

# NANDYAL BANKING COACHING CENTER

## 200 MUST-KNOW NEWS ITEMS | APRIL 2026 | WITH STATIC GK FACTS

### 1. ASSOCHAM & IMF GDP FORECASTS FOR INDIA FY27

- ★ **KEY FACT:** ASSOCHAM forecasted India's GDP at 7.6% for FY26 and 7.0% for FY27; IMF projected 6.4% for FY27; World Bank pegged 6.5%.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** S&P Global raised FY27 forecast to 7.1%; CRISIL projected 7.1%; Fitch rated 6.7%; Moody's estimated 6.45%; OECD lowered to 6.1%.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: ASSOCHAM founded 1920; IMF HQ Washington D.C.; World Bank HQ Washington D.C.; OECD HQ Paris; India's GDP rank is 5th globally.

### 2. RBI PAYMENT VISION 2028 LAUNCHED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI launched 'Payment Vision 2028' under theme 'Shaping India's Payment Frontier', mapping action plans through December 2028.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI (26th Governor: Dr. Sanjay Malhotra) extended Capital Market Exposure (CME) framework until July 1, 2026; loans against securities capped at Rs.1 crore per individual.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBI established April 1, 1935 under RBI Act 1934; HQ Mumbai; completed 91st Foundation Day on April 1, 2026.

### 3. RBI PENALIZES AIRTEL PAYMENTS BANK

- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI imposed a fine of Rs.31.8 lakh on Airtel Payments Bank for failing to disclose compliances in FY25 financial statements.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Payments Banks require a minimum capital of Rs.100 crore; can accept maximum deposit of Rs.2 lakh per customer; cannot issue loans or credit cards.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Airtel Payments Bank is India's first Payment Bank, established January 1, 2017; HQ New Delhi.

### 4. SMALL SAVINGS SCHEMES RATES UNCHANGED FOR 8TH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Finance retained unchanged interest rates for Q1 FY27: PPF at 7.1%, Sukanya Samridhi at 8.2%, KVP at 7.5%, Senior Citizen Savings at 8.2%, NSC at 7.7%.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Interest rates for Small Savings Schemes remain unchanged for the 8th consecutive quarter; rates calculated using Shyamala Gopinath Committee formula.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Post Office Savings Account at 4%; Monthly Income Scheme at 7.4%; 5-Year RD at 6.7%; KVP matures in 115 months (9 years 7 months).

### 5. GST COLLECTION HITS RECORD IN MARCH 2026

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's gross GST revenue for March 2026 grew 8.8% to Rs.2 lakh crore — highest in 6 months since GST 2.0 reforms; net GST grew 8.2% to Rs.1.78 trillion.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Total GST for FY2025-26 was Rs.22 lakh crore, up 8.3% from previous year; GST 2.0 introduced slabs of Nil, 5%, 18%, and 40% for sin/luxury goods.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GST launched July 1, 2017; GST Council chaired by Union Finance Minister; CGST Rs.40,000 cr, SGST Rs.53,000 cr, IGST over Rs.1 lakh cr (March 2026).

### 6. INCOME TAX ACT 2025 – NEW RULES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

- ★ **KEY FACT:** CBDT reduced total tax rules from 511 to 333 and tax forms from 399 to 190 effective April 1, 2026; single tax year replacing dual 'previous year' and 'assessment year'.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** PAN mandatory for property deals exceeding Rs.20 lakh and annual cash transactions exceeding Rs.10 lakh; TDS of 10% on interest income above Rs.50,000 (Rs.1 lakh for seniors).
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: CBDT HQ New Delhi, established 1944; Chairman is Ravi Agarwal; 'Kar Sathi' AI chatbot and 'Kar Shaki' website launched under PRARAMBH 2026 campaign.

### 7. EMIRATES NBD ACQUIRES STAKE IN RBL BANK

- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI approved UAE-based Emirates NBD to acquire up to a 74% stake in RBL Bank (formerly Ratnakar Bank Limited) for Rs.26,853 crore; valid from April 1, 2026.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** FDI banking limits: up to 49% (automatic route) and 74% (government route) for private banks; up to 20% for public sector banks.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBL Bank HQ Mumbai; Emirates NBD is a major banking group based in Dubai, UAE; RBI approval valid for one year with minimum 51% shareholding requirement.

### 8. IRDAI DESIGNATES LIC, GIC RE, AND NIACL AS D-SIIS

★ **KEY FACT:** IRDAI designated LIC, General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re), and New India Assurance Co. (NIACL) as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for FY26 — 'Too Big to Fail'.

★ **KEY FACT:** IRDAI mandated the Actuarial, Finance and Investment Function Regulation 2026 effective April 1; Allianz Jio Reinsurance (50-50 JV of Allianz Group & Jio Financial) commenced operations.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IRDAI HQ Hyderabad; Chairman Ajay Seth; minimum paid-up capital for reinsurance company in India is Rs.200 crore; LIC HQ Mumbai.

### 9. UPI TRANSACTIONS HIT ALL-TIME RECORD IN MARCH 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** UPI recorded all-time high of 22.64 billion transactions in March 2026 worth Rs.29.52 lakh crore; daily average of 730 million transactions worth Rs.95,243 crore.

★ **KEY FACT:** UPI general transaction limit: Rs.1 lakh; capital market: Rs.2 lakh; hospital/education: Rs.5 lakh; UPI Lite: Rs.1,000 per transaction with Rs.5,000 wallet limit.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: UPI launched in 2016 by NPCI; NPCI HQ Mumbai; 'BHIM' was India's first UPI app; as of March 2026, NPCI reported 22.64 billion total transactions.

### 10. RBI WAYS AND MEANS ADVANCES LIMIT FOR FY2026-27

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit at Rs.2.5 lakh crore for the central government for H1 FY2026-27 (April-September 2026).

★ **KEY FACT:** WMA is a short-term credit facility for temporary cash mismatches; must be repaid within 90 days at repo rate; converts to overdraft with 2% penalty if exceeded.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBI state borrowing plan for Q1 FY27 stands at Rs.2,54,509 crore; CASA deposit ratio dropped to 37.9% — a 2-year low (December); total bank deposits grew 10% to Rs.250.1 lakh crore.

### 11. BANK OF BARODA CROSSES RS.30 LAKH CRORE GLOBAL BUSINESS

★ **KEY FACT:** Bank of Baroda achieved a historic milestone by crossing the Rs.30 lakh crore mark in total global business (sum of deposits and advances).

★ **KEY FACT:** SBI crossed the Rs.10 lakh crore market cap milestone; Alwar, Rajasthan became India's first district to achieve 100% insurance coverage.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Bank of Baroda (BoB) HQ Vadodara, Gujarat; founded 1908; tagline 'India's International Bank'; CMD is Debadatta Chand.

### 12. LAKSHYA AMC GETS SEBI APPROVAL — FIRST AMC IN AHMEDABAD

★ **KEY FACT:** Lakshya Asset Management Company received SEBI approval to launch its mutual fund business; marks the first AMC to be headquartered in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

★ **KEY FACT:** SEBI regulates mutual funds in India; AMCs must register with SEBI; minimum net worth required for an AMC is Rs.50 crore.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SEBI established April 12, 1992; HQ Mumbai; Chairman is Tuhin Kanta Pandey; SEBI Act 1992 governs capital markets.

### 13. IIP GROWTH REACHES 5.2% IN FEBRUARY 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth reached 5.2% in February 2026 (up from 4.8% in January 2026); manufacturing sector grew at ~6%.

★ **KEY FACT:** Eight core industries carry 40.27% weightage in IIP; highest weightage: Refinery Petroleum Products (28.04%); lowest: Fertilizers (2.63%).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IIP released by MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation); base year 2011-12; the eight core industries are Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilisers, Steel, Cement, and Electricity.

### 14. RS.2000 BANKNOTE: 98.45% RETURNED BY MARCH 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** As of March 31, 2026, only Rs.5,501 crore worth of Rs.2000 notes remain in circulation out of original Rs.3.56 lakh crore — 98.45% returned; they remain legal tender.

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI announced withdrawal of Rs.2000 notes in May 2023; RBI sets the WMA limit for states too — Q1 FY27 at Rs.2,54,059 crore through market auctions.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBI issues currency under Section 22 of RBI Act; Rs.1 coin is issued by Government of India (Ministry of Finance); RBI Governor is Sanjay Malhotra (26th Governor).

### 15. INDIA'S PHARMA EXPORTS CROSS \$28 BILLION

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's pharmaceutical exports reached \$28.29 billion between April 2025 and February 2026; India Pharma 2026 held in New Delhi on April 13-14.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India Pharma 2026 organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals, FICCI, and Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) under theme 'Discover in India: Leapfrogging Life Sciences Innovation'.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India is world's 3rd largest pharmaceutical producer by volume; Pharmexcil (Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council) HQ Hyderabad; India supplies 20% of global generic medicines.

### 16. NMDC CROSSES 50 MILLION TONNE IRON ORE PRODUCTION

- ★ **KEY FACT:** NMDC became the first company in mining history to cross the 50 million tonne annual production mark, hitting 53.15 million tonnes in FY26; targets 100+ million tonnes by 2030.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** NMDC opened an international office in Dubai in 2025 and operationalized its first coal mine in Jharkhand.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NMDC (National Mineral Development Corporation) HQ Hyderabad; CMD Amitava Mukherjee; NMDC is India's largest iron ore producer; established 1958.

### 17. INDIA RESUMES OIL AND LPG PURCHASES FROM IRAN

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India officially resumed purchasing crude oil from Iran after a 7-year gap; also purchased 44,000 metric tons of LPG from Iran, delivered at Mangalore port.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India imports the highest amount of LNG from Qatar and the highest amount of LPG from Saudi Arabia; Iran is a major crude oil supplier historically.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India imports ~85% of its crude oil requirements; Iraq is currently India's largest crude oil supplier; Iran's currency is Rial; capital is Tehran.

### 18. MAJOR PORTS RECORD 915 MT CARGO IN FY26

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's major ports handled a record 915.17 million tonnes of cargo in FY2025-26, surpassing the government target of 904 million tonnes.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Top performers: Deendayal Port (formerly Kandla, Gujarat) ranked 1st in India with 160.11 MT (7% growth), Paradip Port 2nd with 156.45 MT, and JNPA 3rd.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India has 14 major ports; 12 operational under central control; only major port in West Bengal is Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (Kolkata); Deendayal Port is India's largest port.

### 19. INDIA'S DEFENSE EXPORTS HIT RECORD RS.38,424 CRORE

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's defense exports hit a record Rs.38,424 crore in FY2025-26, a massive 62.66% growth — 54.84% from PSUs and 45.16% from private sector.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Defense signed a Rs.1,950 crore contract with BEL for IAF mountain radar systems designed by DRDO; also Rs.445 crore Tunguska deal and Rs.413 crore Boeing MRO contract.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited) HQ Bengaluru; Defense Minister is Rajnath Singh; India's defense export target is Rs.50,000 crore by 2028-29; DRDO HQ New Delhi.

### 20. INS ARIDHAMAN AND INS TARAGIRI COMMISSIONED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** INS Aridhaman, India's 3rd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), commissioned in Visakhapatnam; features 8 vertical launch tubes, K-4 missiles (3,500 km range), 7,000 tonnes displacement, 130 m length.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** INS Taragiri, 4th Project 17A stealth frigate by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, also commissioned in Visakhapatnam; equipped with BrahMos and surface-to-air missiles.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Indian Navy HQ New Delhi; Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi; INS Arihant was India's first SSBN; Project 17A frigate program involves both Mazagon Dock and GRSE.

### 21. INDIA'S FIRST HYDROGEN-POWERED TRAIN TESTED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India successfully tested its first hydrogen-powered train on the 20 km Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana; developed by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai; tested by RDSO; speed of 70 km/hr.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** The Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) conducted the test; the train was developed as part of India's green railway initiative.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: ICF (Integral Coach Factory) HQ Chennai, established 1955; RDSO HQ Lucknow; Indian Railways under Ministry of Railways; Chairman and CEO of Railway Board is Satish Kumar.

**22. NOIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INAUGURATED IN JEWAR**

★ **KEY FACT:** PM Modi inaugurated Phase 1 of Noida International Airport in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh at a cost of Rs.11,282 crore; DGCA mandated 60% free seat selection from April 2026.

★ **KEY FACT:** Vir Vikram Yadav replaced Faiz Ahmed Kidwai as new Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA); DGCA and EU Aviation Safety Agency signed a manufacturing and safety pact.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: DGCA HQ New Delhi; regulates civil aviation in India; Willie Walsh (former IATA DG and British Airways CEO) appointed CEO of IndiGo replacing Pieter Elbers.

**23. SKYTRAX WORLD AIRPORT AWARDS 2026**

★ **KEY FACT:** Singapore Changi Airport ranked #1 at Skytrax World Airport Awards 2026 (14th time); also won Best Dining and Best Immigration.

★ **KEY FACT:** Indian airports in top 100: Delhi IGI (28th, Best in India/South Asia), Bengaluru Kempegowda (41st), Hyderabad Rajiv Gandhi (43rd), Goa Manohar (64th), Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji (66th).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Skytrax is a UK-based airline and airport rating organization; IGI Airport is India's busiest; Goa Manohar International Airport (formerly Mopa) is in North Goa.

**24. AIRBUS AND TATA LAUNCH HELICOPTER ASSEMBLY LINE IN BENGALURU**

★ **KEY FACT:** Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems launched India's first private final assembly line for H125 & AS350 helicopters in Bengaluru; Airbus also partnered with Mahindra & Mahindra to manufacture H125 main fuselage.

★ **KEY FACT:** Air India and Uzbekistan Airways signed a codeshare agreement using 'AI' code on Delhi/Mumbai/Goa to Tashkent flights.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Air India is now under Tata Group ownership since 2022; IndiGo HQ Gurugram; IndiGo Chairman is Vikram Singh Mehta; Airbus HQ Toulouse, France; CEO Guillaume Faury.

**25. DIGITAL CENSUS 2027 — INDIA'S 16TH CENSUS LAUNCHED**

★ **KEY FACT:** India's 16th Census (8th after Independence), launched April 1, 2026, is the first fully digital census using smartphones; Phase 1 (House-listing) runs April-September 2026; Phase 2 (Population) starts February 2027.

★ **KEY FACT:** Citizens assigned an 11-digit Self Enumeration ID; budget allocation of Rs.1,178.24 crore under Census Act 1948; for the first time since 1931, includes caste enumeration.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Sudarsan Pattnaik (2014 Padma Shri sand artist) appointed Census Brand Ambassador; mascots are Pragati (female) and Vikas (male); covers 36 states/UTs, 792 sub-districts.

**26. ANDHRA PRADESH REORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 2026 PASSED**

★ **KEY FACT:** Lok Sabha passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Amendment Bill 2026, officially declaring Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh with retrospective effect from June 2, 2024.

★ **KEY FACT:** AP also launched a Rs.150 crore free electricity scheme for handloom and powerloom weavers; cabinet approved establishment of Dagadharthi Greenfield Airport in Nellore.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: AP CM is Chandrababu Naidu; Deputy CM is Pawan Kalyan; Governor is S. Abdul Nazeer; Ponduru Khadi from AP received Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

**27. NAGOYA PROTOCOL — INDIA RANKS 1ST GLOBALLY IN IRCC ISSUANCE**

★ **KEY FACT:** India secured the 1st rank globally under Nagoya Protocol compliance; issued 3,561 out of 6,311 total Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance (IRCCs) globally (over 56%).

★ **KEY FACT:** The Nagoya Protocol is tied to the Convention on Biological Diversity; CMS COP15 held in Campo Grande, Brazil added 40 species to protected list.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Nagoya Protocol adopted in 2010; India ratified in 2012; Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) secretariat HQ Montreal, Canada; Bonn Convention administered by UNEP.

**28. PM E-DRIVE SCHEME EXTENDED FOR EVS**

★ **KEY FACT:** PM E-DRIVE (Prime Minister's Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) scheme launched October 2024 to replace FAME programs; incentives for electric 2-wheelers extended till July 31, 2026; for 3-wheelers till March 31, 2028.

★ **KEY FACT:** Outlay for e-2Ws is Rs.1,772 crore; NSO released 33rd edition of Energy Statistics of India 2026 reporting total renewable capacity of 47,43,000 MW.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles) was the predecessor scheme; PM KUSUM scheme extended to March 31, 2027; Ministry of New and Renewable Energy extended PM-KUSUM deadline.

**29. IBC AMENDMENT BILL 2025 PASSED IN LOK SABHA**

- ★ **KEY FACT:** The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) Amendment Bill 2025 was passed in Lok Sabha; IBC was originally enacted in 2016.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** IBC is regulated by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI); IBC provides resolution within 330 days (including litigation) and 90-day pre-pack process for MSMEs.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IBBI HQ New Delhi; Chairperson is Ravi Mital; National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is the adjudicating authority for insolvency cases under IBC.

### 30. IRENA REPORT: INDIA 3RD LARGEST RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India emerged as the 3rd largest renewable energy market globally per IRENA report; India trails only China and USA; total renewable capacity reached 250.5 GW in 2025, having added 45 GW recently.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's government target is 500 GW renewable energy by 2030; Ministry of New and Renewable Energy extended PM-KUSUM timeline to March 31, 2027.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency) formed 2009; HQ Abu Dhabi, UAE; India's largest renewable source is solar energy; India's first solar park is in Gujarat.

### 31. RBI TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION FOR DIGITAL PAYMENTS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI mandated Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) for all digital payments effective April 1, 2026, covering UPI, debit/credit cards, and mobile wallets; full implementation for cross-border transactions by October 2026.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI also extended revised Capital Market Exposure framework to July 1, 2026; limit on loans against shares/REITs/InvITs raised from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.1 crore for individuals.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has 6 members — 3 from RBI and 3 external; MPC met April 6-8; repo rate decisions are announced after each MPC meeting.

### 32. PLFS ANNUAL REPORT 2025 — EMPLOYMENT DATA

- ★ **KEY FACT:** NSO shifted Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) to calendar year (Jan-Dec 2025); overall unemployment stood at 3.1% (rural males 2.4%, females 2.6%); Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) at 59.3%.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Youth unemployment (15-29 years) decreased to 9.9%; employment profile: self-employed 56.2%, agriculture 43%, regular salaried 23.6%, manufacturing 12.1%.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: PLFS is released quarterly by NSO (under MoSPI); base year is 2011-12; MoSPI Minister is Sanjay Kumar Nishad; NSO headquartered in New Delhi.

### 33. PRIDE OF HILLS SCHEME — RS.25,000 CRORE FOR 9 HILL STATES

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Central Government allocated Rs.25,000 crore under Pride of Hills Scheme for special development assistance in 9 hill states; Nagaland exclusively received Rs.3,880 crore.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Meghalaya became the 12th state to sign a reform-linked MoU for rural water supply under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0; JJM 2.0 has Rs.1.5 lakh crore outlay.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Jal Jeevan Mission launched 2019 with target of providing tap water to all rural households by 2024; Rs.67,300 crore allocated in FY26 budget; Ministry of Jal Shakti manages JJM.

### 34. JAPAN'S ODA LOAN TO INDIA — RS.16,420 CRORE

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Japan pledged an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan totaling Rs.16,420 crore (275 billion Japanese Yen) to India for infrastructure development.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Japan also deployed its upgraded 'Type 12' land-to-ship missile (range increased from 200 km to 1,000 km) developed by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Japan PM is Sanae Takaichi; Japan approved 9 trillion yen defense budget; Japan's capital is Tokyo; currency is Yen; G7 nation; India-Japan bilateral annual summit is regular.

### 35. NCERT GRANTED DEEMED UNIVERSITY STATUS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Education, acting on UGC recommendation, officially granted 'Deemed-to-be-University' status to NCERT; applies to NCERT and its 6 constituent institutions in Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, and Northeast Shillong.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** NCERT was established in 1961; ECI launched e-KYC feature on ECI-net digital platform; Parliament passed Jan Vishwas Bill decriminalizing 717 minor offenses across 79 central acts.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: UGC (University Grants Commission) established 1956 under UGC Act 1956; HQ New Delhi; Chairman is M. Jagadesh Kumar; Ministry of Education headquarters at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

### 36. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES 2026 NOTIFIED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Government notified Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 replacing the 2016 framework; mandates 4-stream waste segregation: Wet (Green bin), Dry (Blue bin), Sanitary (Red bin), and Special care (Black bin).

★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting notified New TV Rating Policy 2026; net worth for TV rating agencies reduced from Rs.20 crore to Rs.5 crore; agencies must scale to 80,000 meter homes in 18 months.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) governs solid waste rules; Minister is Bhupender Yadav; India generates approx. 62 million tonnes of solid waste annually.

### 37. VIRAT KOHLI SURPASSES 4,000 IPL RUN-CHASE RUNS

★ **KEY FACT:** Virat Kohli became the first batter in IPL history to surpass 4,000 runs in run-chases; achieved playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

★ **KEY FACT:** Kohli also became the 6th highest run-scorer in global T20 history, surpassing Shoab Malik; BCCI signed Rs.270,000 crore Gemini sponsorship for IPL 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IPL started in 2008; BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) HQ Mumbai; BCCI Secretary is Jay Shah (now ICC Chairman); M. Chinnaswamy Stadium is in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

### 38. R ASHWIN JOINS MAJOR LEAGUE CRICKET (USA)

★ **KEY FACT:** Ravichandran Ashwin secured a contract with San Francisco Unicorns, becoming the first Indian international cricketer to join the US-based Major League Cricket (MLC); retired from international cricket in 2024 with 287 matches and 765 wickets.

★ **KEY FACT:** RCB won their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title against Delhi Capitals; Indian U19 Men's team won the World Cup defeating England.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: WPL launched in 2023; RCB captain is Smriti Mandhana in WPL; Ashwin last played Test for India in December 2024; India's highest wicket-taker is Anil Kumble (619 Test wickets).

### 39. SHEETAL DEVI NAMED WORLD ARCHERY PARA ARCHER OF THE YEAR 2025

★ **KEY FACT:** Sheetal Devi (19, from J&K, India's first female armless archer) was named World Archery Para Archer of the Year 2025 at the World Archery Awards; won gold at World Para Archery Championship in Gwangju, South Korea.

★ **KEY FACT:** She also holds Paris Paralympic Bronze, Asian Para Games 2022 Silver, and Asian Championships 2023 Silver; Karnataka named stands at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium after Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: World Archery Federation (WA) HQ Lausanne, Switzerland; Hennie (USA) named Archer of the Year; Baptiste Addis (France) won Young Archer of the Year; South Korea's Recurve Men's team won Best Team.

### 40. PANKAJ ADVANI WINS NATIONAL 9-BALL POOL CHAMPIONSHIP

★ **KEY FACT:** Pankaj Advani claimed his first National 9-Ball Pool Championship title in Ludhiana by defeating Nitin Sharma; also won the Liber Win Champions Cup; Karnataka's Chitra Magimairaj won Women's Nine-Ball Pool National Championship.

★ **KEY FACT:** Lokesh Sathyanathan made history as the first Indian to surpass the 8-meter mark in indoor long jump, recording 8.21 meters at Tucson Invitational 2026 in USA.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Pankaj Advani has won multiple World Billiards and Snooker titles; India's doping status: 148 suspended track and field athletes globally (highest per Athletics Integrity Unit); Dutee Chand banned for 4 years.

### 41. MAGNUS CARLSEN WINS FREESTYLE CHESS WORLD CUP

★ **KEY FACT:** Magnus Carlsen won the Freestyle Chess World Cup; Norway led the Milano Cortina Winter Paralympics medal tally with 41 medals.

★ **KEY FACT:** Services beat Kerala to win football Santosh Trophy; India defeated Bangladesh in Nepal to win SAFF U19 Women's Championship; 11-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan became Britain's top-rated female chess player (FIDE 2366, ranked 72 globally).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Magnus Carlsen (Norway) is former World Chess Champion; FIDE HQ Lausanne, Switzerland; Santosh Trophy is the national football championship of India; FIFA HQ Zurich, Switzerland.

### 42. ASIAN SQUASH FEDERATION AWARDS 2025

★ **KEY FACT:** Indians topped ASF Awards 2025: Abhay Singh (IND) won Men's Player; Anahat Singh (IND) won Girls' Player; Satomi Watanabe (JPN) won Women's Player; IND Junior Boys won Men's Team.

★ **KEY FACT:** Squash will debut at the LA 2028 Olympics; ASF Awards presented at 33rd Asian Junior Championships in Dalian, China.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: World Squash Federation HQ Manchester, UK; LA 2028 Olympics will be the 34th Summer Olympics; 5 Olympic rings (Blue, Yellow, Black, Green, Red) represent 5 inhabited continents.

### 43. HOCKEY INDIA ANNUAL AWARDS 2025

★ **KEY FACT:** Hockey India Awards 2025: Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement to Zafar Iqbal (1980 Moscow Gold team); Men's Player of the Year: Hardik Singh (3rd consecutive win); Women's Player: Navneet Kaur.

★ **KEY FACT:** Goalkeeper award (Baljit Singh): Bichu Devi Kharibam; Midfielder (Ajit Pal Singh): Sumit; Forward (Dhanraj Pillay): Sukhjeet Singh; Junior Women: Sakshi Rana; Junior Men: Princideep Singh.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Hockey India HQ New Delhi; Dhyana Chand Dhruv Trophy is India's highest hockey honor; India won Olympic gold in hockey 8 times (most recently 1980 Moscow); FIH HQ Lausanne, Switzerland.

#### 44. KHELO INDIA TRIBAL GAMES — KARNATAKA WINS

★ **KEY FACT:** Inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games held in Chhattisgarh (Raipur, Jagdalpur, Surguja) from March 25 to April 3; Karnataka won with 38 medals (23 gold, 8 silver, 7 bronze).

★ **KEY FACT:** Game winners receive annual scholarship of Rs.5 lakh for 8 years; mascot was 'Morir'; Mary Kom attended as special guest; West Bengal defeated Chhattisgarh in men's football final.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Khelo India Programme launched 2017-18; organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; Mary Kom is a 6-time World Boxing Champion from Manipur; India's Padma Vibhushan awardee.

#### 45. RCB WINS WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE (WPL) 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title against Delhi Capitals; Indian U19 Men's team won the World Cup defeating England.

★ **KEY FACT:** Surfing Federation of India announced inaugural 'Little Andaman Pro 2026' National Surf & SUP Championship at Butler Bay Beach, April 9-12, as Asian Games prep event.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: WPL started in 2023; first WPL winner was Mumbai Indians; BCCI manages WPL; Asian Games 2026 to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; India's WBBL team management is by BCCI.

#### 46. CAROLINA MARIN RETIRES FROM BADMINTON

★ **KEY FACT:** 32-year-old Spanish badminton icon Carolina Marin announced retirement due to severe knee injury; Saina Nehwal also formally retired from international badminton.

★ **KEY FACT:** Marin's legacy: 2016 Rio Olympic Gold Medal; first woman to win three World Championship titles (2014, 2015, 2018); Alyssa Healy (Australia) retired from international cricket.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Badminton World Federation (BWF) HQ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Saina Nehwal won 2012 London Olympics Bronze; PV Sindhu won 2016 Rio Silver and 2020 Tokyo Bronze; India's national game is officially hockey.

#### 47. RAMNATH GOENKA JOURNALISM AWARDS — 20TH EDITION

★ **KEY FACT:** 20th edition of Ramnath Goenka Journalism Awards, organized by the Indian Express Group, was addressed by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan.

★ **KEY FACT:** Saraswati Samman 2025: Author Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay's work 'Hara Parvati Katha' secured the 35th Saraswati Samman; awarded by KK Birla Foundation with Rs.15 lakh prize.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Ramnath Goenka is founder of Indian Express Group; Saraswati Samman is one of India's most prestigious literary awards; VP C.P. Radhakrishnan also inaugurated Census 2027 and other events in April 2026.

#### 48. NANDAMURI BALAKRISHNA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT IFFD 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Telugu actor Nandamuri Balakrishna received Lifetime Achievement Award at International Film Festival of Delhi (IFFD) 2026; honored for 50-year career; his film Bhagavanth Kesari won Best Telugu Film at 71st National Film Awards.

★ **KEY FACT:** Sudha Murty published 'Tides of Time: Bharat's History Through Murals in Parliament', released by VP CP Radhakrishnan.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: National Film Awards organized by Directorate of Film Festivals under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; 71st NFA covered films of 2023; Balakrishna is son of actor-politician NT Rama Rao.

#### 49. NYAYA SETU AI CHATBOT LAUNCHED

★ **KEY FACT:** Nyaya Setu AI Chatbot (voice-first, multilingual legal assistant with mascot 'Dishika') unveiled at Disha Program at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi; developed by Digital India Bhashini Division.

★ **KEY FACT:** Vice President CP Radhakrishnan and Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal unveiled the chatbot; Microsoft launched 'AI for Everyone' skills center at Chandigarh University's Mohali campus.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Digital India Bhashini is under Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY); MeitY Minister is Ashwini Vaishnav; Microsoft HQ Redmond, Washington, USA; Chairman/CEO is Satya Nadella.

#### 50. IIM AHMEDABAD LAUNCHES AI SCHOOL

★ **KEY FACT:** IIM Ahmedabad launched the 'Krishnamurthy Tandon School of Artificial Intelligence'; Telangana launched 'ICoE' to boost its AI ecosystem; Black Swan Summit in Bhubaneswar launched to boost AI and digital finance ecosystem.

★ **KEY FACT:** Assam launched 'Atal Bhujal Agrani Asam Scheme' for agricultural AI innovation; NITI Aayog launched 'ATL Sarathi' initiative in Telangana with 379 Atal Tinkering Labs mentored.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IIM Ahmedabad established 1961; Director is Bharat Bhaskar; IIM Act 2017 gives IIMs autonomy; Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog promotes innovation in schools.

### 51. BHARTI AIRTEL BECOMES WORLD'S 2ND LARGEST TELECOM OPERATOR

★ **KEY FACT:** Bharti Airtel crossed 650 million global customers (368 million in India, 179 million in Africa), becoming the world's 2nd largest telecom operator by mobile subscribers, behind China Mobile.

★ **KEY FACT:** DoT extended OTT SIM binding deadline to December 31, 2026; UIDAI partnered with MapmyIndia to display verified Aadhaar Seva Kendras on Mappls Map.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Airtel founded 1995 by Sunil Bharti Mittal; HQ New Delhi; Starlink signed LOIs with Gujarat and Maharashtra governments for satellite internet; DoT under Ministry of Communications.

### 52. E20 FUEL MANDATED AT ALL PETROL PUMPS FROM APRIL 1, 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Indian government mandated E20 fuel (20% ethanol + 80% petrol) at all petrol pumps from April 1, 2026; requires minimum Research Octane Number (RON) of 95.

★ **KEY FACT:** India's ethanol blending target is 20% by 2025-26; National PNG Drive 2.0 extended to June 30, 2026 under theme 'Har PNG Har CNG'; GAIL joined the initiative.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GAIL (Gas Authority of India Limited) HQ New Delhi; CMD Sandeep Kumar Gupta; Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) Minister is Hardeep Singh Puri.

### 53. NASHA MUKT BHARAT ABHIYAN LAUNCHED FOR SCHOOLS

★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Education and Ministry of Home Affairs jointly launched Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan nationwide school drive; will operate in mission-mode for 3 years to create drug-free zones within 500-meter radius of all schools.

★ **KEY FACT:** Vibrant Villages Program 2 officially launched in Nathanur village, Assam; UP Safe Mobility Program provided 1,000 e-rickshaws to women in SHGs.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Vibrant Villages Programme was launched in 2023 for border villages; Ministry of Home Affairs oversees internal security; India has ~1.5 million schools (government + private).

### 54. WTO 14TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN CAMEROON

★ **KEY FACT:** WTO 14th Ministerial Conference held in Yaounde, Cameroon, chaired by Cameroon's Minister of Trade Luc Magloire Mbarga Atangana; ITU World Telecom Development Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

★ **KEY FACT:** UN launched a high-level task force led by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to address Hormuz crisis; Indonesia became first Southeast Asian nation to ban social media for users under 16.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: WTO HQ Geneva, Switzerland; DG is Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; WTO established January 1, 1995, replacing GATT; India joined WTO as founding member.

### 55. INDONESIA BANS SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UNDER-16 USERS

★ **KEY FACT:** Indonesia became first Southeast Asian/non-Western country to ban social media (YouTube, TikTok, FB, Instagram, Threads, X, Bigo Live, Roblox) for users under 16; requires age verification protecting 70 million minors.

★ **KEY FACT:** Spain became first European nation to ban social media for children under 16; Australia passed similar laws in December 2025.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Indonesia capital Jakarta; currency Rupiah; President Prabowo Subianto; world's 4th most populous country; largest Muslim-majority country; ASEAN founding member.

### 56. INDIA NAMED 'COUNTRY OF THE YEAR' AT BIOACT 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** India was named 'Country of the Year' at BioAct 2026 in Germany; India and Australia launched Agri Maitri Initiative for agricultural cooperation.

★ **KEY FACT:** Dr. Srinivasa Rao (Director, IARI) won the MS Swaminathan Award 2024-25 for contributions to climate-resilient farming; award includes gold medal and Rs.2 lakh cash prize.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: MS Swaminathan is Father of India's Green Revolution; Verghese Kurien is Father of White Revolution; IARI (Indian Agricultural Research Institute) is in New Delhi; established 1905.

### 57. THAILAND TO HOST WORLD BANK-IMF ANNUAL MEETING 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Thailand will host World Bank and IMF annual meeting in Bangkok (Queen Sirikit National Convention Center) in October 2026 — first time in 35 years since 1991.

★ **KEY FACT:** Uchral Nyam-Osor (former hip-hop artist) appointed PM of Mongolia, replacing Zandanshatar Gombojav; he is the 3rd PM in 9 months from Mongolian People's Party.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Mongolia capital Ulaanbaatar; currency Tugrik; President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh; World Bank HQ Washington D.C.; President is Ajay Banga; IMF MD is Kristalina Georgieva.

### 58. NASA ARTEMIS II LUNAR MISSION LAUNCHED

★ **KEY FACT:** NASA launched Artemis II Mission on April 1, 2026 — a 10-day lunar flyby mission featuring 4 astronauts (including one Canadian) aboard the Orion spacecraft launched on Space Launch System rocket from Kennedy Space Center.

★ **KEY FACT:** ISRO designated Mons Mouton 4 (MM4) as official landing site for Chandrayaan-4; ISRO conducted MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Reliability Assessment) in Leh, Ladakh from April 2-9.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NASA HQ Washington D.C.; Administrator is Bill Nelson; Chandrayaan-3 landed on Moon's south pole (Shiv Shakti point) in August 2023; Gaganyaan Mission targeted for 2027.

### 59. INS TARAGIRI AND GRSE WARSHIP DELIVERIES

★ **KEY FACT:** GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata) delivered INS Dunagiri (5th Nilgiri-class stealth frigate under Project 17A), INS Agray (4th ASW SWC), and survey vessels INS Sandhayak and INS Sanshodhak.

★ **KEY FACT:** Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) launched NGOPV INS Shachi (76% indigenous content) for Navy and delivered ICGS Achal (65% indigenous) to Coast Guard; launched 14 vessels in 600 days.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GSL HQ Vasco da Gama, Goa; CMD Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay; Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders HQ Mumbai; Project 17A is Nilgiri-class guided missile stealth frigate program.

### 60. AGNI-3 MISSILE TEST-FIRED IN CHANDIPUR

★ **KEY FACT:** Agni-3 ballistic missile was successfully test-fired in Chandipur, Odisha; DRDO tested Gaganyaan drogue parachute in Chandigarh; Army's Konark Corps tested Sterla-10 VSHORAD system in Pokhran, Rajasthan.

★ **KEY FACT:** PLR Systems (JV of Israel Weapon Industries & Adani Group) delivered first batch of 7.62mm NEGEV Light Machine Guns ('Prahaar') to Indian Army.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Chandipur is India's Integrated Test Range; Agni-3 is an intermediate-range ballistic missile with range of 3,000-5,000 km; DRDO HQ New Delhi; Chairman is Dr. Samir V. Kamat.

### 61. ADANI PORTS ESTABLISHES INDIA'S FIRST PORT OF REFUGE

★ **KEY FACT:** APSEZ established India's inaugural 'Port of Refuge' locations per International Maritime Organization definition: Dighi Port (West Coast, near Mumbai) serving Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf routes; Gopalpur Port (East Coast, Odisha) serving Bay of Bengal and Malacca Strait routes.

★ **KEY FACT:** VOC Port in Tamil Nadu deployed India's first anti-drone system; Mission SAGAR: INS Sunayna flagged off from Mumbai, carrying delegates from 16 countries.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IMO (International Maritime Organization) HQ London; APSEZ HQ Ahmedabad; Karan Adani is CEO; VOC Port (Tuticorin/Thoothukudi) is a major port in Tamil Nadu.

### 62. DEENDAYAL PORT RANKS 1ST FOR CARGO HANDLING IN FY26

★ **KEY FACT:** Deendayal Port Authority (formerly Kandla Port, Gujarat) ranked 1st in India for cargo handling in FY2025-26 with 160.11 million tonnes (7% growth), overtaking Paradip Port (156.45 MT).

★ **KEY FACT:** India signed shipbuilding skill pact with South Korea's KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency); India signed social security agreement with UK covering temporary employees.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Kandla was renamed Deendayal Port in 2017 in honor of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya; it is a tidal port in Gujarat; Paradip Port is in Odisha; JNPA is in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### 63. INDIA-UK SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

★ **KEY FACT:** India and UK signed a social security agreement covering temporary employees working in each other's countries, allowing contribution in only one country's social security system.

★ **KEY FACT:** Tom Suozzi designated as Vice Chair of Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans (founded in 1993 to nurture defense partnerships and diplomacy).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: UK PM is Keir Starmer; UK capital is London; currency is Pound Sterling; India-UK FTA negotiations ongoing; UK is India's 5th largest trading partner.

### 64. KAYNES SEMICON PLANT INAUGURATED IN SANAND

★ **KEY FACT:** PM Modi inaugurated Kaynes Semicon's Rs.3,300 crore semiconductor OSAT (Outsource Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility in Sanand, Gujarat under India Semiconductor Mission.

★ **KEY FACT:** NewSpace India Limited (NSIL, ISRO's commercial arm) signed MoU with Dhruva Space to design and supply space-grade solar panels; ESA deployed IOD-1 and IOD-2 satellites from New Zealand.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India Semiconductor Mission under MeitY with Rs.76,000 crore outlay; NSIL HQ Bengaluru; India's first fab approved is Tata Electronics in Dholera, Gujarat.

### 65. BRICS YOUTH COORDINATION MEETING 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** India will host inaugural BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting 2026 in New Delhi under its chairship, administered by Department of Youth Affairs under theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability'.

★ **KEY FACT:** 9th edition of India Pharma 2026 convention scheduled for April 13-14 in New Delhi organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals, FICCI, and IPA under theme 'Discover in India: Leapfrogging Life Sciences Innovation'.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BRICS comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (expanded in 2024); 2026 BRICS Chair is India; India joined BRICS in 2009; BRICS New Development Bank HQ Shanghai, China.

### 66. PM WANI SCHEME STATISTICS — 4 LAKH PDOS ACTIVE

★ **KEY FACT:** PM-WANI (PM Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) scheme launched by DoT in 2020 has 4,09,403 Public Data Offices (PDOs) active as of February 28, 2026; operates through PDOs without government license fees.

★ **KEY FACT:** SAMPANN (System for Accounting and Management of Pension) platform launched in 2018 and managed by Telecom Department was extended to Goa State Government and Cochin Port Authority.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: PM-WANI operated by Public Data Office Aggregators (PDOAs); DoT under Ministry of Communications; Minister is Jyotiraditya Scindia; TRAI HQ New Delhi, Chairman is Anil Kumar Lahoti.

### 67. LAKHPATI BITIYA YOJANA LAUNCHED IN DELHI

★ **KEY FACT:** President Murmu launched Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana in Delhi (March 2, 2026; fully implemented April 1, 2026) to boost girl education; provides Rs.61,000 in phased investments maturing to Rs.1.2 lakh; replaces older Ladli Scheme.

★ **KEY FACT:** Eligibility: girl must be born or live in Delhi for 3 years, attend government school, family income not exceeding Rs.1.2 lakh per annum; benefits limited to maximum 2 girls per family; budget Rs.128 crore.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Article 21A grants Right to Education; Article 45 covers early childhood care; Delhi CM is Rekha Gupta (BJP); Delhi LG is V.K. Saxena; Chief Minister of previous government: Arvind Kejriwal.

### 68. MUKHYAMANTRI ANNAPURNA YOJANA LAUNCHED IN ODISHA

★ **KEY FACT:** Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi launched Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana, providing an additional 5 kg of free rice per month to eligible beneficiaries (total 10 kg per month).

★ **KEY FACT:** Odisha Police got Puri Police Assistant — a 24x7 WhatsApp chatbot supported by Punjab National Bank (PNB); Odisha and Uttarakhand Police honored with President's Police Color.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Odisha CM is Mohan Charan Majhi (BJP); Governor is Hari Babu Kambhampati; Odisha has 30 districts; Puri is famous for Jagannath Temple; Odisha was formed as separate province in 1936.

### 69. MEGHALAYA PARTNERS WITH STARLINK FOR SATELLITE INTERNET

★ **KEY FACT:** Meghalaya government partnered with Elon Musk's Starlink for high-speed satellite internet; Starlink also signed letters of intent with Gujarat and Maharashtra governments.

★ **KEY FACT:** Meghalaya became the 12th state to sign reform-linked MoU under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0; Google announced AI Data Center in Andhra Pradesh.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Meghalaya CM is Conrad Sangma; capital is Shillong; Meghalaya (abode of clouds) was carved out of Assam in 1972; Starlink is owned by SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk.

### 70. PUNJAB LAUNCHES MUKHYAMANTRI MAWAN DHIYAN SATKAR YOJANA

★ **KEY FACT:** Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann launched Mukhyamantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana with Rs.9,300 crore budget; dispenses Rs.1,000 to women and Rs.1,500 to SC women via direct bank transfer.

★ **KEY FACT:** West Bengal announced Bhaangbandhu scheme to provide Rs.1,500 monthly for unemployed youth (21-40 years) from April 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Punjab CM is Bhagwant Mann (AAP); Governor is Gulab Chand Kataria; West Bengal CM is Mamata Banerjee (TMC); Governor is C.V. Ananda Bose; Chandigarh is shared capital of Punjab and Haryana.

### 71. NATIONAL PANCHAYAT AWARDS 2025 — TRIPURA DOMINATES

★ **KEY FACT:** Tripura institutions topped National Panchayat Awards 2025 under Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar: Best District Panchayat (Sepahijala, 1st), Healthy Panchayat (Kanchanbari, 1st), Women-Friendly (Baikunthpur, 3rd).

★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj released Rs.1,500 crore to rural local bodies in 6 states: Telangana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, and Meghalaya.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Panchayati Raj institutions under 11th Schedule of Constitution; Panchayati Raj Day is April 24; 73rd Constitutional Amendment (1992) gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj; Minister is Rajiv Ranjan Singh.

## 72. KARMAYOGI SADHANA SAPTAH 2026 LAUNCHED

★ **KEY FACT:** PM Modi virtually launched 'Karmayogi Sadhana Saptah 2026' at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi; marks 5th anniversary of Mission Karmayogi; organized by Capacity Building Commission from April 2-8.

★ **KEY FACT:** SADHANA acronym: Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement; three pillars: Technology, Tradition, and Tangible outcomes.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Mission Karmayogi launched September 2020 under National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB); Capacity Building Commission set up in 2021; aims to transform civil services.

## 73. ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA EXTENDED TO MARCH 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Atal Bhujal Yojana (sustainable groundwater management scheme) extended to March 2026; awareness initiatives continuing until 2027; total funding Rs.6,000 crore (50:50 by Government of India and World Bank).

★ **KEY FACT:** Delhi launched Air Pollution Mitigation Plan 2026 with 'No PUC, No Fuel' rule; targets 13,760 electric buses and 32,000 charging stations by 2028-29.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Atal Bhujal Yojana initially launched 2020-2025; covers 7 states: Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh; World Bank contribution Rs.3,000 crore.

## 74. INDIA'S FIRST LUNG DIAGNOSTIC CENTER BY CIPLA

★ **KEY FACT:** India's First Lung Diagnostic Wellness Center was established by Cipla pharmaceutical company in New Delhi; National Biobank for Lysosomal Storage Disorders formally launched in Ahmedabad.

★ **KEY FACT:** Cipla also established the center as part of its respiratory healthcare initiative; IIT Madras Research Park launched Rs.600 crore Unicorn Frontier Fund for deep-tech startups.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Cipla Ltd. HQ Mumbai; founded 1935 by K.A. Hamied; known for affordable HIV/AIDS medicines; IIT Madras established 1959; Director is V. Kamakoti.

## 75. FAO FOOD PRICE INDEX SURGES IN MARCH 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported FAO Food Price Index rose 2.4% in March 2026, reaching a value of 128.5 (base year 2014-2016).

★ **KEY FACT:** Myanmar's parliament elected Min Aung Hlaing as President in a parliamentary vote; India and Australia launched Agri Maitri Initiative.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: FAO HQ Rome, Italy; Director-General is Qu Dongyu; FAO established October 16, 1945; World Food Day is October 16; Myanmar's capital Naypyidaw; currency Kyat.

## 76. ODISHA DAY (UTKAL DIVAS) — APRIL 1

★ **KEY FACT:** April 1 observed as Odisha Day (Utkal Divas) commemorating its linguistic-based formation as a separate province in 1936; Chandrikapersad Santokhi (former President of Suriname 2020-2025) passed away at age 67.

★ **KEY FACT:** T.A. Rajendran, veteran Malayalam actor and director, recently passed away; International Day of Zero Waste observed on March 30 under theme 'Food Waste'.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Odisha was called 'Orissa' before renaming in 2011; it was the first state formed on linguistic basis; Utkal Divas is also called Odisha Foundation Day; Jagannath Puri Temple is in Odisha.

## 77. IMPORTANT DAYS — APRIL 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** April 2: World Autism Awareness Day (theme: 'Autism and Humanity: Every Life Has Value'); April 2: World Children's Book Day (Hans Christian Andersen birth anniversary, theme: 'Plant stories and the world will bloom').

★ **KEY FACT:** April 4: International Day for Mine Awareness (established by UN in 2005, theme: 'Invest in peace, invest in mine action'); April 6: International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (theme: 'Sports Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers').

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: April 5: International Day of Conscience; April 1: Foundation Day of RBI (91st in 2026); April 2: International Fact-Checking Day; April 24: Panchayati Raj Day (National); World Earth Day is April 22.

## 78. CBDT'S KAR SAATHI AI PLATFORM UNDER PRARAMBH 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** CBDT launched 'Kar Sathi' (24/7 AI tax chatbot) and 'Kar Shaki' (unified website) as part of nationwide 'PRARAMBH 2026' campaign (Policy Reform and Responsible Action for Mission Viksit Bharat).

★ **KEY FACT:** Under PRARAMBH, government reduced tax rules from 510 to 333 and tax forms from 399 to 190; income tax single tax year replacing dual previous year and assessment year system.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) established 1944; HQ New Delhi; Chairman Ravi Agarwal; CBDT functions under Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance; India's tax-to-GDP ratio is ~11%.

### 79. SEZ ONE-TIME CONCESSIONAL RELIEF BY CBIC

- ★ **KEY FACT:** CBIC announced one-time relief for SEZ units to sell goods in Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, for specific sectors operating before March 31, 2025.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Government fully exempted 40 critical petrochemical products from customs duty till June 30, 2026; Jan Vishwas Bill passed decriminalizing 717 minor offenses across 79 central acts.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) HQ New Delhi; established 1963; under Ministry of Finance; India's first SEZ was Kandla (1965); SEZ Act 2005 governs modern SEZs.

### 80. INDIA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY — SOLAR AND WIND MILESTONES

- ★ **KEY FACT:** NSO released 33rd edition of Energy Statistics of India 2026, reporting total renewable capacity of 47,43,000 MW; India's renewable capacity reached 250.5 GW per IRENA (China and USA ahead).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** MNRE extended PM-KUSUM deadline to March 31, 2027; PM-KUSUM launched in 2019 aims to add 34,800 MW solar capacity by March 2026.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's largest solar power plant is Bhadla Solar Park in Rajasthan; PM-KUSUM stands for Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan; National Solar Mission target is 100 GW solar by 2022 (extended to 2030 for 500 GW total).

### 81. MUKHYAMANTRI MANN DHAN SATGAR YOJANA — PUNJAB

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Punjab cabinet approved Mukhyamantri Mann Dhan Satgar Yojana with Rs.9,300 crore budget; Rs.1,000 for women and Rs.1,500 for Scheduled Caste women via DBT.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** NITI Aayog launched 'ATL Sarathi' initiative in Telangana, providing mentorship to 379 Atal Tinkering Labs with Vardhaman College of Engineering as nodal institution.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) launched 2013; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) launched August 28, 2014 provides financial inclusion; Atal Tinkering Labs under Atal Innovation Mission.

### 82. BHOO BHARATI PORTAL LAUNCHED IN TELANGANA

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Telangana launched 'Bhoo Bharati' portal to digitize land registration, permanently replacing the Dharani portal; Telangana also launched 'ICoE' to boost its AI ecosystem.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav launched 'School Chale Hum' campaign (April 1-4) in Bhopal for zero dropout rate with free textbooks, bicycles, and uniforms.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Telangana CM is Anumula Revanth Reddy (Congress); Governor is Jishnu Dev Varma; Telangana formed June 2, 2014 as 29th state; capital is Hyderabad; largest district is Bhadradri Kothagudem.

### 83. RAZORPAY PARTNERS WITH OPENAI

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Leading payment gateway Razorpay officially partnered with AI research organization OpenAI for AI integrations in payment solutions.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Delhi launched 'Operation Shastra' against online threats; Mumbai's coastal road became India's first musical path playing 'Jai Ho'; BMC appointed Ashwini Bhide as first female Commissioner.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Razorpay founded in 2014; HQ Bengaluru; OpenAI HQ San Francisco, USA; CEO is Sam Altman; GPT-4 and ChatGPT are OpenAI products; Ashwini Bhide is nicknamed 'Metro Woman'.

### 84. INDIA TOPS DOPING SUSPENSIONS GLOBALLY — 148 ATHLETES

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Athletics Integrity Unit revealed India has highest number of suspended track and field athletes globally — 148 athletes; notable bans: Dutee Chand (4 years), Parvej Khan (30 years).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Bodhana Sivanandan (11-year-old Indian-origin) became Britain's top-rated female chess player with FIDE 2366, ranked 72 globally.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) HQ Montreal, Canada; NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) HQ New Delhi; Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is under World Athletics; World Athletics HQ Monaco.

### 85. BHARAT TRIBES FEST — MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Bharat Tribes Fest organized by Ministry of Tribal Affairs with TRIFED at Sundar Nursery, New Delhi; inaugurated by Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Tripura celebrated traditional tribal harvest festival Garia Puja; Assam celebrated Rongali Bihu (Assamese New Year, also called Bohag Bihu).
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) HQ New Delhi; established 1987; promotes tribal art and products; India has 705 scheduled tribes constituting ~8.6% of population.

### 86. BLACKBUCKS REINTRODUCED IN CHHATTISGARH

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Blackbucks are being reintroduced into Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary in Mahasamund district, Chhattisgarh.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** WWF India developed Goa's first biodiversity and cultural feature map for school students; Goa became second state in India to publish comprehensive bird atlas; Kerala launched 'Neosight ID' for detection of invasive plants.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Blackbuck is India's national animal? No — Tiger is national animal; Blackbuck is State Animal of Rajasthan, Punjab, and Haryana; Barnawapara is a wildlife sanctuary in Chhattisgarh known for deer.

### 87. INDIA AT 15TH BONN CONVENTION COP15 IN BRAZIL

- ★ **KEY FACT:** CMS COP15 (Conservation of Migratory Species, also known as Bonn Convention) concluded in Campo Grande, Brazil; added 40 species to protected list, 16 native to Brazil.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** MoEFCC designated Bhawasagra (Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology, Kochi, Kerala) as National Repository for deep-sea fauna.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Bonn Convention administered by UNEP; CMS secretariat in Bonn, Germany; India ratified CMS in 1983; India is signatory to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); India has 3 UNESCO World Natural Heritage Sites.

### 88. INDIA-SOUTH KOREA SIGN SHIPBUILDING SKILL PACT

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) signed implementation plan with South Korea's KOICA to boost skill development in shipbuilding and maritime sectors.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India also signed social security agreement with UK; Exercise Sea Dragon (anti-submarine warfare) hosted by US Navy in Guam alongside Japan, Australia, New Zealand; INS Trikand visited Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: South Korea capital Seoul; currency Won; President Yoon Suk-yeol; South Korea is world's 1st in shipbuilding; India's Ministry of Ports minister is Sarbananda Sonowal.

### 89. INDIA PHARMA 2026 — APRIL 13-14, NEW DELHI

- ★ **KEY FACT:** 9th edition of India Pharma 2026 convention held April 13-14 in New Delhi; organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals, FICCI, and Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance under theme 'Discover in India: Leapfrogging Life Sciences Innovation'.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India named 'Country of the Year' at BioAct 2026 in Germany; India and Australia launched Agri Maitri Initiative for agricultural cooperation.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's pharmaceutical industry is 3rd globally by volume; FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) HQ New Delhi, founded 1927; IPA (Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance) represents research-based pharma companies.

### 90. PRESIDENT'S POLICE COLOR AWARDED TO UTTARAKHAND AND ODISHA POLICE

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Uttarakhand and Odisha state police forces honored with prestigious President's Police Color ('Nishan').
- ★ **KEY FACT:** BRIC-NCCS Pune: Dr. Thomas Pucadyil (2018 Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winner, former IISER Pune professor) appointed Director of BRIC-National Centre for Cell Science.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: President's Police Color is highest honor for police forces; Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize is India's highest science award given by CSIR; Uttarakhand CM is Pushkar Singh Dhami; Odisha CM is Mohan Charan Majhi.

### 91. INDIA'S PLFS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND LFPR DATA

- ★ **KEY FACT:** PLFS 2025 (calendar year): Overall unemployment 3.1%; rural male 2.4%, rural female 2.6%; LFPR at 59.3%; youth unemployment (15-29) decreased to 9.9%.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** UNESCO 2026 GEM Report 'Access and Equity: Countdown to 2030' noted 273 million youth out of school globally in 2024 (1 in 6 excluded).
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: UNESCO HQ Paris, France; DG is Audrey Azoulay; GEM Report issued annually; PLFS launched 2017-18 by NSO/MoSPI; India's unemployment rate one of lowest among BRICS nations.

### 92. CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA AND BANK OF INDIA PENALIZED BY RBI

- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI imposed penalties: Union Bank of India Rs.95.40 lakh (delayed crediting); Central Bank of India Rs.63.6 lakh (KYC/inclusion issues); Bank of India Rs.58.5 lakh (PSL/deposit lapses); Pine Labs Rs.3.1 lakh (KYC).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** IIT Madras Research Park launched Rs.600 crore Unicorn Frontier Fund; Alwar, Rajasthan became India's first district with 100% insurance coverage.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Union Bank of India HQ Mumbai; Central Bank of India HQ Mumbai; Bank of India HQ Mumbai; all three are nationalized banks; Bank Nationalization happened in two phases: 1969 (14 banks) and 1980 (6 banks).

### 93. GOI ISSUES SOVEREIGN GREEN BONDS WORTH RS.1,000 CRORE

★ **KEY FACT:** Government will strategically raise Rs.1,000 crore via Sovereign Green Bonds as part of H1 FY27 borrowing target of Rs.8.2 lakh crore due to global uncertainties.

★ **KEY FACT:** Small Savings Schemes rates unchanged for 8th consecutive quarter; rates based on Shyamala Gopinath Committee formula linked to government securities yields.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India first issued Sovereign Green Bonds in January 2023; proceeds are used for green infrastructure projects; RBI manages government borrowing; fiscal year in India runs April 1 to March 31.

### 94. UNESCO GEM REPORT 2026 — EDUCATION ACCESS

★ **KEY FACT:** UNESCO released 2026 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report titled 'Access and Equity: Countdown to 2030'; noted 273 million youth globally out of school in 2024 (1 in 6 excluded).

★ **KEY FACT:** NCERT granted Deemed University status; Cipla established India's first Lung Diagnostic Center in New Delhi; National Biobank for Lysosomal Storage Disorders launched in Ahmedabad.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: UNESCO founded November 4, 1945; India's literacy rate is ~77.7% (2021 Census data); Right to Education Act (RTE) 2009 covers children aged 6-14 years; India's school curriculum is set by NCERT.

### 95. THRISSUR POORAM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE EVENTS

★ **KEY FACT:** Thrissur Pooram is an annual temple festival held at Vadakkunnathan Temple in Kerala; Plast India 2026 held in New Delhi focusing on sustainable plastics.

★ **KEY FACT:** PM Modi during 13th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' (March 29) commended Nagaland's Naga community for merging modern learning with traditional preservation; praised 'Morung' indigenous education model.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Thrissur Pooram is celebrated in Thrissur district, Kerala; Vadakkunnathan Temple is a Shiva temple; 'Morung' is Naga community's traditional men's dormitory and educational institution; India's 20th anniversary of Earth Hour was March 28.

### 96. MISSION SAGAR — INS SUNAYNA DEPLOYED

★ **KEY FACT:** Mission SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region): INS Sunayna flagged off from Mumbai, carrying delegates from 16 countries; visits ports including Colombo, Jakarta, Singapore, Male, and ends in Kochi.

★ **KEY FACT:** INS Trikand completed port call at Maputo, Mozambique for joint exercises; sailing vessel INS Sudarshini arrived at Sete, France for 'Escale a Sete' maritime festival.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's naval diplomacy mission SAGAR launched in 2015 by PM Modi; INS Sunayna is an offshore patrol vessel; Indian Ocean region has 36 island states and coastlines of 38 countries.

### 97. SAMRAT SAMPRATI MUSEUM INAUGURATED IN GANDHINAGAR

★ **KEY FACT:** PM Modi inaugurated Samrat Samprati Museum at Koba Village, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Mahavir Jayanti; also launched Rs.20,000 crore worth of development projects in Gujarat including Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway.

★ **KEY FACT:** PM Rahat scheme launched offering cashless medical treatment up to Rs.1.5 lakh for 7 days through 112 helpline; Lakhpati Didi program target doubled from 3 crore to 6 crore beneficiaries by 2029.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Samrat Samprati was a Mauryan emperor (grandson of Ashoka) who spread Jainism; Dholera is a planned smart city in Gujarat; Mahavir Jayanti commemorates the birth of Lord Mahavira (24th Tirthankara of Jainism).

### 98. GRSE DELIVERS MULTIPLE WARSHIPS IN 600 DAYS

★ **KEY FACT:** GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata) delivered INS Dunagiri (5th Nilgiri-class frigate, Project 17A), INS Agray (4th ASW SWC), INS Sandhayak and INS Sanshodhak (survey vessels); launched 14 vessels in 600 days.

★ **KEY FACT:** Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered INS Malwan (2nd ASW SWC, named after coastal town in Maharashtra honoring Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's maritime heritage) to Indian Navy.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GRSE HQ Kolkata, established 1884; CMD is Pr Hari Kumar; Cochin Shipyard HQ Kochi, Kerala; INS Dunagiri (Nilgiri-class) was designed by Warship Design Bureau (WDB) under Indian Navy.

### 99. TEA BOARD INTRODUCES 'TEA MARK' QUALITY SCHEME

★ **KEY FACT:** Tea Board of India introduced voluntary 'Tea Mark' Quality Certification Scheme; Tea Board HQ Kolkata.

★ **KEY FACT:** Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Minister of Culture) signed MoU with YouTube to promote Indian folk and tribal music globally; Panchayati Raj Day is April 24.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Tea Board of India established under Tea Act 1953; HQ Kolkata; India is world's 2nd largest tea producer after China; Assam and Darjeeling are famous for tea; Indian tea exports exceed \$600 million annually.

**100. EASEMYTRIP 'ONE PANCHAYAT, ONE PANDIT' INITIATIVE**

★ **KEY FACT:** EaseMyTrip (EMT) partnered with NSDC, Sanatan AI, and Bhagwa platform to launch spiritual entrepreneurship initiative 'One Panchayat, One Pandit'; plans mobile EV-based 'Sanatan AI Shops on Wheels' across 2 lakh panchayats over 5 years.

★ **KEY FACT:** Union Minister of Culture signed MoU with YouTube; Ministry of Panchayati Raj released Rs.1,500 crore to rural local bodies in 6 states.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) HQ New Delhi; India has about 2.5 lakh gram panchayats; EaseMyTrip (EMT) is an online travel platform listed on NSE and BSE.

**101. ASEAN-INDIA DIGITAL MINISTERS MEETING**

★ **KEY FACT:** 6th ASEAN-India Digital Ministers meeting convened to address secure digital ecosystems; Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw participated in G7 Critical Minerals meeting in Washington DC.

★ **KEY FACT:** BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting 2026 hosted by India in New Delhi under theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability'.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) has 10 members; HQ Jakarta, Indonesia; India is a dialogue partner of ASEAN; G7 comprises USA, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan.

**102. BIOTECH-KISAN REACHES 1 LAKH FARMERS**

★ **KEY FACT:** Biotech-KISAN reached over 1 lakh farmers across 25 states/UTs via 50 hubs with Rs.310 crore total allocation; BIRAC incubation center launched at CFTRI, Mysuru, Karnataka by Dr. Jitendra Singh.

★ **KEY FACT:** Dr. Srinivasa Rao (Director, IARI) won MS Swaminathan Award 2024-25 for climate-resilient farming contributions.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council) HQ New Delhi; CFTRI (Central Food Technological Research Institute) HQ Mysuru, Karnataka; CSIR-CFTRI established 1950; Father of Green Revolution: MS Swaminathan.

**103. INS SUNAYNA AND MISSION SAGAR 16 COUNTRIES**

★ **KEY FACT:** INS Sunayna flagged off from Mumbai for IOS SAGAR mission (Security and Growth for All in the Region); visits Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Maldives, ending in Kochi.

★ **KEY FACT:** Defense Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off an expedition to Mount Aconcagua in Argentina; army laid foundation for Large Cavitation Tunnel at NSTL Visakhapatnam.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Mount Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America (6,961 m) in Andes, Argentina; NSTL (Naval Science Technological Laboratory) is a DRDO lab in Visakhapatnam; India's Eastern Naval Command is in Visakhapatnam.

**104. PLR SYSTEMS DELIVERS NEGEV LMGS TO INDIAN ARMY**

★ **KEY FACT:** PLR Systems (JV between Israel Weapon Industries and India's Adani Group) delivered first batch of 7.62mm NEGEV Light Machine Guns called 'Prahaar' to Indian Army.

★ **KEY FACT:** Border Roads Organisation's Project Chetak celebrated 47th Raising Day in Bikaner, Rajasthan; Project Chetak established in 1980 for western border road infrastructure.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Israel Weapon Industries (IWI) HQ Ramat HaSharon, Israel; Israel capital Jerusalem; currency Shekel; PM Benjamin Netanyahu; President Isaac Herzog; India-Israel defense cooperation is significant.

**105. DGCA MANDATES 60% FREE SEAT SELECTION FOR AIRLINES**

★ **KEY FACT:** DGCA mandated that from April 2026, airlines must offer at least 60% of seats for free selection (up from 20%); DGCA and EU Aviation Safety Agency signed pact to boost manufacturing and safety.

★ **KEY FACT:** Willie Walsh (former British Airways CEO and IATA DG) appointed CEO of IndiGo replacing Pieter Elbers; effective August 3, 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) HQ New Delhi; Director General is Vir Vikram Yadav; IATA (International Air Transport Association) HQ Geneva, Switzerland; DG is Willie Walsh.

**106. VIBRANT VILLAGES PROGRAMME 2 LAUNCHED IN ASSAM**

★ **KEY FACT:** Vibrant Villages Programme 2 officially launched in Nathanur village, Assam to develop border villages with infrastructure and livelihood support.

★ **KEY FACT:** Assam's Rongali Bihu (Bohag Bihu) festival celebrated; Assam also launched Atal Bhujal Agrani Assam Scheme for agricultural AI innovation.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Vibrant Villages Programme was launched in 2023 for 19 districts across 4 states bordering China; Assam CM is Himanta Biswa Sarma; capital is Dispur; Governor is Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

**107. WTO AND ITU CONFERENCES — APRIL 2026**

★ **KEY FACT:** 14th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Yaounde, Cameroon; ITU World Telecom Development Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

★ **KEY FACT:** UN launched high-level task force led by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and headed by Jorge Moreira da Silva to address Hormuz crisis and safeguard global trade.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: WTO DG is Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (first woman and first African); ITU (International Telecommunication Union) HQ Geneva; established 1865; India's ITU sector is managed by DoT.

**108. 5TH INDIA INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM HELD IN DELHI**

★ **KEY FACT:** New Delhi hosted the 5th Edition of India's Internet Governance Forum; Delhi also launched 'Lakshpati Beti Yojana' for economically weaker girls and 'Bharat Taxi' service.

★ **KEY FACT:** Dehradun, Uttarakhand introduced the 'Grace Smart Toilet'; Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia released Rs.5 commemorative stamp for 75th anniversary of Postal Training Center (PTC) in Saharanpur, UP.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a UN-affiliated multistakeholder platform; Uttarakhand CM is Pushkar Singh Dhami; Saharanpur is in western UP; Postal Training Center trains postal department employees.

**109. ISRO MISSION MITRA IN LEH, LADAKH**

★ **KEY FACT:** ISRO conducted MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Reliability Assessment) in Leh, Ladakh from April 2-9, 2026 as preparatory phase for Gaganyaan Mission (targeted 2027).

★ **KEY FACT:** Aditya Panda officially became India's youngest male analog astronaut; ESA deployed IOD-1 and IOD-2 satellites from New Zealand for 'Celeste In-Orbit Demonstration Mission'.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: ISRO HQ Bengaluru; Chairman is S. Somanath; Gaganyaan is India's human spaceflight mission; astronauts selected: Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair, Angad Pratap, Ajit Krishnan, Shubhanshu Shukla.

**110. GOA'S FIRST BIODIVERSITY MAP AND BIRD ATLAS**

★ **KEY FACT:** WWF India developed Goa's first biodiversity and cultural feature map specifically for school students; Goa became second state in India to publish a comprehensive bird atlas.

★ **KEY FACT:** Kerala launched 'Neosight ID' for detection of invasive plants; Bhawasagra (CMFRI, Kochi) designated as National Repository for deep-sea fauna.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Goa CM is Pramod Sawant; Governor is P.S. Sreedharan Pillai; India's first state bird atlas was published by Kerala; CMFRI (Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute) HQ Kochi, Kerala.

**111. BGCCL AND MAHANADI COALFIELDS' COAL-TO-AMMONIUM NITRATE PROJECT**

★ **KEY FACT:** BGCCL and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited signed lease to establish India's first indigenous coal-to-ammonium nitrate project at Lakhanpur, Odisha.

★ **KEY FACT:** India's defense exports hit record Rs.38,424 crore in FY2025-26 (62.66% growth); NSO released 33rd edition of Energy Statistics India 2026 reporting 47,43,000 MW total renewable capacity.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) HQ Sambalpur, Odisha; subsidiary of Coal India Limited; Coal India HQ Kolkata; India is world's 2nd largest coal producer and consumer; Odisha has large coal reserves.

**112. C-DOT AND DELHI POLICE SMART POLICING MOU**

★ **KEY FACT:** Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Delhi Police signed MoU to deploy nine indigenous technological solutions for surveillance and cybersecurity.

★ **KEY FACT:** Innovations deployed include Facial Recognition System, 'Fraud PRO', secure messaging platform 'Samvad', and video conferencing tool 'C-DOT Meet'.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics) HQ New Delhi; established 1984; an autonomous R&D centre under DoT; NCW (National Commission for Women) partnered with Truecaller for 'True Cyber Sakhi' digital toolkit.

**113. INDIAN ARMY'S CAPITAL PROCUREMENT VIA GEM**

★ **KEY FACT:** Indian Army finalized its first capital procurement contract via Government e-Marketplace (GeM), signing a Rs.25.90 crore deal for 93 telescopic handlers from JCB India Limited.

★ **KEY FACT:** IAF conceptualized India's first helicopter-launched drone system 'Vayu Baan' featuring 50+ km standoff strike range and Kamikaze/ISR capabilities.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GeM (Government e-Marketplace) launched August 2016 under Ministry of Commerce & Industry; JCB India is a construction equipment company; ASRAAM (Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missiles) have 25 km range, procured to replace Russian R-73 missiles on MiG-29.

**114. INDIA RANKS FIRST UNDER NAGOYA PROTOCOL IRCCS**

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India issued 3,561 out of 6,311 total IRCCs globally (over 56%) under Nagoya Protocol; first rank globally in Nagoya Protocol compliance.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** CMS COP15 held in Campo Grande, Brazil added 40 species to protected list; India hosted CMS meeting and participated as signatory.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Nagoya Protocol is supplementary to CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity); India enacted Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Rules 2004; National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) HQ Chennai.

### 115. ENERGY SECTOR — NATIONAL PNG DRIVE 2.0 EXTENDED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Government extended National Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Drive 2.0 to June 30, 2026; operates under theme 'Har PNG Har CNG'; GAIL joined the initiative; gasified over 3.1 lakh connections by March 2026.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** BGCCL and MCL established India's first indigenous coal-to-ammonium nitrate project; NSO Energy Statistics India 2026 reported 47,43,000 MW total renewable capacity.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GAIL HQ New Delhi; CMD is Sandeep Kumar Gupta; PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board) regulates gas pipelines; MoPNG Minister Hardeep Singh Puri; MoS is Suresh Gopi.

### 116. MEITY APPROVES 29 ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING PROPOSALS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) approved 29 proposals with projected investment of Rs.714 crore and total production worth Rs.8,451 crore.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** MeitY also oversees semiconductor mission with Rs.76,000 crore outlay; Digital India initiative promotes digital infrastructure; 'AI for Everyone' launched at Chandigarh University.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: MeitY HQ New Delhi; Minister is Ashwini Vaishnaw (also I&B Minister); MeitY established 2016; governs IT Act 2000 and Aadhaar; Chandigarh University is in Mohali, Punjab.

### 117. PROJECT CHETAK RAISES DAY — 47TH ANNIVERSARY

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Border Roads Organisation's Project Chetak celebrated 47th Raising Day on April 4, 2026 in Bikaner, Rajasthan; established in 1980 for western border road infrastructure.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** BRO also celebrated overall raising day; India deployed upgraded 'Type 12' land-to-ship missile by Japan (range: 200 km to 1,000 km) as partner information.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BRO (Border Roads Organisation) established 1960; under Ministry of Defence; DG is Lt. Gen. Raghu Srinivasan; BRO is responsible for road infrastructure in border areas; operates under Directorate General Border Roads.

### 118. INDIA AND UK SIGN SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India and UK signed a social security agreement covering temporary employees working in each other's countries; avoids double social security contributions.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India was named 'Country of the Year' at BioAct 2026 in Germany; India and Australia launched Agri Maitri Initiative.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India has signed social security agreements with several countries including Japan, Germany, France; UK PM is Keir Starmer; India-UK trade relationship focuses on IT services, pharmaceuticals, textiles.

### 119. KARNATAKA WINS INAUGURAL KHELO INDIA TRIBAL GAMES

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Karnataka won inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games held in Chhattisgarh with 38 medals (23G, 8S, 7B); runner-ups: Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh; games had 7 events including archery, athletics, wrestling.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Awards: scholarship of Rs.5 lakh per year for 8 years for game winners; mascot named 'Morir'; Mary Kom attended as special guest.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Karnataka CM is Siddaramaiah; Governor is Thaawarchand Gehlot; Chhattisgarh CM is Vishnu Deo Sai; Chhattisgarh formed November 1, 2000 (26th state); Raipur is capital of Chhattisgarh.

### 120. ASEAN INDIA DIGITAL MINISTERIAL MEETING — 6TH EDITION

- ★ **KEY FACT:** 6th ASEAN-India Digital Ministers meeting convened to address secure digital ecosystems; India hosted inaugural BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting in New Delhi.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** 6th India Internet Governance Forum — held in New Delhi to discuss digital governance frameworks.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: ASEAN-India partnership started 1992; 2022 was ASEAN-India Friendship Year (30 years); ASEAN has 10 members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam).

### 121. SUPREME COURT AND JAN VISHWAS BILL — DECRIMINALIZING OFFENSES

★ **KEY FACT:** Parliament passed Jan Vishwas Bill, decriminalizing 717 minor offenses across 79 central acts, converting criminal penalties to civil penalties to ease business.

★ **KEY FACT:** ECI launched e-KYC (Know Your Candidate) feature on ECI-net digital platform for voters.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2023 passed; ECI (Election Commission of India) established January 25, 1950; Chief Election Commissioner is Gyanesh Kumar; National Voters' Day is January 25.

### 122. RBI CANCELS LICENSE OF SHIRPUR MERCHANT CO-OPERATIVE BANK

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI canceled banking license of Shirpur Merchant Co-operative Bank; depositors insured up to Rs.5 lakh through Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI also penalized multiple banks including Union Bank (Rs.95.40 lakh), Central Bank of India (Rs.63.6 lakh), Bank of India (Rs.58.5 lakh).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: DICGC (Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation) established 1978; subsidiary of RBI; provides insurance coverage of Rs.5 lakh per depositor per bank; HQ Mumbai.

### 123. SANTOSH TROPHY — SERVICES BEAT KERALA

★ **KEY FACT:** Services beat Kerala to win the football Santosh Trophy; India defeated Bangladesh in Nepal to win SAFF U19 Women's Championship; Norway led Milano Cortina Winter Paralympics with 41 medals.

★ **KEY FACT:** Rassie van der Dussen (South Africa) retired from cricket; Alyssa Healy (Australia) retired from cricket; Saina Nehwal formally retired from international badminton.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Santosh Trophy is the National Football Championship of India; organized by AIFF (All India Football Federation); named after Maharaja Santosh of Santosh (Cooch Behar); first held in 1941.

### 124. MYANMAR PARLIAMENT ELECTS MIN AUNG HLAING AS PRESIDENT

★ **KEY FACT:** Myanmar's junta chief Min Aung Hlaing was elected President by parliament; Myanmar's capital is Naypyidaw; currency is Kyat.

★ **KEY FACT:** India's relations with Myanmar include the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project and border trade; India and Myanmar share a 1,643 km border.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Myanmar (formerly Burma) borders India, China, Laos, Thailand, and Bangladesh; ASEAN member since 1997; UNHCR provides humanitarian assistance; Rohingya crisis is a major humanitarian issue.

### 125. SAFF U19 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP — INDIA WINS

★ **KEY FACT:** India defeated Bangladesh in Nepal to win SAFF U19 Women's Championship; Services won Santosh Trophy defeating Kerala.

★ **KEY FACT:** India also won Indian U19 Men's Cricket World Cup defeating England; RCB won second WPL title against Delhi Capitals.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) includes India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan; SAFF HQ Dhaka, Bangladesh; Nepal hosted the U19 Women's Championship.

### 126. GENZ VOTE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN KERALA

★ **KEY FACT:** Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar launched awareness song 'GenZ Vote' in Kochi, Kerala, to encourage youth voter participation.

★ **KEY FACT:** ECI also launched e-KYC feature on ECI-net; National Voters' Day is January 25; ECI was established January 25, 1950.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Kerala CM is Pinarayi Vijayan (CPI-M); Governor is Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar; Kerala has 140 assembly constituencies and 20 Lok Sabha seats; literacy rate is highest in India at ~96.2%.

### 127. INDIA'S COAL SECTOR — BGCCL AND MAHANADI COALFIELDS

★ **KEY FACT:** India's first indigenous coal-to-ammonium nitrate project to be established at Lakhanpur, Odisha (BGCCL + Mahanadi Coalfields Limited lease); ammonium nitrate is crucial for mining and agriculture.

★ **KEY FACT:** NMDC crossed 50 million tonne annual iron ore production milestone in FY26 (53.15 MT); NMDC targets 100+ million tonnes by 2030.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Coal India Limited (CIL) is the world's largest coal producer; HQ Kolkata; CMD is P.M. Prasad; India's coal reserves are 5th largest globally; Mahanadi Coalfields covers Odisha's coalfields.

### 128. DEENDAYAL PORT — INDIA'S TOP CARGO HANDLER FY26

★ **KEY FACT:** Deendayal Port (formerly Kandla, Gujarat) ranked 1st in India with 160.11 million tonnes cargo (7% growth), ahead of Paradip (156.45 MT) and JNPA; India's 14 major ports handled 915.17 MT overall in FY26.

★ **KEY FACT:** India signed shipbuilding skill pact with South Korea's KOICA; government approved Rs.132.51 crore for Road Over Bridge at Deendayal Port.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Major Port Authorities Act 2021 governs India's major ports; Sagarmala Programme aims to modernize ports; India has 12 major ports under government control; Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPA) is India's largest container port.

### 129. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS — 262ND RAISING DAY

★ **KEY FACT:** April 3 marks 262nd Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps (established 1764); Lt. Gen. Dhiraj Seth appointed 49th Vice Chief of Army Staff, replacing Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Pal Singh.

★ **KEY FACT:** General Upendra Dwivedi is Chief of Army Staff (COAS); Western Command HQ Chandimandir led by Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Pal Singh.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Army Medical Corps (AMC) was established in 1764 during British India; India's Army is 2nd largest army globally; COAS Gen. Upendra Dwivedi; Army HQ New Delhi; India's Army Day is January 15.

### 130. PASCHAL DONOHOE APPOINTED AS WORLD BANK MD

★ **KEY FACT:** Paschal Donohoe was appointed as World Bank Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer.

★ **KEY FACT:** Burra Vamsi Rama Mohan appointed CMD of Power Grid Corporation of India (April 1, 2026 to July 31, 2030); Power Grid founded 1989, HQ Gurugram.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: World Bank President is Ajay Banga (first Indian-American); World Bank HQ Washington D.C.; Power Grid Corporation listed on NSE and BSE; transmits 50% of India's electricity; Navratna CPSE status.

### 131. GOOGLE ANNOUNCES AI DATA CENTER IN ANDHRA PRADESH

★ **KEY FACT:** Google announced an AI Data Center in Andhra Pradesh; Andhra Pradesh declared Amaravati as sole capital; Google's investment bolsters AP's tech infrastructure.

★ **KEY FACT:** AP CM Chandrababu Naidu leads government; Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan; AP also approves Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport in Nellore.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Google (Alphabet Inc.) HQ Mountain View, California, USA; CEO is Sundar Pichai (Indian-origin); Andhra Pradesh is India's 8th largest state by area; Amaravati is on the banks of Krishna River.

### 132. ADITYA PANDA — INDIA'S YOUNGEST ANALOG ASTRONAUT

★ **KEY FACT:** Aditya Panda officially became India's youngest male analog astronaut; ISRO is conducting analog astronaut missions as preparation for Gaganyaan.

★ **KEY FACT:** NASA launched Artemis II (10-day lunar flyby, 4 astronauts including 1 Canadian) on April 1, 2026 from Kennedy Space Center using Space Launch System rocket.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Analog astronaut missions simulate space conditions on Earth; ISRO Gaganyaan crew: Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair, Angad Pratap, Ajit Krishnan, Shubhanshu Shukla; Artemis program aims to return humans to Moon.

### 133. BODHANA SIVANANDAN — BRITAIN'S TOP FEMALE CHESS PLAYER

★ **KEY FACT:** Bodhana Sivanandan (11-year-old Indian-origin) became Britain's top-rated female chess player with FIDE rating of 2366, ranked 72nd globally.

★ **KEY FACT:** Magnus Carlsen won Freestyle Chess World Cup; India's Gukesh D became World Chess Champion in December 2024.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: FIDE (Federation International des Echecs) HQ Lausanne, Switzerland; President is Arkady Dvorkovich; India produces most chess Grandmasters after Russia and USA; Viswanathan Anand was first Asian World Chess Champion.

### 134. NEW TV RATING POLICY 2026 — MIB NOTIFIED

★ **KEY FACT:** MIB notified New TV Rating Policy 2026; minimum net worth for TV rating agencies reduced from Rs.20 crore to Rs.5 crore; agencies must scale to 80,000 meter homes within 18 months aiming for 1.2-2 lakh homes.

★ **KEY FACT:** 50% of board of directors must be independent without ties to advertising agencies or broadcasters; Ashwini Vaishnaw is Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BARC (Broadcast Audience Research Council) is India's primary TV rating agency; MIB regulates TV, radio, film; India has 900+ TV channels; TRAI also advises on broadcasting regulation.

### 135. SVAMITVA YOJANA AND RURAL DIGITAL INTEGRATION

★ **KEY FACT:** Agriculture Ministry signed MoU with Department of Post for traceable agri-input sample logistics; Telangana launched Bhoo Bharati portal replacing Dharani for land records.

★ **KEY FACT:** Assam launched Atal Bhujal Agrani Asam Scheme for agricultural AI innovation; Delhi launched Air Pollution Mitigation Plan 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Svamitva (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) scheme launched April 24, 2020 for property rights mapping in rural areas; uses drone survey; Ministry of Panchayati Raj administers.

### 136. SAFF CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 — INDIA DOMINATES

★ **KEY FACT:** India defeated Bangladesh in Nepal to win SAFF U19 Women's Championship; earlier India won Indian U19 Men's Cricket World Cup defeating England.

★ **KEY FACT:** Lokesh Sathyanathan was the first Indian to cross 8 meters in indoor long jump (8.21 m) at Tucson Invitational 2026; event won by Cordell Tinch (USA) at 8.29 m.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) was established in 1997; India has won the SAFF Championship multiple times; Indian football team is ranked approximately 100th globally (FIFA ranking).

### 137. UIDAI AND MAPMYINDIA PARTNERSHIP

★ **KEY FACT:** UIDAI (effective April 1, 2026) partnered with MapmyIndia to display verified Aadhaar Seva Kendras on Mapppls Map app, making Aadhaar enrollment centers easier to find.

★ **KEY FACT:** SAMPANN (digital pension platform) extended to Goa State Government and Cochin Port Authority; PM-WANI has 4,09,403 PDOs active as of February 28, 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) HQ New Delhi; CEO is Bhuvnesh Kumar; Aadhaar launched 2009; India has 1.4 billion+ Aadhaar holders; UIDAI established under Aadhaar Act 2016.

### 138. INS DUNAGIRI AND PROJECT 17A FRIGATES

★ **KEY FACT:** GRSE delivered INS Dunagiri (5th Nilgiri-class stealth frigate, Project 17A) with advanced weaponry; Project 17A is the Nilgiri-class guided missile stealth frigate program of Indian Navy.

★ **KEY FACT:** INS Taragiri (4th Project 17A, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders) also commissioned; INS Malwan (2nd ASW SWC, Cochin Shipyard) delivered.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Project 17A frigates carry BrahMos missiles, Barak-8 SAM, USHUS sonar; Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders HQ Mumbai; India's first stealth frigate was INS Shivalik (Project 17); Project 17A includes 7 frigates total.

### 139. BRAHMOS EXPORTS AND DEFENSE MANUFACTURING

★ **KEY FACT:** India's defense exports hit record Rs.38,424 crore (62.66% growth) in FY2025-26; ASRAAM (25 km range) missiles procured to replace Russian R-73 on MiG-29 jets.

★ **KEY FACT:** BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited) signed Rs.1,950 crore contract for IAF mountain radar systems designed by DRDO.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile (joint venture of India and Russia); range ~450+ km (extended version); BrahMos Aerospace HQ New Delhi; DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V. Kamat; India aims to become top-5 defense exporter.

### 140. DWEEP SHAKTI — TRI-SERVICE EXERCISE IN ANDAMAN

★ **KEY FACT:** Tri-service exercise named 'Dweep Shakti' was conducted in the Andaman and Nicobar region; Indian Navy also hosted IMEX-TTX maritime exercise in Kochi, Kerala.

★ **KEY FACT:** Exercise Sea Dragon (anti-submarine warfare) hosted by US Navy in Guam alongside India, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Andaman and Nicobar Command is India's only tri-service command; HQ Port Blair; India has 7 Commands for Army, 7 for Navy, 7 for Air Force + strategic commands; India's first tri-service exercise was Exercise Tri-Shakti.

### 141. CHANDRAYAAN-4 LANDING SITE DESIGNATED

★ **KEY FACT:** ISRO designated Mons Mouton 4 (MM4) as official landing site for Chandrayaan-4; ISRO conducting MITRA in Leh, Ladakh (April 2-9) for Gaganyaan preparation.

★ **KEY FACT:** Aditya Panda became India's youngest male analog astronaut; ESA deployed IOD-1 and IOD-2 satellites from New Zealand for Celeste mission.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Chandrayaan-3 successfully landed at Shiv Shakti Point (south pole of Moon) August 23, 2023; Chandrayaan-4 will be a sample return mission; ISRO Chairman S. Somanath; ISRO founded August 15, 1969.

### 142. INDIA'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS — ASEAN AND SAARC

★ **KEY FACT:** India participated in 6th ASEAN-India Digital Ministers meeting; India hosted inaugural BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting 2026.

★ **KEY FACT:** Tom Suozzi designated as Vice Chair of Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans (founded 1993); India-Australia launched Agri Maitri Initiative.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) HQ Kathmandu, Nepal; India is largest country in SAARC; last SAARC Summit was 2014 in Kathmandu; SAARC has 8 members.

### 143. RBL BANK — EMIRATES NBD STAKE ACQUISITION

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI approved Emirates NBD (UAE) to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank for Rs.26,853 crore; 60% stake acquisition approved; valid one year from April 1, 2026; must maintain 51% minimum shareholding.

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI also canceled license of Shirpur Merchant Co-operative Bank; DICGC insures deposits up to Rs.5 lakh per depositor per bank.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBL Bank formerly known as Ratnakar Bank Limited; founded 1943; HQ Mumbai; listed on NSE and BSE; FDI in private banks allowed up to 74% via government route; Emirates NBD is Dubai-based bank group.

### 144. SURROGATE ADVERTISING AND BRAND AMBASSADORS

★ **KEY FACT:** Virat Kohli: United Spirits (Johnnie Walker Lux surrogate blended water campaign); AR Rahman: DAC Developers and Yamaha Music; MS Dhoni: Pune Grand Tour 2026; Sachin Tendulkar: UN Road Safety 'Make a safety statement'.

★ **KEY FACT:** Bhavita Mandwa became Chanel's first India House Ambassador.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Surrogate advertising is indirect promotion of banned products (alcohol/tobacco) through alternative products; ASCI (Advertising Standards Council of India) governs advertising in India; HQ Mumbai.

### 145. SAFF U19 WOMEN'S FOOTBALL — INDIA WINS

★ **KEY FACT:** India defeated Bangladesh in Nepal to win SAFF U19 Women's Championship; Indian women's football team strengthens regional dominance.

★ **KEY FACT:** Santosh Trophy (national football championship): Services beat Kerala; India hosted various cricket tournaments including WPL and IPL 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: All India Football Federation (AIFF) HQ New Delhi; President is Kalyan Chaubey; India's football team captain is Sunil Chhetri (retired 2024); Indian Super League (ISL) is top professional football league.

### 146. HYDERABAD AND BANKING SECTOR HEADQUARTERS

★ **KEY FACT:** IRDAI HQ Hyderabad (Chairman: Ajay Seth); NMDC HQ Hyderabad (CMD: Amitava Mukherjee); Pharmexcil HQ Hyderabad; National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has a key regional office in Hyderabad.

★ **KEY FACT:** Allianz Jio Reinsurance commenced operations in Mumbai (50-50 JV of Germany's Allianz Group and Jio Financial Services).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NABARD HQ Mumbai; established July 12, 1982; Chairman is K.V. Shaji; NABARD acts as apex institution for agricultural and rural credit; Hyderabad is capital of both Telangana and AP (shared until 2024 AP capital shifted to Amaravati).

### 147. BTSC — SOUTH ASIAN ATHLETICS

★ **KEY FACT:** Lokesh Sathyanathan became first Indian to cross 8 meters in indoor long jump (8.21 m) at Tucson Invitational 2026, placing 8th; event won by Cordell Tinch (8.29 m).

★ **KEY FACT:** India leads doping suspensions globally with 148 suspended athletes (Athletics Integrity Unit data); Dutee Chand banned for 4 years.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: World Athletics (formerly IAAF) HQ Monaco; established 1912; World Athletics Championships 2025 were held in Tokyo; India's Neeraj Chopra is world javelin champion (2022, 2023); Neeraj won 2020 Tokyo Olympic Gold.

### 148. KHELO INDIA TRIBAL GAMES — INAUGURAL EDITION

★ **KEY FACT:** Inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games held March 25 - April 3 in Chhattisgarh (Raipur, Jagdalpur, Surguja); 7 events; winners receive Rs.5 lakh annual scholarship for 8 years; mascot 'Morir'.

★ **KEY FACT:** Mary Kom (6-time world boxing champion, Manipur) attended as special guest; West Bengal beat Chhattisgarh in men's football final.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Khelo India Programme launched 2017-18 under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; India has 705 scheduled tribes; ST population is ~8.6% of India's total; Chhattisgarh has largest tribal population percentage (~30.6%).

### 149. INDIA-AUSTRALIA AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION (AGRI MAITRI)

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India and Australia launched Agri Maitri Initiative for agricultural cooperation covering food processing, research, and supply chain.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India named 'Country of the Year' at BioAct 2026 in Germany; Dr. Srinivasa Rao (IARI Director) won MS Swaminathan Award 2024-25.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Australia PM is Anthony Albanese; capital Canberra; currency Australian Dollar; QUAD members are USA, Japan, Australia, India; India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) under negotiation.

### 150. SOLID WASTE RULES 2026 — WASTE SEGREGATION MANDATED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 replace 2016 rules; legally mandate 4-stream waste segregation: Wet (Green), Dry (Blue), Sanitary (Red), Special care (Black) bins directly at source.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Delhi Air Pollution Mitigation Plan 2026 with 'No PUC, No Fuel' rule; targets 13,760 electric buses and 32,000 charging stations by 2028-29.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India generates ~62 million tonnes solid waste annually; Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) launched October 2, 2014; SBM 2.0 extended to 2025-26; MoEFCC governs environmental rules; India has 48 eco-sensitive zones.

### 151. RBI MONETARY POLICY — APRIL 2026 MPC MEETING

- ★ **KEY FACT:** MPC met April 6-8, 2026; RBI data showed total bank deposits grew 10% to Rs.250.1 lakh crore; total bank credit Rs.227.7 lakh crore; CASA ratio fell to 37.9% (2-year low).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** RBI introduced Benchmark Issuance Strategy for state borrowings; states to borrow Rs.2,54,509 crore in Q1 FY27; RBI operates with 4 Deputy Governors.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: RBI MPC members (RBI side): Governor, Deputy Governor (Monetary Policy), Executive Director; MPC established under RBI Act; meets 4 times per year; repo rate is key policy rate.

### 152. INDIA'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK — RATING AGENCY REVIEWS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Nomura downgraded Indian equities from 'overweight' to 'neutral'; Moody's downgraded India's GDP growth for FY27 from 6.8% to 6.0%.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** ASSOCHAM forecast 7.6% for FY26 and 7.0% for FY27; OECD lowered FY27 forecast to 6.1%; Fitch 6.7%; World Bank 6.5%; CRISIL 7.1%.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: S&P Global, Moody's, and Fitch are the 'Big Three' credit rating agencies; India's domestic rating agencies: CRISIL, CARE Ratings, ICRA, India Ratings; India's GDP at current prices is ~\$4 trillion (5th globally).

### 153. IRCTC AND INDIAN RAILWAYS — HYDROGEN TRAIN

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India tested first hydrogen-powered train on Jind-Sonipat route (20 km), Haryana; developed by ICF Chennai; tested by RDSO Lucknow; reached 70 km/hr.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Indian Army finalized first GeM capital procurement (Rs.25.90 crore, 93 telescopic handlers, JCB India); government approved Rs.132.51 crore for Road Over Bridge at Deendayal Port.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: ICF (Integral Coach Factory) established 1955; produces Vande Bharat Express; Indian Railways is world's 4th largest rail network; Railway Board Chairman and CEO is Satish Kumar; India has 68,000+ km railway network.

### 154. INDIA'S UPI AND DIGITAL PAYMENTS GROWTH

- ★ **KEY FACT:** UPI March 2026: 22.64 billion transactions worth Rs.29.52 lakh crore; daily average 730 million transactions worth Rs.95,243 crore — all-time high.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Razorpay partnered with OpenAI for AI payment integrations; Bharti Airtel crossed 650 million global customers.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) HQ Mumbai; MD & CEO Dilip Asbe; BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) launched 2016; RuPay is India's domestic card network; PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm are top UPI apps.

### 155. POWER GRID CMD — BURA VAMSI RAMA MOHAN

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Bura Vamsi Rama Mohan appointed CMD of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (April 1, 2026 to July 31, 2030), replacing Ravindra Kumar Tyagi; Power Grid founded 1989, HQ Gurugram, Haryana.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Krishna Kumar Singh took additional charge as CMD of SAIL for 3 months following Amarendu Prakash's resignation.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited) HQ New Delhi; founded January 24, 1973; India is world's 2nd largest steel producer; China is 1st; Power Grid Corporation is a Maharatna CPSE.

### 156. ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL DHIRAJ SETH — VICE COAS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Lt. Gen. Dhiraj Seth appointed as 49th Vice Chief of Army Staff, replacing Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Pal Singh (who transitioned to GOC-in-C Western Command at Chandimandir).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's defense exports hit Rs.38,424 crore (62.66% growth) in FY2025-26; BEL contract of Rs.1,950 crore for IAF mountain radar systems.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's Army has 7 Commands: Northern (Udhampur), Eastern (Kolkata), Southern (Pune), Western (Chandimandir), Central (Lucknow), South Western (Jaipur), Training (Shimla); Gen. Upendra Dwivedi is COAS.

### 157. GOVT EXTENDS PM-KUSUM FOR SOLAR PROJECTS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** MNRE extended PM-KUSUM timeline to March 31, 2027 (for projects with PPAs/LOIs signed before December 31, 2025); PM-KUSUM launched 2019 aims to add 34,800 MW solar capacity.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's renewable energy capacity reached 250.5 GW per IRENA; India ranked 3rd globally (behind China and USA).
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) covers 3 components: solar pumps, grid-connected solar plants, solarization of existing pumps; Agriculture uses 18% of India's electricity.

### 158. INDIA'S IRON ORE AND MINING ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** NMDC (India's largest iron ore producer) crossed 50 million tonne production milestone in FY26 at 53.15 MT — first mining company globally; opened office in Dubai in 2025.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** BGCCL and Mahanadi Coalfields signed lease for India's first coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Lakhanpur, Odisha.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NMDC established 1958; HQ Hyderabad; CMD Amitava Mukherjee; India has 8% of world's iron ore reserves; Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and Karnataka are top iron ore-producing states; Bailadila mines (Chhattisgarh) are NMDC's main mines.

### 159. INDIA'S HUMAN SPACE PROGRAMME — GAGANYAAN 2027

- ★ **KEY FACT:** ISRO conducting MITRA in Leh, Ladakh (April 2-9) as Gaganyaan preparation; Aditya Panda became India's youngest male analog astronaut; ISRO designated MM4 as Chandrayaan-4 landing site.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** NASA's Artemis II (lunar flyby with 4 astronauts, 1 Canadian) launched April 1, 2026 from Kennedy Space Center.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Gaganyaan is India's first human spaceflight mission; 4 astronauts selected for Gaganyaan; NSIL (NewSpace India Limited) is ISRO's commercial arm; India's space budget is ~Rs.13,000 crore; ISRO was established August 15, 1969.

### 160. RASHTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA AND PM RAHAT SCHEME

- ★ **KEY FACT:** PM Rahat scheme launched (Gujarat), offering cashless medical treatment up to Rs.1.5 lakh for 7 days through 112 helpline; PM Modi launched during Gujarat visit.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Cipla established India's First Lung Diagnostic Wellness Center in New Delhi; Biotech-KISAN reached over 1 lakh farmers.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) provides Rs.5 lakh health coverage per family; launched September 2018; India's National Health Mission under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

### 161. WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY — APRIL 2

- ★ **KEY FACT:** April 2: World Autism Awareness Day (theme: 'Autism and Humanity: Every Life Has Value'); April 2: World Children's Book Day (Hans Christian Andersen birth anniversary).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** April 2: International Fact-Checking Day (theme: 'Safeguarding Information Integrity in the Face of Evolving AI and Information Manipulation').
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: World Autism Awareness Day established by UN General Assembly in 2007; first observed April 2, 2008; Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was Danish author known for The Little Mermaid and The Ugly Duckling.

### 162. PORTS AND SEZ — KEY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** APSEZ established India's first 'Port of Refuge': Dighi Port (West Coast) and Gopalpur Port (East Coast, Odisha); CBIC announced one-time SEZ relief for DTA sales (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's major ports handled 915.17 MT in FY26 (target: 904 MT); Deendayal Port ranked 1st (160.11 MT).
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SEZ (Special Economic Zone) Act 2005; India's first SEZ was Kandla (1965); SEZs provide tax benefits and infrastructure; Sagarmala Programme 2015 aims to reduce logistics cost by 10%.

### 163. SAIL AND STEEL SECTOR — KEY DATA

★ **KEY FACT:** Krishna Kumar Singh took additional charge as CMD of SAIL (3 months) following Amarendu Prakash's resignation; India is world's 2nd largest steel producer after China.

★ **KEY FACT:** India's defense exports hit Rs.38,424 crore in FY2025-26; GRSE delivered 14 vessels in 600 days (one every 40-43 days).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited) has 5 integrated steel plants: Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Durgapur (West Bengal), Rourkela (Odisha), Bokaro (Jharkhand), IISCO Burnpur (West Bengal); HQ New Delhi.

### 164. INS ARIDHAMAN — INDIA'S 3RD SSBN DETAILS

★ **KEY FACT:** INS Aridhaman: India's 3rd SSBN (nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine), 7,000 tonnes displacement, 130m long, top speed 24 knots; built by DRDO with 70% indigenous content; carries K-4 missiles (3,500 km range) and K-15 missiles; 8 vertical launch tubes.

★ **KEY FACT:** Commissioned in Visakhapatnam by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh; follows INS Arihant (1st) and INS Arighat (2nd).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: K-15 (Sagarika) missile has range of ~750 km; K-4 has range of 3,500 km; DRDO developed both under ATV (Advanced Technology Vessel) project; SSBN ensures India's nuclear triad (land+air+sea).

### 165. COAL INDIA AND ENERGY STATISTICS 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** NSO released 33rd edition of Energy Statistics of India 2026, reporting total renewable capacity of 47,43,000 MW; BGCL and MCL established coal-to-ammonium nitrate project in Odisha.

★ **KEY FACT:** National PNG Drive 2.0 extended to June 30, 2026; gasified over 3.1 lakh connections (domestic, commercial, hostels) by March 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's coal production in FY26 crossed 1 billion tonnes target; CIL (Coal India Ltd) produces ~80% of India's coal; India's electricity generation is 75% thermal, 12% hydro, 3% nuclear, 10% renewable (approx.).

### 166. INDIA'S CASA RATIO DROPS TO 2-YEAR LOW

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI reported CASA (Current Account Savings Account) deposit ratio dropped to 37.9% in December 2026 — a 2-year low compared to 40.1% in December 2022; total bank deposits grew 10% to Rs.250.1 lakh crore.

★ **KEY FACT:** Total bank credit reached Rs.227.7 lakh crore; RBI unveiled Rs.2.54 lakh crore state borrowing plan for Q1 FY27.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: CASA ratio indicates bank stability — higher CASA means lower cost of funds; India's largest bank by assets is SBI; HDFC Bank is largest private bank; RBI regulates all scheduled commercial banks in India.

### 167. UTTARAKHAND POLICE AND PRESIDENT'S COLOR

★ **KEY FACT:** Uttarakhand and Odisha Police awarded President's Police Color ('Nishan') — highest honor for police forces.

★ **KEY FACT:** Delhi launched 'Operation Shastra' against online threats; Mumbai's coastal road became India's first musical path playing 'Jai Ho'; NCW partnered with Truecaller for 'True Cyber Sakhi'.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: President's Police Color awarded to police forces showing excellence in service; first awarded to Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in 1975; Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhumi; Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi.

### 168. IBC AND IBBI — KEY INSOLVENCY STATISTICS

★ **KEY FACT:** IBC Amendment Bill 2025 passed in Lok Sabha; IBC enacted in 2016 and regulated by IBBI (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India).

★ **KEY FACT:** IBC provides resolution within 330 days including litigation; 90-day pre-pack process for MSMEs; NCLT is the adjudicating authority.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IBBI HQ New Delhi; Chairperson Ravi Mital; IBC has resolved over 3,000 cases since inception; recoveries under IBC better than previous SARFAESI and DRT mechanisms; haircut for financial creditors averages ~50-60%.

### 169. MIZORAM AND MEGHALAYA — JAL JEEVAN MISSION

★ **KEY FACT:** Meghalaya became 12th state to sign reform-linked MoU for rural water supply under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0; Ministry of Panchayati Raj released Rs.1,500 crore to 6 states including Mizoram and Meghalaya.

★ **KEY FACT:** Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 has Rs.1.5 lakh crore outlay; Rs.67,300 crore allocated in FY26 budget.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: JJM launched August 15, 2019; target was 100% tap water connectivity to rural households by 2024; Mizoram CM is Lalduhoma (ZPM); capital Aizawl; Meghalaya CM is Conrad Sangma (NPP).

### 170. CBIC CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION ON PETROCHEMICALS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Central Government fully exempted 40 critical petrochemical products from customs duty until June 30, 2026; CBIC also announced one-time relief for SEZ units to sell in DTA (April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** GST collection for FY26 was Rs.22 lakh crore (8.3% growth); March 2026 GST crossed Rs.2 lakh crore for first time in 6 months.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) HQ New Delhi; governs GST, customs, and central excise; India's customs law is governed by Customs Act 1962; WTO Agreement on Customs Valuation guides valuation.

### 171. SBI MARKET CAP MILESTONE

- ★ **KEY FACT:** State Bank of India (SBI) crossed the Rs.10 lakh crore market capitalization milestone; HDFC Bank is India's largest private bank by market cap.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Bank of Baroda crossed Rs.30 lakh crore global business (deposits + advances); Alwar, Rajasthan became India's first district with 100% insurance coverage.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SBI is India's largest commercial bank; HQ Mumbai; Chairman is Challa Sreenivasulu Setty; SBI was established from Imperial Bank of India in 1955; SBI has 22,000+ branches; SBI is a Maharatna CPSE.

### 172. GOA'S FIRST BIRD ATLAS PUBLISHED

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Goa became the second state in India to publish a comprehensive bird atlas; WWF India developed Goa's first biodiversity and cultural feature map for school students; Kerala launched 'Neosight ID' for invasive plant detection.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** MoEFCC designated Bhawasagra (CMFRI, Kochi) as National Repository for deep-sea fauna; CMS COP15 in Brazil added 40 species to protected list.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's first state bird atlas was published by Kerala; India has ~1,300 bird species; Salim Ali was India's 'Birdman'; Great Indian Bustard (critically endangered) is India's state bird of Rajasthan.

### 173. KARNATAKA — MILK RIVER FARM AND IT ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Karnataka named stands at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium after Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble; Karnataka won inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games (38 medals, 23 gold).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems launched private helicopter assembly line in Bengaluru; IIM Ahmedabad (linked to Gujarat) launched Krishnamurthy Tandon School of AI.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru is home of KSCA (Karnataka State Cricket Association); Rahul Dravid is former India Cricket captain; Anil Kumble took 619 Test wickets; Karnataka CM is Siddaramaiah.

### 174. PONDURU KHADI GI TAG — ANDHRA PRADESH

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Ponduru Khadi from Andhra Pradesh received Geographical Indication (GI) tag; AP also passed Reorganisation Amendment Bill declaring Amaravati as sole capital.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** AP CM Chandrababu Naidu announced 30-acre women industrial park and Rs.150 crore free electricity scheme for weavers; cabinet approved Dagadarthi Greenfield Airport in Nellore.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: GI (Geographical Indication) tag under GI Act 1999; India has 400+ GIs; Darjeeling Tea was India's first GI (2004); Ponduru Khadi is handwoven cotton cloth from Ponduru village, Srikakulam district, AP.

### 175. SVAMITVA AND RURAL ECONOMY — DBT AND PMJDY

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Punjab's Mukhyamantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana distributes Rs.1,000 via DBT; PMJDY accounts are zero-balance accounts serving financial inclusion.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** SAMPANN (pension platform) extended to Goa State and Cochin Port Authority; PM-WANI has 4.09 lakh PDOs active.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) covers 400+ schemes; PMJDY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana) launched August 28, 2014; 50+ crore accounts opened; provides Rs.10,000 overdraft; RuPay debit card; life cover Rs.30,000.

### 176. RAJASTHAN — ALWAR FIRST 100% INSURED DISTRICT

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Alwar, Rajasthan became India's first district to achieve 100% insurance coverage; Rajasthan Foundation Day was observed on March 30; Pokhran, Rajasthan is site for missile testing (Sterla-10 VSHORAD tested).
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Project Chetak (BRO) celebrated 47th Raising Day in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Rajasthan is India's largest state by area; CM is Bhajanlal Sharma (BJP); Governor is Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde; IRDAI promotes insurance penetration; India's insurance penetration is ~4% of GDP (target 7% by 2030).

### 177. COAL INDIA AND NMDC — IRON AND COAL DOMINANCE

- ★ **KEY FACT:** NMDC crossed 50 MT annual production (first mining company); targets 100+ MT by 2030; BGCCL + MCL to establish India's first coal-to-ammonium nitrate plant in Odisha.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** NSO Energy Statistics India 2026 reported 47,43,000 MW total renewable capacity; India ranked 3rd globally in renewable energy per IRENA.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Coal India Limited is world's largest coal producer; India's coal reserves estimated at 361 billion tonnes; Odisha has largest coal reserves among states; India's carbon neutrality target is 2070.

### 178. SEMICONDUCTOR MISSION — KAYNES SEMICON AND NSIL-DHRUVA SPACE

- ★ **KEY FACT:** PM Modi inaugurated Kaynes Semicon OSAT facility in Sanand, Gujarat (Rs.3,300 crore); India Semiconductor Mission under MeitY with Rs.76,000 crore outlay.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** NSIL (ISRO's commercial arm) signed MoU with Dhruva Space to design and supply space-grade solar panels; ESA deployed IOD-1 and IOD-2 satellites from New Zealand.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India approved semiconductor fabs from Tata Electronics (Dholera), CG Power (Sanand), and Micron Technology (Sanand); India aims to become major semiconductor manufacturer; OSAT is Outsource Semiconductor Assembly and Test.

### 179. INDIA AND MONGOLIA — PM APPOINTMENT

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Uchral Nyam-Osor (former hip-hop artist) appointed PM of Mongolia replacing Zandanshatar Gombojav; Mongolia capital Ulaanbaatar; currency Tugrik; President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Paschal Donohoe appointed World Bank Managing Director and Chief Knowledge Officer; Thailand to host World Bank-IMF annual meeting in Bangkok (October 2026) — first time in 35 years.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Mongolia is a landlocked country between Russia and China; area 1.56 million sq km; population ~3.4 million; richest in copper, coal, gold; Genghis Khan was Mongolian ruler who founded Mongol Empire.

### 180. INDIA'S BRICS CHAIRSHIP 2026

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India is BRICS Chair in 2026; hosted inaugural BRICS Youth Coordination Meeting in New Delhi under theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability'; administered by Department of Youth Affairs.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) was established at 6th BRICS Summit (Fortaleza, 2014); NDB HQ Shanghai, China.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: BRICS original members: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa; expanded 2024 to include Egypt, UAE, Iran, Ethiopia; NDB provides development finance; India's PM Modi attended BRICS summit in South Africa 2023.

### 181. INDIA'S EXTERNAL SECTOR — IRAN OIL PURCHASE RESUMES

- ★ **KEY FACT:** India resumed crude oil purchases from Iran after 7 years; also purchased 44,000 MT LPG from Iran at Mangalore port.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** India's pharma exports crossed \$28 billion (April 2025 - February 2026); India-UK social security agreement signed.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's current account deficit target ~2% of GDP; India's forex reserves are ~\$620 billion; Iran's Chabahar Port development also important for India's connectivity to Central Asia; India imports ~85% of crude oil.

### 182. IRDAI AND NEW ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS FOR INSURERS

- ★ **KEY FACT:** IRDAI approved Actuarial, Finance and Investment Function Regulation 2026 (effective April 1); mandated financial statements per Indian accounting standards.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** Allianz Jio Reinsurance Limited (50-50 JV of Germany's Allianz Group and Jio Financial Services) commenced operations in Mumbai; minimum paid-up capital for reinsurance: Rs.200 crore.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IRDAI established April 19, 2000 under IRDA Act 1999; HQ Hyderabad; Chairman Ajay Seth; LIC is the largest insurer in India; IRDAI recently allowed 100% FDI in insurance under specific conditions.

### 183. INDIA'S FISCAL DEFICIT AND GOVERNMENT BORROWING

- ★ **KEY FACT:** Government targets borrowing Rs.8.2 lakh crore in H1 FY27 due to global uncertainties; will raise Rs.1,000 crore via Sovereign Green Bonds; states to raise Rs.2,54,059 crore in Q1 FY27.
- ★ **KEY FACT:** GST collection for FY26 was Rs.22 lakh crore (8.3% growth); India's budget for FY27 set fiscal deficit target at 4.4% of GDP.
- ★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's fiscal deficit target for FY27 is 4.4% of GDP (Union Budget 2025-26); FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act 2003 mandates deficit limits; India's public debt is ~80% of GDP.

### 184. CENSUS 2027 — PHASE 1 LAUNCHED APRIL 1

★ **KEY FACT:** Census 2027 Phase 1 (house-listing) launched April 1, 2026; Phase 2 (population enumeration) starts February 2027; first digital census using smartphones; first caste enumeration since 1931.

★ **KEY FACT:** Budget Rs.1,178.24 crore; covers 36 states/UTs, 792 sub-districts, 6,392 villages; 33-question survey; self-enumeration portal in 16 languages.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Registrar General of India (RGI) conducts census under MHA; India's first census was 1872; 2011 Census population was 121 crore; India's estimated population in 2024 is ~1.44 billion (surpassed China).

### 185. NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATE AND KVP DETAILS

★ **KEY FACT:** NSC (National Savings Certificate): 7.7% interest rate, 5-year lock-in period; KVP (Kisan Vikas Patra): 7.5% interest, matures in 115 months (9 years 7 months); SSY (Sukanya Samridhi Yojana): 8.2%, matures in 21 years.

★ **KEY FACT:** SCSS (Senior Citizen Savings Scheme): 8.2%, 5-year term extendable by 3 years; PPF: 7.1%, 15-year minimum; all rates unchanged for 8th consecutive quarter.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Small Savings Schemes are managed by National Savings Institute (NSI) under Ministry of Finance; Post Office is the primary distribution channel; interest rates are revised quarterly; GOI fully guarantees these schemes.

### 186. AGNI-5 TO VAYU BAAN — INDIA'S MISSILE ARSENAL

★ **KEY FACT:** Agni-3 successfully test-fired in Chandipur, Odisha; IAF conceptualized India's first helicopter-launched drone system 'Vayu Baan' (50+ km standoff strike range, Kamikaze/ISR capabilities).

★ **KEY FACT:** DRDO tested Gaganyaan drogue parachute in Chandigarh; Army's Konark Corps tested Sterla-10 VSHORAD in Pokhran, Rajasthan.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Chandipur is India's Integrated Test Range in Odisha; Agni series: Agni-1 (700 km), Agni-2 (2,000 km), Agni-3 (3,000-5,000 km), Agni-5 (5,000+ km, MIRV capable); DRDO established 1958.

### 187. INDIA'S NBFC AND FINTECH SECTOR

★ **KEY FACT:** Razorpay partnered with OpenAI for AI integrations in payment solutions; Pine Labs (NBFC) penalized Rs.3.1 lakh by RBI for KYC non-compliance.

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI mandated Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) for all digital payments from April 1, 2026; RBI approved Emirates NBD to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) are regulated by RBI; NBFC-P2P (Peer to Peer lending) is a category; Razorpay is a Bengaluru-based fintech unicorn; Pine Labs HQ Noida; India has 10,000+ registered NBFCs.

### 188. INDIA'S AIR DEFENSE AND PROCUREMENT

★ **KEY FACT:** MoD signed Rs.445 crore contract with Rosoboronexport for Tunguska air defense missile system; government launched procurement of ASRAAM (25 km range) to replace Russian R-73 missiles on MiG-29.

★ **KEY FACT:** BEL contract (Rs.1,950 crore) for IAF mountain radar systems designed by DRDO; PLR Systems delivered NEGEV LMGs 'Prahaar' to Indian Army.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Rosoboronexport is Russia's state arms exporter; Tunguska is a Russian air defense system; MiG-29 is a 4th generation jet fighter; India is world's largest arms importer (as per SIPRI, but position improving); Rafale jets are from France.

### 189. UTTARAKHAND AND DEHRADUN — SMART CITY INITIATIVES

★ **KEY FACT:** Dehradun, Uttarakhand introduced 'Grace Smart Toilet' as an urban sanitation initiative; Uttarakhand and Odisha Police awarded President's Police Color.

★ **KEY FACT:** Punjab launched Mukhyamantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana; UP launched Safe Mobility Program providing 1,000 e-rickshaws to women in SHGs.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Smart Cities Mission launched June 25, 2015; covers 100 smart cities initially; Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami; Dehradun is capital of Uttarakhand; Rishikesh and Haridwar are major cities.

### 190. INDIA'S KEY CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS CITED IN 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana launch cited Article 21A (Right to Education) and Article 45 (Early Childhood Care); Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Amendment Bill passed under Article 3 of the Constitution.

★ **KEY FACT:** Jan Vishwas Bill decriminalized 717 minor offenses across 79 central acts; NCERT granted Deemed University status under UGC Act.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Article 21A (86th Amendment, 2002) provides Right to Education 6-14 years; Article 45 after 86th Amendment covers care for children under 6; Article 3 empowers Parliament to form new states; 73rd Amendment gave Panchayati Raj constitutional status.

### 191. NATIONAL PANCHAYAT AWARDS AND APRIL 24 — PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY

★ **KEY FACT:** Tripura dominated National Panchayat Awards 2025: Sepahijala (Best District), Kanchanbari (Healthy Panchayat), Baikunthpur (Women-Friendly); Ministry of Panchayati Raj released Rs.1,500 crore to 6 states.

★ **KEY FACT:** Panchayati Raj Day celebrated April 24; Panchayati Raj institutions fall under 11th Schedule of Constitution (29 subjects).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: 73rd Constitutional Amendment (1992) gave Panchayati Raj constitutional status; Article 243A-243O covers Panchayats; Balwant Rai Mehta Committee (1957) recommended 3-tier Panchayati Raj; Ashok Mehta Committee (1977) suggested 2-tier.

### 192. INDIA'S FINTECH AND PAYMENTS INFRASTRUCTURE

★ **KEY FACT:** UPI achieved 22.64 billion transactions (March 2026) — all-time high; NPCI total; Razorpay-OpenAI partnership for AI payments; UIDAI-MapmyIndia for Aadhaar centers.

★ **KEY FACT:** DoT extended OTT SIM binding to December 31, 2026; RBI mandated 2FA for all digital payments from April 1, 2026.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) operates UPI, NACH, IMPS, RuPay, FASTag; HQ Mumbai; IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) is available 24/7; NEFT available 24/7 since December 2019.

### 193. ISRO — CHANDRAYAAN, GAGANYAAN, AND COMMERCIAL SPACE

★ **KEY FACT:** ISRO designated MM4 as Chandrayaan-4 landing site; MITRA conducted in Leh for Gaganyaan preparation; NSIL (ISRO commercial arm) signed MoU with Dhruva Space for solar panels.

★ **KEY FACT:** Aditya Panda became India's youngest analog astronaut; ESA deployed IOD-1 and IOD-2 satellites from New Zealand for Celeste mission.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Chandrayaan-1 (2008, first Indian lunar mission), Chandrayaan-2 (2019), Chandrayaan-3 (2023, soft landing); Gaganyaan targeted 2027; PSLV, GSLV, LVM3 are ISRO's launch vehicles; SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle) also in fleet.

### 194. IIT AND ACADEMIC MILESTONES IN APRIL 2026

★ **KEY FACT:** IIT Madras Research Park launched Rs.600 crore Unicorn Frontier Fund for deep-tech startups; IIM Ahmedabad launched 'Krishnamurthy Tandon School of Artificial Intelligence'.

★ **KEY FACT:** NCERT granted 'Deemed-to-be-University' status by Ministry of Education on UGC recommendation; Microsoft launched 'AI for Everyone' skills center at Chandigarh University, Mohali.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: IIT Madras founded 1959 (German collaboration); IIM Ahmedabad founded 1961 (Harvard collaboration); India has 23 IITs and 20 IIMs; NIRF Rankings assess Indian institutions annually; India has 1,000+ universities.

### 195. RBI'S LIBERALISED REMITTANCE SCHEME (LRS) AND FOREX RULES

★ **KEY FACT:** RBI now permits resident Indians to exchange domestic currency at duty-free areas and departure halls of international airports; LRS allows freely buying/remitting up to \$250,000 per financial year.

★ **KEY FACT:** Physical cash carry limit under normal rules: \$3,000; RBI approved Emirates NBD to acquire 74% in RBL Bank; WMA limit set at Rs.2.5 lakh crore for H1 FY2026-27.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: LRS (Liberalised Remittance Scheme) introduced February 2004; allows resident individuals to remit up to \$250,000/year; Tax Collection at Source (TCS) of 20% applies to LRS remittances above Rs.7 lakh; FEMA governs forex transactions.

### 196. NATIONAL BIOBANK FOR LYSOSOMAL STORAGE DISORDERS

★ **KEY FACT:** National Biobank for Lysosomal Storage Disorders formally launched in Ahmedabad; Cipla established India's First Lung Diagnostic Wellness Center in New Delhi.

★ **KEY FACT:** BIRAC incubation center launched at CFTRI, Mysuru; Biotech-KISAN reached over 1 lakh farmers across 25 states/UTs via 50 hubs.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: Lysosomal Storage Disorders are a group of ~70 rare metabolic diseases; BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council) is a GoI enterprise under DBT (Department of Biotechnology); CFTRI is a CSIR lab.

### 197. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT — APRIL 6

★ **KEY FACT:** April 6: International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (first declared by UNGA in 2013, started 2014); 2026 theme: 'Sports Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers'.

★ **KEY FACT:** April 5: International Day of Conscience (theme: 'Acting with ethics, empathy, and integrity'); April 3: 262nd Raising Day of Army Medical Corps (established 1764).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India's National Sports Day is August 29 (Major Dhyan Chand's birthday); India's national game is hockey; Sports Authority of India (SAI) HQ New Delhi; Khelo India under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

**198. INDIA-UK TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS 2026**

★ **KEY FACT:** India-UK signed social security agreement for temporary employees; Tom Suozzi designated as Vice Chair of Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans (founded 1993).

★ **KEY FACT:** India participated in G7 Critical Minerals meeting (Washington DC); Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw represented India.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: India-UK FTA (Free Trade Agreement) negotiations ongoing since January 2022; India's IT sector is the largest export to UK; UK's Indian-origin PM was Rishi Sunak (2022-2024); current UK PM Keir Starmer (Labour).

**199. INDIA'S LIC — PREMIUM AND ASSETS**

★ **KEY FACT:** LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) designated as Domestic Systemically Important Insurer (D-SII) for FY26; LIC HQ Mumbai; CEO & MD is R. Doraiswami.

★ **KEY FACT:** Allianz Jio Reinsurance commenced operations in Mumbai; minimum paid-up capital for reinsurance company in India is Rs.200 crore.

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: LIC established September 1, 1956; listed on stock exchanges in May 2022 (largest IPO in India till date at Rs.21,000 crore); LIC manages assets of Rs.45+ lakh crore; Life Insurance market share: LIC ~60%, private players ~40%.

**200. SUKANYA SAMRIDDI AND WOMEN WELFARE SCHEMES**

★ **KEY FACT:** Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY): 8.2% interest rate, matures in 21 years, 15-year contribution period, partial withdrawal allowed after age 18; maximum deposit Rs.1.5 lakh/year.

★ **KEY FACT:** Punjab launched Mukhyamantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana (Rs.9,300 crore) — Rs.1,000 to women and Rs.1,500 to SC women via DBT; Delhi launched Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana (matures to Rs.1.2 lakh for girls in government schools).

★ **STATIC GK:** Static GK: SSY launched January 22, 2015 under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme; minimum deposit Rs.250/year; account opened for girl children below 10 years; Lakhpati Didi scheme targets 6 crore women by 2029 under SHG programme.