched to support exporters affected by the Middle East conflict? **RELIEF Scheme**
- Who won the Mark Lynton History Prize 2026? **William Dalrymple**
- Who resigned as Chairman of HDFC Bank in 2026 citing ethical differences? **Atanu Chakraborty**
- Which country is the happiest in the world in 2026? **Finland**
- Which two countries signed an MoU on postal cooperation in March 2026? **India and Bhutan**
- Under which Act can the Government of India block non-compliant online gaming platforms and websites involved in prohibited activities? **Information Technology Act, 2000**
- Which Indian actress received the Women Empowerment Award at the UK Parliament in 2026? **Rituparna Sengupta**
- Who won the Stockholm Water Prize 2026 for contributions to water management? **Kaveh Madani**
- The recent US-Japan nuclear deal involves investment in which type of reactors? **Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)**
- Who won the Women's Singles title at the Indian Open Squash 2026? **Anahat Singh**
- What additional allocation of commercial LPG has the Government of India approved for States/UTs? **20%**
- What is the total outlay of the Biopharma SHAKTI initiative? **₹10,000 crore**

International Dance Day

29th APRIL

Inception: 1982

Importance:

To mark the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727-1810), the creator of modern ballet.

Motto:

To honour those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance", and acts as a wake-up-call for governments, politicians and institutions which have not yet recognised its value to the people and have not yet realised its potential for economic growth.

Organisation Involved:

Every year a message from an outstanding choreographer or dancer is circulated throughout the world.

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- Appropriation Bill is related to which purpose? **Withdrawal of money from Consolidated Fund of India**
- The Consolidated Fund of India is mentioned in which Article? **Article 266**
- The term 'imbalance charges', sometimes seen in news, is related to ____: Natural gas sector
- Who resigned as head of the US National Counterterrorism Center in 2026? **Joe Kent**
- Exercise Sea Dragon is related to which type of warfare? **Anti-submarine warfare (ASW)**
- Who won Best Director Award at NYSAF 2026 for film 'CHYIMI'? **Partha Sarathi Mahanta**
- Which state topped Fiscal Health Index 2026? **Odisha**

Quick Bytes

- NSO releases Energy Statistics India 2026 highlighting renewable energy surge, solar dominance, rising credit flow, and regional concentration across six states
- MeitY approves 29 projects under ECMS fourth tranche with Rs 7104 crore investment, boosting electronics manufacturing, jobs, and domestic component ecosystem
- Government extends PM E-DRIVE subsidy for electric two-wheelers till July 2026, promoting EV adoption with incentives, infrastructure funding, and affordability support
- CCRAS signs MoU with Anuvadini AI to translate Ayurveda research into thirteen languages, improving accessibility, knowledge dissemination, and bridging linguistic barriers nationwide
- DGCA partners with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to launch aviation training programs, enhancing skilled workforce, research, and industry-academia collaboration in aviation sector
- Ministry of Defence signs Rs 1950 crore contract with BEL for mountain radars, strengthening air defence, surveillance, and indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities
- Government extends PM KUSUM scheme deadline to March 2027, supporting solar adoption in agriculture with subsidies, promoting renewable energy and farmer benefits
- Finance Ministry keeps small savings scheme interest rates unchanged for Q1FY27, maintaining stability across PPF, SSY, SCSS, NSC, and KVP instruments
- RBI extends revised Capital Market Exposure framework implementation to July 2026, easing financing norms, acquisition definitions, and loans against securities regulations
- IRDAI mandates insurers adopt Ind AS from April 2026, ensuring standardized financial reporting, transparency, and improved regulatory compliance across insurance sector
- Dhiraj Seth appointed Vice Chief of Army Staff, bringing four decades of operational experience
- Sandeep Jain takes charge as Southern Command Chief of Indian Army
- Lok Sabha passes Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill 2025 for faster resolution and stricter timelines
- Vice President releases book Tides of Time authored by Sudha Murty
- IndiGo appoints William Walsh as new CEO
- “Bhavasagara” designated as India’s national repository for deep-sea fauna
- Vir Vikram Yadav appointed DGCA chief; Faiz Ahmed Kidwai moves to DoPT
- Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan appointed CMD of POWERGRID
- Ashwini Bhide becomes first woman BMC Commissioner
- President approves Police Colour Award for Odisha Police
- India sends 1,000 tonnes of rice to Burkina Faso as humanitarian aid
- Tripura panchayats secure top national ranks in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar 2025 awards
- Five Indian airports feature in Skytrax World Airport Awards 2026 with Delhi airport ranked among global top thirty
- Government launches TEAM scheme to integrate MSMEs with ONDC for boosting digital marketing and e-commerce access
- Chanchal Kumar appointed new Secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting from April 2026
- Madhya Pradesh launches School Chalen Hum campaign targeting enrollment of one point four five crore students
- Parliament passes Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Amendment Bill 2026 declaring Amaravati as sole state capital
- Income Tax Department launches AI powered Kar Saathi platform to simplify tax compliance and services
- Indian Navy commissions INS Taragiri stealth frigate at Visakhapatnam, boosting indigenous warship capability and strengthening maritime defence preparedness under Project 17A
- Myanmar military chief Min Aung Hlaing elected President by pro-military parliament, consolidating power five years after 2021 coup overthrowing civilian government
- India commissions INS Aridhaman nuclear-powered submarine, strengthening nuclear triad capability

- with advanced ballistic missile system under secretive ATV defence project
- Mongolia appoints Nyam-Osoryn Uchral as Prime Minister, ending political stalemate and marking third leadership change within one year
- India implements E20 petrol nationwide, promoting ethanol blending to enhance energy security, reduce crude imports and support agricultural economy
- ISRO launches Mission Mitra in Ladakh to simulate space conditions, testing Gaganyaan astronauts' endurance under extreme high-altitude environment
- IRDAI retains LIC, GIC Re and New India Assurance as systemically important insurers for FY26 ensuring financial stability and risk governance
- AIM launches ATL Sarthi and Mentor India Academy in Telangana to strengthen innovation ecosystem and support school to startup mentorship development
- NSIL and Dhruva Space sign MoU to develop space grade solar panels and strengthen India's position in global satellite supply chain
- Bhuvneshwar Kumar becomes first fast bowler to take 200 IPL wickets, achieving milestone in T20 cricket history with remarkable consistency
- NASA Artemis II mission breaks Apollo 13 record, reaching farthest human distance from Earth and advancing future Moon and Mars missions
- RBI Cancels Shirpur Merchants' Co-operative Bank Licence
- Telangana Declares Cancer A Notifiable Disease
- Menaka Guruswamy Becomes India's First Openly Queer MP
- Payal Nag Becomes First Quadruple Amputee Archer Champion
- Tejveer Singh Appointed DCPC Secretary
- Vinay Tonse Becomes Yes Bank MD & CEO
- Veteran Congress leader Mohsina Kidwai passes away at 94
- RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.25% projects FY27 inflation at 4.6%
- Maharashtra launches ₹165 crore Majha Gaon rural healthcare initiative
- India ranks third globally with 283 GW renewable energy capacity
- Indian Army participates in Exercise Cyclone-IV in Egypt
- CREA ranks Gurugram as India's most polluted city in March 2026
- To Lam elected Vietnam President consolidating power structure and marking shift from traditional collective leadership governance model
- UAE and Bahrain sign currency swap agreement to boost trade liquidity and strengthen regional financial cooperation framework
- Sanjay Khanna Appointed Chairman And Managing Director Of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- Indian Space Agency ISRO Conducts Successful Second Air Drop Test For Gaganyaan Mission Validating Crew Module Safety Systems
- President Droupadi Murmu Approves CAPF General Administration Act 2026 To Standardize Recruitment Promotion And Service Conditions Across Forces
- Indian music icon Asha Bhosle passes away at 92 in Mumbai
- Indian Navy ship INS Trikand delivers INSAS rifles to Kenya enhancing maritime cooperation under MAHASAGAR strategic regional security initiative
- Kargil war hero Sonam Wangchuk passes away, remembered for bravery during Kargil War operations
- Jannik Sinner defeats Carlos Alcaraz to win Monte Carlo Masters, reclaiming world number one ranking
- Telangana declared Naxal free after mass surrender of Maoists marking major success against left wing extremism
- United Kingdom delays Chagos Islands deal with Mauritius amid opposition from Donald Trump
- India withdraws bid to host COP33 climate summit 2028, leaving South Korea as sole contender
- IUCN lists emperor penguins and Antarctic fur seals as endangered due to climate change impacts
- Supreme Court rules against Tiger Global Mauritius tax route strengthening India's anti avoidance framework and tax sovereignty principles
- Supreme Court of India rules voting and contesting elections are statutory rights, not fundamental, governed strictly by legislative provisions and eligibility conditions.
- Viktor Orbán ousted after sixteen years as PM of Hungary secures landslide victory, signaling major political shift and stronger European Union alignment.
- Benjamin Netanyahu appoints Roman Gofman as Mossad chief amid rising regional tensions, reinforcing Israel's intelligence and security leadership.

- World Bank releases 340 million dollars for Amaravati capital project, supporting infrastructure, governance, inclusive urban development under results-based financing framework.
- Samrat Choudhary Sworn In as Bihar Chief Minister After Nitish Kumar Resigns, Marking Major Political Shift
- PPFAS Asset Management Receives Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Approval to Manage National Pension System Funds
- Sanju Samson Wins ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2026 After T20 World Cup Match-Winning Performances
- Melie Kerr Named ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2026 for Outstanding All-Round Performances
- OpenAI Report Ranks India Among Top Global Markets for Advanced AI Usage in Coding and Data Analysis
- Carlos Alcaraz Named Global Brand Ambassador of Infosys to Drive AI-Powered Digital Transformation Initiatives
- Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali wins FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026, earning right to challenge world champion Ju Wenjun
- FIU-IND and PFRDA sign MoU to strengthen anti-money laundering cooperation, data sharing, and risk assessment in pension sector
- India and Austria sign agreements on food safety, defence cooperation, technology, and launch working holiday programme for youth
- India and Uzbekistan begin seventh edition of Exercise Dustlik focusing on joint counter-terror operations in mountainous and urban terrains
- Chhattisgarh moves toward drafting Uniform Civil Code marking significant step in legal reforms and governance transformation within state framework
- Punjab Governor approves strict anti sacrilege law imposing severe penalties including life imprisonment to protect religious sentiments and maintain social harmony
- AICTE launches VAANI scheme promoting regional languages in technical education supporting inclusive learning and improving accessibility for students nationwide
- Union Cabinet approves Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool with ₹12,980 crore guarantee boosting maritime self-reliance
- Ladakh to develop India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park at Sindhu Ghat to preserve ancient rock art
- Dinesh Trivedi appointed as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh
- Sadhvi Satish Sail crowned Femina Miss India World 2026 in Bhubaneswar
- Ch Srinivasa Rao receives Swaminathan Award 2026 for climate-resilient agriculture
- India and Russia operationalize RELOS pact enhancing military logistics cooperation
- Blue Origin successfully lands reused New Glenn booster marking reusable rocket milestone
- Basketball legend Oscar Schmidt passes away at 68 leaving global sporting legacy
- Nepal defeats Italy in ICC Women's T20I Challenge Trophy highlighting emerging cricket talent
- Meghalaya recognizes Khasi and Garo as official languages through new ordinance
- Actor Sayani Gupta wins Harvard South Asian Association Person of the Year 2026
- Nishita Yogesh Antarkar crowned cultural ambassador representing India globally
- Philippines joins Pax Silica initiative strengthening semiconductor and AI supply chains
- India and Uzbekistan conduct DUSTLIK 2026 military exercise to enhance interoperability and combat readiness in semi mountainous terrain operations
- Padma Shri awardee Bhagwandas Raikwar passes away known for preserving Bundeli martial arts and promoting traditional Akhada culture
- India and South Korea set \$50 billion trade target by 2030 strengthening economic cooperation across multiple strategic sectors
- Bulgaria elections 2026 see Rumen Radev secure decisive mandate ending instability and promising governance reforms economic stability and balanced foreign policy
- Apple appoints John Ternus as CEO succeeding Tim Cook signaling engineering driven leadership shift and focus on artificial intelligence innovation
- Razorpay partners with OpenAI to integrate payments into Codex platform enabling fast deployment of payment systems using AI
- Infosys appoints Carlos Alcaraz as global brand ambassador to promote AI-driven transformation in sports
- World Aquatics lifts ban on Russia and Belarus athletes allowing participation with strict anti-doping compliance requirements
- NATO allies reject US Strait of Hormuz blockade plan, opting independent mission to secure global oil supply routes

- Italy led by Giorgia Meloni suspends defence cooperation deal with Israel amid escalating Middle East tensions
- Viktor Axelsen announces retirement from badminton after Olympic successes citing injury concerns and physical limitations
- Indian cyclist Divya Singh reaches Mount Everest Base Camp becoming first Indian woman to achieve milestone via cycling expedition
- India declares Shekha Jheel in Uttar Pradesh as 99th Ramsar site strengthening wetland conservation biodiversity protection eco-tourism and climate resilience efforts
- Government proposes 25 km minimum distance between sugar mills under new policy to ensure fair competition stabilize sector and support farmers
- Arthur Law named Young Global Leader 2026 by World Economic Forum for innovations in urban space solutions and sustainable infrastructure development
- HDFC Life reappoints Vibha Padalkar as MD and CEO for five years ensuring leadership continuity and long-term strategic growth focus
- NASA completes assembly of Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope advancing toward 2026 launch to study dark energy galaxies and exoplanets
- Abhishek Sharma creates IPL history with unbeaten 135 becoming first Indian with multiple sub-50-ball centuries and delivering record-breaking performance
- World Earth Day 2026 celebrated globally with theme Our Power Our Planet promoting renewable energy and environmental sustainability actions
- Gujarat becomes second state after Uttarakhand to pass Uniform Civil Code establishing common legal framework for marriage, divorce, succession matters
- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signs MoU with Blue Star Limited to promote product startups in HVAC and manufacturing sectors
- Ministry of Railways approves Kosamba flyover and Bhagalpur bypass projects worth ₹647 crore to improve rail connectivity, safety, operational efficiency
- Japan International Cooperation Agency signs ₹16,420 crore loan agreements supporting healthcare, agriculture, metro rail, and urban infrastructure projects in India
- HDFC Securities Limited launches NxtOption platform simplifying futures and options trading with advanced analytics and real-time strategy performance monitoring
- S&P Global raises India FY27 GDP forecast to 7.1 percent reflecting strong growth outlook despite global uncertainties and inflation pressures
- K V Ramana Murty appointed whole time member of Securities and Exchange Board of India strengthening regulatory framework and financial governance
- Agnikul Cosmos successfully tests fully 3D printed rocket engine Ignite marking milestone in private space technology innovation
- World Puppetry Day observed on March 21 celebrating puppetry as global art form promoting cultural heritage creativity and educational awareness worldwide
- World Water Day observed on March 22 highlighting freshwater importance global water crisis awareness and 2026 theme water and gender
- Shaheed Diwas observed on March 23 commemorating sacrifice of Bhagat Singh Rajguru and Sukhdev in India freedom struggle
- World Meteorological Day observed on March 23 emphasizing weather and climate awareness with theme observing today protecting tomorrow globally
- Delhi government presents ₹1.03 lakh crore budget for FY27 focusing on infrastructure health education and economic growth priorities
- Uttar Pradesh launches Nivesh Mitra 3.0 platform enhancing ease of doing business through integrated digital services and AI support system
- BBC appoints Matt Brittin as Director-General, marking strategic shift toward digital global media transformation
- Global coalition of 22 nations forms alliance to secure Strait of Hormuz shipping, ensuring energy flow stability and maritime safety
- National Housing Bank launches Gruh Sugam Portal enabling defence and government personnel to access home loans digitally with ease
- DPIIT signs MoU with KRAFTON India to boost digital entertainment startups, promoting gaming, AI innovation and entrepreneurship growth
- IICA and NLUJA Assam launch LLM programme in corporate law and management to strengthen governance and regulatory expertise
- Aditya Birla Group-led consortium acquires Royal Challengers Bengaluru for ₹16,706 crore, marking largest deal in IPL franchise history
- Cabinet approves Barabanki-Bahraich highway project boosting Buddhist tourism connectivity to

- Shravasti and enhancing regional economic development
- Uttarakhand launches Dehradun-Pithoragarh flight service improving regional connectivity, reducing travel time and boosting border area accessibility
 - China Mobile launches Global Intelligence Center in Hong Kong supporting large-scale AI computing, digital infrastructure and global connectivity networks
 - Amrit Bharat Station Scheme transforms 13 Delhi railway stations with modern infrastructure, passenger amenities and multi-modal transport integration
 - National Indoor Athletics Championships 2026 held in Bhubaneswar showcasing record performances and launching India's structured indoor athletics calendar
 - Lok Sabha passes Finance Bill 2026 with 32 amendments focusing on tax reforms, startups support and customs duty relief
 - Indian Navy launches Operation Urja Suraksha to escort energy vessels ensuring safe transit through Strait of Hormuz amid tensions
 - Balendra Shah sworn in as Nepal's youngest Prime Minister after historic electoral victory signaling major political transformation
 - International Olympic Committee bans transgender and DSD athletes from female category introducing SRY gene screening for fairness
 - Periasamy Kumaran appointed India's High Commissioner to United Kingdom bringing extensive diplomatic experience across global strategic postings
 - OECD projects India as fastest growing major economy with 7.6 percent growth while warning of slowdown due to global uncertainties
 - QS World University Rankings 2026 show India's best performance with increased global presence and multiple top fifty subject rankings
 - Red Hat and Google Cloud expand partnership to modernize applications with OpenShift integration enhancing hybrid cloud and AI deployment
 - India achieves record performance in QS subject rankings with IITs and IIMs securing top global positions across disciplines
 - Indian Navy launches Operation Urja Suraksha to escort energy vessels through Strait of Hormuz, ensuring India's maritime energy security and safety
 - Indian Air Force initiates Vayu Baan project, developing helicopter-launched drones to enhance combat reach, surveillance capabilities, and indigenous defence technology
 - Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Ashwini Vaishnaw launch PRISM-SG portal to digitize road-rail bridge approvals, reducing delays and boosting infrastructure efficiency
 - Ministry of Culture partners with YouTube to promote Indian folk and tribal music globally, preserving heritage through digital platforms
 - Department of Posts signs MoU with TRIFED to strengthen e-commerce logistics and boost nationwide sales of tribal products
 - Indian Army collaborates with IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation to accelerate defence indigenisation and develop advanced military technologies
 - National Housing Bank launches Gruh Sugam portal enabling defence personnel and government employees to easily access and track housing loans digitally
 - Lakshya Asset Management Company receives approval from SEBI to launch mutual fund business, expanding investment ecosystem
 - OECD lowers India's FY27 growth forecast to 6.1 percent citing global uncertainty while maintaining steady medium-term outlook
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Noida International Airport, boosting aviation capacity, reducing congestion in Delhi-NCR, and enhancing connectivity and economic growth
 - Amrit Bharat Station Scheme modernizes 1,338 railway stations with advanced infrastructure, digital systems, passenger amenities, and enhanced multimodal connectivity nationwide
 - Nitish Kumar resigns from Bihar Legislative Council after Rajya Sabha election, signaling shift to national politics after long tenure as Chief Minister
 - Indonesia bans social media access for children under 16 to curb cyber risks, addiction, harmful content, and protect mental health nationwide
 - RBI caps forex net open positions at \$100 million daily to reduce speculation, stabilize rupee, and strengthen banking risk management
 - Sheetal Devi wins World Archery Para Archer of the Year 2025, highlighting India's growing excellence and global presence in para sports
 - Adani Defence delivers first batch of indigenous Prahar Light Machine Guns to Indian Army boosting self-reliance and combat capabilities

- Indian Navy hosts IONS IMEX TTX 2026 in Kochi enhancing maritime cooperation, security coordination, and addressing non-traditional threats
- IAF to equip MiG-29 jets with advanced ASRAAM missiles improving close combat capability, precision targeting, and air superiority
- Sunil Narine becomes most capped overseas IPL player surpassing Kieron Pollard, highlighting consistent performance and long-term contribution to Kolkata Knight Riders
- Vijaypat Singhania, former Raymond chairman and aviation record holder, passes away at 87 leaving legacy in textiles and industry
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar participates in G7 Foreign Ministers meeting in France, emphasizing global governance reforms and Global South concerns
- Hockey India Annual Awards 2025 honors Hardik Singh, Navneet Kaur, and Zafar Iqbal for outstanding contributions and achievements
- C-DOT signs MoU with Delhi Police to deploy AI-based secure communication, surveillance, and quantum-ready cybersecurity solutions
- Government opens nominations for Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2026 recognizing excellence in science, innovation, and collaborative research achievements
- Japan launches world's first freight-only high-speed Shinkansen train enhancing logistics efficiency, sustainability, and rapid cargo transportation
- India and EU sign aviation production pact to boost safety standards, industrial collaboration, and aerospace manufacturing under Make in India
- Meghalaya signs reform-linked MoU under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 focusing sustainable rural water supply and decentralized governance
- Tech Mahindra partners with IIT Bombay to develop 3D digital twin enabling smart infrastructure, predictive maintenance, and real-time monitoring
- Pramod Bhagat wins gold and two silver medals at Spanish Para Badminton International 2026 showcasing India's dominance in para sports
- India enforces Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 mandating four-way segregation, boosting recycling, circular economy, digital monitoring, and stricter compliance nationwide
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates Samrat Samprati Museum on Mahavir Jayanti showcasing Jain heritage, values, artefacts, and cultural legacy
- Former Suriname President Chandrikapersad Santokhi passes away at 67, remembered for reforms, diplomacy, and strengthening India relations
- India's fiscal deficit narrows to ₹12.5 trillion in April-February FY26, driven by higher revenues, rising capex, and improved fiscal management
- ICRA warns India GDP growth may slow to 6.5 percent in FY27 due to global tensions, inflation, and energy prices
- India's industrial output grows 5.2 percent in February 2026, led by manufacturing expansion despite mixed trends in mining and electricity sectors
- India passes Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Amendment Bill 2026 to accelerate resolutions, enhance creditor confidence, and introduce cross-border insolvency provisions
- Thomas Pucadyil appointed Director of National Centre for Cell Science Pune, boosting biomedical research and innovation ecosystem
- India Pharma 2026 conference to be held in New Delhi focusing innovation, research, biosimilars, and strengthening global pharmaceutical supply chains
- NASA to launch Artemis II mission with crewed Moon orbit, testing systems for future human lunar exploration
- India conducts 'Dweep Shakti' tri-service exercise enhancing coordination among Army, Navy, Air Force, boosting amphibious operations and maritime defence preparedness
- Reserve Bank of India caps forex net open position at 100 million dollars, aiming to curb rupee volatility
- Zimbabwe launches 500 megawatt floating solar project at Kariba Dam, boosting energy security, carbon credits, and climate resilience using hybrid power model
- YES Bank tops S&P Global sustainability rankings among Indian banks, achieving high ESG score and global recognition
- Happy Jhappi launches India's first ritual gifting platform, focusing on relationship-based products and premium consumer segment
- Sunil Narine becomes most capped overseas player in Indian Premier League history, surpassing long-standing records

Trending Topics of the Month

Women's Reservation, Delimitation & North-South Divide: How New Bills Could Reshape India's Political Representation

The Central government has proposed a set of new Bills linking women's reservation, delimitation, and expansion of Lok Sabha seats, which together could significantly change India's political landscape. While the goal is to increase women's representation, the move has also sparked concerns about regional imbalance, especially between northern and southern states.



WHY ARE THE TWO LINKED?

- The Women's Reservation law is conditional
- It will only be implemented after:
- A fresh Census
- Followed by delimitation
- Without redefining constituencies, reservation cannot be applied
- This linkage is the main reason for delay
- Likely implementation timeline: around 2029 elections

Background: Women's Reservation Law

In 2023, Parliament passed the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, which provides 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha & State Assemblies. However, this reservation was not implemented immediately. It was linked to two conditions:

1. A new Census
2. A delimitation exercise

This means the reservation will likely come into effect only from the 2029 general elections.

What the New Bills Propose

The government has now introduced Bills to enable implementation:

1. Increase Lok Sabha seats from 543 to around 850
 - Allocate:
 - 815 seats for states
 - 35 seats for Union Territories
2. Conduct delimitation based on the latest Census (likely 2011 or upcoming)

Note: Delimitation means redrawing constituencies based on population, ensuring equal representation.



WHAT COULD THE

NEW DELIMITATION LOOK LIKE?

- There are discussions about increasing Lok Sabha seats significantly
- This may help accommodate reservation without reducing current representation
- Some proposals suggest using updated population data
- The goal is to balance political representation and gender quota
- It could reshape India's electoral map in a big way

How It Links to Women's Reservation

Reservation will apply to the new, expanded Lok Sabha. Around one-third of total seats will be reserved for women. Seats will be rotated after each delimitation, meaning different constituencies will be reserved in different elections.

Key Idea: Increasing seats ensures that reservation can be implemented without reducing existing seats of current MPs.

Major Concern: North–South Divide

The biggest controversy is about regional imbalance. Delimitation is expected to be based on population. Northern states (like UP, Bihar) have higher population growth. Southern states (like Tamil Nadu, Kerala) have controlled population growth.

Result:

- Northern states may get more seats
- Southern states may lose relative representation

This raises concerns about:

- Federal balance
- Fair political power distribution

Why Southern States Are Worried

They followed population control policies successfully. But may now be “penalised” with fewer seats. Critics argue this goes against:

- The principle of cooperative federalism
- Equal voice for all regions

Change in Delimitation Rules

Another key change proposed:

- The Constitution currently requires readjustment after every Census
- The new Bills may remove this requirement and alter the delimitation framework

This could:

- Reduce frequent changes
- But also increase concerns about central control over representation

Political Reactions

Opposition parties support women’s reservation in principle

But question: Why link it to delimitation?

Whether it is being used to reshape political power

Some leaders argue the move could:

Benefit certain regions more

Change electoral outcomes in future

Core Constitutional Issue (Theory)

This debate revolves around three key principles:

1. Representation (Population-based fairness)
2. Federalism (Balance between states)
3. Gender Justice (Women’s political participation)

Balancing all three is the main challenge.

Way Forward:

- Decouple reservation from delimitation → Implement women’s quota immediately
- Adopt hybrid formula → Population + development performance
- Limit seat imbalance → Cap drastic changes between states
- Ensure federal consultation → Involve all states in decisions
- Increase seats, not reduce → No state should lose absolute seats
- Stable rotation system → Avoid frequent seat changes
- Support women leaders → Training and political empowerment
- Conduct timely Census → Ensure transparent delimitation



Conclusion

The new Bills aim to finally implement women’s reservation, a long-pending reform. However, by linking it with delimitation and increasing Lok Sabha seats, they also open up a larger debate about regional balance and political power distribution. The final impact will depend on how India balances fair representation, federal equality, and gender inclusion in its democratic system.

Infographics

Indians Especially Sold on Environmentally Friendly Homes

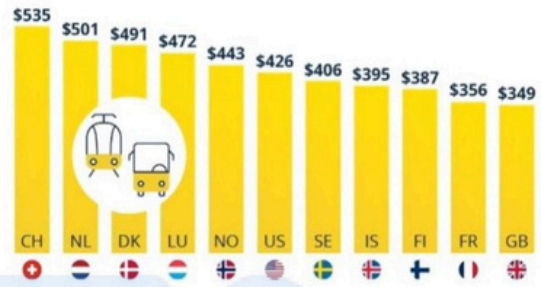
Share of respondents who say making their home environmentally friendly is important to them (in %)



1,700–8,600 respondents (18–64 y/o) per country surveyed Jan.–Dec. 2025
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

Europeans Pay the Most for Public Transport

Countries with the highest estimated average monthly revenue per public transport user in 2025



As of Jun. 2025
Based on an analysis of 152 countries. Data converted using 2025 average exchange rates
Source: Statista Market Insights

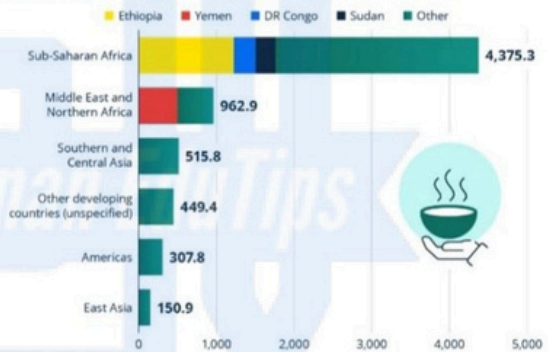
China Saw Biggest Electricity Demand Surge in 2025

Countries with the largest year-on-year changes in electricity demand in 2025 (in TWh)



The World's Food Aid Hotspots

Distribution of World Food Programme aid from the OECD, by recipient region/country (in million U.S. dollars)



China Is the World Leader in Solar Power Generation

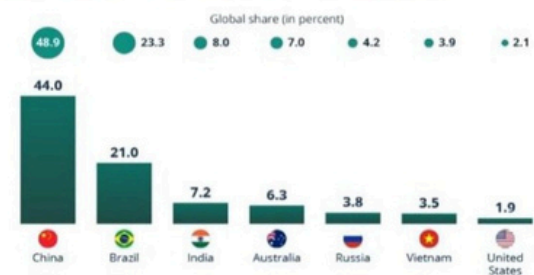
Electricity generated by solar power in 2025, by country (in TWh)



Data from 2025 or latest available year
Source: Ember

Where Are the World's Rare Earths?

Countries with the largest known reserves of rare earths in 2026 (in million tonnes of REO)*



Fare Play: Who's Riding Public Transport?

Share of people who take public transport on their commute to work/school/university



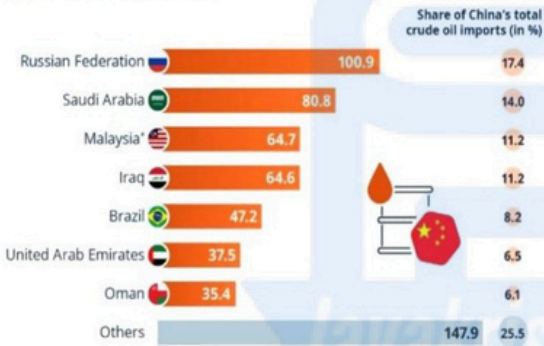
This Is How Far Humanity Has Ventured Into Space

Distance of man-made objects from Earth (in kilometers)



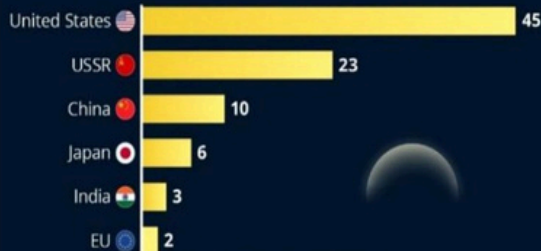
China's Top Crude Oil Suppliers

Countries exporting the most crude oil to China in 2025 (in million metric tons)



Which Countries Have Been to the Moon?

Number of successful and semi-successful missions to the moon (landing, orbiting, fly-by), by country*



* Italy/France/Sweden/South Korea/Pakistan and private companies from Luxembourg/Finland have sent experiments/orbiters on U.S./Chinese rockets. As of Apr. 7, 2026. Sources: OMG Space, Statista research

* Apollo 13 and Artemis 2 = maximum distance from Earth; distance from other man-made objects = Apr. 7, 2026, 09:30 CEST. Source: NASA

The Most Valuable Public Companies

Companies with the largest market capitalization on April 1, 2026 at 8am GMT (in billion U.S. dollars)



Transgender in India: A Glossary

Terms describing third gender Indians and their communities included in the 2014 landmark Supreme Court ruling



Hijra
Umbrella term for third gender Indians typically living in their own communities

Jogti hijras
Transgender temple servants in Maharashtra, Karnataka

Kinnar
Term used in North India, recently associated with intentional self-identification among hijras nationwide

Thirunangai
respectful, self-identification term from Tamil Nadu

Aravani
Term used in Tamil Nadu

Shiv-shakthis
Term from Andhra Pradesh

Kothi
Referring to transgender, gay and bisexual Indians in and outside communities

In India, third gender terms are usually associated with male-to-female transgender/third gender persons.
Sources: Supreme Court of India, Scroll.in

Where Homosexuality Is Punishable By Death

Countries where homosexuality can result in the death penalty



WOMEN'S RESERVATION BILL: THE PATH TO PASSAGE AND IMPLEMENTATION

THE NARI SHAKTI VANDAN ADHINIYAM (CONSTITUTION 106TH AMENDMENT ACT, 2023)

HISTORIC PASSAGE: SEPTEMBER 2023

- LOK SABHA PASSED (Sept 20, 2023) ✓ 454 AYES, 2 NOES
- RAJYA SABHA PASSED (Sept 21, 2023) ✓ 214 AYES, 0 NOES (UNANIMOUS)
- PRESIDENTIAL ASSENT (Sept 28, 2023)

KEY FEATURE

33% RESERVATION for women in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies

THE IMPLEMENTATION STALEMATE

Reservation will take effect **AFTER** a Delimitation exercise, which depends on the next Census.

2023 ACT TIMELINE → **DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION**

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: 2026

- THE CONSTITUTION (131ST AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026** aimed to decoupling reservation from post-census delimitation for immediate effect.
- LOK SABHA VOTING (April 17, 2026)** **FAILED** to secure Two-Thirds Majority (298 AYES, 230 NOES)

CURRENT STATUS:
The 2023 Act remains the current legal framework. The original, delayed timeline for implementation is now expected (likely post-2029 or 2034).

131st Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2026

Delimitation & Women's Reservation

What is the Bill?

A constitutional amendment proposing:

- ✓ Revision of delimitation process
- ✓ Linking it with 33% women's reservation

Key Provisions

- ✓ Delimitation based on latest census
- ✓ Lok Sabha seats may increase (~850)
- ✓ Women's reservation tied to delimitation

Why Controversial?

- ⚠ May delay women's reservation
- ⚠ North-South seat imbalance concerns
- ⚠ Opposition calls it politically motivated

Latest Update (2026)

- ✗ Failed in Lok Sabha
- ✗ Did not get 2/3rd Majority

Why Important?

- ✓ Linked to implementation of women's reservation
- ✓ Impacts future political representation
- ✓ Major federal & electoral reform debate

Big Reform Idea — But Politically Stuck



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