

Monthly Current Affairs

April 2026

19-Year-Old Sheetal Devi Honoured

- Sheetal Devi the India's upcoming and rising young star has been named with the prestigious '**Para Archer of the Year 2025**' award by World Archery. With the age of 19 and the archer from Jammu and Kashmir has achieved the global recognition for the wonderful performance and inspiring journey of her.
- Sheetal Devi just made history by becoming the first and only female armless archer to win the gold medal at the World Para Archery Championships.
- She has achieved this exceptional feat in the women's compound individual event which was held in Gwangju, South Korea.
- She had won the,
- Gold medal in women's compound individual event
- Silver medal in women's team event
- Bronze medal in mixed team event
- Adding to this she has won,
- Silver medal at the 2022 Asian Para Games
- Silver medal at the 2023 Asian Championships in Bangkok



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 are 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



Brand Ambassador for India Census 2027

- The Government of India has appointed the Famous Sand artist Mr. Sudarshan Pattnaik as the brand ambassador for Census 2027. Announcement made by the Ministry of Home Affairs and it aims to encourage the citizen to participate in the country's first-ever digital census.
- He is an internationally acclaimed sand artist from the State of Odisha. He is also widely recognized for the blending art with social awareness and drives.
- He was also honored with the Padma Shri Awards in the year 2014 for his contribution to art and public messaging via unique artwork.
- The launch of the Census 2027 hints the major transformation in how the India can collect and manages demographic data.
- For the first time the enumerators will use smartphone based mobile applications instead of the traditional paperwork methods.
- This digital shift is expected to improve accuracy and efficiency and also to reduce delays in data processing. And this will also ensure real time monitoring.
- Additionally, the citizens can now have the option to participate via the self-enumeration portal and this feature never have been introduced before in the India's census history.



India's Most Advanced Atomic Reactor Attains Criticality

- India has achieved the major milestone in its nuclear energy journey as indigenously developed Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam has successfully attained the criticality. This marks the vital step to advancing the country's long term nuclear program.
- This 500 MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) is the key project operated by Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited.
- Unlike the conventional reactors the fast breeder reactor has a unique advantage.
- Key Features
 - As they produces more nuclear fuel than it consumes.
 - Uses plutonium based fuel.
 - Also enhances the fuel efficiency and sustainability.
- India's nuclear strategy is designed and planned in three stages.
 - Stage 1 : In the beginning the use of natural uranium in Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs).
 - Stage 2: The deployment of this Fast Breeder Reactors (like PFBR) to generate the more fuel.
 - Stage 3 :Proper utilization of thorium based reactors for the long-term energy security.

- This project showcasing the India's commitment to the,
- The clean energy generation with low carbon emissions
- Also to reducing dependence on fossil fuels
- And strengthen the Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- A Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) is one of type of nuclear reactor which generates more fissile material than what it consumes.
- Advantages of the FBRs are efficient use of nuclear fuel, it reduces the nuclear waste and also supports long-term energy sustainability.



Menaka Guruswamy Takes Oath, Becomes India's First Openly Queer MP

- Historic moment was seen in Parliament of India as Menaka Guruswamy took oath as the Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha and she became the India's first openly queer (LGBTQ+) MP.
- This will be marks the major step forward for the LGBTQ+ representation in Indian politics and reflecting the gradual shift towards the inclusivity and acceptance. She is known for her role in shaping constitutional law and her entry into Parliament is being seen as the powerful symbol of progress, equality.
- She is widely respected for her pivotal contribution to the historic Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India judgment.
- Why This Case Matters,

- In 2018 Honorable Supreme Court of India struck down the parts of Section 377. It has decriminalized consensual same-sex relationships and with this it marks the turning point in LGBTQ+ rights in India.



India's Most Polluted Cities

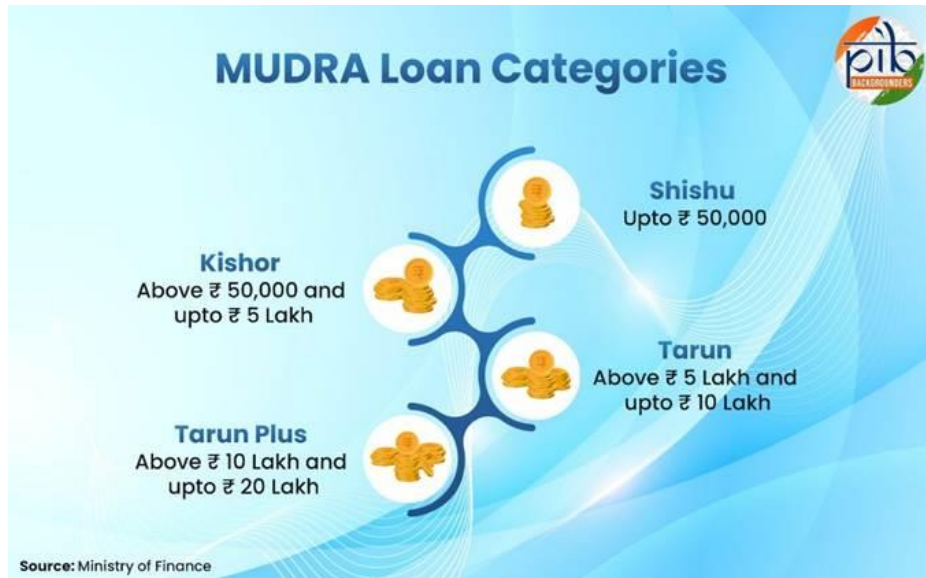
- Air pollution continues to be a serious problem in India, and a new report has brought fresh concerns. According to the **Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA)**, **Gurgaon** was the most polluted city in the country in March, showing how dangerous air quality levels remains in many regions.
- The report stated that Gurgaon recorded the highest pollution level in March, with an average PM2.5 level of $116 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. This level is much higher than the safe limit and can harm people's health, especially children and the elderly.
- Haryana has four cities among the top 10 most polluted cities in India. These include Bahadurgarh, Faridabad, Gurgaon and Manesar. This shows that air pollution is a major issue among the state.
- Other cities in the top 10 list were **Singrauli, Mandideep, Ghaziabad, Bhiwadi, Noida and Nandesari**, coming from different states like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- On the other hand, some states have seen a rise in pollution levels. Odisha had the highest number of cities with increased PM10 levels, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. A few cities in Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu also showed rising pollution.



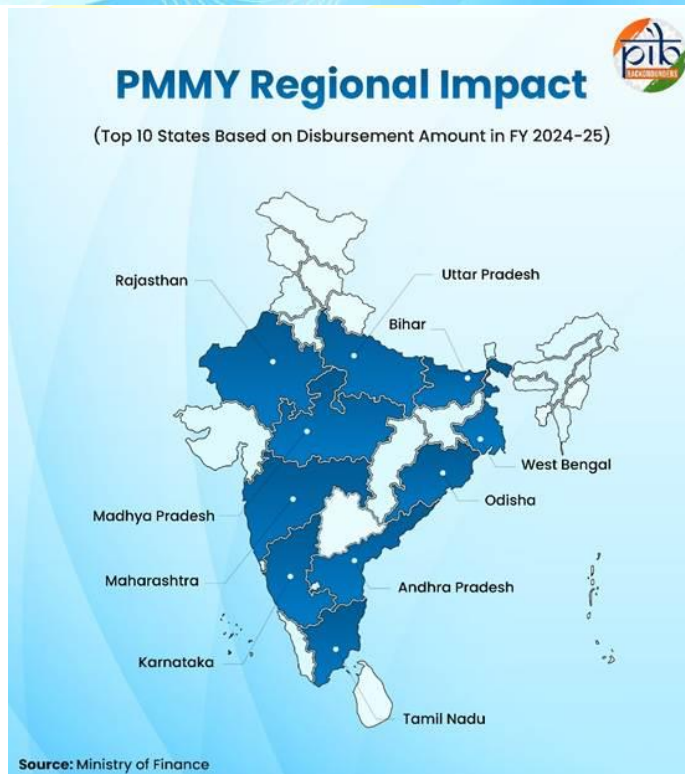
11 Years of Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana

- PMMY has evolved into a powerful instrument of empowerment and aspiration, with 57 crore+ loans amounting to ₹40.07 lakh crore.
- Easy credit access with four distinct loan categories: Shishu, Kishor, Tarun and TarunPlus.
- Collateral-free loans up to ₹20 lakh for activities covering manufacturing, trading, services & allied agricultural activities.
- Strengthening financial inclusion with about 60% of loan accounts belonging to women and about 21% to new entrepreneurs in FY 2024-25.
- Over the past decade, PMMY has progressed into a more technology-driven, integrated and sustainable lending framework.
- The Government of India has marked 11 years of the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), highlighting its significant contribution to financial inclusion and grassroots entrepreneurship.
- Launched on **8 April 2015** with the vision of “Funding the Unfunded,” the scheme aims to provide easy and collateral-free credit to micro and small enterprises across the country.
- The scheme operates through a structured network involving MUDRA, lending institutions, and borrowers, ensuring efficient credit delivery at the grassroots level.

- Overall, the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana has strengthened India's micro-enterprise ecosystem, boosted employment opportunities, and contributed to sustainable economic growth by empowering small entrepreneurs across the nation.



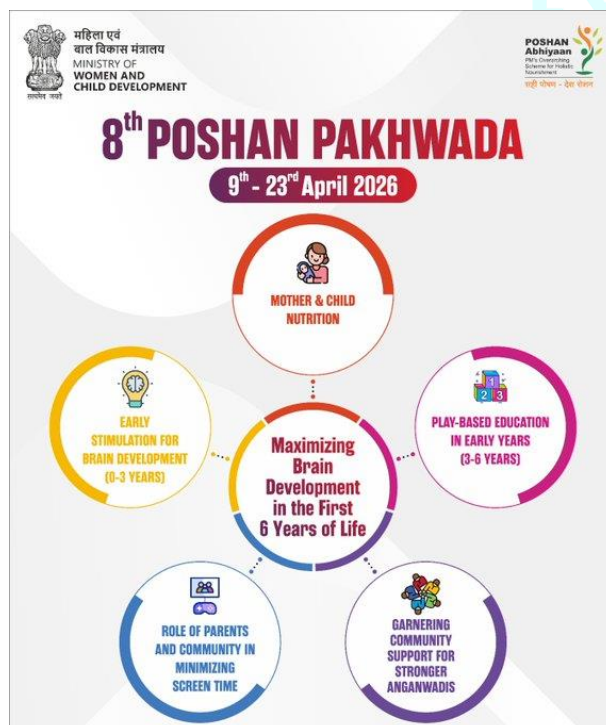
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National launch of 8th Poshan Pakhwada 2026

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development will celebrate the 8th edition of Poshan Pakhwada from 9th to 23rd April 2026, reaffirming the Government’s commitment to improving nutritional outcomes across the country.
- **The key focus areas under this year’s theme include:**
- Maternal and Child Nutrition – Promoting optimal nutrition during pregnancy, exclusive breastfeeding, and age-appropriate complementary feeding.
- Early Stimulation for Brain Development (0–3 years) – Encouraging responsive caregiving and early learning interactions.
- Play-Based Education in Early Years (3–6 years) – Supporting holistic development and school readiness.
- Role of Parents and Community in Minimising Screen Time – Promoting healthy habits and active engagement.
- Strengthening Anganwadi Centres through Community Participation – Enhancing infrastructure and service delivery through Jan Bhagidari and CSR.
- Through Poshan Pakhwada 2026, the Ministry aims to further strengthen the Jan Andolan by reinforcing that nutrition, care, early learning, and community participation together lay the foundation for a healthy, educated, and empowered India.



NHAI to Develop 'NHAI Arogya Van'

- In a significant step towards enhancing biodiversity and integrating ecological sustainability in National Highway development, NHAI has taken the initiative to develop 'Arogya Van', the thematic medicinal tree plantations on vacant land parcels along the National Highways.
- The initiative aims to enrich biodiversity along the National Highways by introducing medicinal tree species that support pollinators, birds and microfauna, thereby strengthening ecosystem resilience.
- Traditionally, plantation activities along National Highways have been undertaken using a mix of native and avenue tree species aimed at greening and ecological stabilization.
- The 'Arogya Van' initiative reinforces NHAI's commitment towards developing environmentally sustainable infrastructure.



Payal Nag Makes History In Archery Championship

- 18-year-old Payal Nag from Odisha has made history by winning a gold medal at an international archery event. Her achievement has surprised and inspired people across the world, as she became the first quadruple amputee to make such a great achievement in para-archery.
- Payal Nag was born in a small village in Balangir district, Odisha. Her family was very poor and her father worked as a daily-wage labourers.

- On April 4, 2026, Payal achieved a big victory at the World Para Archery Series Final in Bangkok. It was her first senior international competition. In the final match, she defeated her idol Sheetal Devi with a score of 139-136 and won the gold medal.



Preeti Saran Re-Elected as UN Committee Head

- India has secured the unopposed victories in four key election to bodies under the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in April 2026. This elections were held by acclamation which means that unanimous approval without the opposition.
- The four important bodies in which India have secured representation includes the,
 - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
 - Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)
 - Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations
 - Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC)
- The re-election of the Preeti Saran to the CESCR (Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) is the significant achievement. This position to be hold as an individual expert capacity and not as the government representative.
- It was established by the Charter of the United Nations in 1945 as one of the six principal organs of the United Nations.

- It is responsible for the direction and coordination of the economic, social, humanitarian, and cultural activities carried out by the UN.
- Decisions are taken by a simple majority vote. The presidency of ECOSOC changes annually.
- Members: It has 54 members and which are elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly.
- Headquarter: New York (USA)



HC Judge Yashwant Varma Tenders Resignation

- The former Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Varma has resigned from his post after the submitting his resignation to Honorable President of India Droupadi Murmu with the immediate effect.
- The resignation of the former judge Mr. Verma comes after the controversy linked to the alleged recovery of the burnt cash at his official residence in Delhi. Under the **Articles 124 and 218** the judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts can be removed by the President on grounds of “proven misbehaviour” or “incapacity”.
- **Justice Verma Case**
- The controversy began on the 14th of March 2025 when a fire broke out the Justice Varma’s residence in Delhi and burnt cash was found and some questions were raised suddenly after the incident.

Stage/Aspect	Details
Constitutional Provisions	Under Articles 124 and 218 Constitution of India (CoI) judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts can be removed by the President.
Grounds for Removal	'Proven misbehaviour' or 'incapacity' – A the definition of these terms are not defined in the constitution.
Meaning of Misbehaviour	It includes the wilful misconduct, corruption, lack of integrity or moral turpitude (as it is interpreted by the Supreme Court).
Meaning of Incapacity	It refers to the physical or mental conditions that affect judicial functioning.
Definition Status	The terms 'proven misbehaviour' and 'incapacity' are not explicitly defined in the Constitution of India.

- The in-house inquiry was initiated under then the Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and the three-member panel investigated during that time.
- After reviewing the report, the CJ have asked Justice Varma to resign or to face impeachment, but when the no immediate resignation was followed, the matter was escalated to the President and Prime Minister.
- **Procedure for Removal of Judges in India**



Monte Carlo Masters 2026

- **Jannik Sinner** have defeated the **Carlos Alcaraz** to win the Monte Carlo Masters 2026, and he reclaimed the World No. 1 ranking. Sinner have secured the victory in straight sets 7-6 (5), 6-3, and with this it is marking his first-ever title at this prestigious clay court tournament.

- Jannik victory in the Monte Carlo marks his third ATP 1000 title of the year and making him one of the most dominant players of the season.
- He has now,
- Won the three consecutive ATP Masters 1000 titles in 2026
- Also extended his winning streak to 17 matches
- And joined legends like Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal as one of the few to win the four consecutive ATP 1000 titles



Rory McIlroy
AGE: 36 | COUNTRY: NORTHERN IRELAND

SIX MAJORS

- US OPEN: 2011
- PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: 2012, 2014
- THE OPEN: 2014
- THE MASTERS: 2025, 2026

PGA TOUR WINS: 30

TOP 5 FINISHES: 86

EVENTS: 278

CUTS: 246

I did the bulk of my work on Thursday and Friday. Having a 6-shot lead going into the weekend, it would have been a bitter pill to swallow if I weren't able to get myself over the finish line.

Rory McIlroy celebrates victory on the 18th green.

Back-to-back Masters titles
The others who successfully defended their title at the Augusta Masters

JACK NICKLAUS	NICK FALDO	TIGER WOODS
•1965 •1966	•1989 •1990	•2001 •2002

Rotterdam Marathon 2026

- India's **Sawan Barwal** has broken the country's longest standing marathon national record and ended the 48-year-old record which was set by the Shivnath

Singh earlier. The historic achievement comes at the prestigious NN Marathon Rotterdam on the 12th of April 2026.

- **Key Highlights**
- Timing: 2 hours 11 minutes 58 seconds (2:11:58)
- Previous Record: 2:12:00 (set in 1978)
- Event: NN Marathon Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Final Position: 20th in elite category

Know Sawan Barwal HT

AGE	28
FROM	Mandi, HP
JOINED ARMY	2019
CURRENT RANK	Havildar

2:11:58
NEW NATIONAL MARK (ROTTERDAM)

2:12:00
PREVIOUS NATIONAL RECORD

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Started as a middle and long distance runner who **largely competed in 5,000m and 10,000m**
- ▶ Competed in three half-marathons in 2023. Clocked a **personal best of 1:02:46** in New Delhi in 2024
- ▶ Was **set to run in his first marathon** last year but an injury pushed back the debut

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.



Harivansh Narayan Singh Makes History with Third Term as Deputy Chairman

- Harivansh has been elected to unopposed to the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for third consecutive term. This marks the historic moment as he becomes the first nominated member to hold the position.
- The election reflects the broad political consensus among the parties and recognition of his experience in the parliamentary functioning.

- Harivansh re-election to the chair come without any opposition candidate which indicates strong cross-party support. The motion for his election was moved by J P Nadda who is Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha.
- **Election of Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha**
- The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha is elected by the Rajya Sabha itself from amongst its members.
- A candidate has to secure a Simple Majority i.e. majority of the members present and voting in order to get elected as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- The election process is presided over by the Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- **Tenure of Deputy Chairman**
- Usually the tenure of the Deputy Chairman is co-terminus with his/her membership of the Rajya Sabha.
- However, he/she has to vacate his/her office earlier in any of the following three cases:
 - If he/she ceases to be a member of the Rajya Sabha,
 - If he/she resigns by writing to the Chairman,
 - If he/she is removed by a resolution passed by a majority of all the then members of the Rajya Sabha (i.e. Effective Majority).



Harvard South Asian Person of the Year Award 2026

- **Sayani Gupta** has been named the Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' 2026. The recognition was awarded by the **Harvard South Asian Association**.

This association celebrates her impactful contribution to the storytelling and representation.

- The Harvard South Asian 'Person of the Year' award honors the individuals who have made the meaningful impact on the South Asian culture, identity and representation.
- This promotes the,
- South Asian culture and heritage
- Also leadership and creativity
- Global dialogue on identity and representation



Boulders Classic 2026

- Indian golf star Shubhankar Sharma has made the incredible comeback to domestic golf, and he won the inaugural edition of Boulders Classic 2026 in Hyderabad.
- The tournament was held at the prestigious Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club and Shubhankar Sharma dominated from the start to the end of the play.
- As he is playing first domestic event since the December 2021 and the two-time DP World Tour winner showcased the exceptional precision, composure and the consistency to claim the title with the commanding style.
- The Boulders Classic 2026 is the newly introduced tournament in the Indian golf calendar and it offers the prize money of the of ₹1 crore.
- Key features of the tournament are,
- He hosted the world-class golf course in Hyderabad.

- It was also part of the PGTI circuit.
- And also attracted the top Indian golfing talent.



India's First 'Water Neutral' Railway Depot

- Ahmedabad based Kankaria Coaching Depot has emerged as the 'water neutral' railway depot which has redefining how the traditional railway operations can align with environmental goals.
- As this depot have saving nearly 1.60 lakh litres of water daily and the depot has demonstrated how the innovation and eco-friendly practices which can significantly reduce the resource consumption.
- The Kankaria Coaching Depot has successfully achieved the water neutrality it means that it treats and reuses as much water as it consumes.
- This milestone has been made possible via the advanced wastewater management systems that minimize reliance on freshwater sources.



Philippines Joins US-Led Pax Silica Initiative

- Philippines has joined the US-led Pax Silica initiative. This initiative aims to strengthening the global supply chains for the semiconductors, artificial intelligence and the critical minerals.
- As part of this partnership the 4,000-acre industrial hub will be developed in Luzon and will marks the significant step towards the reducing the global dependence concentrate supply sources.
- 'Pax' in Latin means Peace & 'Silica' is a key compound used in chip manufacturing – thus, together they suggest that the supply chain for new technologies should promote peace & prosperity.
- Pax Silica is the strategic initiative led by the United States to build the secure and resilient technology supply chain. It covers the entire ecosystem from the mineral extraction to chip manufacturing and the data infrastructure.
- The initiative has rapidly expanded as the few months ago countries like India have joined and the South Korea, Singapore, Qatar and the UAE joining and making the Philippines the 13th member of this growing alliance.
- The project will focus on the,
 - Semiconductor production
 - Electronics manufacturing
 - Also, the processing of critical minerals like nickel, cobalt and copper



IIT Madras Introduces 'Omega Ball'

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras has introduced the new sport which named is Omega Ball. It is an innovative three-team football format and marks its first-ever entry into the country.
- The initiative not only brings the new dimension to competitive sports but also showcase the IIT Madras commitment to innovation beyond academics. Alongside with the launch the institute has also proposed the formation of the national-level Omega Ball Club to promote and expand the sport across India.
- Omega Ball is the fast-paced variation of football which introduces a completely new gameplay structure.
- Unlike traditional football,
- It features three teams playing simultaneously on a circular field with three goals.



India Adds 99th Ramsar Site

- Minister of Environment Bhupender Yadav has announced the inclusion of **Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh** as the country's 99th Ramsar site on April 22nd, 2026.
- It is located in Aligarh, and this recognition highlights the India's growing commitment to protect the wetlands and biodiversity. After this addition Uttar Pradesh now has 12 Ramsar sites and also strengthens the position as a key state in wetland conservation.

- The sanctuary is part of the Central Asian Flyway which is a major migratory route used by the birds traveling between northern breeding grounds and southern wintering areas.
- A Ramsar Site is the wetland which is recognized under the Ramsar Convention (1971).
- These wetlands provide crucial critical habitats for migratory birds, endangered species and support the unique flora and fauna.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Sheetal Devi received which prestigious award?

- A) Arjuna Award
- B) Khel Ratna
- C) Para Archer of the Year 2025
- D) Dronacharya Award

Answer: C) Para Archer of the Year 2025

2. Where were the World Para Archery Championships held (where Sheetal Devi won gold)?

- A) Tokyo
- B) Beijing
- C) Gwangju

D) Seoul

Answer: C) Gwangju

3. Who is the brand ambassador for Census 2027?

- A. M.F. Husain
- B. Sudarshan Pattnaik
- C. Raghurajpur Artist
- D. Subodh Gupta

Answer: B. Sudarshan Pattnaik

4. The Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) is located at:

- A. Tarapur
- B. Kudankulam
- C. Kalpakkam
- D. Rawatbhata

Answer: C

Explanation: The PFBR is situated at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.

5. The PFBR project is operated by:

- A. NPCIL
- B. ISRO
- C. Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited
- D. DRDO

Answer: C

Explanation: The PFBR is managed by BHAVINI, a public sector enterprise under the Department of Atomic Energy.

6. Which state had four cities among the top 10 most polluted cities?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

Answer: B. Haryana

7. Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana was launched in which year?

- A. 2012
- B. 2014
- C. 2015
- D. 2016

Answer: C. 2015

8. What is the maximum loan amount under MUDRA Yojana (latest update)?

- A. ₹10 lakh
- B. ₹15 lakh
- C. ₹20 lakh
- D. ₹25 lakh

Answer: C. ₹20 lakh

9. The 'Arogya Van' initiative is launched by which organization?

- A. Ministry of Environment
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. NHAI
- D. DRDO

Answer: C. NHAI

10. Who became the first quadruple amputee to win a gold medal in para-archery?

- A. Sheetal Devi
- B. Payal Nag
- C. Deepa Malik
- D. Avani Lekhara

Answer: B

11. Where did Payal Nag win her gold medal in the World Para Archery Series Final?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Paris
- C. Bangkok
- D. Seoul

Answer: C

12. India ranked at which position in global exports in 2025?

- A) 10th
- B) 15th

- C) 19th
- D) 25th

Answer: C) 19th

13. Preeti Saran was re-elected to which UN body?

- A) UNSC
- B) WHO
- C) CESC
- D) IMF

Answer: C) CESC

14. The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has how many members?

- A) 25
- B) 54
- C) 75
- D) 100

Answer: B) 54

15. Who won the Monte Carlo Masters 2026 title?

- A. Carlos Alcaraz
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Jannik Sinner

Answer: D. Jannik Sinner

16. Sawan Barwal broke whose long-standing marathon record?

- A. Milkha Singh
- B. PT Usha
- C. Shivnath Singh
- D. Anju Bobby George

Answer: C. Shivnath Singh

17. Who was named the Leading Cricketer in the World (Men) by Wisden for 2025?

- A. Joe Root
- B. Steve Smith
- C. Mitchell Starc

D. Ben Stokes

Answer: C. Mitchell Starc

18. 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

19. 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

20. Who has been elected as Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha for the third term?

A. Jagdeep Dhankhar

B. Harivansh Narayan Singh

C. M. Venkaiah Naidu

D. Om Birla

Answer: B. Harivansh Narayan Singh

21. India is set to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with which country?

A. Australia

B. Canada

C. New Zealand

D. Japan

Answer: C. New Zealand

22. Scientists from which institute studied black holes in dwarf galaxies?

A. ISRO

B. DRDO

C. Indian Institute of Astrophysics

D. IIT Delhi

Answer: C. Indian Institute of Astrophysics

23. Who was named Harvard South Asian Person of the Year 2026?

- A. Deepika Padukone
- B. Priyanka Chopra
- C. Alia Bhatt
- D. Sayani Gupta

Answer: D. Sayani Gupta

24. Who won the Boulders Classic 2026 golf tournament?

- A. Anirban Lahiri
- B. Tiger Woods
- C. Shubhankar Sharma
- D. Rory McIlroy

Answer: C. Shubhankar Sharma

25. Why did the Constitutional (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 fail to pass?

- A. Lack of discussion
- B. President rejected it
- C. It did not get simple majority
- D. It did not achieve the required two-thirds majority

Answer: D

26. Under which initiative were over 55,200 startups recognized in FY26?

- A. Make in India
- B. Digital India
- C. Skill India
- D. Startup India Initiative

Answer: D. Startup India Initiative

27. Who won the Miss Sake India 2026 title?

- A. Aditi Sharma
- B. Riya Kapoor
- C. Nishita Yogesh Antarkar
- D. Sneha Iyer

Answer: C. Nishita Yogesh Antarkar

28. The Global Maritime Security Initiative focuses on securing which strategic waterway?

- A. Suez Canal
- B. Panama Canal
- C. Strait of Hormuz
- D. Malacca Strait

Answer: C. Strait of Hormuz

29. Which Indian institution introduced the sport 'Omega Ball'?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IISc Bengaluru

Answer: C. IIT Madras

30. Which site became India's 99th Ramsar Site in 2026?

- A. Chilika Lake
- B. Keoladeo National Park
- C. Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary
- D. Wular Lake

Answer: C. Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary