

## Part 1: National & International Affairs

**Q1. Senior Advocate Menaka Guruswamy was recently sworn in as a member of which legislative house, making her India's first openly queer Member of Parliament (MP)?**

- A) Lok Sabha
- B) Rajya Sabha
- C) Delhi Legislative Assembly
- D) Maharashtra Legislative Council

**Answer: B) Rajya Sabha**

- **Detailed Explanation:** In an administrative milestone for LGBTQIA+ representation in Indian politics, senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy was sworn in as a Member of Parliament (MP) in the Rajya Sabha on **April 7, 2026**. Guruswamy is widely recognized for her critical role as the lead counsel in the historic 2018 Supreme Court bench judgment that decriminalized homosexuality by reading down Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code.

**Q2. President Droupadi Murmu recently granted presidential assent to a landmark bill recognizing which city as the sole official capital of Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Kurnool
- C) Amaravati
- D) Vijayawada

**Answer: C) Amaravati**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Ending years of legislative back-and-forth regarding the "three-capitals" proposal, the President of India gave formal assent to a central legislative bill designating **Amaravati** as the

singular, undisputed capital city of Andhra Pradesh. This streamlines urban planning, infrastructure financing from international banks, and centralized judicial administration for the state.

**Q3. Which international organization's resolution was vetoed by Russia and China in April 2026 regarding the forced reopening of the strategic maritime blockades at the Strait of Hormuz?**

- A) European Union Council
- B) UN Security Council (UNSC)
- C) International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- D) NATO General Assembly

**Answer: B) UN Security Council (UNSC)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Geopolitical tensions peaked at the United Nations as both Russia and China exercised their veto powers to block a United States-sponsored UNSC resolution. The resolution aimed to authorize international military task forces to break maritime blockades in the **Strait of Hormuz** amid escalating US-Iran hostilities. This diplomatic deadlock led to an alternative 45-day temporary localized ceasefire proposal.

**Q4. Neighboring country Nepal introduced a two-day weekly holiday system in April 2026. What is the primary administrative reason cited for this policy change?**

- A) Preparing infrastructure for the South Asian Games
- B) Mitigating a severe national fuel crisis and rising petrol prices
- C) Boosting domestic Himalayan eco-tourism
- D) Implementing civil services reform models

**Answer: B) Mitigating a severe national fuel crisis and rising petrol prices**

- **Detailed Explanation:** To drastically curtail public fuel consumption and lower its climbing oil import bills, the Government of Nepal officially mandated a 5-day work week, introducing a two-day weekend. By shutting down public offices and minimizing government vehicular movement for two consecutive days, the country aims to conserve forex reserves heavily impacted by disrupted global supply chains.

**Q5. The Supreme Court of India directed which central agency to probe the gherao and political intimidation of seven judicial officers in Malda, West Bengal?**

- A) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- B) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- C) Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- D) Intelligence Bureau (IB)

**Answer: B) National Investigation Agency (NIA)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Citing a severe collapse of provincial bureaucratic credibility and political interference within judicial infrastructure, the Supreme Court ordered the NIA to take over the investigation of the Malda incident. The case involved the unlawful confinement and intimidation of seven sitting judicial officers by local mobs, making it a matter of national internal security.

## Part 2: Economics, Banking & Business

**Q6. Which public authority in India announced a massive Rs 16,250-crore annual developmental budget on April 7, 2026, for urban infrastructure expansion?**

- A) DDA (Delhi Development Authority)
- B) CIDCO (City and Industrial Development Corporation, Maharashtra)
- C) BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike)
- D) BMC (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

**Answer: B) CIDCO**

- **Detailed Explanation:** The City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), which oversees mega-infrastructure layouts in Navi Mumbai and adjacent industrial corridors, cleared an expansive Rs 16,250-crore budget. The primary allocations target the operational completion of the Navi Mumbai International Airport transit links and mass housing schemes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

**Q7. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) delayed the implementation of stricter grid stability rules. This regulatory relief explicitly safeguards which sector?**

- A) Thermal Power Generators
- B) Commercial Nuclear Energy Plants
- C) Intermittent Renewable Energy (Wind and Solar) Generation
- D) Cross-Border Hydroelectric Power Grids

**Answer: C) Intermittent Renewable Energy (Wind and Solar) Generation**

- **Detailed Explanation:** In a major relief to clean energy developers, Indian electricity regulators deferred the enforcement of strict, fine-heavy grid compliance norms. Because solar and wind power generation fluctuates with weather conditions, immediate enforcement of rigid grid-

injection rules would have penalized developers. The extension allows companies to deploy advanced battery energy storage systems (BESS) first.

**Q8. Which global bank partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi in early April 2026 to fund deep-tech and fintech innovation hubs?**

- A) Barclays Bank
- B) NatWest India
- C) Deutsche Bank
- D) HSBC Bank

**Answer: B) NatWest India**

- **Detailed Explanation:** NatWest India entered into a strategic institutional partnership with IIT Delhi. The collaboration establishes corporate incubation labs focused on financial cybersecurity, AI-driven credit scoring models, and decentralized ledger technologies to build robust banking defense interfaces against retail digital fraud.

**Q9. An elderly citizen in Pune fell victim to a massive Rs 12.3-crore cyber fraud involving a simulated "Digital Arrest." Under which specialized center does the Ministry of Home Affairs coordinate actions against such multi-jurisdictional cyber crimes?**

- A) CERT-In
- B) I4C (Indian Joint Cyber Crime Coordination Centre)
- C) C-DAC
- D) National Cyber Security Council

**Answer: B) I4C (Indian Joint Cyber Crime Coordination Centre)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** This multi-crore fraud highlights the rise of sophisticated "Digital Arrest" scams. The I4C, operating directly under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), is the apex national nodal body that integrates state police cyber cells, financial intelligence units, and commercial banks to freeze fraudulent mule bank accounts in real time.

**Q10. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs notified the "Online Gaming Rules 2026". Which statutory body has been designated as the apex registering authority for permissible real-money games?**

- A) MeitY Nodal Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBs)
- B) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- C) Cyber Law Appellate Tribunal
- D) Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)

**Answer: A) MeitY Nodal Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBs)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** To formalize the real-money gaming landscape and eliminate illegal online gambling networks, the updated 2026 framework mandates that all operational platforms register through verification panels setup under Self-Regulatory Bodies (SRBs) recognized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

### Part 3: Environment, Science & Technology

**Q11. India marked a major civil nuclear milestone as its indigenously built Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) attained first criticality. Where is this facility located?**

- A) Rawatbhata, Rajasthan

- B) Kakrapar, Gujarat
- C) Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
- D) Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C) Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**

- **Detailed Explanation:** India's nuclear energy program achieved a breakthrough as the **500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)** at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, successfully attained criticality. Developed by BHAVINI (Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited), this reactor marks Phase II of India's three-stage nuclear power program. It utilizes mixed oxide (MOX) fuel and liquid sodium as a coolant, generating more fuel than it consumes by converting Uranium-238 into fissile Plutonium-239.

**Q12. The Indian Army officially unveiled its core technology roadmap for April 2026. Which two modern defense asset categories form the baseline of this modernization doctrine?**

- A) Hypersonic Glide Vehicles & Nuclear Submarines
- B) Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) & Loitering Munitions
- C) Autonomous Main Battle Tanks & Directed Energy Weapons
- D) Quantum Crypto-Systems & Satellite Interceptors

**Answer: B) Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) & Loitering Munitions**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Recognizing the lessons from recent global conflicts, the Indian Army's updated operational doctrine prioritizes the large-scale induction of indigenous **Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)** and **Loitering Munitions** (suicide drones). The roadmap focuses on swarm technology, AI-targeted reconnaissance, and electronic

counter-countermeasures (ECCM) for high-altitude border deployment.

**Q13. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an urgent "Orange Alert" following severe casualties from dust storms and hail. Which sub-district in Uttar Pradesh was identified as the worst-affected zone?**

- A) Kiraoli
- B) Fatehabad
- C) Akola
- D) Kasganj

**Answer: A) Kiraoli**

- **Detailed Explanation:** A powerful atmospheric disturbance led to destructive dust storms, uprooted power lines, and lightning strikes across Western Uttar Pradesh. Detailed damage assessment reports issued by the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) identified the **Kiraoli** region near Agra as the disaster epicenter, underscoring the need for localized climate-resilient early warning systems.

**Q14. What unique biological asset did Indian scientists develop by mimicking the somatosensory system of specialized amphibians to advance robotic touch applications?**

- A) Salamander-Inspired Adhesive Patch
- B) Frog-Inspired Neuromorphic Tactile Sensor
- C) Toad-Inspired Submersible Sonar
- D) Newt-Inspired Self-Healing Polymer

**Answer: B) Frog-Inspired Neuromorphic Tactile Sensor**

- **Detailed Explanation:** In bio-mimetic engineering, Indian researchers successfully

developed a high-efficiency neuromorphic electronic sensor modeled after a frog's skin receptors. This sensor processes pressure and temperature changes using minimal electrical current, paving the way for advanced prosthetic limbs and smart robotic automation.

**Q15. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released its April 2026 global military report. What is India's current position on the global military spending leaderboard?**

- A) 3rd Largest Spender
- B) 4th Largest Spender
- C) 5th Largest Spender
- D) 6th Largest Spender

**Answer: C) 5th Largest Spender**

- **Detailed Explanation:** According to data from SIPRI, India maintains its position as the **5th largest defense and military spender** globally. This spending is driven by continuous structural modernization, the development of border infrastructure, and expanding domestic defense manufacturing under the *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* framework.

#### Part 4: Sports & Appointments

**Q16. Which Indian shooting duo smashed the existing world record to clinch the Gold Medal at the ISSF World Cup in April 2026?**

- A) Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary
- B) Palak and Mukesh
- C) Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Panwar
- D) Sift Kaur Samra and Aishwary Pratap Tomar

**Answer: B) Palak and Mukesh**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Delivering a world-class performance at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup, the Indian pair of **Palak and Mukesh** captured the gold medal in their category, setting a new world record score. This performance highlights the success of India's grassroots sports initiatives ahead of upcoming Olympic cycles.

**Q17. In the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season, which team successfully blasted the second-fastest team fifty (50 runs in 2.4 overs) in IPL history during a rain-curtailed match?**

- A) Chennai Super Kings (CSK)
- B) Rajasthan Royals (RR)
- C) Mumbai Indians (MI)
- D) Lucknow Super Giants (LSG)

**Answer: B) Rajasthan Royals (RR)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** In an 11-over match against the Mumbai Indians, the opening pair of Yashasvi Jaiswal and 15-year-old batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi powered the **Rajasthan Royals** to a team total of 50 runs in just 16 legal deliveries (2.4 overs). This standing feat ranks as the second-fastest team fifty recorded in tournament history.

**Q18. Indian Grandmaster R. Vaishali made headlines on April 7, 2026, by climbing to which spot in the high-stakes FIDE Candidates Tournament?**

- A) 1st Place
- B) 2nd Place
- C) 3rd Place
- D) 5th Place

**Answer: B) 2nd Place**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Following a series of tactical victories over elite international opponents, Indian Grandmaster **R. Vaishali** secured solo second place at the prestigious FIDE Candidates Chess Tournament. The winner of this tournament earns a direct spot to challenge for the World Chess Championship title.

**Q19. Municipal Commissioner Ashwini Bhide announced that all roads in Mumbai will be fully concretized by May 2027. She holds the distinction of being the:**

- A) First female chief of NITI Aayog
- B) First female Commissioner of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)
- C) Chairperson of the National Highways Authority
- D) Director-General of Maharashtra Police

**Answer: B) First female Commissioner of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Appointed during recent administrative adjustments, Senior IAS officer Ashwini Bhide took charge as the first-ever female chief executive of the BMC. She launched a Rs 5,000-crore road safety initiative aimed at converting Mumbai's asphalt roads into durable concrete to eliminate potholes during the monsoon season.

**Q20. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) launched a massive grassroots talent identification drive. What is the target youth outreach metric for this initiative?**

- A) 1 Lakh Youth
- B) 2.5 Lakh Youth
- C) 5 Lakh Youth
- D) 7.5 Lakh Youth

**Answer: D) 7.5 Lakh Youth**

- **Detailed Explanation:** In an effort to democratize Olympic shooting sports across semi-urban and rural districts, the NRAI introduced a nationwide evaluation program targeting **7.5 lakh students** aged 11 to 17. The initiative provides free access to equipment, coaching, and state-of-the-art training facilities for top-performing prospects.

### Part 5: Awards, Culture & Governance Schemes

**Q21. The Bodleian Libraries of Oxford University opened a historical exhibition tracking the 200th anniversary of the 'Shikshapatri'. Which historical figure originally received this text from Swaminarayan in 1830?**

- A) Lord William Bentinck
- B) Sir John Malcolm
- C) Lord Macaulay
- D) Warren Hastings

**Answer: B) Sir John Malcolm**

- **Detailed Explanation:** The text was written by Swaminarayan in 1826, and its 200th anniversary is being celebrated globally. In 1830, the historical manuscript was personally presented to **Sir John Malcolm**, the then-Governor of Bombay. It remains preserved at the Bodleian Library at Oxford as a testament to early 19th-century socio-cultural heritage.

**Q22. The Government of India expanded the Project Management Information System (PMIS) portal under its national skill frameworks. Which group was newly included in this tracking network?**

- A) Retired Defense Personnel

- B) Final-Year Technical and Management Interns
- C) Rural Self-Help Group Artisans
- D) Primary School Teachers

**Answer: B) Final-Year Technical and Management Interns**

- **Detailed Explanation:** To improve youth employment metrics, the central government integrated **final-year undergraduate and diploma students** into the corporate PMIS tracking matrix. This system connects academic institutions directly with public sector undertakings (PSUs) and private enterprises, matching candidates with paid internships.

**Q23. The Odisha State Government announced a decision to double the institutional reservation quota for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in which courses?**

- A) Law and Public Administration
- B) Medical and Engineering Courses
- C) Agricultural Sciences and Biotechnology
- D) Aviation and Maritime Management

**Answer: B) Medical and Engineering Courses**

- **Detailed Explanation:** To improve access to higher education for underrepresented communities, the Odisha government **doubled the SC/ST seat reservation allocations** across all state-run medical (MBBS) and engineering (B.Tech) institutions, starting with the 2026-27 academic session.

**Q24. Which historical landmark in Odisha featured prominently in national news as President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated several central connectivity and restoration projects there?**

- A) Konark Sun Temple
- B) Rourkela Industrial Hub
- C) Puri Jagannath Complex
- D) Chilika Eco-Reserve

**Answer: B) Rourkela Industrial Hub**

- **Detailed Explanation:** President Droupadi Murmu visited the **Rourkela** region to inaugurate modern civic infrastructure projects, including upgraded super-specialty medical wings, advanced metallurgical research labs, and automated rail-siding projects linked to local steel manufacturing plants.

**Q25. A legal debate arose in the Gujarat High Court regarding whether a disputed competitive exam question from Kautilya's 'Arthashastra' belongs to the domain of economics. Historically, what is the core thematic structure of the Arthashastra?**

- A) Purely Vedic Religious Rituals
- B) Statecraft, Economic Policy, and Military Strategy
- C) Classical Indian Musicology
- D) Ancient Astronomical Observations

**Answer: B) Statecraft, Economic Policy, and Military Strategy**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Written around the 3rd century BCE by Chanakya (Kautilya), the *Arthashastra* is a comprehensive ancient Indian treatise. The legal debate emphasized that the text goes far beyond philosophy, detailing tax administration, treasury management, trade regulations, and international relations.

## Part 6: Important Days, Anniversaries & MoUs

**Q26. World Health Day is celebrated globally every year on 7 April. What historical event does this date commemorate?**

- A) The discovery of the penicillin antibiotic
- B) The official founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948
- C) The eradication of smallpox worldwide
- D) The signing of the first International Sanitary Convention

**Answer: B) The official founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Observed annually on **7 April**, World Health Day marks the anniversary of the establishment of the WHO. The day serves as a global platform to draw attention to critical global health challenges, health security, and equal access to medical infrastructure.

**Q27. April 7, 2026, marks the birth anniversary of Ravi Shankar, the legendary cultural ambassador of India. He is globally celebrated for his mastery of which musical instrument?**

- A) Sarod
- B) Santoor
- C) Sitar
- D) Flute

**Answer: C) Sitar**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Born on April 7, 1920, Bharat Ratna Pandit Ravi Shankar was a world-renowned **Sitar virtuoso** who introduced classical Indian music to mainstream western audiences. He collaborated with international musicians

like The Beatles and won multiple Grammy Awards.

**Q28. National Financial Intelligence Units (FIU-IND) signed a high-level MoU with which entity on April 7, 2026, to neutralize cross-border cryptocurrency and cyber frauds?**

- A) Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)
- B) Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- C) Data Security Council of India (DSCI)
- D) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)

**Answer: A) Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** This security MoU links the financial data processing systems of **FIU-IND** directly with the cyber-tracking assets of **I4C**. This integration allows authorities to instantly match suspicious bank transfers with cybercrime complaints, speeding up the process of freezing stolen assets.

**Q29. State-owned energy giant NTPC signed an MoU with Électricité de France (EDF) in April 2026. What is the primary focus of this international partnership?**

- A) Deep-sea oil exploration in the Arctic
- B) Development of commercial Nuclear Power Projects and smart grids
- C) Setting up cross-continental green hydrogen pipelines
- D) Modernization of older coal-fired thermal units

**Answer: B) Development of commercial Nuclear Power Projects and smart grids**

- **Detailed Explanation:** This major energy MoU focuses on technical cooperation

for clean energy transitions. It includes sharing engineering practices for small modular reactors (SMRs), deploying digital smart grids, and integrating large-scale renewable projects into national distribution lines.

**Q30. April 7 marks the death anniversary of which prominent Indian nationalist leader and freedom fighter, who served as the co-founder of the Swaraj Party alongside Motilal Nehru?**

- A) Chittaranjan Das (CR Das)
- B) Lala Lajpat Rai
- C) Bipin Chandra Pal
- D) Madan Mohan Malaviya

**Answer: A) Chittaranjan Das (CR Das)**

- **Detailed Explanation:** Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das was a distinguished lawyer and frontline leader of the Indian National Movement. In 1923, along with Motilal Nehru, he broke away from standard Congress frameworks to establish the **Swaraj Party**, which advocated for entering British legislative councils to disrupt colonial administration from within.

