

### 1. Inauguration of Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor

- The highway infrastructure project was constructed at a total cost of ₹12,000 crore.

On April 14, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh to officially inaugurate the 213-kilometer, six-lane corridor.

- The operational corridor dramatically reduces travel time between Delhi and Dehradun from 6 hours down to 2.5 hours.

### 2. Funding Secured for Amaravati Capital Phase-1 Development

- For this capital development project, the Government of India is contributing ₹1,400 crore out of its total committed ₹15,000 crore.
- The World Bank (WB) successfully released \$340 million for the development.
- An additional \$150 million is expected from the World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) by the end of April 2026.
- In total, the World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have committed a massive \$1,600 million for the infrastructure project.

### 3. Launch of Arogya Van Initiative by NHAI

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) launched the Arogya Van Initiative to plant 67,462 medicinal trees across vacant lands.

### 4. Launch of Project Sanjeevani in Telangana

- The Telangana state government launched Project Sanjeevani, an integrated trauma care and highway rescue system.
- It is initially implemented on a 251 km stretch of National Highway-44 (NH-44) between Hyderabad and Adilabad.

### 5. Inauguration of Guru Bhairavakya Temple in Karnataka

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Guru Bhairavakya Temple located in Adichunchanagiri, Mandya district in Karnataka.

### 6. Launch of Amaravati Quantum Reference Facility

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the facility on World Quantum Day (April 14) in Amaravati.

### 7. Indian Army Launches Radio Sikkim Sunduri

- The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps launched "Radio Sikkim Sunduri" (88.4 FM) in East Sikkim, near the India-China border.
- This station marks India's first border village community radio station.

### 8. CARI Bengaluru Achieves ISO 15189 Accreditation

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), which oversees the institute, is based in New Delhi and headed by Director General Prof. Vaidya Rabinarayan Acharya.
- The Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI) in Bengaluru received ISO 15189 accreditation for its clinical laboratory, specifically for biochemistry and hematology.

### 9. Samrat Choudhary Sworn in as New Bihar Chief Minister

The political transition occurred following the resignation of former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who stepped down to join the Rajya Sabha.

- Samrat Choudhary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) took the oath as the 24th Chief Minister of Bihar.
- The oath was administered by Governor Syed Ata Hasnain at Raj Bhavan, Patna.

### 10. Notification of Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) officially notified the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0.
- The fund features a substantial ₹10,000 crore corpus.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been designated as the implementing agency for the fund.

### 11. Punjab Assembly Passes Anti-Sacrilege Bill

- The legislation was introduced to strictly combat rising sacrilege incidents against the holy scriptures.

- The **Punjab Legislative Assembly** unanimously passed the "**Jagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar Amendment Bill 2026**".
- Under the new law, penalties include up to **10 years in jail** and severe fines ranging from **₹5 lakh to ₹25 lakh**.

### 12. Operational Details of Mission Poshan 2.0

- The initiative was originally launched in **2018** under the name **Poshan Abhiyaan**.
- The mission currently operates via a massive network of **14 lakh Anganwadi centers**.
- It actively covers a base of **9 crore beneficiaries** nationwide.

### 13. March Inflation and Price Indices Surge

During **March**, inflation spiked largely due to rising oil and food prices driven by the ongoing **West Asia conflict**.

- During **March**, The **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** rose sharply to **3.88%** (or **3.9%**), up from **2.13%** in **February**. • The **Consumer Price Index (CPI / Retail)** stood firmly at **3.4%**.
- The **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** measures goods using **697 articles**, while the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** evaluates both goods and services based on **358 articles** using a recently updated base year of **2024**.

### 14. Shift in India's Bilateral Trade Milestones

- **China** overtook the **United States (US)** to become India's largest trading partner, recording bilateral trade at **\$151.1 billion**.
- The **United States (US)** now ranks second with a total trade volume of **\$140 billion**.
- In a related economic update, the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** raised India's **FY27 Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** forecast to **6.5%** and pegged global growth at **3.1%** for **Calendar Year (CY) 26**.

### 15. RBI Enforces Regulatory Penalties and Grants PD Approval

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** fined **Manak Krishna Investment** an amount of **₹3.1 lakh** for governance violations.
- Additionally, **Shriram Overseas Investments Limited** (a subsidiary of **Shriram Finance**) received in-principle **RBI approval** to commence a **Primary Dealer (PD)** business.

### 16. CBDT Launches Nudge Campaign and SEBI Rolls Out IT Platforms

- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** launched a secondary "Nudge Campaign" to enforce precise reporting of foreign assets and income.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** relaxed educational criteria for investment advisors and research analysts.
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** rolled out three new IT platforms: **SUPComms (Single Universal Platform)**, the **E-Adjudication Portal**, and **C-SAC (Cyber Security Audit Compliance)**.
- **SUPComms** replaces traditional emails for seamless communications, while the **E-Adjudication Portal** handles online quasi-judicial proceedings and show-cause notices.
- **C-SAC** operates as an **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**-driven tool specifically designed for analyzing cybersecurity audits and compliance gaps.

### 17. IRDAI Grants Key General Insurance Approvals

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** issued **R1 approval** to the **M Pallonji Group** (promoted by **Mehli and Pheroze Mistry**) for a general insurance venture featuring a **51% stake** and **₹200 crore capital**, supported by **Federal Bank**.
- **Kiwi General Insurance**, backed by **WestBridge Capital** and led by **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nilesh Garg**, also received its formal operating license.

### 18. UPI Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary with Explosive Growth

- The payment system was originally launched on **April 11, 2016**, by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- Over the decade, the system witnessed explosive growth, scaling from **1.78 crore** to **21,900 crore transactions**.
- The total transaction value jumped massively from **₹6,952 crore** to **₹308 lakh crore**.

- The recently released **Worldline Report 2025** indicated that the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** alone handled **228.5 billion transactions** in **2025**, marking a staggering **33% year-on-year increase**.

### 19. Innovations in Digital Payments and Banking Applications

- **Paytm** implemented **Face ID** and fingerprints for transactions without needing a **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) PIN**, and enabled cardless **Automated Teller Machine (ATM) QR** withdrawals up to **₹10,000 per transaction**.
- **Bank of Baroda** and **Reliance Jio** launched "**bob World Lite**", a lightweight mobile app.
- **Visa** and **HDFC Bank** launched the digital **FIFA World Cup 2026 Pixel Credit Card** in **Mumbai**.
- **DBS Bank India** debuted the "**DBS Aspire**" program and Debit Card for affluent travelers.
- Paytm's maximum limit for PIN-less UPI is **₹5,000 per transaction** (as per **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** rules), with biometric data processed entirely locally on the device.

### 20. PNB Partners with GeM for MSME Support

- The **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** formed a partnership with the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)**.

### 21. Investments in Infrastructure and Semiconductor Modernization

- **India** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** signed a loan exceeding **\$800 million** dedicated to power, metro, and skill development projects.
- The government also pledged an investment of **₹4,500 crore** to upgrade the **Mojali semiconductor laboratory**.

### 22. India's Global Leadership Elections and Index Rankings

- **India** secured re-election to the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** council (**2026-27**) with the highest **Category B** votes.
- India was elected to crucial **United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)** bodies including the **Commission on Science and Tech (2027-30)**, **Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) (2027-30)**, and **Program and Coordination (2027-29)**.
- **Preeti Saran** was re-elected to the **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2027-30)**, and **Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Ganesh Kumar** became the chairperson of **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)** for **2026**.
- In global rankings, India ranked **3rd** in the **Asia Power Index** and secured the **8th** rank in its debut at the **World Skills Asia 2025**.
- As a related global index fact, **Jakarta** was declared the world's largest city on the **United Nations (UN)** mega cities index.

### 23. Global Technological Landmarks in Telecom and AI

- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** launched the world's first commercial upper **6 GHz** internet network on the "**Golden Spectrum**" (**6425-7125 MHz band**) during the **SAMENA Council Leaders' Summit**.
- Also in global tech news, the **Riyadh Metro** was recognized as the **world's longest driverless metro network**, while defense firm **Leonardo** unveiled an **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**-powered air defense system for **Europe** named the **Michelangelo Dome**.

### 24. Cultural, Linguistic, and Educational Innovations

- **Google** introduced **Google Gemini** for the **National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)**, providing an English-language **NEET Undergraduate (UG)** mock test.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** officially unveiled a bust of **Dr. Baba Ambedkar** at the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**.
- In linguistics, the **Oxford University Press** declared "**ragebait**" as the official word of the year for **2025**.

### 25. India Achieves Record Renewable Energy Additions

- India is rapidly scaling its infrastructure to meet the ambitious **2030 goal of 500 GW of non-fossil capacity (COP26)**.
- India added an unprecedented **45 GW** of solar capacity during **Financial Year (FY) 26**, with **March 2026** seeing a single-month record of **6.65 GW** led by **Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra**.
- India also added a record **6.05 GW** of wind power, representing a **46% Year-on-Year (YoY) increase**, pushing cumulative wind capacity over **56 GW**.

- Consequently, India overtook **Brazil** to become the **3rd ranked country globally** in installed renewable capacity (trailing only **China** and the **United States (US)**).
- Furthermore, India now stands **4th globally** in wind turbines (after **China, US, Germany**).
- The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** allocated **₹500 crore capex** for the **Wind Generation Based Incentive (GBI)** scheme.
- The **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** issued a substantial dividend cheque of **₹155 crore** to **MNRE**.

### 26. Key Domestic Appointments and Brand Ambassadors

- **Sunil Bajpai** assumed charge as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for **Tamil Nadu** and **Puducherry** (succeeding **Sanjay Kumar Verma**).
- **Sanjay Khanna** was appointed Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** until **May 31, 2029**.
- **Ramak Krishnan Chandra** was appointed Managing Director (MD) of **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**.
- **UV Pravin Rao** became Chairperson of the **NASSCOM Foundation** (replacing **Rostow Ramanan**).
- **Anant Swarup** was named Secretary-General of the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** (established **1927**, Headquarters **New Delhi**).
- **CA Usha Janir Raman** was appointed as the new **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** Executive Director.
- **Air Marshal Tbir Singh** took charge as Director General (DG) for Inspection and Safety at air headquarters, and **Pravin Kumar** assumed additional charge as **Border Security Force (BSF)** Director General.
- **Manali Shriagar** became the first full-time female Vice-Chancellor of **Nagpur University**, and **Ram Prasad Shridan** was named MD of **Puma India**.
- Newly announced Brand Ambassadors include tennis star **Carlos Alcaraz** for **Infosys** (promoting AI-platform '**Topaz**') and Cricketer **Abhishek Sharma** for **DP World**.

### 27. Key International Leadership and Defense Appointments

- In the **Australian Defense Forces (ADF)**, **Susan Coyle** became the first female Chief of Army in Australia's **125-year history** (succeeding **Simon Stuart**), and **Mark Hammond** was appointed Chief of Defence Force (replacing **David Johnston**).
- **Ismail Omar Guelleh** was re-elected as President of **Djibouti**.
- **Nazar Muhammad Sed Ahmedi** was elected by the Iraqi parliament as the **9th President of Iraq** (succeeding **Abdul Latif Rashid**).
- **Pashal Dunohhi** was appointed Managing Director (MD) and Chief Knowledge Officer (CKO) of the **World Bank Group**.
- Static facts for Australia: The capital is **Canberra**, Prime Minister is **Anthony Albanese**; defense groups include **AUKUS/QUAD**; joint exercises with India are **AUSINDEX** and **AUSTRA HIND**.
- Female participation in the **Australian Defense Forces (ADF)** is currently **21%**, with a firm **25% target by 2030**.

### 28. Global Sports Achievements and Awards

- **Wisden Cricket Awards**: Indians heavily dominated, securing **7 of 9** honors. Awardees included **Deepti Sharma** (Women's Cricketer of the Year), **Abhishek Sharma** (T20 Cricketer of the Year), **Shubman Gill**, **Mohammed Siraj**, **Rishabh Pant**, and **Ravindra Jadeja**.
- **Tennis**: **Jannik Sinner** secured the Men's Singles title at the **Monte Carlo Masters 2026**.
- **Badminton**: **South Korea** won the **43rd Badminton Asia Championship** in **Ningbo, China**, while India finished **5th** (highlighted by **Ayush Shetty** winning silver).
- **Women's Hockey**: **Hockey Jharkhand** won the **16th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women National Championship** for the third consecutive year (**2024, 2025, 2026**).
- **Chess**: **R Vaishali** emerged victorious at the **Women's Candidate Chess Tournament** held in **Cyprus**.

### 29. Obituaries of Prominent Personalities

- **Mohsina Kidwai**: Senior **Congress** leader and former Union Minister during Indira and Rajiv Gandhi's tenures.

- **Asha Bhosle:** Legendary playback singer passed away at **92**.
- **CD Gopinath:** Former Indian cricketer and the last surviving member of the team that secured India's first test victory against England in **1952**.
- **Colonel Sonam Wangchuk:** Highly decorated **Indian Army** officer, termed the "**Land of Ladakh**", and **Maha Vir Chakra** awardee for the **1999 Kargil War**.
- **Jose Emilio Santamaria:** Legendary Uruguayan football defender for **Real Madrid** (four-time European Cup winner in the **1950s-60s**).
- **Abu Hasem Khan Choudhury:** Veteran politician popularly known as "**Dalu Babu**".
- Notably, **Asha Bhosle** sang in over **20 languages** and was a prestigious recipient of the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000)** and the **Padma Vibhushan (2008)**.

### **30. Important Days and Festivals in April**

- **April 12: International Day of Human Space Flight** (marking the dawn of the space age) and **International Day for Street Children** (Theme: "**Protect not Punish**").
- **April 14: Solar New Year (Mesh Sankranti)**, marking the sun's entry into Aries.
- **April 15: International Wellness Day.** • **April 16: World Voice Day.**
- **Festivals: Pohela Boishakh** (the Bengali New Year) was joyously celebrated across **West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, and Bangladesh**.