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PM Modi Launches Kaynes Semiconductor Plant in Gujarat – A Big Boost for India’s Chip Industry

Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Kaynes Semicon Plant in Sanand, Gujarat on the March 31, 2026. This inauguration signals the India’s growing strength in the semiconductor manufacturing and with ambition to become the global tech leader. This facility has begin now the production of the advanced components which are crucial for the industries like electric vehicles and electronics.

Kaynes Semicon Inauguration

After the inauguration of the Kaynes Technology semiconductor plant it will start the domestic chip production by the company. It is located in Sanand in Gujarat and this facility is the part of the India’s broader plan to build the strong semiconductor ecosystem.

The Prime Minister also highlighted that this is not the isolated development but it is part of a rapidly growing the semiconductor ecosystem and also various projects are underway across the country.

This plant will also positions the India as the reliable partner in the global semiconductor supply chain and to reducing dependence on imports.

Boost to ‘Make in India’ and Global Supply Chains

The Kaynes facility is made under the vision of ‘Make in India, Make for the World’. The significant portion of the production is already linked to the global markets and also it includes partnerships with companies of the United States.

Key highlights include the,

- The supply of Intelligent Power Modules (IPMs) to the global firms
- Also the strong export potential which connecting India to Silicon Valley supply chains
- Also litegration into the global semiconductor ecosystem

Powering EVs and Future Technologies

The semiconductor components which are produced at the plant and specially the Intelligent Power Modules are vital for the emerging technologies.

These modules will support the,

- Electric vehicles (EVs) and its sustainable mobility
- Industrial automation and heavy machinery
- Also an advanced electronics and energy efficient systems

India Semiconductor Mission

The Prime Minister also emphasized the importance of the India Semiconductor Mission which was launched in 2021.

This mission aims to,

- Develop the complete semiconductor ecosystem

- To promote domestic manufacturing and design capabilities
 - Also to reduce dependence on global chip imports
- Currently In India the projects of worth over ₹1.6 lakh crore are underway across the multiple states and it shows the country’s commitment to the future ecosystem.

Semiconductor Mission 2.0 and Workforce Development

Also, India is now moving towards the next phase with the Semiconductor Mission 2.0. This will be focusing on to the building a full supply chain while including materials and equipment.

The government is also investing into the talent development,

- To target to train 85,000 semiconductor professionals
- Also to support for startups through the Chips to Startup program
- Also the participation of 400+ universities and innovators

India Census 2027 Digital: Phase 1 Starting April 1, 2026 Details

India will set to begin the Census 2027 from the next year in 2027. It is the 16th Census in the history and 8th after the Independence. As the Phase 1 will be starting from the April 1, 2026. It was announced by the Mritunjay Kumar Narayan and this will be the first-ever fully digital census to be conducted in the country. While using mobile apps and online self-enumeration portal also available in the multiple languages and this exercise marks the major shift into the data collection along with aim to for greater accuracy, transparency and efficiency.

Census 2027 Phase 1: Key Highlights and Timeline

The first phase of the Census 2027 which is known as the House Listing and Housing Census (HLO). it will be conducted from the April to September 2026 across the all states and Union Territories in India

This phase will be focused on the collecting data related to the,

- The housing conditions and the structure
- Also the household amenities like water, electricity, sanitation
- The ownership of the assets and living standards of individual

The main feature is the introduction of the Self-Enumeration (SE) which will allow the citizens to fill the correct data online before the enumerators can visit their households.

This timeline also follows the structured approach which is the,

- 15 days of the self enumeration
 - Also it will followed by 30 days of door-to-door enumeration
- With this hybrid model it ensure the both convenience and verification of data



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State-Wise Schedule: How the Census Will Roll Out Across India

The schedule of Census Phase 1 has been the carefully planned in the correct manner to ensuring the smooth execution in across the country.

All states are part of the phase 1 census process and which starting from the April 1st to September 30th. States will complete the 1st phase exercise in this given window.

This couple of months longs schedule will ensures the better resource management and the efficient data collection across nation.

Phase 2: Population Enumeration in 2027

On the other side the second phase of Census 2027 will be known as Population Enumeration (PE). And it will take place in the month of February 2027.

In the 2nd phase it will collect the detailed data at the individual level such as,

- Demographics (age, gender and marital status)
- Education and occupation
- Pattern related to Migration
- Fertility and socio-economic indicators

Also the caste enumeration will take place during this phase. With this it is also making the significant exercise for the policy planning and various social justice initiatives.

What Makes Census 2027 Unique? Key Innovations

The Census 2027 marks the major transformation in India's data collection system.

First of all the Digital-First Approach in which the enumerators will use the mobile applications instead of paper forms.

Also the data will be uploaded in real-time and will reducing the errors.

On the Self-Enumeration Portal the citizens can fill their details online in 16 languages when they want to do.

These type of innovations are aim to make the census more reliable and the user friendly.

Phase – 1 Schedule For the States Date

State/UT	Self-Enumeration Period	Houselisting & Housing Census Period
Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi (NDMC & Cantonment), Goa, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Odisha, Sikkim	1 Apr -15 Apr	16 Apr – 15 May
Gujarat*, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	5 Apr – 19 Apr	20 Apr – 19 May
Uttarakhand	10 Apr – 24 Apr	25 Apr – 24 May

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Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana	1 May – 30 May	16 Apr – 30 Apr
Bihar	17 Apr – 1 May	2 May – 31 May
Telangana	26 Apr – 10 May	11 May – 9 Jun
Punjab	30 Apr – 14 May	15 May – 13 Jun
Delhi (MCD), Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Jharkhand	1 May – 15 May	16 May – 14 Jun
Uttar Pradesh	7 May – 21 May	22 May – 20 Jun
Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Puducherry	17 May – 31 May	1 Jun – 30 Jun
Himachal Pradesh	1 Jun – 15 Jun	16 Jun – 15 Jul
Kerala, Nagaland	16 Jun – 30 Jun	1 Jul – 30 Jul
Tamil Nadu, Tripura	17 Jul – 31 Jul	1 Aug – 30 Aug
Assam	2 Aug – 16 Aug	17 Aug – 15 Sep
Manipur	17 Aug – 31 Aug	1 Sep – 30 Sep
West Bengal	To be decided	To be decided

PM Modi Inaugurates Samrat Samprati Museum on Mahavir Jayanti

Honorable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum in the Gandhinagar on his visit to Gujarat on the March 31, 2026. With this inauguration it is marking the significant step to preserving India's rich Jain heritage. The inauguration was coincided with the auspicious occasion of the Mahavir Jayanti and with this it has added the special spiritual significance to the event. The Museum was located at the Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra in the Koba village, Gandhinagar.

Samrat Samprati Museum: A Journey Through Jain Civilization

This newly inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum stands as the comprehensive repository of the Jain culture and their traditions.

It is named after Samprati and this museum honors the ruler who is known for spreading Jainism and promoting non-violence across his empire.

The museum houses over the nearly 2,000 rare artefacts and it is also offering the visitors a deep dive into Jain philosophy and their historical evolution.

Also intricately carved from the stone idols to the ancient manuscripts it is in every exhibit it shows the spiritual richness and artistic mastery of the Jain traditions.

The use of the modern audio-visual technology will enhance the visitor experience and it will be making it both educational and cultural presentation.

Seven Galleries Showcasing India's Spiritual and Cultural Legacy

The museum with proper idea has been divided into the seven distinct galleries and each of the gallery is focusing on different aspects of Jainism and Indian civilization.

These galleries present the,

- Ancient manuscripts and also illustration texts depicting Jain teachings
- Also the stone and metal idols which is representing Tirthankaras
- Miniature paintings, coin and silver chariots
- And the traditional artefacts which are reflecting the centuries-old craftsmanship

The structured layout also enable the visitors to understand the chronological development of Jainism from origin to the influence all over India.

Significance of Mahavir Jayanti and Jain Values

The inauguration on Mahavir Jayanti highlights the importance of the Bhagwan Mahavir's teachings.

In the message PM Modi emphasized that,

- The principles of truth, non-violence and compassion it is still remain highly relevant today
- Jain philosophy which promotes equality, kindness and the social responsibility
- These values are essential to addressing modern global challenges

Who Was Samrat Samprati? A Historical Insight

Samprati ruled during the 224-215 BCE and he was regarded as one of the greatest patrons of Jainism.

He was often compared to his grandfather Ashoka for his role to spreading religious values but the Samprati on the other side had focused specifically on to the Jain teachings.

His contributions also include the,

- Building several Jain temples across India
- Also supporting monks and spreading the message of ahimsa
- And importantly to promoting ethical governance based on non-violence

The museum named after him symbolizes his enduring legacy.

NASA's Artemis II Mission Begins: First Crewed Moon Journey in Over 50 Years Takes Off

The historic moment for the space exploration NASA has successfully launched the Artemis II mission on the April 1, 2026. This is marking the first crewed journey towards the Moon since after 1972. NASA's powerful Space Launch System rocket had lifted the four astronauts into space for the 10-day mission around the Moon and will take it back to earth. This mission is not just about landing but it is about testing systems which could soon return the humans to the lunar surface.

Artemis II Launch Beginning of New Era

The Artemis II mission was launched from the Kennedy Space Center at 6:35 p.m. ET and it draw the attention towards thousands of spectators.

The mission representing the,

- The revival of human lunar exploration
- And major step towards the future Moon landings
- Also to continuation of the legacy of the Apollo missions

As compare to Apollo 8 this mission will orbit the Moon without the landing and will be ensuring that spacecraft systems are safe for the future missions.

Meet the Artemis II Crew Astronauts

This mission carries the four astronauts aboard on the Orion spacecraft and each of astronaut has their big achievement.

- Reid Wiseman – Commander
- Victor Glover – First Black astronaut to travel to deep space
- Christina Koch – First woman will to journey into deep space
- Jeremy Hansen – First non-American on a Moon mission

This diverse crew highlights the shift toward the inclusive space exploration.

Mission Details: 10 Day Journey Around the Moon

The Artemis II mission is designed for the deep-space test flight.

Key Mission Timeline

April 1, 2026: Launch of the mission

April 1-2: Testing the systems in Earth orbit

April 6: Lunar flyby

April 10: Return to the Earth

The spacecraft will travel over the 695,000 over the mission performance.

Unique Trajectory and Record-Breaking Distance

Unlike the previous missions the Artemis II will follows a free-return trajectory.

It means that,

- The spacecraft will uses the Moon's gravity to return to Earth
- It can safely return to the earth back even if propulsion fails

The mission will reach about the 252,799 miles from Earth and it will making the farthest distance humans have ever traveled and also surpassing the Apollo-13.

How the Launch Unfolded & Key Technical Milestones

Artemis II launch has involved the several precise and critical stages by using the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft.

Lift-off and Initial Thrust

- The launch was took place at Kennedy Space Center
- Twin boosters have generated over the 75% of total thrust
- Total thrust has reached 8.8 million pounds

Booster Separation

- The separation was occurred within the first few minutes of the launch
- Also the reduced weight and allowed the smoother ascent

Core Stage Separation

- With this it has marked the end of the first propulsion phase
- Also transitioned to upper-stage operations

Solar Array Deployment

- Orion also deployed the solar array wings (SAWs)
- These provide continuous power for the life support, communication and also for navigation systems.
- Each step of the mission is crucial to ensuring mission safety and long-duration space travel capability.

Why Artemis II Matters for the Future of Space Exploration

Artemis II is not just the symbolic mission but it is the critical test for future deep-space exploration.

The mission will,

- Validate the life-support systems for the long-duration space travel
- Also the test navigation and communication systems in deep space
- Will ensure the safety of the astronauts for future lunar landings

It will also lays the ground work for the Artemis III in which it aims to land humans on the Moon Surface and which is including the first woman.

Indian Navy INS Aridaman: Features, Role, and Strategic Importance Explained

Indian Navy has inducted the its third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine which is INS Aridaman. With this induction it significantly strengthen the India’s sea-based nuclear deterrence and also enhances the strategic military power. This development comes alongside the commissioning of the INS Taragiri and it marking the powerful expansion of the India’s naval strength under the leadership of Defense Minister of India Rajnath Singh.

What is INS Aridaman

INS Aridaman is part of the India’s Arihant-class submarines which is designed the carry nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles.

After this induction India has now has three operational SSBNs (Ship Submersible Ballistic Nuclear submarines) at sea for the first time in the naval history.

This is important because it has strengthens the second-strike capability and also enhance the strategic deterrence. It will strengthens the India’s position as the major naval power in world.

The submarine will ensures that India can respond even after the potential nuclear attack.

Advanced Features of INS Aridaman

INS Aridaman is the more advanced and the powerful compared to its predecessors.

- It has the approximately around. 7,000-tonne displacement.
 - It will be equipped with the more vertical launch system (VLS) tubes.
 - Aridaman can carry the K-15 and K-4 nuclear-capable missiles.
 - This K-4 missiles have the range of up to 3,500 km
 - Nuclear submarine is powered by the advanced nuclear reactors and it will be enabling long underwater endurance.
- These capabilities allow the Indian submarine to remain hidden underwater for several months and also making it highly effective in the strategic warfare.

Understanding Nuclear Triad: India’s Strategic Edge

India’s nuclear strength is also based on the concept of the nuclear triad which includes the,

- Land-based missiles in which Agni series missiles featured
 - Also the Air-based delivery systems and also Equipped with the fighter aircrafts
 - Sea-based platforms for the submarines like INS Aridaman
- After the induction of INS Aridaman India will strengthen the its position among the select group of nations like United States, Russia and China that have the full nuclear triad capabilities.

INS Aridaman vs Previous Submarines

India’s earlier submarines include the INS Arihant which was commissioned in 2016 and also the INS Arighaat which was commissioned two years ago in 2024.

INS Aridaman improves its capabilities by the carrying more missiles along with having the longer operational endurance and also to featuring enhanced technology and stealth.

Also for the future the fourth submarine is also under construction and which is indicating continued expansion.

Future Plans: Expanding Submarine Power

India is actively working to strengthen the underwater fleet by doing,

- The development of the nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs)
- Also to plans to build indigenous submarines
- And leasing of the submarine from Russia expected to deliver by the 2027-28

What is a Nuclear Triad?

The nuclear triad is the strategic military capability which allows the country to launch the nuclear weapons from three platforms land, air, and sea.

It ensures the survivability of the nuclear forces and also the credible deterrence against enemy.

It has also the ability to respond even after the first strike they get.

Currently the few of countries in the world possess this type of his capability and it making the strategic advantage.

National Affairs

- A **Great Indian Bustard (GIB) chick** was born in Gujarat's **Kutch region after nearly 10 years**, reviving conservation hopes for this **critically endangered species (population <150)**. The success used the innovative **"Jumpstart Approach,"** where an egg was transported **770 km from Rajasthan to Gujarat in 19 hours**. Coordinated by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change and Wildlife Institute of India, it marks the first inter-state effort, boosting breeding potential and conservation strategies.
- India has introduced the **Solid Waste Management Rules 2026**, notified on **January 27, 2026** and effective from **April 1, 2026**, replacing the 2016 framework. Led by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the rules mandate **four-way waste segregation**, promote a **circular economy**, and introduce **Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility**. A centralized digital portal will track waste processes, while industries must increase **RDF usage from 5% to 15%**, strengthening sustainability and accountability across waste management systems.
- Lok Sabha passed the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill 2026** on March 30 to **speed up insolvency resolution** and strengthen creditor rights. The amendment mandates **case admission within 14 days**, introduces a **creditor-driven model**, and enables **cross-border and group insolvency frameworks**. Highlighting IBC's success, Nirmala Sitharaman noted recovery of **₹4.11 lakh crore from 1,376 cases**, boosting transparency, efficiency, and financial stability.
- India has launched **Census 2027**, its first fully digital population count, conducted by Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner. The exercise uses **mobile apps and self-enumeration**, improving accuracy and transparency. It will occur in two phases—**housing census (April–Sept 2026)** and **population enumeration (Feb 2027)**. As India's **16th census and 8th post-Independence**, the ₹11,718 crore project marks a major shift toward **technology-driven governance and real-time data collection**.

- The **Jan Vishwas Amendment Bill 2026** has been passed by the **Lok Sabha**, aiming to **decriminalise minor offences** and simplify regulations. The bill amends **784 provisions across 79 Central Acts**, replacing criminal penalties with **monetary fines and civil liabilities**. It is expected to boost **ease of doing business**, support **MSMEs**, and reduce legal burdens. The reform reflects India's push towards **trust-based governance** and a more **business-friendly regulatory environment**.
- The **Lok Sabha** has passed a resolution declaring **Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh** by amending the **Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014**. Effective retrospectively from **June 2, 2024**, the move ends the **three-capital model** and restores a **single capital system**. Backed by political consensus, it marks a major **administrative and governance shift**, reviving Amaravati's role as the state's central hub.
- Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced an **AI and Computational Thinking curriculum** for Classes **3–8**, launched by Dharmendra Pradhan at Vigyan Bhawan. The initiative aims to build **future-ready skills**, focusing on **logical thinking, problem-solving, and digital literacy**. Aligned with **NEP 2020** and **NCF 2023**, it promotes **activity-based learning** and early exposure to AI. The curriculum includes **structured modules, teacher support, and assessments**, strengthening India's vision of becoming a **global leader in AI education**.
- India has emerged as the **3rd largest renewable energy market globally in 2025**, according to International Renewable Energy Agency. With a total capacity of **250.5 GW** and an annual addition of **45 GW**, growth is driven mainly by **solar and wind energy**. Solar alone contributed **37 GW**, placing India among top global performers. This expansion strengthens **energy security**, reduces **fossil fuel dependence**, and supports India's **clean energy and sustainability goals** amid rising global uncertainty.
- National Council of Educational Research and Training has been granted **'Deemed University' status** by the Ministry of Education on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission. This allows NCERT greater **academic autonomy**, enabling it to launch **PhD programmes, advanced research, and innovative courses**. The move will strengthen **education policy, curriculum development, and teacher training**, promoting **research-driven reforms and academic innovation**. It marks a significant step toward improving **India's school education system** and aligning with modern educational goals.
- India has implemented **E20 petrol nationwide from April 1, 2026**, blending **20% ethanol with petrol** to promote **clean and sustainable mobility**. Introduced under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, this move aims to **reduce carbon emissions, cut oil imports, and enhance energy security**. While **new vehicles are E20-compatible**, older vehicles may see a slight **drop in mileage and performance**. The initiative strengthens India's **ethanol blending programme and environmental goals**.

- Ministry of Textiles has extended the **RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) scheme** till **September 30, 2026** to support textile exporters amid global uncertainty. The scheme helps offset **hidden taxes**, boosting **competitiveness and export growth**. It mainly benefits **garment and made-up exporters**, ensuring **employment stability** in this labour-intensive sector. By reducing cost burdens and offering **duty credit scrips**, the move strengthens India's position in the **global textile market**.
- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the **BIRAC-BioNEST Incubation Centre** at Central Food Technological Research Institute to boost **food startups and biotech innovation**. Supported by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, the centre provides **advanced research facilities and startup support**. It promotes **lab-to-market commercialization**, focusing on areas like **nutraceuticals, fermentation, probiotics, and CRISPR technologies**. The initiative strengthens India's **food processing ecosystem and innovation-driven entrepreneurship**.
- Election Commission of India has launched the **'Know Your Candidates (KYC)' feature** on the ECINet platform ahead of the **2026 Assembly elections**. This tool enables voters to access **verified candidate details** such as **criminal records, assets, education, and affidavits (Form 26)**, promoting **transparency and informed voting**. As elections approach in states like Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry, the initiative strengthens **digital governance, accountability, and voter awareness**.

States in the News

- Nitish Kumar resigned from the **Bihar Legislative Council** after becoming a **Rajya Sabha member**, marking his shift from **state to national politics**. Bihar's longest-serving Chief Minister, he served over two decades focusing on **infrastructure, governance, and welfare reforms**. His move signals a **leadership transition in Bihar** and fulfills his ambition to serve in Parliament. He now joins leaders like Lalu Prasad Yadav who have served in **all four legislatures**.
- Ashwini Bhide has been appointed as the first woman **Municipal Commissioner** of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, marking a major **milestone in governance and gender representation**. A senior **IAS officer**, she is known for **efficient project execution**, especially in **Mumbai Metro Line 3**. Her leadership reflects strong expertise in **urban infrastructure and transport planning**. She will take charge after Bhushan Gagrani and lead India's richest civic body until **2030**, ensuring **faster civic development and administration**.

International Affairs

- Indonesia implemented a law in **March 2026** banning children under **16 years** from using social media platforms like **YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook**, affecting nearly **70 million users**. The move aims to curb **cyberbullying, harmful content, scams, and digital addiction**, addressing mental health concerns. Platforms must ensure compliance, though challenges like **VPN misuse and age verification** remain. It marks a major step toward **child safety in the digital age**.
- **Costa Rica** has launched a **snake identification mobile app** developed by **Universidad de Costa Rica** and the Clodomiro Picado Institute. The app helps identify **25 venomous species**, provides **first aid guidance**, and offers **real-time scientific information**. Designed to reduce **panic, misinformation, and unnecessary harm**, it enhances **public safety and wildlife protection**, benefiting both locals and tourists through improved awareness and quick response during snake encounters.
- Min Aung Hlaing has been elected **President of Myanmar** after securing a majority in Parliament with **429 out of 584 votes**. This marks a significant **political shift amid ongoing instability**. The election was conducted through Myanmar's **Presidential Electoral College system**, involving lawmakers and military representatives. His victory raises **global concerns over democracy and governance**, reflecting continued **military influence in the country's political system**.
- Uchral Nyam-Osor has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Mongolia**, securing **88 out of 107 parliamentary votes** amid political turmoil. He replaces Zandanshatar Gombojav, who resigned due to **legislative deadlock and internal conflicts**. A young reform-oriented leader, Uchral aims to **stabilize governance and drive economic reforms**. However, ongoing **political instability and upcoming 2027 elections** may continue to challenge Mongolia's political landscape.
- India has recorded the **highest number of doping suspensions in track and field**, with **148 athletes banned**, according to the Athletics Integrity Unit, surpassing Kenya and Russia. The data raises serious concerns about **sports integrity and anti-doping enforcement**. Reports by World Anti-Doping Agency highlight high positivity rates, emphasizing the urgent need for **stricter regulations, awareness, and reforms** in Indian athletics.
- Newcastle Disease is spreading across parts of Europe, raising concerns for **poultry farmers and food supply chains**. Caused by the **avian paramyxovirus**, it is a highly contagious disease affecting birds, with severe forms causing **high mortality**. It spreads through **airborne droplets, direct contact, and contaminated materials**. Symptoms include **respiratory issues, nervous disorders, and reduced egg production**. Authorities, including those in United Kingdom, are strengthening **surveillance and biosecurity measures** to control outbreaks.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- India has launched an AI-driven initiative to make Ayurveda research accessible in **13 languages**, led by Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences in partnership with Anuvadini AI under the Ministry of Ayush. The move aims to **bridge language gaps**, expand **evidence-based Ayurveda awareness**, and reduce misinformation. AI will translate scientific publications for wider public access, leveraging CCRAS's network across 25 states, ensuring traditional healthcare knowledge reaches grassroots communities effectively.
- The **Meghalaya** government has signed an MoU with **Starlink India** to provide **high-speed satellite internet** in remote areas. Announced by Chief Minister **Conrad K Sangma**, the initiative aims to bridge the **digital divide** using **low-Earth orbit satellites**. It is expected to improve **education, healthcare, e-governance, and rural livelihoods**, strengthening **digital infrastructure** and connectivity in geographically challenging regions.

Books and Authors

- Sudha Murty's book *Tides of Time: Bharat's History through Murals in Parliament* was unveiled by C. P. Radhakrishnan, showcasing India's **civilizational journey through 124 Parliament murals**. The book blends **art, history, and cultural heritage**, covering periods from the **Indus Valley Civilization to the freedom struggle**. It highlights India as the **'Mother of Democracy'** and presents history in an engaging, visual narrative, making it accessible and insightful for readers across generations.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The Reserve Bank of India capped banks' **Net Open Forex Position (NOP) at \$100 million per day**, effective **April 10, 2026**, replacing capital-based limits with a uniform cap. With banks holding **\$30–40 billion in forex positions**, large unwinding is expected. The move aims to **reduce systemic risk, curb speculative trading, and stabilize the rupee**. However, it may cause **short-term volatility, liquidity stress, and mark-to-market (MTM) losses** due to rapid position closures.
- India's fiscal deficit narrowed to **₹12.5 trillion** during April–February FY26, as per Controller General of Accounts, marking a **7% decline** from last year and reaching **80.4% of revised estimates**. Strong **tax (6% growth)** and **non-tax revenues (18% growth)**, along with steady **capital expenditure (₹9.3 trillion)**, supported fiscal stability. The deficit is estimated at **4.5% of GDP**. However, **global risks**, especially rising crude oil prices due to geopolitical tensions, may impact India's fiscal outlook in FY27.

- According to ICRA, India's GDP growth may slow to **6.5% in FY27** from **7.6%** in the current fiscal year due to **rising crude oil prices, West Asia tensions**, and global supply disruptions. Higher energy costs could increase **inflation**, reduce consumer spending, and raise production expenses. Additionally, the **current account deficit** is projected to widen to **1.7% of GDP**, reflecting increased import bills and external economic pressures.
- India's industrial output grew **5.2% in February 2026**, according to National Statistics Office, driven by **6% growth in manufacturing**, which remains the core of the IIP. **Capital goods surged 12.5%**, signaling rising investment and industrial confidence. However, **electricity (2.3%)** and **mining (3.1%)** showed slower growth. Despite improving momentum, challenges like **rising crude oil prices** and global uncertainties may impact sustained industrial expansion and overall economic outlook.
- India's GST collections reached **₹1.78 lakh crore in March 2026**, reflecting strong economic activity and improved compliance, as per Goods and Services Tax Network. Gross revenue touched **₹2 lakh crore**, driven by **17.8% growth in imports** and steady domestic demand. Refunds rose to **₹0.22 lakh crore**, enhancing business liquidity. States like Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Gujarat led collections, indicating broad-based growth, while efficient tax systems and digital tracking boosted revenue trends.
- India recorded an all-time high in **UPI transactions** in March 2026, reaching **₹29.52 trillion** with **22.64 billion transactions**, as per **National Payments Corporation of India**. The surge reflects strong **digital payment adoption**, improved **infrastructure**, and enhanced **security systems**. Annual figures also showed robust growth, highlighting UPI's expansion into **rural areas**. With rising **daily transactions** and widespread usage, UPI continues to strengthen India's **digital economy** and global leadership in **real-time payments**.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has retained Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation of India, and New India Assurance Company Limited as **Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)** for FY26. These firms are considered **"Too Big To Fail"**, playing a critical role in **financial stability and risk coverage**. Their status ensures **strict regulatory oversight, strong governance, and robust risk management**, as any disruption could significantly impact India's **economy and insurance sector stability**.
- India's **forex reserves declined by \$30.5 billion in March 2026** to **\$688.05 billion**, mainly due to intervention by the Reserve Bank of India to stabilize the **rupee amid global uncertainty and geopolitical tensions**. The fall was driven by **currency volatility, capital outflows, and dollar demand**. Despite this drop, India maintains a **strong external position with ~11 months import cover**, ensuring **economic stability and resilience** against global shocks.



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Appointments/Resignations

- Dr. Thomas Pucadyil has been appointed Director of BRIC-National Centre for Cell Science. A renowned cell biologist and former professor at IISER Pune, he is known for research on **membrane biology** and is a Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize recipient (2018). He succeeds interim director Manisha Inamdar, with expectations to strengthen **biomedical research, innovation, and global scientific collaboration** in India.
- Senior IAS officer Vir Vikram Yadav has been appointed as the new Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, replacing Faiz Ahmed Kidwai. The move comes amid rising aviation safety concerns, operational disruptions, and regulatory challenges. Yadav is expected to strengthen safety frameworks, address staff shortages, and ensure compliance with FDTL norms. The appointment is part of a wider bureaucratic reshuffle aimed at improving governance in India's rapidly expanding aviation sector.
- India's largest airline **IndiGo** has appointed aviation veteran **Willie Walsh** as its new **CEO**, marking a major **leadership shift**. Former Director General of **International Air Transport Association**, he brings strong **global aviation experience**. His appointment comes as IndiGo targets **global expansion**, introduces **long-haul aircraft**, and addresses **operational challenges**, reflecting India's rising role in **global aviation** and the airline's ambition to become a **world-class carrier**.
- Sudarshan Pattnaik has been appointed as the **brand ambassador for Census 2027** by the Government of India to promote participation in India's first **digital census**. A **Padma Shri awardee**, he is known for spreading awareness through art. The census will feature **mobile-based data collection** and a **self-enumeration portal**. Conducted in two phases—**Houselisting (2026)** and **Population Enumeration (2027)**—it aims to improve **accuracy, efficiency, and public participation** nationwide.
- Chanchal Kumar has taken charge as **Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** on April 1, 2026, succeeding Sanjay Jaju. A **1992-batch IAS officer**, he brings vast experience in infrastructure and governance. The ministry oversees **media regulation, digital communication, and public broadcasters** like Doordarshan and All India Radio. His appointment is expected to strengthen **policy implementation, digital media governance, and government communication**, shaping India's evolving **media and broadcasting sector**.

Defence News

- Adani Defence and Aerospace delivered the first batch of **2,000 'Prahar' Light Machine Guns (7.62 mm)** to the Indian Army from its **Gwalior facility**, part of a **40,000-unit order** under **Make in India**. Developed with Israel Weapon Industries, the LMG (Negev NG7) weighs **7.6 kg**, uses an **open bolt system**, and was delivered **11 months early**. It enhances **infantry firepower, mobility, and precision**, boosting India's **indigenous defence manufacturing and combat readiness**.
- The **Indian Navy hosted the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) TTX 2026** in **Kochi** at the Maritime Warfare Centre under Southern Naval Command, involving navies from countries like **France, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh**. Conducted under the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium, the **Tabletop Exercise (TTX)** focused on **non-traditional threats** like piracy and maritime terrorism. It enhanced **decision-making, coordination, and cooperation**, highlighting India's leadership as it prepares for **IONS Chairmanship (2026–28)**.
- The **Indian Air Force** will equip MiG-29 jets with **ASRAAM (Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missiles)**, replacing older **R-73 missiles (10–15 km range)**. Developed by MBDA, ASRAAM has **25+ km range, Mach 3 speed, infrared guidance, and fire-and-forget capability**, enhancing dogfight performance. Integrated with **LCA Tejas and Jaguar**, and assembled in India with **BDL**, it boosts **air combat capability, precision, and self-reliance in defence**.
- Indian Navy inducted indigenous stealth frigate **INS Dunagiri** on March 30, 2026, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers under **Project 17A**. Featuring **75% indigenisation**, advanced stealth, automation, and systems like **BrahMos missiles, MF-STAR radar, and MRSAM**, it enhances multi-role combat capabilities. As the fifth Nilgiri-class frigate, it strengthens India's naval power and supports the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** initiative in defence manufacturing.
- Indian Navy inducted **INS Sanshodhak**, the final ship of a four-vessel project, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers with over **80% indigenous content**. Delivered on March 30, 2026, it enhances **hydrographic survey, seabed mapping, and navigation safety** using advanced systems like **AUVs, ROVs, and sonar**. The vessel strengthens maritime research, coastal planning, and defence capabilities, supporting **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** and modern naval operations.
- **Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth** has assumed charge as **Vice Chief of the Army Staff**, bringing nearly **four decades of military experience**. An alumnus of the **National Defence Academy**, he has held key **command and strategic roles** across desert warfare, **Jammu & Kashmir**, and international missions like the **United Nations** in Angola. His appointment strengthens India's focus on **military modernization, operational readiness, and strategic leadership** at the highest level.

- The **Indian Army** has appointed new commanders for key operational formations. **Lt Gen Sandeep Jain** leads **Southern Command**, **Lt Gen VMB Krishnan** heads **Eastern Command**, and **Lt Gen Pushendra Pal Singh** commands **Western Command**. These leadership changes aim to boost **operational readiness, strategic preparedness, and technological integration**. All three officers bring extensive experience in **counter-insurgency, high-altitude warfare, and logistics**, strengthening India's defence capabilities across critical regions.
- The **Indian Navy** has received **INS Malwan**, a next-generation **anti-submarine warfare vessel**, built by **Cochin Shipyard Limited** with over **80% indigenous content**. Designed for **shallow water operations**, it features advanced **sonar, torpedoes, and surveillance systems** to counter underwater threats. Part of an eight-vessel ASW fleet, it will replace ageing ships and enhance **coastal defence, maritime security, and self-reliance**, strengthening India's naval capabilities.
- India achieved a **record defence export of ₹38,424 crore in FY2025-26**, marking a sharp **62.66% growth** from the previous year. The surge reflects a shift toward **self-reliance and global defence manufacturing leadership**. **DPSUs** contributed over half of exports with significant growth, while the **private sector** also played a key role. This milestone highlights India's transformation from a **defence importer to a major exporter**, driven by reforms and rising global demand.
- **INS Taragiri** has been commissioned by the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam in the presence of **Rajnath Singh**. Built under **Project 17A** by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited**, it is a **stealth frigate** with advanced **radar-evading design** and multi-role combat capability. Equipped with **modern missiles, anti-submarine systems, and CODOG propulsion**, it enhances India's **maritime strength, self-reliance, and naval power**.

Awards and Recognitions

- The **International Booker Prize 2026** shortlist features **six global novels** exploring themes of **identity, exile, and human resilience**. The award honours **translated fiction** published in the UK and Ireland. According to judge **Natasha Brown**, the selected works reflect "burning humanity" through stories of **political unrest, cultural belonging, and survival**. The shortlist highlights **diverse voices and histories**, reinforcing the prize's role in promoting **global literature and cross-cultural understanding**.

Summits and Conferences News

- **India Pharma 2026**, the 9th edition, will be held on **April 13-14, 2026** in New Delhi, organized by Department of Pharmaceuticals with **FICCI** and **Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance**. The conference focuses on **drug innovation, biosimilars, and global supply chains** under the theme "Discover in India." It aims to strengthen India's role as the '**Pharmacy of the World**', promoting research, collaboration, and advanced healthcare solutions globally.

- The 14th Ministerial Conference of World Trade Organization concluded on March 30, 2026, in Yaoundé, with India led by Piyush Goyal emphasizing **fair trade, food security, and inclusive reforms**. Key discussions covered **fisheries subsidies, e-commerce, and agriculture**, though limited consensus was reached. India advocated **consensus-based decisions**, protection of small fishermen, and resolution of **public stockholding issues**, highlighting the need for a balanced global trading system.

Sports News

- Sunil Narine became the **most-capped overseas player in IPL history** with **190 matches**, surpassing Kieron Pollard (189), achieving the feat on **March 29, 2026** at **Wankhede Stadium**. Playing exclusively for Kolkata Knight Riders since **2012 (₹3.4 crore signing)**, he has taken **192 wickets** and scored **1,780 runs**, including **1 century**, establishing himself as a key all-rounder and match-winner.
- Sheetal Devi, a **19-year-old archer from Jammu & Kashmir**, was named **Para Archer of the Year 2025** by World Archery. She became the **first armless female archer to win gold** at the **World Para Archery Championships (Gwangju)**, securing **gold, silver, and bronze medals**. She also won a **bronze at the Paris Paralympics** and silver medals at **Asian Para Games 2022** and **Asian Championships 2023**, showcasing exceptional talent.
- Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 concluded with Karnataka emerging as the **overall champion**, securing **23 gold medals**. Odisha and Jharkhand finished second and third respectively, while host Chhattisgarh ranked ninth. The event highlighted **tribal sporting talent and inclusivity**, with standout performances in swimming, athletics, and wrestling, marking a significant step in promoting **grassroots sports and cultural heritage** in India.

Schemes and Committees News

- The **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**, launched by the Ministry of Railways, aims to redevelop **1,338 railway stations** across India with **modern facilities and improved connectivity**. Key stations in Delhi include **New Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, and Anand Vihar**. The scheme introduces **multi-modal transport hubs, digital systems, lifts, escalators, and eco-friendly technologies**. It also promotes local products under '**One Station One Product**', enhancing **passenger experience, urban integration, and sustainable railway infrastructure**.
- Delhi Government has launched the **Lakshmi Bitiya Yojana** to promote **girls' education and financial security**, replacing the Ladli Scheme. The scheme provides **₹1.2 lakh financial aid** from birth to graduation through phased benefits. It aims to **prevent early marriage, ensure higher education**, and support **economically weaker families**. Eligible girls must be Delhi residents with family income below ₹1.2 lakh. The initiative strengthens **women empowerment** and ensures **long-term financial independence** through structured assistance.

Science and Technology News

- NASA's Artemis II, scheduled for **April 1, 2026**, will mark the first crewed lunar mission since Apollo missions. Using the **SLS rocket** and **Orion spacecraft**, astronauts will orbit the Moon and return via a **free-return trajectory**. The mission will test **life-support, navigation, and deep-space systems**, paving the way for **Artemis III lunar landing** and future human missions to Mars.
- Andhra Pradesh Science City signed a **5-year MoU** with CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research on March 30, 2026, to promote **science outreach, STEM education, and evidence-based policymaking**. The non-financial collaboration focuses on **science popularisation, research, and innovation policy**, aiming to bridge the gap between science and society. It will enhance **scientific temper, public awareness**, and support informed governance through improved communication of scientific knowledge.
- India has designated the **Bhavasagara Centre** at **Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology** as the **National Repository for Deep-Sea Fauna** under the **Biological Diversity Act, 2002**. Located in **Kochi**, it will preserve over **3,500 marine specimens**, support **deep-sea research**, and protect **marine biodiversity**. The initiative strengthens India's **blue economy**, enhances **scientific research**, and aligns with global ocean sustainability efforts, boosting the country's role in **marine conservation and exploration**.
- **Amaravati** will host India's **first quantum computer launch** on April 14, 2026, announced by Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu**. The initiative, under the **Amaravati Quantum Valley** project and **National Quantum Mission**, aims to boost **innovation, startups, and advanced research**. Quantum computing will enable breakthroughs in **AI, cryptography, and drug discovery**, strengthening India's **self-reliance** and positioning it as a **global leader in next-generation technology**.

Important Days News

- Mahavir Jayanti 2026 will be observed on **March 31**, marking the birth of Lord Mahavir. Born in 599 BCE in Kundagrama, he attained **Kevala Jnana** after 12 years of penance and preached **Ahimsa, truth, and compassion**, forming the foundation of **Jainism**. The festival emphasizes **ethical living, non-violence, and self-discipline**, remaining highly relevant today. Celebrations include **prayers, Rath Yatras, fasting, charity, and scripture recitations**, with major observances at **Vaishali, Palitana, and Shravanabelagola**.

- Utkal Divas is celebrated on **April 1, 2026**, marking the formation of Odisha in 1936 as India's first **linguistic state**. The day honors leaders like Madhusudan Das and Gopabandhu Das who fought to preserve **Odia language and identity**. Rooted in the legacy of ancient Kalinga, it celebrates cultural pride through **events, heritage programs, and public participation**.
- **Reserve Bank of India** marked its **Foundation Day on April 1, 2026**, highlighting its role in **monetary policy, inflation control, and currency management** since 1935. RBI introduced **digital initiatives** like **e-cheques** and **MuleHunter.AI** to enhance **payment security** and curb fraud. Amid **global tensions**, it is actively working to **stabilise the rupee** and maintain **financial stability**, reinforcing its importance as the backbone of India's **banking and economic system**.
- **World Autism Awareness Day 2026** is observed on **April 2** to promote **understanding, acceptance, and inclusion** of individuals with **Autism Spectrum Disorder**. Initiated by the **United Nations** in 2007, the day focuses on **early diagnosis, breaking myths, and equal opportunities**. The 2026 theme, "**Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value**," highlights dignity and inclusion, encouraging society to support autistic individuals and build a more **inclusive and compassionate world**.
- Good Friday 2026 falls on **April 3** and is one of the most sacred days in Christianity, commemorating the **crucifixion of Jesus Christ**. Observed during **Holy Week**, it symbolizes **sacrifice, redemption, and forgiveness**. Christians worldwide mark the day with **prayer, fasting, and reflection**. The term "Good" signifies its **holy and spiritual importance**, as Jesus' sacrifice is believed to bring hope and salvation. It remains a deeply significant day of **mourning and devotion** globally.

Obituaries News

- Vijaypat Singhania, former Chairman of Raymond Group, passed away at the age of **87**, marking the end of an era in India's textile industry. Born on **October 4, 1938**, he led Raymond from **1980**, transforming it into a **global premium fabric brand**. A **Padma Bhushan awardee (2006)**, he was also a record-setting aviator. He handed leadership to Gautam Singhania in **2000**, resolving later disputes in **2024**.
- Rahul Arunoday Banerjee, a noted Bengali actor, died at the age of **43** in a tragic drowning accident during a TV shoot near **Talsari, Digha** on **March 29, 2026**. He entered the sea for filming but failed to return and was later declared dead at a hospital. Mamata Banerjee expressed grief, calling him a "distinguished actor." Known for films like **Zulfiqar, Na Hannyate, and Byomkesh Phire Elo**, his demise shocked the industry.

- Former Chandrikapersad Santokhi passed away on **March 30, 2026**, at the age of 67, marking the end of a significant political career. He served as President of Suriname (2020–2025) and was known for **economic reforms**, IMF-backed stabilization, and strong governance. A former police chief and justice minister, he strengthened **India-Suriname ties**. Narendra Modi expressed condolences, highlighting his global and diaspora contributions.

Miscellaneous News

- Yashoda and Krishna by Raja Ravi Varma has become **India's most expensive artwork**, selling for **₹167.20 crore** at a Mumbai auction. The masterpiece, depicting a **mythological scene of Yashoda and Krishna**, was खरीदी by Cyrus S. Poonawalla. This record-breaking sale highlights the **global recognition and rising value of Indian art**, setting a new benchmark and showcasing India's **rich artistic and cultural heritage**.

Static Takeaways

Category	Entity	Key Details
Ministry	Ministry of Finance	Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman
Organization	World Trade Organization	Founded: 1995; HQ: Geneva; DG: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; Members: 166
Organization	SEBI	Estd: 1988; HQ: Mumbai; Chairman: Tuhin Kanta Pandey
Organization	IRDAI	Founded: 1999; HQ: Hyderabad; Chairperson: Ajay Seth
Organization	WADA (World Anti Doping Agency)	HQ: Montreal, Canada Founded: 1999
Organization	ICAI	Founded: 1949; HQ: New Delhi; President: Charanjot Singh Nanda
Organization	CCI	Founded: 2003; HQ: New Delhi; Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur
Organization	UNESCO	Founded: 1945; HQ: Paris; DG: Khaled El-Enany
Organization	International Olympic Committee	Founded: 1894; HQ: Lausanne; President: Kirsty Coventry
Bank	Bank of Baroda	Founded: 1908; HQ: Vadodara; CEO: Debadatta Chand
State	Uttar Pradesh	CM: Yogi Adityanath; Governor: Anandiben Patel; Capital: Lucknow
State	Telangana	CM: Anumula Revanth Reddy; Governor: Shiv Pratap Shukla; Capital: Hyderabad
State	Gujarat	CM: Bhupendra Patel; Governor: Acharya Devrat; Capital: Gandhinagar
UT	Delhi	CM: Rekha Gupta; LG: Vinai Kumar Saxena; Capital: New Delhi
Country	Myanmar	Capital: Nyapidaw; President: Aung Hliang;
Country	Mongolia	Capital: Ulaanbaatar; PM: Nyam-Osoryn UChral
Country	Italy	Capital: Rome; President: Sergio Mattarella; Currency: Euro
Ministry	Ministry of Defense	Minister: Rajnath Singh
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Minister: Virendra Kumar Khatik



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