

Welfare (1)

• World Health Day (7 April)

Body: WHO; observed in India by MoHFW (Min. J.P. Nadda)
Detail: World Health Day observed 7 April 2026; India's focus on preventive and promotive healthcare
Lineage: Marks WHO's founding day (7 April 1948); first observed 1950
Exam hook: 7 April = WHO foundation day; WHO HQ at Geneva, Switzerland
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Polity/Bodies (2)

• Census 2027 begins (Houselisting phase)

Body: Office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner, MHA
Detail: Census 2027 rollout began with Houselisting and Housing Operations (HLO); first-ever digital data capture + Self-Enumeration; President Droupadi Murmu was first to self-enumerate
Law: Conducted under the Census Act, 1948
Exam hook: First digital + self-enumeration census; reference dates differ (snow-bound areas Oct 2026, rest Mar 2027); also India's first caste-enumerated census since 1931
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• Jan Vishwas (Amendment) Bill, 2026 passed

Body: Passed by both Houses of Parliament; piloted across ministries (health sector provisions via MoHFW)
Detail: Decriminalises minor offences and rationalises compliance to boost Ease of Doing Business; introduces adjudication mechanisms to cut litigation
Lineage: Successor to the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023
Exam hook: 'Jan Vishwas' = decriminalisation of minor/technical offences; 2026 is the second such Bill
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Economy (1)

• GeM crosses Rs 18.4 lakh crore GMV

Body: Government e Marketplace (GeM), Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Detail: Cumulative Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) reached Rs 18.4 lakh crore; crossed Rs 5 lakh crore GMV in FY 2025-26 alone; rising participation of MSEs, women-led firms, startups
Lineage: GeM launched 2016 to replace DGS&D
Exam hook: GeM = public procurement portal (2016); distinguish from ONDC (private retail)
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IR/Diplomacy (3)

• India–Mozambique 5th Joint Defence Working Group

Body: Ministry of Defence; held 1-2 Apr 2026 at Maputo, Mozambique
Detail: 5th JDWG meeting — covered military exchanges, joint training, maritime domain awareness and defence equipment supply
Exam hook: Venue = Maputo (capital of Mozambique); India runs anti-piracy patrols off the Mozambique Channel
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• Russia First Deputy PM Manturov meets PM Modi

Body: PMO; Denis Manturov (First Deputy PM of Russia) called on PM Modi, 02 Apr 2026
Detail: Reviewed trade, fertilizers, connectivity, people-to-people ties; follow-up to President Putin's Dec 2025 India visit (annual summit)
Exam hook: India–Russia hold an Annual Summit; recall Putin's Dec 2025 Delhi visit as the latest
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• India–Australia ECTA completes four years

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Detail: Ind-Aus ECTA (Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement) signed 02 Apr 2022; bilateral trade reached USD 24.1 billion in 2024-25; Australia grants zero duty on all Indian exports from 2026
Exam hook: ECTA is an interim/early-harvest deal preceding the broader CECA; signed 2022, in force Dec 2022
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Defence (8)

• INS Taragiri commissioned

Body: Indian Navy / MoD; built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai
Detail: 4th stealth frigate of Project 17A (Nilgiri class); commissioned at Visakhapatnam on 03 Apr 2026; displacement ~6,670 tonnes; indigenous warship-grade steel by SAIL
Lineage: P-17A follows P-17 Shivalik class; sister ships Nilgiri, Himgiri, Udaygiri
Exam hook: Trap on class (Project 17A / Nilgiri class, NOT 15B) and builder (MDL); 'Taragiri' is a Nilgiri-class name revived
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• Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth — Vice Chief of Army Staff

Body: Indian Army / MoD
Detail: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth assumed appointment of Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) on 01 Apr 2026; NDA Khadakwasla alumnus, commissioned into Armoured Corps (Dec 1986)
Exam hook: VCOAS is second-in-command to the COAS (Chief of Army Staff); distinct from Deputy Chief
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• Army Command changes (3 GsOC-in-C)

Body: Indian Army / MoD; same-day assumption 01 Apr 2026
Detail: Lt Gen Pushpendra Pal Singh — Western Command (HQ Chandimandir); Lt Gen Sandeep Jain — Southern Command (HQ Pune); Lt Gen VMB Krishnan — Eastern Command (HQ Kolkata)
Exam hook: Match Command → HQ city; Army has 7 commands (6 operational + ARTRAC, Shimla)
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• IOS SAGAR flagged off (INS Sunayna)

Body: Indian Navy / MoD; flagged off from Mumbai by RRM Sanjay Seth, 02 Apr 2026
Detail: Offshore Patrol Vessel INS Sunayna deployed as Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR with multinational crew from India + 16 Friendly Foreign Countries; first port call at Male, Maldives (06 Apr)
Lineage: IOS SAGAR aligns with India's SAGAR vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region)
Exam hook: SAGAR = Security And Growth for All in the Region (2015); ship is INS Sunayna (OPV)
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• Defence exports record FY 2025-26

Body: Ministry of Defence
Detail: Defence exports hit all-time high Rs 38,424 crore in FY 2025-26, up 62.66% over Rs 23,622 crore; DPSUs contributed 54.84%, private sector 45.16%
Exam hook: Remember the round figure ~Rs 38,400 crore and the ~63% jump; goal is Rs 50,000 cr exports by 2029
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• Large Cavitation Tunnel at NSTL

Body: Foundation stone laid by RM Rajnath Singh, 03 Apr 2026, at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), a DRDO lab in Visakhapatnam
Detail: Large Cavitation Tunnel (LCT) — a hydrodynamic/acoustic test facility to design and validate naval propellers and underwater systems indigenously
Exam hook: NSTL is a DRDO laboratory (naval systems), located at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
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• Tri-Service Seminar 'Ran Samwad'

Body: Indian Armed Forces (tri-service) / MoD; venue Air Force Training Command, Bengaluru (09-10 Apr 2026)
Detail: Theme — 'Multi Domain Operations: An Imperative for Addressing Conventional and Irregular Threats'; domains covered: land, air, sea, cyber, space, cognitive
Exam hook: 'Ran Samwad' is a seminar (not a military exercise); tri-service = Army+Navy+Air Force
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- **Sainik School inaugurated at Sindhanur**

Body: Sainik Schools Society (MoD) under PPP mode
Detail: Shri Krishna Devaraya Sainik School inaugurated at Sindhanur, Raichur district, Karnataka (04 Apr 2026)
Exam hook: Named after Krishnadevaraya (Vijayanagara empire ruler); 100 new Sainik Schools planned in PPP mode
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Sci/Tech (4)

- **PFBR Kalpakkam attains first criticality**

Body: BHAVINI / Dept. of Atomic Energy; sited at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu; regulator AERB cleared it
Detail: 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) achieved first criticality on 06 Apr 2026; sodium-cooled, uses uranium-plutonium mixed oxide (MOX) fuel; launches Stage-2 of India's 3-stage nuclear programme
Lineage: Designed by IGCAR; builds on Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) at Kalpakkam
Exam hook: PFBR = Stage 2 (uses thorium blanket to breed U-233 for Stage 3); operator is BHAVINI, not NPCIL
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- **GSI concludes Field Season 2025-26**

Body: Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines
Detail: GSI wrapped Field Season 2025-26 with gains in critical-mineral exploration, resource assessment and geohazard mitigation; roadmap for FS 2026-27 unveiled
Lineage: GSI founded 1851; HQ Kolkata
Exam hook: GSI is under Ministry of Mines (not Earth Sciences); HQ Kolkata, est. 1851
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- **YUVIKA space programme — 1,320 students**

Body: ISRO / Department of Space; Min. Dr. Jitendra Singh (Lok Sabha reply)
Detail: YUVIKA (Yuva Vigyani Karyakram) — ISRO's 'Young Scientist Programme' to expose school students to space science; 1,320 students benefited to date
Lineage: Launched 2019
Exam hook: YUVIKA = Yuva Vigyani Karyakram, an ISRO outreach for school students (2019)
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- **BCAS–RRU aviation-security testing centre**

Body: Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) + Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Min. of Civil Aviation; MoU 06 Apr 2026
Detail: Establishes India's first indigenous testing centre for aviation security equipment (Atmanirbharta push)
Exam hook: BCAS is the regulator for civil aviation security; RRU is a defence/security university at Gandhinagar, Gujarat (Institute of National Importance)
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Infra (2)

- **Major Ports handle 915 MT cargo in FY 2025-26**

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Detail: India's Major Ports collectively handled 915 Million Tonnes of cargo in FY 2025-26, +7.06% YoY, surpassing target; framed under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
Exam hook: India has 12 Major Ports (governed by Centre); the rest are non-major/State ports
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- **National Maritime Day (5 April)**

Body: PMO / Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
Detail: National Maritime Day observed on 5 April; PM recalled India's maritime heritage
Lineage: Marks the maiden voyage of SS Loyalty (first Indian-owned ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Co.) from Mumbai to London on 5 April 1919; first observed 1964
Exam hook: Date = 5 April; commemorates SS Loyalty's 1919 voyage
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