

1. RBI Launches Mission SAKSHAM for Urban Cooperative Banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** launched **Mission SAKSHAM — Sahakari Bank Kshamta Nirman** — to strengthen **Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)** through capacity building.
- The initiative provides **hybrid** (physical and digital) training in **regional languages**.
- **Training areas covered:** Management, compliance culture, digital education, risk management, and cybersecurity.
- Full form: **Mission SAKSHAM = Sahakari Bank Kshamata Nirman.**

2. Biometric Authentication Replaces OTPs for Digital Card Payments

- **Flipkart, PayU, Axis Bank, and Wibmo** partnered to replace OTP verification with **facial and fingerprint biometric authentication** for digital card payments.

3. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) Plan 50,000+ Recruitments

- The **Department of Financial Services (DFS)** under the **Finance Ministry** noted a continuous workforce increase across **12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs)** via **Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS)** recruitment.
- After sending **50,552 offer letters** in **2025-26**, the Ministry plans over **50,000 recruitments** in the current year.

4. EPFO Launches 'e-Prapti' Portal for Inoperative PF Accounts

- Union Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** announced the launch of the '**e-Prapti**' portal, also called '**e-PRAAPT**' — **EPF Aadhaar Based Access Portal for Tracking Inoperative Accounts**.
- The portal helps users track and reactivate **Provident Fund (PF)** accounts that have been **inactive for three years**.
- Full form: **e-PRAAPT = EPF Aadhaar Based Access Portal for Tracking Inoperative Accounts.**

5. RBI Introduces 'Unregistered Type 1 NBFC' Category for Small Entities

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** introduced a new '**Unregistered Type 1 Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)**' category for small entities with:
 - Asset size under **₹1,000 crore**
 - **No public funds** raised
 - **No customer interface**
- These entities are **exempt from registration until July 1, 2026**.
- They can **deregister** using the **RBI's 'PRAVAAH'** portal during a one-time opt-out window open until **December 31, 2026**.
- The **RBI** also allowed lenders **suo-moto loan resolutions** for **natural calamity victims**.

6. SEBI Operationalizes PRRVA Framework to Combat Finfluencer Fraud

- The **Past Risk Return Verification Agency (PRRVA)** framework — also referred to as **PARVAAH** — was **operationalized on May 4, 2026**.
- **CARE Ratings Limited** serves as the **designated agency/verifier** under the framework.
- The **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** acts as the **data center**.
- Full form: **PRRVA = Past Risk Return Verification Agency.**

7. IPPB Launches Zero-Balance SHG Saving Account for Rural Women

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** launched a **zero-balance 'SHG Saving Account'** to promote **financial inclusion** for rural women.
- Utilizes **IPPB's 1.64–1.65 lakh post office network** across India.
- **Key features:**
 - **No minimum balance** requirement
 - **Flexible transaction options**
 - **Maximum deposit limit: ₹2 lakh**

8. Federal Bank Acquires Standard Chartered's Retail Credit Card Portfolio

- **Federal Bank** — a private sector lender — acquired the **retail credit card portfolio** of **Standard Chartered Bank** (a UK-based foreign bank).

9. RBI Reports Bank Credit & Deposit Growth for Mid-April 2026

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** reported **mid-April year-on-year bank loan growth at 14.88%**, slightly down from **15%** the previous year.
- **Total bank credit** dipped **2.06%** in April compared to March.
- **Deposit growth** stood at **12.12%**.

10. India's IIP Growth Slows; MoSPI Introduces Index of Services Production (ISP)

- India's **eight core industries** comprise **40.27%** of the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**.
- India's **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** growth slowed to a **5-month low of 4.1%** in **March 2026** (revised February rate: **5.1%**).
- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** introduced the **Index of Services Production (ISP)** with a **2024-25** base year.

11. ₹2000 Note: 98.47% Returned as of April 30, 2026

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced the withdrawal of **₹2000 denomination notes** on **May 19, 2023**, when **₹3.56 lakh crore** worth of notes were in circulation.
- As of **April 30, 2026**, **98.47%** of the withdrawn **₹2000 notes** have been returned.
- Remaining **₹2000 notes** still in circulation: **₹5,451 crore**.

12. April 2026 Records All-Time High GST Collection of ₹2.43 Lakh Crore

- **April 2026** recorded an **all-time high Goods and Services Tax (GST)** collection of **₹2.43 lakh crore**.
- This represents an **8.7% increase** over **April 2025's** collection of **₹2.23 lakh crore**.

13. Tata AIA Launches 'SHUBH HealthKriti' Unit-Linked Health Plan

- **Tata AIA** launched '**SHUBH HealthKriti**' — a **Unit-Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP)** Health Fund Plan.
- Offers **market-linked growth** and coverage for **60+ critical illnesses**.
- **Target age group:** 18–65 years.

14. PM Modi Inaugurates Ganga Expressway & ₹6,350 Crore Projects in Uttar Pradesh

- In **Varanasi:** PM Modi joined the **Mahila Sammelan** and inaugurated **₹6,350 crore** worth of projects, including:
 - A **water treatment plant**
 - A **1-megawatt solar plant** at **Bhalupur**
- In **Hardoi:** PM Modi inaugurated the **Ganga Expressway** — a **594 km, 6-lane expressway** connecting **Meerut to Prayagraj**, built at a cost of **₹36,230 crore**.

15. Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 Released on National Panchayati Raj Day

- The **Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI)** is a tool to assess the development performance of **Gram Panchayats** across India.
- The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** released **Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0** on **National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24)**.
- Assessed **2.59 lakh Gram Panchayats** across **33 States/Union Territories (UTs)**.
- **3,635 Gram Panchayats** achieved '**Front Runner**' status (scoring **90+ points**).
- **1.18 lakh Gram Panchayats** were graded as '**Performer**'.

16. Economic Survey 2025-26 Highlights Skill & Employment Priorities

- The **Economic Survey 2025-26** highlighted employment-focused skills for India's youth.
- **Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR): 55.9%**.

17. PM-AASHA Scheme: First Pulse Procurement in Bihar; e-Samyukti in Chhattisgarh

- **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)** is a Central Government scheme for ensuring fair prices to farmers for their produce.
- **Bihar** executed its **first structured pulse procurement** through **National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCCF)** and **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)**.
- **Chhattisgarh** boosted procurements through the **e-Samyukti portal**, enabling **direct farmer participation**.

18. Adani Vikas Kendra Inaugurated in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh

- Union Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** inaugurated the **Adani Vikas Kendra** in **Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh (MP)**.
- The facility measures **48,000 sq. ft.** and is implemented by **Adani Foundation's Swabhiman** program.

19. Ministry of Mines Approves Critical Mineral Recycling Under National Critical Mineral Mission

- The **National Critical Mineral Mission** was launched in **2025** with a budget of **₹16,300 crore**.
- The **Ministry of Mines** approved **58 companies** under the **2025 National Critical Mineral Mission** to extract **lithium, cobalt, and rare earth elements** from **e-waste**.
- Approved companies will invest **₹5,000 crore** to build a recycling capacity of **850 kilotons per annum**.

20. Election Commission Introduces QR-Based Photo Identity Card System

21. Government to Launch 'Sachet' Mobile Disaster Alert System

- The Government of India will launch '**Sachet**' — a **mobile disaster alert system** using the **Common Alerting Protocol**.
- Developed by **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** and the **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)**.

22. Tamil Nadu Overtakes Gujarat as India's Top Marine Fish Producer in 2025

- As per a **Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)** report, **Tamil Nadu** overtook **Gujarat** as the **top marine fish producer in 2025**, recording **0.68 million tonnes**.
- India's **total marine fish production** reached **3.57 million tonnes** in 2025.

23. PMGSY: 827 Road Projects Worth ₹1,698 Crore Launched in Raigarh

- Union Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched **827 Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)** road projects on **May 1**, covering:
 - Cost: **₹1,698 crore**
 - Length: **1,701 km**

24. APEDA Signs 70-Year Lease for Basmati Training Center in Pilibhit, UP

- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** signed a **70-year lease** for a **7-acre training center** in **Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**.
- **Objectives:** Train farmers of **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** and **Uttarakhand**, strengthen **basmati exports**, and launch an **Artificial Intelligence (AI) paddy survey**.

25. National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) Celebrates 75th Anniversary

- Union Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** attended the **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)**'s **75th Anniversary** event at the **Dr. Karni Singh shooting range**.
- **Launches at the event:**
 - A new **logo** for **NRAI**
 - The '**myNRAI athlete**' app — making **NRAI India's first digitized sports federation**

26. PRASHAST 2.0: Upgraded Mobile Tool for Early Disability Identification in Students

- The **Department of School Education** developed **PRASHAST 2.0** — an upgraded **mobile screening tool** for early identification of **disabilities in students**.
- Currently under testing in **Uttar Pradesh (UP), Uttarakhand, and Delhi**.

27. Namu Stall Scheme Launched for Fruit & Vegetable Vendors in Jharkhand

- Union Minister **Sanjay Seth** launched the **Namu Stall Scheme** in **Ranchi, Jharkhand**.
- Offers **free stalls worth ₹50,000** to fruit and vegetable vendors.

28. Public Health Summit & Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Agreements

- **Health Minister J.P. Nadda** inaugurated the **10th National Summit on Public Health Innovations** in **Chandigarh**.
- Under **Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0**, three states signed agreements for **safe drinking water and water tax collection**:
 - **Uttarakhand**
 - **Karnataka**
 - **Tripura**

29. Key MoU Agreements: Dept of Posts–DTDC & Delhi University–CMEC

- **Department of Posts (DoP) & DTDC Express**: Partnership to leverage **1.64 lakh post offices** for nationwide **logistics and rural e-commerce parcel delivery**.
- **Delhi University & CMEC (Centre for Maritime Education and Culture)**: Signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to enhance **maritime education and skill development**, targeting a workforce share increase from **12% to 20% by 2030**.

30. Important National One-Liners (1 May 2026)

- India launched the **BRICS 2026** presidency theme, logo, and website.
- **Bamanas Kankar** became **Rajasthan's first fully organic certified Gram Panchayat**.
- **Navi Mumbai International Airport** will be named after **DB Patil**.
- **Andhra Pradesh (AP)** approved the **Daga Dharani Greenfield Airport** in **Nellore**.
- India's **first green ammonia project** was launched in **Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh)**.
- **Ponduru Khadi (Andhra Pradesh)** received a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- India's **2025 electronics exports** surpassed **\$47 billion**.
- **India–UAE trade target** set at **\$200 billion** for **2032**.
- The **University of New South Wales** will open a **Bengaluru campus** in **August 2026**.

31. UAE Officially Exits OPEC and OPEC+ (May 1, 2026)

- The **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** was founded in **1960** and is headquartered in **Vienna, Austria**.
- **Angola** exited **OPEC** in **January 2024**; **Congo** had joined in **2018**.
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** officially exited **OPEC** and **OPEC+** on **May 1, 2026**.
- After the UAE's exit, **OPEC membership reduces to 11 countries**.
- **OPEC** current Secretary General: **Haitham Al Ghais**.
- **OPEC** Headquarters: **Vienna, Austria**.
- **OPEC** founded: **1960**.

32. India–New Zealand Historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Signed

- A **historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** was signed between **India** and **New Zealand** in **New Delhi**.
- Signed by India's **Piyush Goyal** and New Zealand's **Todd McClay**.
- **Benefits**:
 - Indian exports receive **100% duty-free access** to New Zealand markets
 - Secures a **\$20 billion USD** investment commitment from **New Zealand**

33. UNESCO Adds 12 New Global Geoparks; Total Reaches 241 Across 51 Countries

- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** added **12 new Global Geoparks**, bringing the total to **241 sites** across **51 countries** covering **882,000 sq. km.**
- **India** received **no new sites** in this round.
- **Tunisia** gained its **first UNESCO Global Geopark** (Dahar).
- **New additions include sites in:** China (Changshan/Shiguanyang), France (Terres d'Hérault), Greece, Ireland, Malaysia, Portugal, Japan, Russia, Tunisia (Dahar), and Uruguay.

34. US House Extends FISA Section 702 for 3 Years

- **Section 702** of the **Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)** permits **warrantless foreign intelligence monitoring.**
- The **US House** voted **235–191** to extend **Section 702 of FISA** for **3 years.**

35. Key Global Conferences and Diplomatic Meetings

(i) SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting – Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** attended the **23rd Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting** in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.**
- **Focus:** Regional security discussions among SCO member states.

(ii) BRICS MENA Meeting – New Delhi

- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Secretary Dr. Nina Malhotra** chaired the **2026 BRICS MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Meeting** in **New Delhi.**
- **Focus:** West Asian conflict and regional stability.

(iii) India–Italy Defence Meeting – New Delhi

- **Rajnath Singh** and Italian counterpart **Guido Crosetto** met in **New Delhi** to discuss:
 - **India–Italy defence cooperation**
 - **2026-27 military engagements**
 - **The Iran–Israel conflict**

(iv) Vietnam Presidential Visit – India (May 5–7)

- **Vietnamese President To Lam** will visit **India** on **May 5–7** to mark the **10th anniversary** of the **India–Vietnam strategic partnership.**

36. India Deploys Aarogya Maitri BHISHM Cubes to Jamaica for Disaster Healthcare

- India deployed **mobile hospital units** — called **BHISHM Cubes** — to **Jamaica** for disaster healthcare support under the **Aarogya Maitri** initiative.

37. Maharashtra AI Policy 2026: ₹10,000 Crore Investment Target, 1.5 Lakh Jobs by 2031

- **Maharashtra** Chief Minister approved the **Maharashtra Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy 2026.**
- **Key targets and features:**
 - **Investment target: ₹10,000 crore by 2031**
 - **1.5 lakh jobs** to be created
 - **5 AI innovation cities** to be developed
 - **Training for 2 lakh youth**
 - **₹500 crore startup fund**
 - **₹1.25 crore subsidies** for women-led startups

38. Google Cloud AI Hub: Largest Single-Location FDI in India in Visakhapatnam

- **Google Cloud AI Hub** broke ground in **Tulluru, Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh.**
- **Investment: \$15 billion (₹1.35 lakh crore)** — the **largest single-location Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in **India.**
- **Area: 600 acres, 1-gigawatt** data center.
- Coordinated by **AdaniConneX** and **Airtel.**
- **Target: Create 2 lakh jobs by September 2028;** aimed at becoming **Asia's largest data center.**

39. Bengaluru Police Integrates AI Multilingual Translation into 'Namma 112' Helpline

- **Bengaluru Police** integrated an **Artificial Intelligence (AI) translation feature** into the 'Namma 112' emergency response helpline.
- Supports **real-time voice translation** between **Kannada** and **10+ languages** including French, Spanish, and Bengali.

40. Ladakh Gets 5 New Districts; Total Reaches 7 — Dairy Projects Also Inaugurated

- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** approved **5 new districts** in Ladakh:
 - **Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar, and Drass**
- **Total districts in Ladakh** now: **7** (including Leh and Kargil).
- Home Minister **Amit Shah** also inaugurated **cooperative dairy projects** in **Kargil**, including:
 - **A 10 Tonnes Per Day (TPD) dairy plant**
 - **Curd and paneer unit**
 - **Bulk coolers and mobile labs**
 - **An Android-based milk collection system**

41. West Bengal Assembly Elections Record All-Time High Voter Turnout of 92.93%

- **West Bengal Assembly Elections** recorded an **all-time high voter turnout of 92.93%**.
- **Female turnout: 92.28% | Male turnout: 97.07%**.

42. Meghalaya Launches 'CM Inspire' Scheme for UPSC Aspirants

- '**CM Inspire**' scheme was launched by **Chief Minister (CM) Conrad K. Sangma** and **Governor Vijay Shankar** of Meghalaya.
- Provides **financial assistance** to youth preparing for the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Exam**.

43. SIPRI 2025: India Ranked 5th Largest Military Spender at \$92.1 Billion

- **India** ranked **5th largest military spender globally** in the **SIPRI Military Expenditure Report 2025**.
- India's military spending: **\$92.1 billion** — an **8.9% increase**.
- **Global military spending: \$2.89 trillion** in 2025.
- **Top 5 spenders (in order):** USA, China, Russia, Germany, and India — comprising **58%** of global spending.

44. DRDO & Indian Navy Conduct Maiden Salvo Launch of NASM-SR Missile

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **Indian Navy** conducted a **maiden 'salvo launch'** of the **Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Short Range (NASM-SR)**.
- **Missile range: 55 km.**
- **Launch platform:** Helicopter.
- **Location:** Off the **Odisha coast / Bay of Bengal**.

45. BHEL–DRDO Sign Technology Transfer Agreement for Naval Gas Turbine IR Suppression

- **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** signed a **technology transfer licensing agreement** with **DRDO's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL)**.
- Purpose: To manufacture and install the **LM2500 gas turbine infrared suppression system** on naval vessels.

46. Operation Netra 1.0: Indian Army Conducts High-Altitude Eye Camp in Leh, Ladakh

- The **Indian Army** conducted **Operation Netra 1.0** — a **high-altitude mega eye camp** in **Leh, Ladakh**.

47. INS Mahendragiri: 6th Nilgiri Class Ship Delivered to Indian Navy

- The **Indian Navy** received the **6th Nilgiri class ship**, named '**Mahendragiri**' (Project 17A).
- Built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)** in **Mumbai**.

48. China Launches Pakistan's EO3 Earth Observation Satellite

- **China** launched **Pakistan's Earth Observation satellite EO3** (also known as **PRSC-E03**) from the **Taiyuan Launch Center** using a **Long March-6 rocket**.

49. SkyHopp Aviation Becomes India's First Commercial Seaplane Operator

- **SkyHopp Aviation** (formerly Sky Hops Aviation) received a **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** license and launched India's **first commercial seaplane service**.
- Uses **converted 19-seater DHC-6 Twin Otter aircraft**.
- Connects **5 Lakshadweep islands** to the mainland.

50. Global AI Spending Surpasses \$700 Billion; Google Cloud Leads Growth

- **Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) spending** surpassed **\$700 billion** in 2026.
- **Cloud revenue growth comparison:**
 - **Google Cloud: 63% revenue growth**
 - **Microsoft Azure: 40% growth**
 - **Amazon (AWS): 28% growth**

51. Reliance–Meta Joint Venture: Parminder Chopra Appointed CEO of Reliance Enterprises Intelligence

- **Parminder Chopra** (with **30+ years** of technology experience) was appointed **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **Reliance Enterprises Intelligence** — a **Joint Venture (JV)** between **Reliance** and **Meta**.
- The JV focuses on **Indian Artificial Intelligence (AI)** development.

52. Oxford University & Serum Institute of India Sign Agreement for R78C Malaria Vaccine

53. MeitY Launches Two Indigenous Silicon Photonic Solutions at IIT Madras

54. India's First Multi-Lane Free-Flow Tolling System Launched at Choryasi, Gujarat

- Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** launched India's **first multi-lane free-flow tolling system** (barrier-less tolling) at the **Choryasi toll plaza** on **National Highway 48 (NH-48) Surat–Bharuch, Gujarat**.

55. New Train Services: Vande Bharat (Jammu–Srinagar) & Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra

- Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** flagged off:
 - The **first direct Vande Bharat service** between **Jammu** and **Srinagar**
 - The '**Somnath Swabhiman Parv Yatra**' from **New Delhi** to **Gujarat** — marking the **1000th anniversary** of **Mahmud Ghazni's attack** on the **Somnath Temple**

56. Sahajanand Medical Technologies: First Indian Cardiovascular Manufacturer with ISO 50001

57. MoSPI Releases 'Women and Men in India 2025' Report (27th Edition)

- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** released the **27th edition** of '**Women and Men in India 2025**' report.
- **Key findings:**
 - **Sex Ratio at Birth** improved from **904 to 917** per 1,000 males
 - **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)** decreased
 - **Rural female Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR)** increased from **37.5% to 45.9%**

- Women in managerial roles surged by 102.54%

58. NITI Aayog Releases 'DPI @ 2047 Roadmap' for \$30 Trillion Economy

- NITI Aayog — in partnership with EkStep Foundation and Deloitte — released the 'Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) @ 2047 Roadmap'.
- Vision: A \$30 trillion economy and \$18,000 per capita income by 2047.
- Phases:
 - DPI 2.0 (2025–2035): Livelihood-led growth
 - DPI 3.0 (2035–2047): Broad-based prosperity

59. Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Rankings 2026: India's Positions

- The 14th edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Rankings 2026 was released.
- Top 5 Universities (Asia):
 - 1st: Tsinghua University (China)
 - 2nd: Peking University (China)
 - 3rd: National University of Singapore (NUS)
 - 4th: Nanyang Technological University (NTU)
 - 5th: University of Tokyo
- Indian University Rankings:
 - 43rd: Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
 - 128th: Saveetha Institute
 - 141st: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore
 - 158th: Shoolini University
 - 160th: Jamia Millia Islamia
- IISc Bengaluru continues to be India's highest-ranked institution in THE Asia Rankings.

60. Other Key NITI Aayog Reports Released

- Moving Towards Effective City Government — on urban governance reforms.
- Fiscal Health Index — topped by Odisha.
- Revitalizing Apprenticeship Ecosystem — on strengthening India's apprenticeship framework.
- Viksit Bharat and Net Zero — on India's sustainability and development goals.

61. Key Appointments

(i) Subrat Mohanty – Axis Bank

- Subrat Mohanty reappointed as Executive Director of Axis Bank for a three-year term (2026–2029).

(ii) Ashutosh Gowariker – IFFI Festival Director

- Ashutosh Gowariker appointed as Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.
- IFFI is organized by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the Entertainment Society of Goa.

(iii) Anupinder Singh Grewal – NCLT President

- Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal appointed President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for a 5-year tenure or until age 67.

62. Guntur Municipal Corporation Wins UNIDO Gender Equality Mobilization Award

- Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC), Andhra Pradesh, won the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Gender Equality Mobilization (GEM) Award in Vienna.
- Reason: Training 200+ women as electric auto drivers for zero-emission waste collection.

63. Parveen Shaikh Wins 2026 Whitley Award ('Green Oscar') for Conservation Work

- Parveen Shaikh won the 2026 Whitley Award — popularly called the 'Green Oscar' — along with £50,000 in London.
- Project recognized: 'Guardian of the Skimmer' — a conservation project for protecting the Indian Skimmer bird.

64. FIFA World Cup 2026: 15% Increase in Financial Pool for 48 Teams

- FIFA increased the financial pool by 15% for the 48-team FIFA World Cup 2026.
- Host countries: Canada, USA, and Mexico.
- Preparation money: \$8.5 million per team.
- Qualification payouts: \$10 million per team.

65. PV Sindhu Joins World Badminton Federation (BWF) Council (2026–2029)

- PV Sindhu joined the World Badminton Federation (BWF) Council with voting rights for the period 2026–2029.
- She was appointed Chair of the BWF Athletes' Commission.

66. Shreyas Iyer Appointed Brand Ambassador for F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026

67. Rathika Sree Becomes Tamil Nadu's First Transgender Cricket Umpire

(i) Key Developments / Announcements / Decisions

- Rathika Sree became Tamil Nadu's first transgender registered cricket umpire.

(ii) Significance / Impact

- A landmark step for LGBTQ+ inclusion in Indian sports administration.

68. Afghanistan Women's Football Team Gets FIFA Clearance to Return

69. Shooting Parasport Governance Moves from IPC to ISSF

- Governance of Shooting Parasport transitioned from the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).

70. International Labour Day – May 1

- Honors the 1886 United States (US) strike demanding an 8-hour workday.
- India first observed International Labour Day in Chennai in 1923.
- The International Labour Organization (ILO) was formed in 1919, headquartered in Switzerland, and is directed by Gilbert Houngbo.
- 2026 Theme: "Ensuring a healthy and psychosocial working environment."

71. World Tuna Day – May 2

- 2026 Theme: "Sustaining Tuna, Sustaining Nations."

72. World Immunization Week – April 24–30

- Organized by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Theme: "For Every Generation, Vaccines One."

73. Other Important Days (April 25–30)

(i) April 25

- World Penguin Day
- World Veterinary Day (last Saturday of April) — Theme: "Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health."

(ii) April 26

- UN International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day — 40th anniversary of the disaster.
- World Intellectual Property Day — Theme: "IP & Sports: Ready, Set, and Innovate."

(iii) April 30

- United Nations (UN) International Jazz Day.
- Ayushman Bharat Diwas — for raising awareness about universal health coverage.

74. Notable Obituaries

(i) Gopalrao Patil

Nandya Banking Coaching Center - Daily News Dated 1-2 May 2026

- **Gopalrao Patil** — Pediatrician and former **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) (1994–2000)** — passed away.

(ii) **Muni Narayana Prasad**

- **Muni Narayana Prasad** — aged **87**, spiritual leader of the **Narayana Gurukulam in Kerala**.
- A former civil engineer and author of **100+ books**.
- Received the **Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award** twice and the **Padma Shri in 2024**.

(iii) **Vijay Kumar**

- **Vijay Kumar** — veteran **Indian golfer**, aged **57** — passed away in **Lucknow**.