

Daily Current Affairs

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World Voice Day 2026

- World Voice Day 2026 was observed on the 16th of April every year April 16. Today is focusing on the importance of the human voice which is a key tool of communication.
- For this year the theme is “**Caring for Our Voices**” and this global initiative encourage people to take proactive steps for the vocal health which includes the early diagnosis and prevention of the voice disorders.
- World Voice Day is a global awareness event which is dedicated to promoting vocal health and hygiene. It brings attention to how essential the voice is in daily life whether for the teachers, singers, public speakers or the professionals.



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R Vaishali Wins Women’s Candidates Tournament 2026

- Indian chess player R Vaishali has scripted the history by winning the Women’s Candidates Tournament 2026 after the thrilling final round in Cyprus. This historic victory secures her the spot in the Women’s World Chess Championship.
- With this win it makes her only the second Indian woman to achieve this milestone. Her journey from the one of the lowest rated players in the

tournament to emerging as the champion which could classify his strategy and skills.

- She becomes the second Indian woman to qualify for the World's Chess Championship.
- She will follow in the footsteps of Koneru Humpy.
- She will now face the current reigning champion Ju Wenjun



ICC Player of the Month for March 2026

- Melie Kerr the captain of the New Zealand women team has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2026. She won this award for the third time with his performance.
- T20 World Cup 2026 Player of the Tournament **Sanju Samson** has been awarded the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2026. This award recognizes him for his outstanding match winning performances in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026.
- Kerr has delivered the record-breaking bowling performance in the ODI series which was played against Zimbabwe.
- She has got 16 wickets in just three matches, which includes her career-best figures of 7/34.
- Alongside her bowling she contributed 140 runs and showcased her all-round skills.

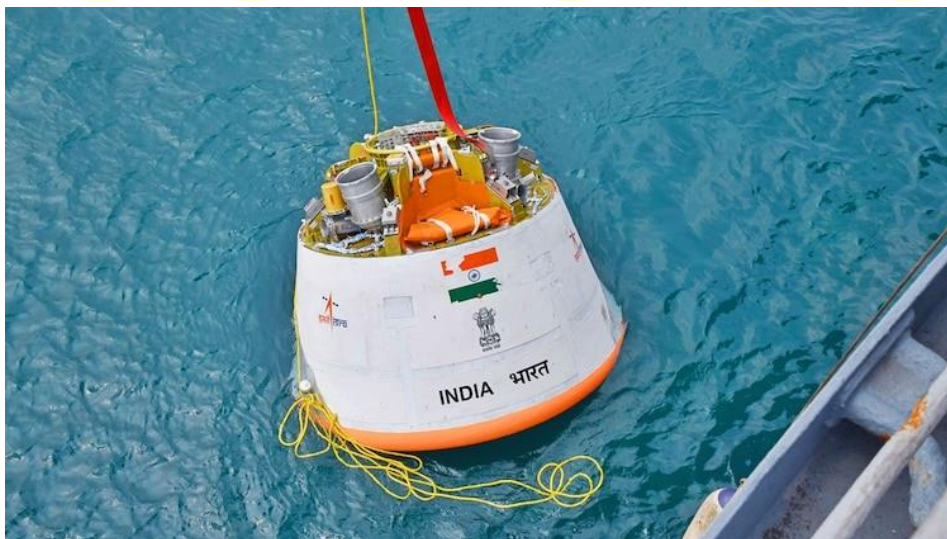
- Sanju Samson delivered a sensational performance during the last phase of the tournament. He scored 321 runs overall and emerged as a key player in vital matches.
- In the March month alone, he scored 275 runs in just three matches at an average of 137.50 and with the strike rate close to 200 which showcase his dominance in the T20 cricket.



Will India's Gaganyaan launch in 2027

- Four astronauts splashed down in the Pacific Ocean on April 11, 2026, completing a round trip to the Moon, marking humanity's return to deep space exploration after more than half a century, reigniting global excitement around human spaceflight.
- As Nasa pushes forward with its Moon ambitions, the spotlight has inevitably turned toward India's own human spaceflight programme, Gaganyaan.

- Once projected as a defining milestone for India's space capabilities, the mission now faces mounting delays and growing uncertainty, raising serious questions about whether the country, which once planned to launch Indian astronauts on an indigenous vehicle to space in 2022, can realistically meet its revised 2027 crewed launch target.
- Compounding the delay is a broader slowdown in launch activity at Sriharikota. The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), which had announced an aggressive manifest of 18 launches for 2026, has so far completed only one in the first four months of the year, and that mission ended in failure.
- The setback has had a cascading effect on the entire launch ecosystem. Two recent failures involving the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) have triggered an internal investigation, the findings of which remain undisclosed.
- India has a tiny pool of four astronauts to choose from for the Gaganyaan mission, which will carry three of them into Low Earth Orbit as part of its maiden crewed launch.
- However, India has also announced plans to launch the first module of Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) by 2035 and land an Indian on the Moon by 2040. While 2040 may seem far away, in the incremental and complex world of human spaceflight, it is actually a tight timeline.



PM Modi Inaugurates Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira

- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has visited Karnataka on April 15th 2026 and he inaugurated the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira at the Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math.

- The Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira stands as the tribute to the spiritual lineage and teachings associated with the that Math.
- During the inauguration PM Modi stated that the importance to preserving India's spiritual ethos will be continues to guide the society through values of service, discipline and the compassion.
- During his visit of state, the Prime Minister also offered prayers at the Jwala Peetha and the Sri Kalabhairava Temple.
- It also reinforced the spiritual significance of that region.
- These visits also reflect the cultural importance of Karnataka as the center of religious devotion and traditional practices.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When is World Voice Day observed every year?

- A. April 14
- B. April 15
- C. April 16
- D. April 17

Answer: C. April 16

2. What was the theme of World Voice Day 2026?

- A. Voice for Change
- B. Healthy Communication
- C. Caring for Our Voices

D. Speak Freely

Answer: C. Caring for Our Voices

3. Who won the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026?

A. Koneru Humpy

B. Ju Wenjun

C. R Vaishali

D. Harika Dronavalli

Answer: C. R Vaishali

4. Where was the Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 held?

A. India

B. USA

C. China

D. Cyprus

Answer: D. Cyprus

5. Who is the current Women's World Chess Champion that Vaishali will face?

A. Koneru Humpy

B. Ju Wenjun

C. Magnus Carlsen

D. Hou Yifan

Answer: B. Ju Wenjun

6. Who was named ICC Women's Player of the Month for March 2026?

A. Smriti Mandhana

B. Ellyse Perry

C. Amelia Kerr

D. Meg Lanning

Answer: C. Amelia Kerr

7. How many wickets did Amelia Kerr take in the ODI series mentioned?

A. 10

B. 12

C. 14

D. 16

Answer: D. 16

8. Who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March 2026?

A. Virat Kohli

B. Rohit Sharma

C. Sanju Samson

D. KL Rahul

Answer: C. Sanju Samson

9. What is the target year for India's Gaganyaan crewed mission?

A. 2025

B. 2026

C. 2027

D. 2030

Answer: C. 2027

10. Who inaugurated the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira in 2026?

A. Droupadi Murmu

B. Amit Shah

C. Narendra Modi

D. Rajnath Singh

Answer: C. Narendra Modi