

### 1. Launch of the Inaugural Annual Survey of Incorporated Service Sector Enterprises

- The service sector currently contributes over **50%** to India's **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**, making an updated and comprehensive tracking mechanism crucial for the economy.
- The **National Statistical Office (NSO)** and the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** launched the inaugural **Annual Survey of Incorporated Service Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)** in **April 2026**.
- The survey covers a reference period of **Financial Year (FY) 2024-25**.
- It is assessing over **1.21 lakh** registered enterprises utilizing data from the **Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)**.

### 2. Release of the Market for Textiles and Clothing Survey 2024

- Union Minister **Girat Singh** and Textiles Secretary **Neelam Shami Rao** released the "**Market for Textiles and Clothing: National Household Survey 2024**".
- The report highlights that the textile industry grew by **5.5%** in **2024**.
- The industry reached a total market size of **14.95 lakh crore rupees**, registering an **8.3% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)**.

### 3. Telangana Launches Bhu Bharati Portal for Land Records

- **Telangana** launched the new decentralized "**Bhu Bharati**" portal in **April 2026**.
- The new system completely replaces the old "**Dharani**" framework.

### 4. NCERT Granted Deemed University Status and Reconstitutes Syllabus Committee

- The **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** reconstituted a **20-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee** to review the textbook content.
- This committee is headed by **MC Pant**, with **Manjul Bhargava** serving as Vice Chairman.
- Additionally, **NCERT**, directed by **Dinesh Prasad Saklani**, was officially granted "**Deemed-to-be-University**" status in the '**distinct category**'.

### 5. ISRO Launches MITRA Mission in Ladakh

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** officially launched the **MITRA** mission in the region of **Ladakh**.
- **MITRA** stands for "**Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Response Assessment**".

### 6. Progress Under Namu Drone Didi Yojana

- The scheme is a central sector initiative operating with a **₹1,261 crore** budget.
- It was designed to run between **2023-24** and **2025-26** to modernize agriculture.
- The initiative aims to distribute **15,000 agricultural drones** to women **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** and includes a mandatory **15-day** training program.
- **Karnataka** trained the highest number of women drone pilots (**145**), followed by **Uttar Pradesh (128)** and **Andhra Pradesh (108)**.
- At the district level, **Prayagraj** in **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** topped the list with **16 members**, while **Koppal** district ranked first in **Karnataka**.

### 8. Various State and Regional Milestones Achieved Nationwide

- **Punjab**: Became the very first state to fully implement the amended **BharatNet** scheme across its entire territory.
- **Gujarat**: Initiated India's first large-scale genome sequencing project specifically focusing on tribal communities.
- **Bihar**: The state cabinet officially approved the "**Sat Nishri**" program (**2025-2030**) to facilitate its transformation into a developed economy.
- **Assam**: Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated India's first nature-based theme airport terminal at **Guwahati's LGBI airport**.
- **Madhya Pradesh**: Organized the "**Shuna Shatak**" (**0 to 100**) program in **Indore** to commemorate former PM **Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 100th birth anniversary**.

### 9. Deendyal Port Reclaims Position as India's Top Major Port

- **Deendayal Port**, located in **Gujarat**, reclaimed its position as India's top major port for cargo handling in **Financial Year (FY) 25/26**.

- It handled a record-breaking **160.11 Million Tonnes (MT)** of cargo.

- This performance surpassed **Odisha's Paradip Port**, which handled **156.45 MT**.

- **Deendayal Port** is also one of only three designated **National Hydrogen Hub** ports, sharing this status with **VOC Port** in **Tamil Nadu** and **Paradip Port**.

### 10. Bharti Airtel Attains Global Ranking as Second-Largest Telecom Operator

- **Bharti Airtel** officially became the world's second-largest telecom operator, serving an overall base of over **650 million** subscribers.

- This base comprises **368 million** users in India and **179 million** spread across **14 African nations**.

- **China Mobile** currently retains the number one global spot with over **1 billion** subscribers.

### 11. NASA Artemis II Crew Breaks Spaceflight Distance Record

- The four-member **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Artemis II** crew aboard the **Orion spacecraft** successfully broke the long-standing spaceflight distance record.

- The crew safely traveled **252,757 miles** (approximately **4.07 lakh km**) away from Earth.

- The previous human spaceflight distance record was held by the historic **Apollo 13** mission, set in **1970**.

- The record-breaking astronaut crew consists of **Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch, and Jeremy Hansen**.

### 12. INS Sunayna Flagged Off for SAGAR Mission

- The mission is part of India's broader geopolitical **Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)** initiative.

- The naval ship **INS Sunayna** was officially flagged off from **Mumbai** by Minister of State for Defence **Sanjay Seth** and Naval Chief **Dinesh K Tripathi**.

### 13. RBI Regulatory Actions and Digital Banking Innovations

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** set the interest rate for **Floating Rate Bonds (FRB) 2028** at **6.17%** for the period between **April 4 and October 3, 2026**. These bonds have an **8-year** maturity, require a minimum investment of **₹1000**, and are linked to the **National Saving Certificate (NSC)** rate with a **0.37% spread**.

- Under the **Payment Vision 2028** roadmap, the **RBI** is actively developing a **Payment Switching Service (PASS)**.

- The **RBI** cancelled the operating license of **The Shirpur Peoples' Co-operative Bank Ltd., Shirpur (Maharashtra)** due to poor finances and insufficient capital.

### 14. New Platforms Launched by Banks and Market Regulators

- **Bank of Baroda (BOB)** launched "**BOB Samvaad**", an AI-based multilingual conversational platform supporting **22 languages** with text and voice options, initially rolled out across **250 branches**. It was launched by **Department of Financial Services (DFS) Secretary M Nagaraju**.

- **PhonePe** and the **State Bank of India (SBI)** partnered to launch a co-branded credit card featuring a zero joining fee, available on both **RuPay** and **Visa** platforms.

- **SEBI** introduced the **SEBI SETU** digital platform.

### 15. Key Appointments Across Government and Corporate Sectors

- **Saleem Ahmad**: Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)**.

- **Rajesh Kumar Singh**: Appointed as MD and CEO of **Canara Bank**.

- **Krishna Kumar Singh**: Given the additional charge of **CMD** of the **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**, effective **April 2, 2026**, replacing **Amarendu Prakash**.

- **Narendra Bhushan**: Took charge as the Secretary of the Department of Land Resources.

- **Chanchal Kumar**: Appointed as Information & Broadcasting Secretary.

- **Sanjay Jaju**: Transferred from I&B Secretary to the Ministry of **Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)**.

- **Bhuvanesh Kumar**: Appointed Tourism Secretary.

- **Shrivatsa Krishna**: Appointed Minority Affairs Secretary.

- **Rohit Kansal**: Appointed Rural Development Secretary.
- **Dindra Pal Singh Kakama, Ravindra Kumar, and Anil Koshik** were appointed as **Additional Solicitor Generals (ASGs)** of the **Supreme Court**.
- Senior advocate **Menaka Guruswamy** took the oath as India's first openly queer **Member of Parliament (MP)** in the **Rajya Sabha**, nominated by the **Trinamool Congress (TMC)**.
- **PV Sindhu**: Elected as the chair of the **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** Athletes' Commission for the **2026-2029** term.
- Bollywood superstar **Ranveer Singh** became the first-ever brand ambassador for **Jindal Stainless**.

### 16. Reconstitution of Major Regulatory and Advisory Committees

- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** Reinsurance Advisory Committee: Now headed by **AB Girija Kumar**.
- Hindi Advisory Committee: Now headed by **JP Nadda**.
- **DigiLocker** Panel: Now headed by **Ajay**.
- **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** Assured **National Pension System (NPS)** Payout Panel: Now headed by **MS Sahoo**.
- **Supreme Court (SC)** Panel for Manipur Healing: Now headed by **Gita Mittal**.
- Unified Coaching Framework Panel: Now headed by **Pullela Gopichand**.

### 17. Major Awards and Corporate Recognitions Announced

- The **Ministry of Home Affairs** honored the **Odisha Police** with the prestigious **President's Police Color** on the **90th Police Foundation Day (Utkal Divas)**.
- At the **Chetak Screen Awards**, veteran actor **Dharmendra** was given the Lifetime Achievement Award (accepted by his son **Bobby Deol**), **Ranveer Singh** won Best Actor, **Aditya Dhar** won Best Director, and **'Homebound'** won Best Film.
- **Flipkart** was officially recognized by the **National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)** as an awarding body.

### 18. Historic Milestones Reached in Sports and Athletics

- Playing for the **Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)** against the **Chennai Super Kings (CSK)**, **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** made history as the first fast bowler, and second player overall, to capture **200 wickets** in **Indian Premier League (IPL)** history.
- Double Olympic medalist and Croatian high jump legend **Blanka Vlašić** was announced as the International Event Ambassador for the **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru** (set for **April 26**).
- At the **Indian Athletics Series 1** (held at **Sree Kanteerava Stadium** in **Bengaluru**), **Murali Sreeshankar** secured the men's long jump gold (**8.13m**, qualifying him for the **Asian Games**), while **N.C. Sojan** captured the women's long jump gold (**6.54m**).
- The Indian duo of **Palak** and **Mukesh Nelavalli** claimed the gold medal in the **10m Air Pistol Mixed Team** event at the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup** in **Granada, Spain**, establishing a new **Junior World Record** by scoring **487.7 points**.
- The second edition of the **Rugby Premier League** is scheduled to commence on **June 16** at the **Gachibowli Stadium** in **Hyderabad, Telangana** (the inaugural edition took place in **Mumbai**).
- **Divya Deshmukh**, a **28-year-old** from **Uttar Pradesh**, became the first Indian woman and the second woman globally to successfully cycle to the **Mount Everest base camp** within **14 days**.

### 19. Commemorative Days Observed and Books Launched in April

- **April 1-7**: Observed as **Prevention of Blindness Week** (Theme: "**United for Glaucoma Free World**").
- **April 5**: India observed its **63rd National Maritime Day** (Theme: "**Maritime India: Empowering Progress**").
- **April 6**: **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace** (Theme: "**Sport building bridges and breaking barriers**").
- **April 7**: **World Health Day** (Themes: "**Together for health. Stand with science.**").
- Former **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** Director **R.K. Raghavan** released his autobiography titled "**A Road Well Travelled**".