

1. PM Modi Launches Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah 2026

- The event marks the 5th anniversary of **Mission Karmayogi**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually launched the "**Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah 2026**" at the **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre** in **New Delhi**.
- The event was organized by the **Capacity Building Commission** from **April 2 to 8**.
- The initiative aims to foster a continuous learning culture among civil servants.
- It trains personnel to improve efficiency and skills based on three sutras: **Technology, Tradition, and Tangible outcomes**.

2. ECI Launches e-KYC Feature on ECI-net

- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** launched an **e-KYC (Know Your Candidate)** feature on its **ECI-net** digital platform.

3. Parliament Passes Jan Vishwas Bill to Decriminalize Minor Offenses

- **Parliament** passed the **Jan Vishwas Bill**, which decriminalizes **717** minor offenses across **79** central acts.

4. NITI Aayog Launches ATL Sarathi Initiative in Telangana

- Under the **Atal Innovation Mission**, the **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)** launched the '**ATL Sarathi**' initiative and '**Mentor India Academy**' in **Telangana**.
- **Vardhaman College of Engineering** will serve as the nodal institution for the program.
- It provides direct mentorship to **379 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)**.

5. Goa and Cochin Port Join SAMPAN Pension Initiative

- The **Goa government** and the **Cochin Port Authority** formally joined the **System for Accounting and Management of Pension (SAMPAN)** initiative.

6. UIDAI Partners with MapmyIndia for Aadhaar Services

- Effective **April 1, 2026**, the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** partnered with **MapmyIndia**.

7. NCERT Granted Deemed to be University Status

- The **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** was originally established in **1961**.
- The **Ministry of Education**, acting on the recommendation of the **University Grants Commission (UGC)**, officially granted "**Deemed to be University**" status to **NCERT**.
- The status applies to **NCERT** and its six constituent institutions located in **Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, and Northeast Shillong**.

8. Delhi Launches Air Pollution Mitigation Plan 2026

- Chief Minister **Rekha Gupta** launched the comprehensive mitigation plan.
- A strict "**No PUC (Pollution Under Control), No Fuel**" rule will be strictly enforced across the city.
- The plan focuses on heavily expanding the electric vehicle ecosystem by targeting **13,760 electric buses** and **32,000 charging stations** by **2028-29**.

9. State Educational & Administrative Campaigns (Madhya Pradesh & Odisha)

- **Madhya Pradesh**: Chief Minister **Mohan Yadav** launched the "**School Chale Hum**" enrollment drive.
- **Odisha**: **Puri Police** launched '**Puri Police Assistant**', a **24x7 WhatsApp chatbot** developed with **Reseller Systems** and supported by **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**.

10. Miscellaneous State & Local Developments across India

- **Assam**: The **Rongali Bihu** festival was celebrated.
- **Gujarat**: PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Samrat Samprati Museum** in **Koba, Gandhinagar**, on **Mahavir Jayanti**.
- **Uttarakhand**: **Dehradun** introduced the "**Grace Smart Toilet**".
- **Andhra Pradesh**: Designated as the base for "**Ratna Mecos**", a pharma-centric program.
- **Uttar Pradesh / New Delhi**: Union Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** released a **₹5** commemorative stamp at **Rang Bhavan, Akashvani Bhavan** in **New Delhi** to mark the **75th anniversary** of the **Postal Training Center (PTC)** located in **Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **New Delhi**: Hosted the **5th Edition** of **India's Internet Governance Forum**.

11. India's GST Collection Hits Record for March 2026 and FY26

- **GST 2.0 Reforms** were implemented on **September 22, 2025**.
- These reforms introduced current slabs of **Nil, 5%, and 18%**, alongside a special **40%** slab for "sin and luxury goods" like tobacco and pan masala (bidis remain at **18%**).
- **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** collection rose by **8.8%** to cross the **₹2 lakh crore** mark in **March 2026**.
- The total GST collection for FY26 (**April 2025 - March 2026**) reached **₹22 lakh crore**, an increase from **₹20 lakh crore** in FY25.
- The **March 2026** collection breakdown: **Central GST (₹40,000 crore)**, **State GST (₹53,000 crore)**, and **Integrated GST (IGST)** at over **₹1 lakh crore**.
- The highest all-time record is still held by **April 2025** at **₹2.37 lakh crore**.

12. CBDT Launches 'Kar Sathi' AI Platform

- Effective **April 1, 2026**, the platform is part of the nationwide "**PRARAMBH**" (**Policy Reforms and Responsible Action for Mission Viksit Bharat**) program.

The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** launched an AI-enabled platform named '**Kar Sathi**'.

- To streamline processes, tax rules were reduced from **510 to 333**, and forms from **399 to 190**.
- Static GK: **CBDT HQ** is in **New Delhi**, founded in **1944**, and its Chairman is **Ravi Agarwal**.

13. IRDAI Directives for Systemically Important Insurers and Platforms

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** declared **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**, **New India Assurance Company (NIACL)**, and **General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re)** as **Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (DSIIs)**.
- Static GK: **IRDAI HQ** is in **Hyderabad**, and its Chairman is **Ajay Seth**.
- Static GK: **LIC HQ** is in **Mumbai**, its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) is **R. Doraiswami**.

14. RBI Mandates Two-Factor Authentication for Digital Payments

- Effective **April 1**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** mandated **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)** for all digital payments.
- The rules encompass **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, debit/credit cards, and mobile wallets.
- The mandate extends to international cross-border transactions, with full implementation targeted by **October 2026**.
- Static GK: **RBI** is based in **Mumbai**; its Governor is **Sanjay Malhotra**.
- Static GK: RBI operates with four Deputy Governors: **Swaminathan Janakiraman, T. Rabi Sankar, Srichandra Mundu, and Poonam Gupta**.

15. RBI State Borrowing Plan and Decline in CASA Deposits

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** unveiled a **₹2.54 lakh crore** state borrowing plan for the first quarter of FY27.
- Under the plan, states are collectively set to raise **₹2,54,059 crore** through regular auctions.
- **RBI** also reported that the **Current Account Saving Account (CASA)** deposit ratio dropped to a 2-year low of **37.9%** in December (compared to **40.1%** in December 2022).

16. Bank of Baroda Achieves Global Business Milestone

- **Bank of Baroda** achieved a historic milestone by crossing the **₹30 lakh crore** mark in total global business (total of deposits and advances).

17. UPI Transactions Hit All-Time Record in March 2026

- In **March 2026**, **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** recorded an all-time high transaction volume of **22.64 billion**.
- The total transaction value hit **₹29.52 lakh crore (trillion)**.
- The daily average transaction was **730.36 million**.
- Static GK: **UPI** was launched in **2016** by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- Static GK: General limits are **₹1 lakh** per transaction, cap market limits are **₹2 lakh**, and hospital/education limits are **₹5 lakh**.
- Static GK: **UPI Lite** allows **₹1000** per transaction with a **₹5000** wallet limit.

18. India's Pharma Exports Cross \$28 Billion

- Between April 2025 and February 2026, India's pharmaceutical exports reached \$28.29 billion.
- **India Pharma 2026** was announced to be held in **New Delhi** from **April 13 to 14, 2026**. It will be organized by the **Department of Pharmaceuticals** alongside the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** and the **Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA)**.
- Static GK: **Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil)** HQ is in **Hyderabad**.

19. India Resumes Oil and LPG Deals with Iran

- India officially resumed purchasing crude oil from **Iran** after a gap of 7 years.
- India also purchased **44,000 metric tons of LPG** from **Iran**, which was successfully delivered at the **Mangalore** port.
- Static GK: India imports the highest amount of **LNG** from **Qatar** and the highest amount of **LPG** from **Saudi Arabia**.

20. India Faces Ratings Downgrades from Nomura and Moody's

- **Nomura**: Downgraded Indian equities from 'overweight' to 'neutral'.
- **Moody's**: Downgraded India's GDP growth projection down to **6.0%** (from **6.8%**).

21. NMDC Achieves Landmark Iron Ore Production

- **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** opened an international office in **Dubai** in **2025**, operationalized its first coal mine in **Jharkhand**, and targets a **100+ million tonnes** iron ore capacity by **2030**.
- **NMDC**, India's largest iron ore producer, became the first company in mining history to cross the **50 million tonne** annual production mark.
- The company hit **53.15 million tonnes** in FY26.
- Static GK: **NMDC** HQ is in **Hyderabad**, and its CMD is **Amitava Mukherjee**.

22. Government Biotech Initiatives: Biotech-KISAN & BIRAC Incubation Center

- **Biotech-KISAN** has reached over **1 lakh farmers** across **25 states/UTs** via **50 hubs**, with a total allocation of around **₹310 crore** over several years.
- Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched the **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)** incubation center at the **Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI)** in **Mysuru, Karnataka**.

23. EaseMyTrip Introduces Spiritual Entrepreneurship Initiative

- **EaseMyTrip** partnered with the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** and **Sanatan AI**.
- Introduced a "**Sanatani Shop on Wheels**" and a "**One Panchayat, One Pandit**" model aimed at covering **2 lakh panchayats**.

24. Launch of Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot and Microsoft AI Center

- An AI chatbot named **Nyaya Setu**, featuring a mascot named **Dishika**, was launched at **Vigyan Bhawan** under the **Disha Program**. It was developed by the **Digital India Bhashini Division**.
- **Microsoft** launched the "**AI for Everyone**" skills center at **Chandigarh University's Mohali campus** in **Punjab**.
- Static GK: **Microsoft** HQ is in **Washington, USA**; Chairman/CEO is **Satya Nadella**.

25. Space and Semiconductor Sector Agreements and Missions

- **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** (ISRO's commercial arm) signed an MoU with Hyderabad-based aerospace private startup **Dhruva Space** to design, manufacture, test, and supply space-grade solar panels.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** conducted **Mission MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Reliability Assessment)** from **April 2 to 9** in **Leh, Ladakh**.
- PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated a **₹3,300 crore** **Kaynes Semicon OSAT (Outsource Semiconductor Assembly and Test)** facility in **Sanand, Gujarat**.

26. Indian Navy Commissions INS Aridhaman and INS Taragiri

- The Indian Navy commissioned its third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), **INS Aridhaman**, in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. It follows the **INS Arihant** and **INS Arighat**.
- **INS Taragiri**, a **Project 17A class frigate**, was also commissioned into the Indian Navy at **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.

- **INS Aridhaman** was built by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** with **70%** indigenous content, displaces **7,000 tonnes**, is **130 meters** long, and has a top speed of **24 knots**.
- **INS Taragiri** was designed by the **Warship Design Bureau** and built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd**. It integrates modern radar, sonar, **BrahMos**, and surface-to-air missiles.

• Static GK: **Indian Navy HQ** is in **Delhi**, Chief is **Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi**.

27. Infrastructure Projects at Visakhapatnam Naval Base and Deendayal Port

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** laid the foundation stone for a **Large Cavitation Tunnel** at the **Naval Science Technological Laboratory (NSTL)** in **Visakhapatnam**.
- The government approved **₹132.51 crore** for a **Road Over Bridge** at **Deendayal Port (Kandla, Gujarat)**.

28. International Maritime Engagements and Exercises

- India participated in the anti-submarine warfare '**Exercise Sea Dragon**'.
- Indian naval ship **INS Trikand** visited **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**.
- **Exercise Sea Dragon** was hosted by the **US Navy** in **Guam**, and was conducted alongside **Japan, Australia, and New Zealand**.
- **INS Trikand**'s visit aims to bolster maritime cooperation with African nations.

29. Defense Procurement and Border Milestones (PLR Systems & Project Chetak)

- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**'s **Project Chetak** was established in **1980** to focus on building road infrastructure in western border areas.
- **PLR Systems** (a joint venture between **Israel Weapon Industries** and India's **Adani Group**) delivered the first batch of **7.62mm NEGEV Light Machine Guns**, known as '**Prahaar**', to the **Indian Army**.
- **Project Chetak** celebrated its **47th Raising Day** on **April 4, 2026**, in **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.
- Static GK: Israel's capital is **Jerusalem**, currency is the **Shekel**, President is **Isaac Herzog**, and PM is **Benjamin Netanyahu**.

30. President's Police Color Awards

- The **Uttarakhand Police** and **Odisha Police** were awarded the prestigious **President's Police Color (Nishan)**.

31. India-South Korea Maritime Pact

- India's **Ministry of Port, Shipping, and Waterways** and South Korea's **Korea International Cooperation Agency** signed an official agreement.
- The pact aims to significantly boost skill development in shipbuilding and maritime sectors.

32. Myanmar Presidential Election

- According to reports, junta chief **Min Aung Hlaing** was elected President of **Myanmar** in a parliamentary vote.
- Static GK: Myanmar's capital is **Naypyidaw**, and its currency is the **Kyat**.

33. Key National & International Appointments

- **Steel Authority of India (SAIL)**: **Krishna Kumar Singh** assumed the additional charge as CMD from **May 2 to July 1** following **Amarendu Prakash**'s resignation. (SAIL HQ is in **New Delhi**, founded **January 24, 1973**).
- **BRIC-NCCS Pune**: **Dr. Thomas Pucadyil** (2018 Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winner and former IISER Pune professor) was appointed Director of the **BRIC-National Centre for Cell Science**.
- **Power Grid Corporation**: **Bura Vamsi Rama Mohan** was appointed CMD effective **April 1, 2026, to July 31, 2030**, replacing **Ravindra Kumar Tyagi**. (Power Grid was founded in **1989**, HQ in **Gurugram, Haryana**).
- **Indian Army**: Lieutenant General **Dhiraj Seth** was appointed Vice Chief of Army Staff, replacing **Pushpendra Pal Singh**, who transitioned to General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (**GOC-in-C**) of the Western Command.
- **Mongolia**: **Uchral Nyam-Osor** was appointed Prime Minister of **Mongolia**, replacing **Zandan Shatir**. (Mongolia's capital is **Ulaanbaatar**, currency is the **Tugrik**, and President is **Ukhnaagiin Khürelsükh**).

34. Inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games in Chhattisgarh

- Held from **March 25 to April 3**, the games featured seven events including archery, athletics, and wrestling. Legendary boxer **Mary Kom** attended as a special guest, and the mascot was named **Morir**.

- The inaugural edition concluded in **Chhattisgarh**.
- **Karnataka** emerged as the overall champion with **38 medals (23 gold, 8 silver, 7 bronze)**.
- **West Bengal** defeated **Chhattisgarh** in the men's football final.
- Runners up rankings went to **Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Game winners will successfully receive an annual scholarship of **₹5 lakh** for a period of **8 years**.

35. India Tops Doping Suspensions List

- The **Athletics Integrity Unit** revealed India has the highest number of suspended track and field athletes globally, standing at **148 athletes**.
- Notable ongoing bans include **Dutee Chand (4 years)** and **Parvej Khan (30 years)**.

36. Chinnaswamy Stadium Honors Cricket Legends

- The **Karnataka State Cricket Association** officially named stands at the **M. Chinnaswamy Stadium** in **Bengaluru** after cricket legends **Rahul Dravid** and **Anil Kumble**.

37. Skytrax World Airport Awards 2026

- Five Indian airports ranked in the top 100 globally.
- **Delhi's IGI Airport** ranked **28th** (winning **Best Airport in India and South Asia**).
- Other prominent rankings include: **Bengaluru's Kempegowda Airport** ranked **41st**, **Goa's Manohar International Airport** ranked **64th**, and **Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Airport** ranked **66th**.

38. Important Days and Themes (April 2026)

- **April 3: 262nd Raising Day** of the **Army Medical Corps** (established **1764** to honor military medical personnel).
- **April 4: 21st International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action** (also observed as **Mine Action Day**) with the theme "**Invest in Peace, Invest in Mine Action**".
- **April 4: International Carrot Day**.
- **April 5: International Day of Conscience**, promoting peace and moral values with the theme "**Acting with ethics, empathy, and integrity**".
- **April 6: International Day of Sport for Development and Peace**. First declared in **2013** by the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** and started in **2014**. The 2026 theme is "**Sports/Sport Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**".