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NCERT Gets 'Deemed University' Status

- The Ministry of Education has granted the 'deemed to be university' status to **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**. This decision was taken by the recommendation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and it is placing the NCERT under the distinct category of the institutions.
- The 'deemed to be university' tag is granted to those institutions which demonstrate the high standards in the teaching and research. It also allows them with greater academic freedom compared to the regular institutions.
- For the NCERT this status means the,
 - Authority to design and to offering the PhD and advanced research programs.
 - Also the flexibility to introduce the innovative academic courses as per their reach.
- Will strengthened the role in to shaping the education policy and the curriculum development for the good future outcome.
- **Why This Decision is Important**
 - To Granting the university status to NCERT is the strategic reform which is aligned with India's broader education goals.
 - It is also expected to promote evidence-based policymaking in school education along with improving the quality of teacher training and curriculum design.
 - Adding to that encourages the innovation in teaching methods and learning materials for the students.
 - With focusing on the research and academic excellence the NCERT can now play the more direct role and important to addressing the challenges in India's schooling education system.
- The major functions of them include the,

- Developing school textbooks and learning materials
- Also, to conduct educational research and training program
- Along with that, they advise the government on education policies and reforms



Myanmar Military Chief Min Aung Hlaing Becomes President

- The significant political developments is seen in the Myanmar. As the Min Aung Hlaing was elected president on the 3rd of April, 2026 with securing the clear majority in the country's Union Parliament.
- The presidential election was held in the Nay Pyi Taw and comes at that time when the ongoing political uncertainty following from the last couple of years by the military influence in governance.
- Voting Outcome of the Results 2026
- Min Aung Hlaing: 429 votes
- U Nyo Saw: 126 votes
- Nan Ni Ni Aye: 29 votes



India Ranks 3rd Globally in Renewable Energy Capacity

- In the year 2025 India has been emerged as the third-largest renewable energy market in world. With this it is marking the new milestone in its clean energy journey. According to the numbers released by the **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)** the country have added around 45 GW of renewable capacity in a single year.
- The mainly this capacity is driven by solar and wind power energy. With this India's making step towards to focus on renewables and to achieve the sustainable goals.
- Total installed capacity in 2025 is around 250.5 GW.
- Earlier the capacity in the year 2023 was stood at 175.9 GW.
- In the year 2025 the annual edition has done around 45 GW.
- Solar energy has been playing the crucial role and it is the biggest contributor to renewable expansion of India.
- Solar capacity addition for the year 2025 was 37 GW. Also the India ranked second after China in the solar energy expansions.
- Across Asia the solar capacity has been grown rapidly and in the last couple of years it is the major contributing factor to the renewable energy.



RBI Foundation Day 2026

- On the 1st of April India observed the foundation day of the Reserve Bank of India which was established in the year 1935. RBI is the India's central bank and plays the crucial role in the monetary policy, controls inflation and also manage currency fluctuation and regulates the banking system.
- As in 2026 RBI remains as important due to new digital initiatives and its effort to safeguard them also plays the role to stabilize the fall of Indian rupee as the global geopolitical tensions rising and specially the West Asia conflict.
- The RBI was established under the Reserve Bank of India Act of the 1934. Banks establishment was based on recommendations of the Hilton Young Commission (1926).
- In the starting years headquartered was located in Kolkata and after some years it was shifted to Mumbai in the year 1937. Also it remains the operational hub today.
- The RBI bank was nationalized in the year 1949 and it was fully owned by the Government of India.
- First Governor: Sir Osborne Smith
- First Indian Governor: Sir C. D. Deshmukh
- Established to regulate currency and credit system in India
- The RBI plays the various roles which directly influence the economy of the country.
- Monetary Policy and Inflation Control
- Currency Issuance and Regulation

- Banking Regulation
- Foreign Exchange Management



Costa Rica Launches Snake Identification App

- To help people to identify the venomous snakes Costa Rica has introduced the new mobile application. This app will respond to them safely during encounters with them. The app was developed by the Universidad de Costa Rica with its Clodomiro Picado Institute.
- This newly launched ICP App is a free digital tool which is available on both Android and iOS platforms.
- It is designed to help the users to identify venomous snakes found across the Costa Rica.
- The app will focus on,
 - To identify 25 venomous snake species
 - Also providing visual comparisons with non-venomous snakes
 - And it offers verified scientific information in one place









Jan Vishwas Amendment Bill 2026 Passed

- Lok Sabha have passed the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2026 on the 1st of April 2026. This bill aims to decriminalize the minor offences and will rationalize the outdated laws and by doing this will making the life easier for citizens and several businesses.
- **What Does the Bill Change?**
- 784 provisions from different bills to be amended
- Total 79 Central Acts involved
- Under this 23 ministries are covered
- Nearly 717 provisions will be decriminalised
- 67 provisions are amended for the simplification
- Over the 1,000 offences are set to be rationalized
- **Focus on Decriminalisation**
- The bill removes the criminal penalties for the minor and technical offences and with this it will be replacing them with the,
 - Monetary penalties
 - Civil liabilities
- **Jan Vishwas**
- The Jan Vishwas initiative focus on to the building trust-based governance and also to reduce excessive regulation and to promoting the ease of living and doing business.
- It implementation aligns with India's broader reforms which are aimed to improving the global business ranking and investment climate.

Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026












A New Era of Trust-Based Governance

-  **1,000+** offences decriminalised
-  **784** provisions amended across **79** Central Acts
-  **717** provisions decriminalised for businesses
-  **67** reforms to improve daily life
-  Builds on Jan Vishwas 2023 (183 provisions removed)
-  Expands reform across **23** Ministries

Benefiting Citizens & Businesses with New Reforms

Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026

**Delivering
Ease of Living & Ease of Doing Business
for Every Citizen**

-  **317 provisions**
Fine converted into civil penalty
-  **158 provisions**
Fine removed entirely
-  **113 provisions**
Jail & fine converted into civil penalty
-  **57 provisions**
Jail & fine removed
-  **63 provisions**
Warning/notice for first-time default
-  **17 provisions**
Jail term reduced
-  **17 provisions**
Compounding of offences introduced
-  **29 provisions**
Imprisonment removed
-  **2 provisions**
Imprisonment converted into civil penalty
-  **1 provision**
Nature of imprisonment rationalised
-  **6 provisions**
Scope of offence limited

Criminal provisions replaced with smarter, citizen-friendly alternatives

World Autism Awareness Day 2026

- World Autism Awareness Day 2026 is observed on the **2nd April** every year. The day observed the global effort to promote understanding, acceptance and the inclusion of individuals with autism.
- It was firstly initiated by the United Nations in 2007 and this day go more than awareness and also focuses on to breaking the myths and supporting the people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- The theme for 2026 is **‘Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value.’**



E20 Petrol India 2026

- From the April 1st fuel stations across the country are now supplying that petrol which blended with 20% ethanol. As they are implementing from the directives from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- The direction has been given to the oil marketing company of India to ensure uniform fuel quality across the nation and also to follow the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) norms.
- E20 petrol is a blend of the
 - 80% petrol
 - 20% ethanol which is known as the bio-fuel.
- That Ethanol is produced from the different agricultural sources like the,
 - Sugarcane
 - Maize
 - Other grains
- It has a higher octane rating which is around 95 RON.
- Also have cleaner combustion compared to regular petrol.
- And it creates lower carbon emissions and footprint.
- This makes E20 a more environmentally friendly fuel option.
- India has been gradually increasing ethanol blending in petrol for the lowering the carbon footprint.
- Earlier target: 10% blending (E10)
- Current shift: 20% blending (E20)
- The future goal is to make the higher adoption of biofuels and green energy



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which organization has been granted 'deemed to be university's status?

- A) CBSE
- B) NCERT
- C) AICTE
- D) NIOS

Answer: B) NCERT

2. The 'deemed university' status to NCERT was granted on the recommendation of:

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) UPSC
- C) UGC
- D) संसद (Parliament)

Answer: C) UGC

3. Min Aung Hlaing became the President of which country in 2026?

- A) Thailand
- B) Myanmar
- C) Vietnam
- D) Laos

Answer: B) Myanmar

4. India ranked globally at which position in renewable energy capacity in 2025?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th

Answer: C) 3rd

5. According to IRENA, India's total renewable energy capacity in 2025 was approximately:

- A) 150 GW
- B) 200 GW
- C) 250.5 GW
- D) 300 GW

Answer: C) 250.5 GW

6. RBI was established in which year?

- A) 1930
- B) 1935
- C) 1947
- D) 1950

Answer: B) 1935

7. Who was the first Indian Governor of RBI?

- A) B.R. Ambedkar
- B) C. Rajagopalachari
- C) C. D. Deshmukh
- D) R. K. Shanmukham Chetty

Answer: C) C. D. Deshmukh

8. The Snake Identification App was launched by which country?

- A) Brazil
- B) India
- C) Costa Rica
- D) Indonesia

Answer: C) Costa Rica

9. The Jan Vishwas Amendment Bill 2026 mainly focuses on:

- A) Increasing taxes
- B) Decriminalizing minor offences
- C) Expanding defense budget

D) Privatization of banks

Answer: B) Decriminalizing minor offences

10. What is the ethanol percentage in E20 petrol?

A) 10%

B) 15%

C) 20%

D) 25%

Answer: C) 20%