

## National & International News

**Q1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Sikkim to participate in the closing ceremony of which historic milestone celebration?**

- A) 25th Year (Silver Jubilee) of Statehood
- B) 50th Year (Golden Jubilee) of Statehood
- C) 75th Year (Platinum Jubilee) of Statehood
- D) Centenary Year of Democratic Governance

**Answer: B) 50th Year (Golden Jubilee) of Statehood**

**Detailed Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Gangtok, Sikkim, to participate in the closing ceremony of the state's 50th Year (Golden Jubilee) of Statehood celebrations held at Paljor Stadium. Sikkim officially became the 22nd state of the Indian Union on May 16, 1975. The year-long Golden Jubilee celebrations commenced in May 2025 and concluded with this event. During his visit, the PM inaugurated and laid foundation stones for over 30 development projects worth over ₹4,000 crore to bolster connectivity, healthcare, and infrastructure in the northeastern state.

**Q2. The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena, recently approved the creation of how many new districts in the Union Territory?**

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 6

**Answer: C) 5**

**Detailed Explanation:** In a historic administrative overhaul, Ladakh's LG Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the official notification to create 5 new districts: **Nubra, Sham,**

**Changthang, Zanskar, and Drass.** Previously, the strategically vital Union Territory of Ladakh comprised only two massive districts: Leh and Kargil. Three of the new districts (Nubra, Sham, and Changthang) have been carved out of Leh, while Zanskar and Drass have been carved out of Kargil. This move aims to ensure decentralized governance and efficient delivery of public services to remote border ecosystems.

**Q3. In April 2026, which country's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei publicly addressed a major tactical shift regarding the Strait of Hormuz conflict?**

- A) Iran
- B) Oman
- C) Yemen
- D) Saudi Arabia

**Answer: A) Iran**

**Detailed Explanation:** Iran's newly positioned Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, issued a high-profile statement asserting that a new phase of maritime security and chokehold strategy is taking shape in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. This followed direct geopolitical tensions involving US and Israeli deployments in the region. The Strait of Hormuz is globally recognized as the most critical oil transit choke point, handling roughly one-fifth of the world's petroleum consumption.

**Q4. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has proposed the creation of a new monthly macroeconomic index called 'ISP'. What does 'ISP' stand for?**

- A) Index of Sustainable Production
- B) Index of Service Production
- C) Index of Sectoral Prices
- D) Index of Systemic Performance

**Answer: B) Index of Service Production**

**Detailed Explanation:** To rectify data gaps in tracking India's massive tertiary sector, MoSPI has proposed the creation of the **Index of Service Production (ISP)**. It will measure the monthly operational performance of India's services sector, similar to how the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) tracks manufacturing, mining, and electricity. The proposed base year for this new indicator is **2024–25**, ensuring contemporary market dynamics are accurately captured.

**Q5. The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) announced the 2026 ICSE and ISC results. Which demographic outperformed the other in terms of pass percentage?**

- A) Boys outperformed Girls
- B) Girls outperformed Boys
- C) Equal pass percentage recorded
- D) Rural students outperformed Urban students

**Answer: B) Girls outperformed Boys**

**Detailed Explanation:** The CISCE officially declared the results for the ICSE (Class X) and ISC (Class XII) examinations of 2026. Out of more than 3.6 lakh students who appeared across India and overseas testing hubs, an overall pass rate exceeding 99% was recorded. Continuing a multi-year demographic trend in Indian school boards, girl students secured a higher pass percentage than boys across both tiers of examination.

**Q6. The 10th National Summit on Public Health Innovation was organized by which Union Ministry?**

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D) Ministry of Ayush

**Answer: C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

**Detailed Explanation:** The 10th National Summit on Public Health Innovation concluded under the aegis of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The summit focused on identifying, assessing, and scaling grassroots healthcare delivery innovations, optimizing digital health frameworks via the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), and consolidating cross-state institutional frameworks to combat emerging infectious risks.

**Q7. The international global conference under the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) regarding Nuclear Regulation and Safety was concluded in which city?**

- A) Geneva, Switzerland
- B) Vienna, Austria
- C) Paris, France
- D) Berlin, Germany

**Answer: B) Vienna, Austria**

**Detailed Explanation:** The IAEA Global Nuclear Safety and Regulation Conference concluded its sessions in Vienna, Austria (where the IAEA is headquartered). The high-level international forum brought together global nuclear watchdogs to deliberate on enhancing regulatory stringency, managing radioactive waste safely, preventing cross-border contamination hazards, and safely deploying Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).

**Economics & Banking**

**Q8. NITI Aayog released a strategic roadmap for the adoption of DPI 2.0 to help India reach a \$30**

**trillion economy by 2047. What does 'DPI' stand for?**

- A) Direct Public Investment
- B) Digital Public Infrastructure
- C) Development Policy Indicator
- D) Decentralized Price Index

**Answer: B) Digital Public Infrastructure**

**Detailed Explanation:** Suman Bery (Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog) and Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood (Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI) unveiled a comprehensive report titled *"DPI@2047 for Viksit Bharat-A Strategic Roadmap to Enable Non-linear Inclusive Socio-economic Growth"*. The document focuses on deploying **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI 2.0)** to build on the foundational successes of Aadhaar, UPI, and ONDC. The framework targets inclusive digital penetration to propel India to a \$30 trillion developed economy by the centenary of its independence in 2047.

**Q9. Which Public Sector Bank collaborated with fintech platform 'Kiwi' to launch a specialized virtual credit card on the RuPay network?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Canara Bank

**Answer: B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)**

**Detailed Explanation:** In an initiative to expand credit-on-UPI adoption, Punjab National Bank (PNB) partnered with the prominent fintech firm Kiwi to launch the **"PNB Kiwi Credit Card"**. Operating natively on the NPCI-managed **RuPay network**, this card allows users to seamlessly link their credit line to UPI applications, allowing scan-and-pay transactions directly

from credit accounts, thereby accelerating financial inclusion.

**Q10. A high-level regulatory panel was constituted by the Union Finance Ministry to assess systemic market risks arising from which specific AI platform?**

- A) Gemini
- B) ChatGPT
- C) Mythos
- D) Claude

**Answer: C) Mythos**

**Detailed Explanation:** Given the rapid penetration of algorithmic financial models, the Ministry of Finance constituted a high-level technical risk assessment panel to evaluate the deployment and underlying systemic impacts of the financial artificial intelligence platform named **"Mythos"**. The probe targets operational transparency, data privacy vulnerabilities, and potential market manipulation risks linked to high-frequency autonomous trading models.

**Q11. The US Federal Reserve kept its benchmark interest rates unchanged at what specific percentage during its recent monetary policy review?**

- A) 3.2%
- B) 3.6%
- C) 4.2%
- D) 4.5%

**Answer: B) 3.6%**

**Detailed Explanation:** The US Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) decided to hold its benchmark short-term interest rate steady at **3.6%** for the third consecutive meeting. However, the decision highlighted internal polarization, drawing four

official dissents—the highest number of voting dissents witnessed in a single Fed policy meeting since October 1992. Three dissenters pushed to completely drop references to future rate cuts, while one member pushed for an immediate rate reduction.

**Q12. According to a performance review, the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) has surpassed which investment milestone?**

- A) ₹3,000 crore
- B) ₹5,000 crore
- C) ₹7,000 crore
- D) ₹9,000 crore

**Answer: C) ₹7,000 crore**

**Detailed Explanation:** The Ministry of Food Processing Industries announced that the flagship PLISFPI has yielded stellar private sector response, with verified investments comfortably crossing the **₹7,000 crore** mark. The scheme incentivizes domestic food manufacturing entities to scale up capacity, invest in cold-chain logistics, build global Indian food brands, and generate massive off-farm employment.

### Appointments, Awards & Honors

**Q13. Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Chairman / Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?**

- A) Suman Bery
- B) Ashok Lahiri
- C) Arvind Panagariya
- D) Rajiv Kumar

**Answer: B) Ashok Lahiri**

**Detailed Explanation:** Noted veteran economist and former member of the 15th Finance Commission, **Dr. Ashok Lahiri**, has been formally appointed as the Vice-Chairman / Deputy Chairman of NITI Aayog. He succeeds Suman Bery. Dr. Lahiri has previously served as the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the Government of India and brings extensive expertise in fiscal federalism and macroeconomic policy.

**Q14. Who has taken charge as the Interim Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi?**

- A) Dr. Randeep Guleria
- B) Dr. M. Srinivas
- C) Dr. Nikhil Tandon
- D) Dr. Balram Bhargava

**Answer: C) Dr. Nikhil Tandon**

**Detailed Explanation:** In an executive transition at India's premier medical institution, renowned endocrinologist **Dr. Nikhil Tandon** has been appointed as the Interim Director of AIIMS, New Delhi. Dr. Tandon, an academician of global repute and a recipient of prestigious national medical honors, will oversee the clinical and administrative operations of the institute during this interim phase.

**Q15. Which eminent mathematician was conferred with the prestigious Abel Prize for 2026 for groundbreaking contributions to arithmetic geometry?**

- A) Gerd Faltings
- B) Michel Talagrand
- C) Luis Caffarelli
- D) Avi Wigderson

**Answer: A) Gerd Faltings**

**Detailed Explanation:** The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters awarded the Abel Prize for 2026—often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Mathematics"—to the legendary German mathematician **Gerd Faltings**. He was honored for his monumental, definitive contributions to **arithmetic algebraic geometry**, most notably his historic proof of the Mordell Conjecture, which transformed modern number theory.

## Government Schemes & MoUs

**Q16. Which national health security scheme is highlighted globally on 'Ayushman Bharat Diwas', observed on 30 April 2026?**

- A) AB-PMJAY
- B) PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)
- C) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
- D) National Urban Health Mission

**Answer: A) AB-PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana)**

**Detailed Explanation:** Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated across India on **April 30** every year to choose health and wellness as a foundational priority and to validate the reach of the world's largest government-funded health assurance portfolio. The primary pillar of this day is the AB-PMJAY, launched in **2018**, which provides a secondary and tertiary care hospitalization cover of **₹5 lakh per family per year** to over 12 crore poor and vulnerable families.

**Q17. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), recently reviewed for financial targets, primarily extends collateral-free loans up to what monetary limit?**

- A) ₹5 Lakh
- B) ₹10 Lakh
- C) ₹20 Lakh

D) ₹50 Lakh

**Answer: B) ₹10 Lakh**

**Detailed Explanation:** The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched to bridge funding gaps for non-corporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises. The scheme provides collateral-free institutional credit up to **₹10 Lakh** split across three distinct segments based on the evolutionary stage of the enterprise: **Shishu** (loans up to ₹50,000), **Kishor** (loans from ₹50,001 to ₹5 Lakh), and **Tarun** (loans from ₹5,00,01 up to ₹10 Lakh).

**Q18. West Bengal's newly structural economic assistance program 'Banglar Yuva Sathi Scheme 2026' primarily targets which demographic group?**

- A) Unemployed Youth
- B) Grassroots Women Entrepreneurs
- C) Marginalized Artisans
- D) Primary School Teachers

**Answer: A) Unemployed Youth**

**Detailed Explanation:** The Government of West Bengal formally enacted operational guidelines for the *Banglar Yuva Sathi Scheme 2026*. This social welfare and skill alignment program offers fixed monthly financial stipends alongside state-sponsored vocational training options to registered unemployed youth across the state, aiming to build a cushion against structural underemployment.

## Science, Defense & Infrastructure

**Q19. SkyHop Aviation received DGCA clearance to operationalize India's first commercial seaplane service in which Union Territory?**

- A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B) Puducherry

- C) Lakshadweep
- D) Daman and Diu

**Answer: C) Lakshadweep**

**Detailed Explanation:** SkyHop Aviation Private Limited made civil aviation history by obtaining its Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to run **India's first commercial seaplane service** in the **Lakshadweep islands**. Utilizing a 19-seater De Havilland Canada (DHC)-6 Twin Otter aircraft retrofitted with specialized floating landing gear, the service links critical islands like Agatti, Kiltan, and Kavaratti, promoting eco-tourism and providing emergency transit options.

**Q20. India and Sri Lanka recently concluded the 4th edition of their bilateral maritime diving exercise in Colombo. What is the name of this exercise?**

- A) SLINEX 2026
- B) IN-SLN DIVEX 2026
- C) Samudra Shakti 2026
- D) Dosti-XVI

**Answer: B) IN-SLN DIVEX 2026**

**Detailed Explanation:** The Indian Navy and the Sri Lanka Navy successfully conducted the 4th edition of **IN-SLN DIVEX 2026** from April 21 to 28, 2026, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. India deployed its specialized Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel, **INS Nireekshak**, which worked with Sri Lankan specialized diving teams to refine complex deep-sea diving rescue maneuvers, underwater damage control protocols, and interoperability standards.

**Q21. The Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), which was recently in the news for hydrodynamic testing platforms,**

**operates as a premier laboratory under which premier institution?**

- A) ISRO
- B) Indian Navy
- C) DRDO
- D) CSIR

**Answer: C) DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation)**

**Detailed Explanation:** Located in Visakhapatnam, the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) is an apex establishment under the **DRDO**. It specializes in the research, design, and hydrodynamic testing of underwater weapons, surface ships, torpedo defense frameworks, and marine stealth parameters, serving as a critical asset for the self-reliance goals of the Indian Navy.

**Q22. India's only dedicated state-of-the-art domestic Alkaline Battery Plant was recently inaugurated under the 'Make in India' initiative in which region?**

- A) Samba District, Jammu & Kashmir
- B) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- C) Pune, Maharashtra
- D) Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu

**Answer: A) Samba District, Jammu & Kashmir**

**Detailed Explanation:** Boosting manufacturing diversification in northern India, the nation's exclusive advanced **Alkaline Battery Plant** was formally inaugurated in the **Samba district of Jammu & Kashmir**. This high-capacity manufacturing asset scales down heavy import reliance on electrochemical cells, creates specialized local employment, and supports the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' manufacturing layout.



## Sports, Culture & Festivals

**Q23. Who became the first cricketer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history to scale past the monumental milestone of 9,000 career runs?**

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) MS Dhoni
- D) Shikhar Dhawan

**Answer: B) Virat Kohli**

**Detailed Explanation:** Legendary Indian batsman Virat Kohli etched his name deeper into cricket history by becoming the **first player ever to surpass 9,000 runs in IPL history**. Playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), he crossed this milestone during an active league match in the 2026 season. He already holds the record for the most centuries in the tournament's history.

**Q24. The Swarnajayanti Maitri Manjari Park, which was recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister in Gangtok, is designed as a world-class conservation hub for which flora?**

- A) Rhododendrons
- B) Medicinal Alpine Herbs
- C) Orchids
- D) Himalayan Conifers

**Answer: C) Orchids**

**Detailed Explanation:** During his Sikkim tour, PM Narendra Modi visited and formally dedicated the Swarnajayanti Maitri Manjari Park in Gangtok. This eco-tourism facility serves as a world-class **Orchid Experience Centre**, showcasing the rich floral biodiversity of Sikkim. The state boasts more than 500 distinct species of exotic orchids, making it a globally recognized hotspot for orchid conservation.

**Q25. The Manipuri film 'Boong', which made national headlines for its historic cinematic win, secured top honors at which global awards ceremony?**

- A) Academy Awards (Oscars) 2026
- B) BAFTA Awards 2026
- C) Cannes Film Festival 2026
- D) Berlin International Film Festival

**Answer: B) BAFTA Awards 2026**

**Detailed Explanation:** In a historic moment for Indian regional cinema, the critically acclaimed Manipuri feature film **'Boong'** clinched prestigious accolades at the 2026 British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards. The film deals with complex layers of identity, childhood innocence, and socio-political landscapes in northeast India, placing regional Indian cinema on the global cinematic stage.

## Important Days & Anniversaries

**Q26. What was the official global theme for World Immunization Week, observed from April 24 to April 30, 2026?**

- A) Vaccines Bring Us Closer
- B) Long Life for All
- C) For Every Generation, Vaccines Work
- D) Humanly Possible: Saving Lives through Immunization

**Answer: C) For Every Generation, Vaccines Work**

**Detailed Explanation:** World Immunization Week is globally coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO) during the last week of April (April 24 to 30) to generate awareness about the collective action needed to protect individuals from vaccine-preventable

diseases. The certified theme for the 2026 iteration is “**For Every Generation, Vaccines Work**”, highlighting the lifecycle benefits of robust immunization systems from infancy through old age.

**Q27. Every year on April 30, India observes 'Ayushman Bharat Diwas' to honor which foundational social policy goal?**

- A) Total Digital Literacy
- B) Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- C) Clean Drinking Water for All
- D) Elimination of Child Labor

**Answer: B) Universal Health Coverage (UHC)**

**Detailed Explanation:** Ayushman Bharat Diwas is anchored on the national resolution to establish comprehensive **Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** across India. It reminds stakeholders of the twin mechanisms of Ayushman Bharat: creating preventive Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) at the village level and providing financial risk cushions against catastrophic healthcare expenditures for vulnerable groups via the PM-JAY card system.

### Miscellaneous Data-Driven Core Facts

**Q28. The ongoing Population Census of India is distinct in demographic history primarily due to which feature?**

- A) It is the first completely paperless, digital-only census exercise
- B) It excludes urban metropolises to focus strictly on tribal zones
- C) It is entirely managed by international auditing agencies

D) It relies solely on satellite imagery data projections

**Answer: A) It is the first completely paperless, digital-only census exercise**

**Detailed Explanation:** The massive Population Census is a monumental data collection exercise involving more than **3 million ground officials**. It marks a structural shift as India's **first-ever digital-only census**, where data collection occurs via self-enumeration portals and specialized mobile applications, completely replacing the legacy paper schedules used in previous decades.

**Q29. In April 2026, the United Nations AI Advisory Body added prominent Indian representation by appointing which computer scientist to its core panel?**

- A) Prof. B. Ravindran
- B) Dr. Vinton Cerf
- C) Nandan Nilekani
- D) Prof. Manindra Agrawal

**Answer: A) Prof. B. Ravindran**

**Detailed Explanation:** Professor B. Ravindran, a pioneering artificial intelligence researcher and head of the Wadhvani School of Data Science and AI at IIT Madras, was officially appointed to the United Nations High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence. His role involves advising member nations on international AI governance frameworks, data equity, and mitigating bias risks in algorithmic designs.

**Q30. Gujarat recently finalized an MoU to establish its newest high-capacity semiconductor assembly and test facility in collaboration with global partners at which location?**

- A) Sanand

- B) Dholera
- C) Dahej
- D) Hazira

**Answer: B) Dholera**

**Detailed Explanation:** Bolstering India's semiconductor mission, a major multi-billion dollar MoU was closed to construct a mega Semiconductor Assembly and Test (ATMP) plant within the **Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR) in Gujarat**. This plant is set to feed the global electronic supply chain with domestically packaged silicon chips, consolidating India's role as a growing hub for technology hardware.

Pillar Component	Specific Highlight / Metric	Nodal Managing Organization
	(Lakshadweep)	
Industrial Unit	Only Active Alkaline Battery Asset	Samba Zone, J&K
Maritime Drill	4th Edition Diving Collaboration (IN-SLN DIVEX)	Indian Navy / Sri Lankan Navy

**Core Comparative Overview of 30 April 2026 National Landscape**

Pillar Component	Specific Highlight / Metric	Nodal Managing Organization
DPI Roadmap	Target: \$30 Trillion Economy by 2047	NITI Aayog
New Districts	5 Units Created (Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar, Drass)	Ladakh UT Administration
Aviation Feat	First Seaplane Route Approved	SkyHop Aviation / DGCA