

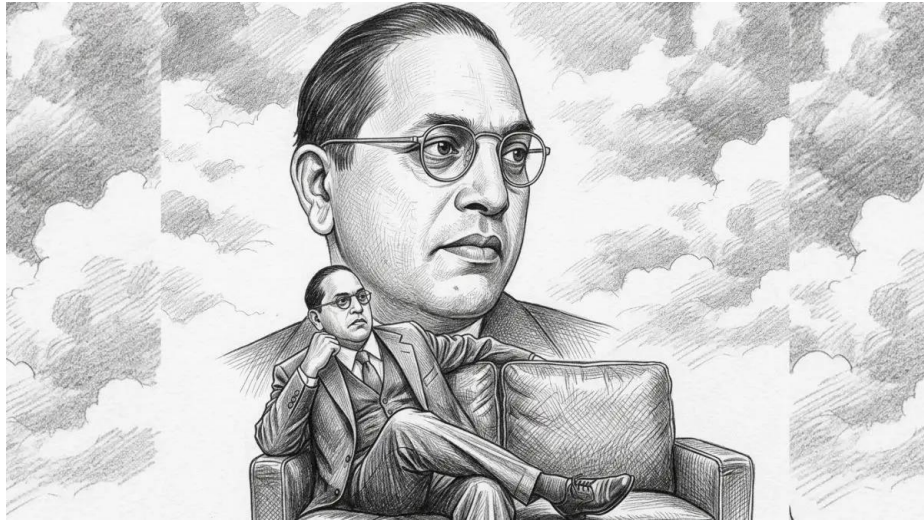
# Daily Current Affairs

## 14 April 2026

### Ambedkar Jayanti 2026

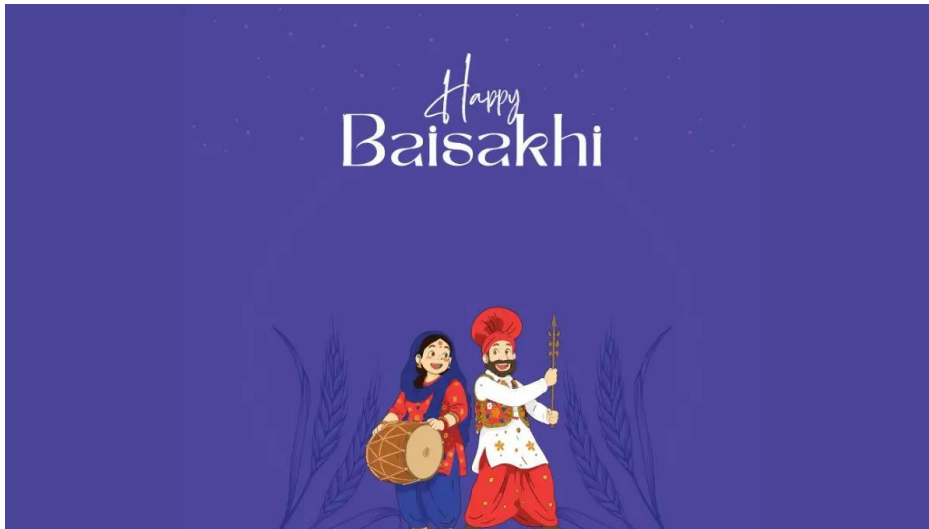
- Every year on the April 14th India celebrates the Ambedkar Jayanti which marks the birth anniversary of Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He was a visionary leader, social reformer and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution.
- In 2026 this day once again reminds us of his lifelong fight against inequality and his unwavering commitment to the justice, education and human dignity. This day is not just the day of remembrance but it is the celebration of ideas that which continue to shape modern India.
- Dr. Ambedkar was born on the April 14, 1891 in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. He faced the severe discrimination during his early life. Despite this hardships he had pursued higher education at renowned institutions like Columbia University and the University of London.
- Over the time his followers have began celebrating his birth anniversary to honor his contributions. Today the Ambedkar Jayanti is observed not only across India but it is also observed internationally which showcasing the global influence.
- Key Contributions Are,
  - He was the chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution
  - He was also the the first Law Minister of independent India
  - The champion of Dalit rights and social reform
  - Also advocated for the education, labor rights and gender equality
  - He wrote some of the books are,
    - Annihilation of Caste
    - The Problem of the Rupee

- Who Were the Shudras?
- Thoughts on Pakistan



## Baisakhi 2026

- Baisakhi 2026 will be celebrated on April 14th and this day marks one of the most important festivals in the India especially in the State of the Punjab. The festival is known as both the harvest festival and a religious occasion.
- Baisakhi holds the deep cultural and spiritual significance in the Indian Culture. The festival celebrates the harvest season and also the Punjabi New Year.
- The history of the day can be traced back to the 1699 when the Guru Gobind Singh have established the Khalsa Panth. This marked the beginning of the distinct Sikh identity which was based on the values of equality, courage and selfless service.
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## Tamil New Year Celebrated as Puthandu 2026

- Puthandu which is also known as Tamil New Year will be celebrated on the April 14th in this year. This day marks the beginning of the Tamil calendar year. The Sankranti moment for the day will happen at the 09:39 AM in morning and it will signify the Sun's transition into Mesha (Aries).
- Puthandu is also called as the Varusha Pirappu. It is the first day of the Tamil month Chithirai and it marks the start of a new year in the Tamil solar calendar.
- This references to Puthandu can be found in the Sangam literature which is highlighting the long-standing importance in Tamil tradition. Historically it was also linked to agricultural cycles which symbolizing the spring and fresh harvests.



## BHU Wins National Moot Court Competition

- The remarkable achievement comes as the Banaras Hindu University has emerged winner at the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) National Moot Court Competition 2026.
- This competition was held at Integral University. The winning team have secured the cash prize of ₹25,000 and along with trophies and medals they marks the proud moment for the India's on of the premier institutions.
- This competition have witnessed the participation from 40 teams across India and which making it a highly competitive and prestigious legal event.

Position	University Name (Prize)	Position
Winner	Banaras Hindu University (₹25,000)	Winner
Runner-up:	Chandigarh University (₹11,000)	Runner-up:

### Special Awards

Category	University Name
Best Researcher	Dr Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University
Dr Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University	Army Institute of Law
Best Speaker	Mallika Chadha from Lovely Professional University
Inspiring Excellence	Aligarh Muslim University
Best Regional Teams	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and University of Lucknow



## World Bank Releases \$340 Million for Andhra Pradesh

- For the Andhra Pradesh capital city project the World Bank has released the \$340 million for the development of Amaravati under Phase-I. Additionally the \$130-150 million is expected release later in the month of April.
- The funding is part of the larger commitment by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank as they have jointly pledged the,
- \$1.6 billion total funding
- \$800 million each from both institutions
- The Amaravati project is set to implemented under the Amaravati Integrated Urban Development Programme which is using the Program-for-Results framework.
- **Key Features of This Model**
- The funds are released based on the achievement of the results
- Also ensures accountability and the efficient utilization
- And encourages the performance-driven development



## Israel Appoints Roman Gofman as Mossad Chief

- Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu has appointed the Major General Roman Gofman as the next head of Mossad. Appointment was confirmed on April 13, 2026 comes at the crucial time when the Israel faces the complex regional security challenges.
- He will officially take charge on the July 2, 2026 and he will be succeeding David Barnea whose tenure comes to ends in June.
- The decision to appoint Gofman comes at the sensitive time for Israel. The country continues to face the,
  - Persistent tensions in the Middle East
  - Ongoing the security concerns related to Gaza
  - Also evolving the intelligence and counter-terror challenges
- Key Responsibilities of Mossad Are,
  - To conducting the foreign intelligence operations
  - To perform the counter-terrorism and covert missions
  - Strategic intelligence gathering
  - Also to protecting the national security interests abroad



## First female Army Chief of Australian Defence Force

- Australia has appointed the Susan Coyle as the first-ever female Army Chief. This announcement was made in the month of April 2026. She will officially take the charge in July 2026.
- Lieutenant General Susan Coyle brings decades of experience to her new role. She is currently serving as the Chief of Joint Capabilities. She has held multiple senior command positions since joining the army in 1987.
- Women currently make up in the Australian army for around 21% of the total ADF workforce.
- Also, about the 18.5% of women holds the senior leadership roles.
- The government has set a target to increase women's participation to 25% by 2030 which showcases the long-term commitment to diversity and inclusion.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Ambedkar Jayanti is celebrated every year on which date?**

- A. January 26
- B. March 15
- C. April 14
- D. May 1

**Answer: C. April 14**

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**2. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was born in which place?**

- A. Nagpur
- B. Mhow
- C. Delhi
- D. Mumbai

**Answer: B. Mhow**

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**3. Which university did Dr. Ambedkar attend for higher studies?**

- A. Harvard University
- B. Oxford University
- C. Columbia University
- D. Cambridge University

**Answer: C. Columbia University**

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**4. Baisakhi is primarily celebrated in which Indian state?**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Punjab
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha

**Answer: B. Punjab**

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**5. The Khalsa Panth was established in 1699 by whom?**

- A. Guru Nanak Dev
- B. Guru Tegh Bahadur
- C. Guru Gobind Singh

D. Guru Arjan Dev

**Answer: C. Guru Gobind Singh**

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**6. Puthandu marks the New Year in which Indian state?**

A. Kerala

B. Karnataka

C. Tamil Nadu

D. Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: C. Tamil Nadu**

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**7. Which university won the AIU National Moot Court Competition 2026?**

A. Delhi University

B. Banaras Hindu University

C. Aligarh Muslim University

D. Chandigarh University

**Answer: B. Banaras Hindu University**

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**8. The World Bank released \$340 million for the development of which city?**

A. Hyderabad

B. Amaravati

C. Bengaluru

D. Chennai

**Answer: B. Amaravati**

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**9. Who has been appointed as the new Mossad Chief in 2026?**

A. David Barnea

B. Benjamin Netanyahu

C. Roman Gofman

D. Aviv Kochavi

**Answer: C. Roman Gofman**

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**10. Who became the first female Army Chief of Australia in 2026?**

A. Julia Gillard

B. Susan Coyle

C. Linda Reynolds

D. Tanya Plibersek

**Answer: B. Susan Coyle**

