

Schemes (3)

• SHe-Box Portal (PoSH Act)

Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Law: PoSH Act 2013 (Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace - Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act), which codified the SC's Vishaka Guidelines (1997) - Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan.

Detail: SHe-Box (Sexual Harassment electronic Box) is a centralised portal to file/track workplace sexual-harassment complaints; routes to Internal Committee (mandatory >=10 staff) / Local Committee (district level, smaller & unorganised); 23 languages; integrated with the Mission Shakti app.

Lineage: portal launched 29 Aug 2024.

Exam hook: which ministry / which Act / IC-vs-LC threshold / Vishaka link.

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• National Cooperative Organics Ltd (NCOL)

Body: Ministry of Cooperation (created 2021; minister Amit Shah).

Law: set up under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

Detail: sells organic products under the brand 'Bharat Organics'; has launched 27 organic products.

Lineage: one of three national multi-state cooperatives set up in 2023 - NCOL (organics), NCEL (exports), BBSSL (seeds).

Exam hook: which Act / Bharat Organics brand / NCOL vs NCEL vs BBSSL / Ministry of Cooperation born 2021.

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• RoSCTL Scheme extended (textiles)

Body: Ministry of Textiles.

Detail: RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) extended for apparel and made-up exports; rebates embedded state and central taxes/levies on garments and made-ups.

Lineage: replaced the earlier ROSL scheme; operates alongside RoDTEP for other products.

Exam hook: RoSCTL full form / which ministry / RoSCTL (textiles) vs RoDTEP (other goods) / replaced ROSL.

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Welfare (2)

• World Health Day 2026

Body: World Health Organization (WHO), the UN's health agency, HQ Geneva; Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Detail: observed annually on 7 April; the PM reaffirmed commitment to a healthier society on 7 Apr 2026.

Lineage: 7 April marks the founding of the WHO in 1948.

Exam hook: date 7 April / WHO founded 1948 / WHO HQ Geneva.

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• World Autism Awareness Day

Body: designated by the United Nations.

Detail: observed on 2 April; referenced by the Rajya Sabha Chairman on 2 Apr 2026; raises awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Lineage: declared by the UN General Assembly in 2007 (first observed 2008).

Exam hook: date 2 April / UN-designated / declared 2007.

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Polity/Bodies (8)

• Census 2027 (Phase I HLO begins)

Body: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Law: Census Act, 1948.

Detail: India's first digital census; Phase I = Houselisting & Housing Operations (HLO), 1 Apr-30 Sep 2026, with 33 notified questions; online Self-Enumeration via portal se.census.gov.in in 16 languages; President Droupadi Murmu was the first to self-enumerate.

Lineage: last census was 2011; reference date for the count is 1 Mar 2027 (1 Oct for snow-bound areas).

Exam hook: which Act / which ministry / HLO-vs-Population-Enumeration phases / first digital census.

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• Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026

Body: DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry (nodal).

Law: omnibus amending Bill touching 79 Central Acts across 23 Ministries.

Detail: amends 784 provisions - 717 decriminalised and 67 amended; aims at ease of doing business and trust-based governance; introduced in Lok Sabha 18 Aug 2025 and referred to a Select Committee chaired by Tejasvi Surya.

Lineage: second in the series after the Jan Vishwas Act, 2023 (decriminalised 183 provisions in 42 Acts).

Exam hook: 784 provisions / 79 Acts vs the 2023 Act's 183/42 / which ministry is nodal.

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• Income-tax Act, 2025 in force

Body: Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

Law: Income-tax Act, 2025, effective 1 Apr 2026 with the Income-tax Rules, 2026.

Detail: replaces the six-decade-old Income-tax Act, 1961; simplifies language and cuts the number of sections.

Lineage: supersedes the 1961 Act (the old direct-tax code).

Exam hook: 2025 Act replaces 1961 Act / effective date 1 Apr 2026 / CBDT under Dept of Revenue.

PIB 2248005 · 2026-04-01

• Amaravati declared sole capital of Andhra Pradesh

Body: Union Government / Parliament (Lok Sabha passage).

Law: Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, amending the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Detail: confers legal sanctity on Amaravati as the sole capital, ending the three-capital uncertainty (Amaravati / Visakhapatnam / Kurnool); Amaravati was built on a voluntary land-pooling model where over 29,000 farmers pooled more than 34,000 acres.

Lineage: the 2014 Act bifurcated united Andhra Pradesh, creating Telangana.

Exam hook: three-capital plan dropped / land-pooling model / amends 2014 Reorganisation Act.

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• Mission Karmayogi (capacity-building for scientists)

Body: Capacity Building Commission (CBC); launched by Dr Jitendra Singh on 5 Apr 2026, who also launched the revamped UNNATI portal.

Detail: first-ever 'Administrative Capacity Building for Scientists and Academicians' programme under Mission Karmayogi; a CBC-RIS MoU signed for global capacity-building partnerships.

Lineage: Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building) launched 2020; its online platform is iGOT Karmayogi.

Exam hook: Mission Karmayogi year (2020) / iGOT platform / CBC steers it.

PIB 2249168 · 2026-04-05

• CCI approves KNR-Indus Infra Trust deal

Body: Competition Commission of India (CCI), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Law: established under the Competition Act, 2002 (operational from 2009) to prevent anti-competitive practices and regulate combinations.

Detail: approved acquisition of 100% equity in KNR SPVs by Indus Infra Trust.

Lineage: CCI replaced the MRTP Commission.

Exam hook: which Act (Competition Act 2002) / operational 2009 / replaced MRTP / regulates combinations.

PIB 2249854 · 2026-04-07

• TRAI draft Telecom Consumer Protection Regulation

Body: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), with the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

Law: established under the TRAI Act, 1997 to regulate telecom services and tariffs.

Detail: released the Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2026.

Lineage: TRAI's appellate body is the TDSAT (Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal).

Exam hook: TRAI Act 1997 / TDSAT is the appellate body / under Ministry of Communications.

PIB 2249824 · 2026-04-07

• NHRC Short Film Competition awards

Body: National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India; HQ New Delhi.
Law: set up under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
Detail: presented awards to seven winners of its Short Film Competition 2025 on 7 Apr 2026; a statutory body headed by a Chairperson (a former CJI or Supreme Court judge).
Exam hook: which Act (PHRA 1993) / statutory not constitutional body / Chairperson is former CJI/SC judge.
 PIB 2249858 · 2026-04-07

Economy (4)

• First Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)

Body: National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
Law: conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008.
Detail: first-ever ASISSE with reference year FY 2024-25, surveying over 1.21 lakh enterprises; uses the GSTN database as its sampling frame; the services sector contributes over half of India's GDP.
Lineage: complements the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI, registered manufacturing) and ASUSE (unincorporated sector).
Exam hook: ASISSE full form / GSTN sampling frame / ASISSE vs ASI vs ASUSE.
 PIB 2249336 · 2026-04-06

• National Accounts base year revised to 2022-23

Body: MoSPI; Sub-Committee on Regional Accounts under the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) chaired by Prof. Ravindra H. Dholakia.
Detail: draft guidelines revise the National Accounts base year to 2022-23 and introduce District Domestic Product (DDP) estimates alongside Gross State Value Addition (GSVA).
Lineage: previous base year for GDP/National Accounts was 2011-12.
Exam hook: new base year 2022-23 vs old 2011-12 / DDP a new unit / ACNAS sub-committee chair.
 PIB 2249701 · 2026-04-07

• Mineral (Auction) Second Amendment Rules, 2026

Body: Ministry of Mines.
Law: amends the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 made under the MMDR Act, 1957 (Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act).
Detail: notified 30 Mar 2026; introduces a Unified Mining Portal and allows exclusion of non-feasible block portions; Notified Private Exploration Agencies can now bid for all block types; incentives added for critical and strategic minerals.
Exam hook: parent MMDR Act 1957 / Unified Mining Portal / critical-minerals incentive.
 PIB 2249750 · 2026-04-07

• GSI Field Season 2025-26 (175 years)

Body: Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines; HQ Kolkata; founded 1851.
Detail: marking its 175th year, GSI reported the discovery of naturally occurring hydrogen in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands during Field Season 2025-26; GSI runs the National Landslide Forecasting Centre (NLFC).
Lineage: seven Indian geoheritage sites added to the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List in Aug 2025.
Exam hook: GSI founded 1851 / HQ Kolkata / natural hydrogen in A&N / runs NLFC.
 PIB 2248494 · 2026-04-02

IR/Diplomacy (2)

• India-Australia ECTA four years

Detail: Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (interim/early-harvest deal) signed 2 Apr 2022; Australia grants 100% tariff-line access to India with zero duty on all Indian exports from 1 Jan 2026, while India gives preferential access on 70.3% of its tariff lines; bilateral trade reached USD 24.1 billion in 2024-25.
Lineage: a Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Organic Products signed 24 Sep 2025; broader India-Australia CECA under negotiation.
Exam hook: ECTA full form / signed 2022 / ECTA (interim) vs CECA (comprehensive) / Australia's 100% line access.
 PIB 2248223 · 2026-04-02

• India-Mozambique 5th Joint Defence Working Group

Body: India and Mozambique defence establishments.
Detail: 5th JDWG held in Maputo on 1-2 Apr 2026; covered military exchanges, maritime domain awareness and joint exercises (the two conduct exercises in the Mozambique Channel); Maputo is the capital of Mozambique, a lusophone southern African nation on the Indian Ocean.
Exam hook: which country / Maputo as capital / lusophone state / Mozambique Channel exercises.
 PIB 2248512 · 2026-04-02

Defence (8)

• INS Taragiri commissioned

Body: designed by the Warship Design Bureau, built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL).
Detail: fourth Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) stealth frigate, commissioned 3 Apr 2026 at Visakhapatnam; over 75% indigenous content; ~6,670 tonnes; armed with BrahMos; special steel from SAIL's Bokaro, Bhilai and Rourkela plants.
Lineage: Project 17A is the follow-on to Project 17 (Shivalik-class); sister ships INS Nilgiri, Himgiri, Udaygiri; aligns with the MAHASAGAR maritime vision.
Exam hook: P-17A vs P-17 (Shivalik) / Nilgiri-class / which builder (MDL) / fourth ship.
 PIB 2248799 · 2026-04-03

• Record defence exports FY 2025-26

Body: Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence (nodal).
Detail: all-time-high exports of Rs 38,424 crore, a 62.66% rise over the previous year's Rs 23,622 crore; DPSUs contributed 54.84% (Rs 21,071 cr) and the private sector 45.16% (Rs 17,353 cr); India now exports to over 80 countries; number of exporters rose to 145.
Lineage: continues the steep upward trend from the previous year's Rs 23,622 cr.
Exam hook: Rs 38,424 cr figure / DPSU vs private share / which department is nodal.
 PIB 2248124 · 2026-04-02

• Large Cavitation Tunnel at NSTL

Body: Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), a DRDO lab at Visakhapatnam; DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat.
Detail: Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone on 3 Apr 2026; the LCT will enable indigenous hydrodynamic testing of submarines and warships (propulsion, noise reduction, stealth), ending dependence on foreign facilities.
Lineage: NSTL specialises in underwater weapons - torpedoes, mines, decoys, AUVs.
Exam hook: which DRDO lab / what the LCT tests / NSTL = underwater weapons.
 PIB 2248898 · 2026-04-03

• INS Trikanth port call, Tanzania

Body: Indian Navy.
Detail: Talwar-class (Project 1135.6) guided-missile frigate INS Trikanth arrived at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania on 3 Apr 2026 under the MAHASAGAR vision; Tanzania's capital is Dodoma while Dar-es-Salaam is its largest city and main port.
Lineage: MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) is the successor to SAGAR.
Exam hook: Talwar-class / MAHASAGAR vs SAGAR / Dodoma is capital not Dar-es-Salaam.
 PIB 2249175 · 2026-04-05

• INS Sunayna (IOS SAGAR) at Maldives

Body: Indian Navy; flagged off from Mumbai on 2 Apr 2026 by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth.
Detail: INS Sunayna arrived at Male on 6 Apr 2026 under the Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR initiative; carries a multinational crew from 16 Friendly Foreign Countries.
Lineage: reflects the Neighbourhood First policy and the MAHASAGAR vision (One Ocean, One Mission).
Exam hook: IOS SAGAR / 16 FFCs multinational crew / Male is the Maldives capital.
 PIB 2249747 · 2026-04-07

• Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessels at MDL

Body: Indian Coast Guard (Bhartiya Tatrakshak), raised 1978, under the Ministry of Defence; built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai.

Detail: keel-laying of FPV-4 and plate-cutting for FPV-7 under the 14-Fast Patrol Vessel project; FPVs are ~340 tonnes, water-jet propelled, for coastal security and law enforcement, built under Aatmanirbhar Bharat with AI-based predictive maintenance.

Exam hook: which service (ICG) / ICG raised 1978 / which shipyard (MDL) / 14-FPV project.

PIB 2249440 · 2026-04-06

• Shri Krishna Devaraya Sainik School

Body: Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence.

Detail: new Sainik School named after the Vijayanagara emperor Krishnadevaraya inaugurated 4 Apr 2026 at Sindhanur, Raichur district, Karnataka.

Lineage: 86 new schools approved under a PPP model toward a target of 100; over 18,000 cadets enrolled; NCC capacity raised to 20 lakh.

Exam hook: which district/state (Sindhanur, Raichur, Karnataka) / Krishnadevaraya = Vijayanagara / PPP Sainik School model.

PIB 2249006 · 2026-04-04

• Top Army command appointments

Body: Indian Army (seven operational commands); Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan.

Detail: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) on 1 Apr 2026; same week Lt Gen VMB Krishnan took Eastern Command, Lt Gen Sandeep Jain Southern Command, and Lt Gen Pushpendra Pal Singh Western Command.

Exam hook: who is VCOAS / which officer to which command / Army has seven commands / CDS Gen Anil Chauhan.

PIB 2247620 · 2026-04-01

Environment (1)

• Two new biodiversity repositories notified

Body: National Biodiversity Authority (NBA, Chennai); Ministry MoEFCC.

Law: notified under Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (amended by the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023), which implements the Convention on Biological Diversity including Access and Benefit Sharing.

Detail: Referral Centre Bhavasagara at CMLRE, Kochi and the MACS/National Fungal Culture Collection at Agharkar Research Institute, Pune notified as repositories, taking the total to 18; repositories preserve voucher specimens of new species.

Lineage: the 2002 Act created NBA, State Biodiversity Boards and Biodiversity Management Committees.

Exam hook: Section 39 / which Act + 2023 amendment / NBA at Chennai / three-tier biodiversity structure.

PIB 2249838 · 2026-04-07

Sci/Tech (2)

• PFBR Kalpakkam first criticality

Body: designed by IGCAR, built and operated by BHAVINI - both under the Department of Atomic Energy.

Detail: the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu attained first criticality on 6 Apr 2026; uses Uranium-Plutonium MOX fuel with a U-238 blanket and liquid-sodium coolant, later a Th-232 blanket to breed U-233.

Lineage: marks the start of Stage 2 of India's three-stage nuclear programme conceived by Homi Bhabha (Stage 1: PHWRs on uranium; Stage 2: fast breeders on Pu-MOX; Stage 3: thorium-U233).

Exam hook: which stage / MOX fuel + sodium coolant / IGCAR designs vs BHAVINI builds / Kalpakkam site.

PIB 2249537 · 2026-04-07

• BioNEST bio-incubator at CFTRI Mysuru

Body: CFTRI Mysuru is a CSIR laboratory; inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh.

Detail: BioNEST bio-incubator focused on food startups inaugurated at the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru.

Lineage: BioNEST (Bio-incubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies) is a programme of BIRAC under the Department of Biotechnology.

Exam hook: CFTRI is a CSIR lab / BioNEST run by BIRAC (DBT) / Mysuru, food startups.

PIB 2248931 · 2026-04-04

Infra (2)

• Babu Jagjivan Ram 119th birth anniversary

Body: tributes by PM, Home Minister and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Detail: 119th birth anniversary observed 5 Apr 2026 (born 5 Apr 1908); 'Babuji' was a Dalit leader, freedom fighter, and India's Defence Minister during the 1971 war, later Deputy PM.

Exam hook: birth date 5 Apr 1908 / Defence Minister in 1971 / later Deputy PM / 'Babuji'.

PIB 2249173 · 2026-04-05

• Kandla port connectivity project approved

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

Detail: Rs 132.51 crore approved for a Road Over Bridge connectivity project at Kandla port (officially Deendayal Port Authority), in the Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat - India's largest port by cargo volume.

Lineage: Sagarmala is the flagship port-led development programme of MoPSW.

Exam hook: Kandla = Deendayal Port / Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat / Sagarmala programme.

PIB 2248779 · 2026-04-03