



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF APRIL 2026

Awards

The Indian scientist who has been awarded the 9th Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Award for his contributions to climate-resilient agriculture – **Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao**

The contestant from Goa who has been crowned Femina Miss India 2026 at a beauty pageant held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha – **Miss Sadhvi Satish Sail**

Defence

The 7th edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military conducted at Gurumsaray Field Training Area, Namangam, Uzbekistan from 12 to 25 April 2026 is named – **Exercise DUSTLIK**

The fourth edition of the India - Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise conducted at Anshas, Egypt from 09 to 17 April 2026 is named – **Exercise Cyclone - IV**

Sports

The former Indian cricketer, oldest living till his death, who passed away on 09 April 2026 at the age of 96 – **Shri CD Gopinath**

The state which hosted the Khelo India Tribal Games 2026 (inaugural edition) from March 25 to April 03, with Karnataka topping the medals tally – **Chhattisgarh**

Persons

The Indian photographer and photojournalist, recipient of Padma Shri (1972) who passed away on 26 April 2026 – **Shri Raghu Rai**

The former Parliamentarian and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh who passed away on 22 April 2026 – **Shri Nadendla Bhaskar Rao**

The Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar who has taken over as the 24th Chief Minister of the state following resignation of Shri Nitish Kumar on his election to the Rajya Sabha – **Shri Samrat Chaudhary**

The veteran playback singer, recipient of Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Padma Vibhushan, Maharashtra Bhushan and Banga Bhushan awards, who passed away on 12 April 2026 – **Smt Asha Bhosale**

The political leader from Trinamool Congress who has become the first openly LGBTQ+ parliamentarian in India – **Menaka Guruswamy**

The renowned sand artist who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Census 2027 – **Sudarshan Pattnaik**

Places

The place in Tamil Nadu at which indigenously built Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor attained criticality – **Kalpakkam**

Miscellaneous

The sanctuary in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh which has been designated as India's 99th Ramsar site – **Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary**

The painting by renowned Indian painter Raja Ravi Varma which has become the most expensive painting which was ever sold in India by being sold at ₹167.20 crore at an auction in Mumbai – **Yashoda and Krishna**

Laureas Sports Awards 2026

Sportsman of the Year: **Carlos Alcaraz** (Tennis) (Spain)

Sportswoman of the Year: **Aryna Sabalenka** (Tennis) (Belarus)

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Nadia Comaneci** (Gymnast) (Romania-US)

Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026

Key Takeaways

- The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 proposes amendments in 79 Central Acts administered by 23 Ministries, covering 784 provisions across multiple sectors.
- It removes criminal penalties for minor procedural lapses and replaces them with civil penalties or administrative mechanisms.

- The Bill also introduces amendments aimed at improving ease of living, including reforms under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994.
- It reduces compliance burden for MSMEs and businesses by introducing graded enforcement such as advisory notices and warnings before penalties.

Pillars of Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026

1. Warning before Punishment: First-time and minor lapses are addressed through warnings rather than immediate penalties, providing citizens and businesses a fair opportunity to comply.
2. Proportionate Penalties: Penalties are calibrated to the severity of the offence, ensuring fair, balanced, and just enforcement.
3. Faster and Fair Resolution: Dedicated adjudicating officers and appellate authorities enable swift and transparent resolution, while reducing the burden on courts.
4. Dynamic Penalty Framework: Penalties are subject to periodic revision, ensuring that enforcement remains effective, relevant, and responsive over time.

Artemis II

Artemis II was a crewed flyby of the Moon of the NASA. It was the first crewed flight beyond low Earth orbit since Apollo 17 in 1972. It was a test flight supporting Artemis IV mission to return humans to the lunar surface.

- Launch date: April 1, 2026
- Launched from: Kennedy Launch Complex-39B
- Mission duration: 9 days 1 hour 32 minutes and 15 seconds
- Landing date: April 11, 2026
- Landing site: Pacific Ocean, southwest of San Diego
- Spacecraft: Orion CM-003 Integrity ESM-2
- Crew : 4 (Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen)
- Recovered by: USS John P. Murtha (Transport ship of the USA)

Important Days of April

<p>World Autism Awareness Day: 02 April 2026 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value First Observed in: 2008</p>
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<p>International Mine Awareness Day: 04 April 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Invest in Peace, Invest in Mine Action First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p>International Day of Sport for Development and Peace: 06 April 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2014 Theme: Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers</p>
<p>World Health Day: 07 April 2026 Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: Together for Health. Stand with Science First Observed in: 1950</p>
<p>International Day of Human Space Flight: 12 April 2026 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p>World Haemophilia Day: 17 April 2026 Designated by: World Federation of Haemophilia Theme: Diagnosis: First step to care First Observed in: 1989</p>
<p>International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day): 18 April 2026 Designated by: UNESCO First Observed in: 1983 Theme: Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage – Preparedness, Response and Recovery</p>
<p>International Mother Earth Day: 22 April 2026 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2010 Note: Earth Day was first observed in 1970 in the United States and it went global in 1990. The same day was adopted by the UN in 2009 as the International Mother Earth Day.</p>
<p>UN English Language Day: 23 April 2026 Designated by: UN Dept of Public Information First Observed in: 2010</p>
<p>World Malaria Day: 25 April 2026 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2007 Theme: Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must</p>
<p>World Intellectual Property Day: 26 April 2026 Designated by: World Intellectual Property Organisation First Observed in: 2000 Theme: IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate</p>
<p>World Day for Safety and Health at Work: 28 April 2026 Designated by: International Labour Organisation First Observed in: 2003</p>

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