

1. Cabinet Approves Mega Hydropower Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

- The **Cabinet** has approved two mega hydropower projects in the state.
- The first is the **1200 MW Kalai II project** situated on the **Lohit river**.
- The second is the **1720 MW Kamla project** located at **Kami Karadi Kurung Kou**.

2. Indian Railways Achieves Record Revenue from Scrap Disposal

- Achieved a record-breaking revenue of **₹6,735 crore** from scrap disposal during **FY26**.
- This collection exceeded their **₹6,000 crore** target by **12%**.

3. Establishment of Seismology and Weather Infrastructure in J&K

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences **Dr. Jitendra Singh** announced the establishment of new monitoring infrastructure.
- A seismological observatory will be set up in **Kishtwar**.
- A Doppler weather radar will be established in **Doda**.

4. Extension of RoSCTL Scheme for Textile Industry

- The **Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)** is an export incentive scheme launched in **2019** for the textile and garment industry.
- It originally replaced the older **RoSL** scheme.
- The **RoSCTL** scheme has been officially extended until **September 30, 2026** or until approval under the **16th Finance Commission cycle, whichever is earlier**.
- The scheme is allocated a budget of **Rs 5,000 crore** for **2026-27**.

5. Launch of Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah

- The event was designed to mark **5 years** of **Mission Karmayogi**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched the "**Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah**" at the **Dr. Ambedkar International Center**.
- The program runs from **April 2 to April 8, 2026**.
- **SADHANA** full form : **Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement**

6. Cabinet Fixes Fertilizer Subsidy Rates for Kharif 2026

- The **Cabinet** fixed **Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS)** rates for the **Kharif 2026** season.
- The applicable season spans from **April 1 to September 30**.
- A budget of **Rs.41,533.81 rupees** was established for this specific subsidy.

7. NITI Aayog Releases Report on Women in India's Credit Market

- The report is titled "**From Borrowers to Builders: Women and India's Evolving Credit Market**".
- Women now hold **26%** of India's total credit portfolio, which amounts to **Rs 76 lakh crore**.
- Women's credit penetration rose significantly from **19%** in **2017** to **36%** in **2025**.

8. NITI Aayog Launches 'ATL Sarthi' Initiative in Telangana

- **NITI Aayog** launched the '**ATL Sarthi**' and '**Mentor India Academy**' initiatives in **Telangana**.
- The program covers **379 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)**.

9. Madhya Pradesh Launches 'School Chale Hum' Campaign

- **Chief Minister Mohan Yadav** launched the '**School Chale Hum**' campaign.
- The campaign ran from **April 1 to April 4, 2026**.
- It targets **50,000 villages** across **55 districts**.
- Under **NEP 2020**, **5.6 crore** textbooks were successfully distributed.

10. Chhattisgarh Enacts Freedom of Religion Bill

- The **Chhattisgarh** Governor signed a bill imposing strict penalties for forced or illegal religious conversions.
- Violators face **7 to 20 years** in jail and fines up to **Rs 25 lakh**.

11. Puri Police Launches WhatsApp Chatbot 'Puri Police Sahayak'

- The police in **Puri** launched a **24/7 WhatsApp** chatbot named '**Puri Police Sahayak**'.
- The technology was developed by **Rezler Systems**.
- Serves as a continuous digital assistant to help local citizens interface with law enforcement.

- The initiative is financially/technologically supported by **Punjab National Bank**.

12. Puducherry Elections Introduce Humanoid Robot 'Nila'

13. India-US Diplomatic Visit and Defense Pacts

- **Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri** undertook a **3-day** visit to the **USA**.
- **India** and the **US** officially aim to reach **\$500 billion** in trade by **2030**.

14. Global COP Climate Summit Hosting Changes

- **India** has officially withdrawn its proposal to host **COP33 climate summit in 2028**.
- The hosting opportunity was handed over to the **Asia-Pacific group**, leaving **South Korea** as the sole bidder/likely host.
- **COP 31 (2026)** will take place in **Antalya, Turkiye**.
- **COP 32 (2027)** will take place in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**.
- **COP: Conference of Parties**

15. India's Elections to United Nations Subsidiary Bodies

- **India** was elected to three **UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** subsidiary bodies for the **2027–2030** and **2027–2029** terms.
- The three bodies are: the **Commission on Science and Technology for Development**, the **NGO Committee (Committee on NGOs)**, and the **Committee for Program and Coordination**.
- Indian representative **Preeti (Priti) Saran** was successfully re-elected to the **Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (CESCR)**.

16. FY26-27 GDP Growth Forecasts for India

- The **World Bank** upgraded India's GDP growth forecast for **FY27** from **6.3%** to **6.6%**.
- **Moody's** reduced its **FY27** GDP growth forecast for India from **6.8%** to **6.0%**.
- Additional **FY27** forecasts note **OECD** at **6.1%**, **ICRA** at **6.5%**, and **S&P** alongside **CRISIL** at **7.1%**.
- **RBI**: Projected at **6.9%**

17. RBI Releases First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy for FY27

- The **RBI** maintained the following key rates:
 - **Repo rate** at **5.25%**.
 - **Reverse repo** at **3.35%**.
 - **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)** at **5%**.
 - **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)** at **5.5%**.
 - **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)** at **3%**.
 - **Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)** at **18%**.

18. RBI Approves Co-operative Bank Merger

- The **RBI** formally approved the merger of the **New India Co-operative Bank** with the **Saraswat Co-operative Bank**.
- **Saraswat Co-operative Bank** holds the title of India's largest urban cooperative bank.

19. DBS Bank India Launches 'Aspire' Banking Program

- **DBS Bank India** officially launched the **'Aspire'** banking program.
- An accompanying debit card was also introduced.

20. PNB Partners with Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** partnered with **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** to act as an official lending partner.

21. IRDAI Grants Approval for M Pallonji Group Insurance Venture

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** granted an **R1 (Stage 1)** approval to the **M Pallonji Group** for a new general insurance venture.
- The venture is partnered with **Federal Bank** and **Divya Sehgal**, with **Mehli Mistry** and **Phiroz Mistry** acting as promoters.
- It introduces an initial capital of **₹200 crore**, which is significantly above the minimum **₹100 crore** paid-up capital requirement.

22. AMUL Achieves Historic ₹1 Lakh Crore Turnover

- **AMUL (Anand Milk Union Limited)** is a dominant force in India's cooperative dairy network.
- AMUL officially recorded an **11%** growth in **FY 25-26**.
- The company successfully surpassed a **₹1 lakh crore (1 Trillion)** turnover milestone.

23. Meta Unveils 'Muse Spark' AI Model

- **Meta's Super Intelligence Lab** unveiled a brand-new AI model.
- The newly launched AI model is officially named '**Muse Spark**'.

24. Razorpay Partners with OpenAI

- The goal is to integrate seamless payments within AI applications using **OpenAI's Codex technology**.

25. Microsoft and Chandigarh University Establish AI Skill Center

- **Microsoft** signed an **MoU** with **Chandigarh University**.
- They agreed to set up an **AI Skill Center** at the **Mohali campus** in **Punjab**.

26. FIU India and I4C Sign MoU for Data Sharing

- The **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) India** officially signed an **MoU** with the **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)**.

27. Indian Naval Ship INS Trikand Deployments in Africa

- The **INS Trikand** (a frontline guided-missile frigate) arrived in **Mombasa, Kenya**, for professional engagements.
- It successfully conducted a **PASSEX** exercise with the **Kenyan Navy**.
- It subsequently reached the **Dar es Salaam** port in **Tanzania**.

28. INS Sudarshini Participates in French Maritime Festival

- The Indian ship **INS Sudarshini** reached **Sète, France**.
- The ship joined "**Escale à Sète**", which is recognized as the Mediterranean's largest international maritime festival.

29. India Participates in "Sea Dragon 2026" Naval Exercise

- India actively engaged in the "**Sea Dragon 2026**" anti-submarine warfare exercise.
- The exercise involved **Quad+** nations: **India, USA, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand**.
- It was hosted by the **US Navy's Task Force 72** and occurred at a **US Air Force** base.

30. Record Defense Exports and SIPRI Arms Import Data

- India's defense exports hit an all-time high of **₹38,424 crore** in **FY26**, marking a **62.66%** growth.
- Exports successfully reached over **80 countries**.
- **Defense Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs)** constituted roughly **54%** of this total, experiencing a massive **151%** growth.
- The private sector accounted for **45.16%**, experiencing a **14%** growth.
- Concurrently, a **SIPRI** report indicates India remains the world's **2nd largest** arms importer (behind **Ukraine**).
- The **USA, France, and Russia** act as the top three arms exporters globally according to the report.

31. Indian Army Initiates Operation Himsetu in Sikkim

- The **Indian Army's Trishakti Corps** officially initiated '**Operation Himsetu**'.
- The mission successfully rescued tourists who were stranded due to severe landslides in **North Sikkim**.

32. BRO Celebrates 47th Raising Day of Project Chetak

- The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** operates under the **Ministry of Defence** and founded **Project Chetak** in **1980**.
- **BRO** celebrated the **47th Raising Day** of its "**Project Chetak**" in **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.
- The project focuses on strengthening and constructing border infrastructure across **Gujarat, Punjab, and Rajasthan**.
- The project proudly operates under the motto "**Chetak ka Prayas, Desh ka Vikas**".

33. CREA Report Ranks Most Polluted Cities

- A report from the **Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA)** published new pollution metrics.

- **Gurugram** was identified as the most polluted city in the month of **March**.
- **Ghaziabad** documented the highest overall pollution levels for the entire year.

34. Indian Wrestlers Secure Medals at Asian Wrestling Championship

- The championship was held in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.
- Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers successfully secured **5 medals** during the event.
- The medalists were **Nitesh, Prince, Sachin Sahrawat, Sunil Kumar, and Lalit Sahrawat**.

35. Laura Cardoso Sets Historic T20I Cricket Record

- Brazilian cricketer **Laura Cardoso** made history against the team of **Lesotho**.
- She became the first player ever to capture **9 wickets** in a **T20I** match.
- She achieved this by giving up merely **4 runs** in **3 overs**.

36. Observation of World Homeopathy Day

- The day honors the birth anniversary of homeopathy's founder, **Dr. Samuel Hahnemann**.
- **World Homeopathy Day** is officially observed on **April 10**. (theme: "**Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health**")

37. Observation of CRPF Day (Shaurya Diwas / Valour Day)

- **CRPF Day**, also known as **Shaurya Diwas** or **Valour Day**, is marked annually on **April 9th**.
- This calendar year officially observed the **61st Valor Day**.

38. Major National and International Appointments

- **Sanjay Khanna** has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, serving until **May 2029**.
- The **NASSCOM Foundation** appointed **UB Pravin Rao** as its new chairman, officially taking over from **Rostov Ravanan**.
- Indian-origin scientist **Deep Jariwala** was appointed to the **UT-ORNL Governor's Chair for Quantum Devices**, taking office in **January 2027**.

39. Recent Notable Obituaries

- **Abu Hasem Khan Choudhury** (affectionately known as **Dalu Babu**), the former Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, passed away in **Kolkata**.
- **CD Gopinath**, the last surviving member of the historic Indian cricket team that secured India's very first test victory against **England** in **1952**, passed away.
- **Jim Whittaker**, the first American to successfully summit **Mount Everest**, passed away in **Washington, USA**, at the age of **97**.