

Polity/Bodies (2)

• FIU-IND & I4C sign MoU on cyber/financial crime

Body: Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND, Dept. of Revenue) & **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)** (MHA)
Detail: MoU for information sharing to combat cyber fraud, protect digital transactions, aid asset recovery.

Exam hook: FIU-IND → **Ministry of Finance** (under FATF framework); I4C → **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

PIB 2250459 · 2026-04-09

• President at Rashtriya Raksha University convocation

Body: President Droupadi Murmu; **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)**, Lavad, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Detail: RRU is an **Institution of National Importance** (Ministry of Home Affairs) for police/security/strategic studies; President flagged AI, cyber-security, defence self-reliance.

Exam hook: RRU is at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**, under **MHA**, an Institution of National Importance.

PIB 2251954 · 2026-04-14

Economy (3)

• CPI inflation — March 2026 (new base 2024=100)

Body: Min. of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI / NSO)
Detail: Retail CPI inflation (Mar 2026) = **3.40%** (provisional) on the **new base year 2024=100**; rural 3.63%, urban 3.11%; food (CFPI) 3.87%.

Lineage: Base-year revised from 2012=100 to **2024=100**.

Exam hook: New CPI base = **2024=100**; CPI compiled by NSO/MoSPI (WPI is by DPIIT).

PIB 2251519 · 2026-04-13

• India 3rd in global Renewable Energy installed capacity

Body: Min. of New & Renewable Energy (Pralhad Joshi); data from **IRENA – Renewable Energy Statistics 2026**

Detail: India ranks **3rd globally** in RE installed capacity (surpassing **Brazil**); non-fossil capacity addition 55.3 GW in FY 2025–26.

Exam hook: Source = **IRENA** (HQ Abu Dhabi); India moved ahead of **Brazil** to **3rd**. China & US ahead.

PIB 2250039 · 2026-04-08

• NITI report — 'From Borrowers to Builders'

Body: NITI Aayog (with WEP, TransUnion CIBIL, MicroSave)

Detail: 2nd edition report on women & credit; women hold a **Rs 76 lakh crore credit portfolio** = **26%** of total system credit.

Exam hook: Report title 'From Borrowers to Builders'; women = **26%** of system credit. WEP = Women Entrepreneurship Platform (NITI).

PIB 2249957 · 2026-04-08

Defence (7)

• Exercise CYCLONE-IV (India–Egypt)

Body: Indian Army (Special Forces) · Ministry of Defence

Detail: 4th edition of India–Egypt joint Special Forces exercise; held at **Anshas, Egypt**, 09–17 Apr 2026; 25 SF personnel; desert/semi-desert warfare interoperability.

Lineage: Previous (3rd) edition held in India.

Exam hook: CYCLONE = India–**EGYPT** (Army Special Forces). Don't confuse with Bright Star (US-Egypt) or India–Uzbekistan DUSTLIK.

PIB 2250186 · 2026-04-08

• Exercise DUSTLIK (India–Uzbekistan)

Body: Indian Army (MAHAR Regiment) + IAF · Ministry of Defence

Detail: **7th edition** of India–Uzbekistan joint military exercise; **Gurumsaray FTA, Namangan, Uzbekistan**, 12–25 Apr 2026; semi-mountainous terrain, counter-terror drills.

Lineage: Held alternately in India/Uzbekistan; last edition at Aundh (Pune), Apr 2025.

Exam hook: DUSTLIK = India–**UZBEKISTAN**, yearly/alternating.

PIB 2251300 · 2026-04-12

• IOS SAGAR (INS Sunayna) at Maldives

Body: Indian Navy · Ministry of Defence

Detail: Indian Ocean Ship **SAGAR (INS Sunayna)** departed Malé after PASSEX with **MNDF Coast Guard Ship Ghazee**; reinforces India–Maldives maritime partnership.

Lineage: IOS SAGAR is a SAGAR-vision deployment (mixed multinational crew).

Exam hook: INS Sunayna sails as the '**Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR**'; partner here = **Maldives (MNDF)**. PASSEX = Passage Exercise.

PIB 2250514 · 2026-04-09

• Ran Samwad 2026 — tri-service MDO seminar

Body: HQ Integrated Defence Staff (IDS); hosted at Air Force training estab., **Bengaluru**

Detail: **2nd edition** of tri-service strategic seminar on **Multi-Domain Operations (MDO)**, 09–10 Apr 2026; CNS reaffirmed target of a **200-plus ship Navy by 2035**.

Exam hook: Ran Samwad = tri-service seminar on **MDO**; venue Bengaluru; 2nd edition. Note the '200+ ship Navy by 2035' figure.

PIB 2250618 · 2026-04-09

• Indian Navy Commanders' Conference 2026 (1st ed.)

Body: Indian Navy · Ministry of Defence

Detail: **First edition** of the Navy's biannual Commanders' Conference, **Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi**, 14–16 Apr 2026; apex review amid West Asia/Strait of Hormuz deployments.

Exam hook: First edition, held at **Nausena Bhawan** (Navy HQ), New Delhi; biannual apex conference.

PIB 2251233 · 2026-04-12

• Vietnam — Gen Phan Van Giang appointment

Body: Ministry of Defence (Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh)

Detail: RM congratulated **Gen Phan Van Giang** on becoming **Deputy PM & Minister of National Defence of Vietnam**; India–Vietnam are Comprehensive Strategic Partners.

Exam hook: New Vietnam Defence Minister & Deputy PM = **Phan Van Giang**.

PIB 2250329 · 2026-04-09

• Tribute to Kargil hero Col Sonam Wangchuk, MVC

Body: Ministry of Defence (Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh)

Detail: RM paid tribute on the passing of **Col Sonam Wangchuk (Retd)**, **Maha Vir Chakra** — a 1999 **Kargil war** hero from Ladakh.

Exam hook: **Maha Vir Chakra** = 2nd-highest wartime gallantry award (after Param Vir Chakra); awardee here = Col Sonam Wangchuk (Kargil 1999).

PIB 2250859 · 2026-04-10

Environment (1)

• First wild cheetah birth to Indian-born female at Kuno

Body: Min. of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Bhupender Yadav)

Detail: Indian-born female **KGP12** (cub of Gamini, aged 25 months) birthed **four cubs in the wild** at **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh** — first wild birth by an **India-born** cheetah since reintroduction began 2022.

Lineage: Project Cheetah launched Sep 2022 (Namibian/South African cheetahs at Kuno).

Exam hook: Kuno NP is in **Madhya Pradesh**; 'first India-BORN female' wild litter (not first-ever wild litter).

PIB 2251144 · 2026-04-11

Sci/Tech (3)

• Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) milestone

Body: Dept. of Atomic Energy / IGCAR · Min. of Science & Technology (Dr Jitendra Singh at VAKTAVYA 2026)

Detail: Indigenous **PFBR** (500 MWe, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu) uses **plutonium fuel with liquid-sodium coolant**; Stage-2 of India's 3-stage programme; paves way for **thorium-based reactors**.

Lineage: Built by BHAVINI; 3-stage programme conceived by **Homi Bhabha**.

Exam hook: PFBR coolant = **liquid sodium**; fuel = plutonium; site = **Kalpakkam**; bridges to thorium (Stage-3).

PIB 2250889 · 2026-04-10

• National Quantum Mission — 1,000-km QKD

Body: Dept. of Science & Technology (DST); tech by startup QNu Labs
Detail: 1,000-km quantum key distribution (QKD) network demonstrated — among world's longest; mission target is 2,000 km over 8 years; NQM launched Oct 2024; supported startups now 17.
Exam hook: NQM = Rs 6,003 cr (2023) mission under DST; 8-yr target 2,000 km; this milestone = 1,000 km (QNu Labs). QKD ≠ classical encryption.

PIB 2250162 · 2026-04-08

• NITI Aayog — 'Ease of Doing R&D in India' reports

Body: NITI Aayog
Detail: Two reports — 'Ease of Doing R&D in India' + a Survey Report; based on a 9-month exercise with 400+ institutional leaders and 850+ scientists; aims at a friction-free research ecosystem.
Exam hook: Released by NITI Aayog (not ANRF); flagship aim = ease R&D regulatory/admin friction.

PIB 2250965 · 2026-04-10

Infra (6)

• Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor inaugurated

Body: NHAI · Min. of Road Transport & Highways (PM Modi inaugurated)
Detail: Access-controlled Delhi–Dehradun Expressway; cuts Delhi–Dehradun travel time sharply; includes Asia's longest elevated wildlife corridor through Rajaji reserve area.
Exam hook: Connects Delhi to Dehradun (Uttarakhand); coincided with Uttarakhand entering its 26th year (formed 2000).

PIB 2251855 · 2026-04-14

• Cabinet approves Jaipur Metro Phase-2

Body: Union Cabinet · implemented by Rajasthan Metro Rail Corp. Ltd (RMRCL), a 50:50 Centre–State JV
Detail: 41 km North–South corridor (Praladpura–Todi Mod), 36 stations, cost Rs 13,037.66 cr; serves Jaipur Airport, SMS Hospital, Sitapura.
Exam hook: Jaipur Metro Phase-2 = 41 km / 36 stations; agency RMRCL (50:50 GoI–Rajasthan).

PIB 2250040 · 2026-04-08

• World Homoeopathy Day 2026 (Apr 10)

Body: Ministry of AYUSH (Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy)
Detail: Observed 10 April, birth anniversary of founder Dr Samuel Hahnemann; 2026 theme: 'Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health'; homoeopathy entered India in 1810.
Exam hook: Date 10 Apr; founder Hahnemann (Organon of Medicine); 2026 theme = 'Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health'.

PIB 2250363 · 2026-04-09

• Singer Asha Bhosle's passing

Body: Tributes from President/PM/LS Speaker/HM
Detail: Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle passed away; one of India's most-recorded vocalists; Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000) and Padma Vibhushan (2008) awardee.
Exam hook: Asha Bhosle — Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2000, Padma Vibhushan 2008; sister of Lata Mangeshkar.

PIB 2251254 · 2026-04-12

• Foundation Day of Khalsa Panth & Baisakhi

Body: Greetings by Union Home Minister (Amit Shah)
Detail: Marks the establishment of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh (10th Sikh Guru) at Anandpur Sahib in 1699; coincides with Baisakhi (harvest festival, 13–14 Apr).
Exam hook: Khalsa founded 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh; Baisakhi marks Punjab's harvest & Sikh New Year.

PIB 2251801 · 2026-04-14

• 200th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule

Body: Government of India (commemoration launched at Dr Ambedkar International Centre)
Detail: Two-year nationwide commemoration of Jyotirao (Jyotiba) Phule's 200th birth anniversary, 11 Apr 2026 – 11 Apr 2028.
Lineage: Phule (b. 11 Apr 1827) founded the Satyashodhak Samaj (1873); social reformer for women's & caste equality.
Exam hook: Phule born 11 April 1827; founded Satyashodhak Samaj; commemoration runs to 2028.

PIB 2251208 · 2026-04-11