

# **Weekly Current Affairs**

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# LETTER TO ASPIRANTS

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- To give you exam-oriented coverage of all important topics.
- To save your time with structured summaries & MCQs.
- To help you connect static GK with dynamic events.

How to use this PDF effectively:

1. Start with the Week-at-a-Glance section for a quick overview.
2. Read each topic carefully, highlight key facts.
3. Revise once again before attempting the consolidated MCQs & Answer Key.

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With warm regards,

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# 1. International Current Affairs

## 'Max' Messenger App

### Russia Promotes 'Max' Messenger App Amid Surveillance Concerns

- Russia is promoting a new messaging platform called Max, developed by VK.
- The app is not end-to-end encrypted, raising concerns about government surveillance.
- Russia is simultaneously restricting popular apps like WhatsApp and Telegram.
- Max integrates multiple services including:
  - Messaging and social media
  - Digital ID
  - Banking and payments
  - Access to government services

## U.S. Fuel Blockade on Cuba and Emerging Humanitarian Crisis

Cuba is facing a severe energy and humanitarian crisis due to a U.S.-imposed fuel blockade, which has significantly reduced oil supplies to the island nation.

### Key Highlights:

- The United States has restricted oil shipments, including supplies from Venezuela and other countries
- The blockade is aimed at pressuring political change in Cuba
- Cuba is highly dependent on imported oil, especially for electricity generation

# 2. National Current Affairs

## Government Intensifies Surveillance on GLP-1 (Ozempic) Weight Loss Drugs

- India's Drugs Controller has strengthened regulatory oversight on GLP-1 based weight loss drugs to prevent misuse.
- Concerns arose due to unauthorized sale and promotion via pharmacies, online platforms, and wellness clinics.
- These drugs are approved only under strict medical prescription, primarily by:
  - Endocrinologists – specialized doctors who diagnose and treat disorders of the endocrine system (hormones, metabolism and reproduction)

- Internal Medicine specialists
- Cardiologists (for specific cases)

## **Gruh Sugam Portal Launched to Simplify Home Loans**

The National Housing Bank (NHB) has launched the Gruh Sugam Portal, a digital platform aimed at simplifying the home loan process for defence personnel, paramilitary forces, and government employees.

### **Key Highlights:**

The portal is designed to make home loan access easier, especially for personnel posted in remote areas. Instead of visiting banks physically, eligible users can apply for housing loans online through their respective administrative units. This significantly improves accessibility and convenience.

The platform acts as a unified digital marketplace, where applicants can receive and compare loan offers from multiple financial institutions. This increases transparency and helps users choose the best available option.

## **3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs**

### **Historical Milestones of INS Kalvari and Visakhapatnam Port**

- INS Kalvari (S23) was the first submarine of the Indian Navy, commissioned on December 8, 1967 in Riga, USSR.
- It was based at INS Virbahu in Visakhapatnam and served for nearly three decades, before being decommissioned in 1996.
- Visakhapatnam Port was inaugurated on December 19, 1933 by Lord Willingdon.
- The first ship to enter the port was S.S. Jaladurga, marking the beginning of ocean trade operations.

### **Andhra University to Celebrate Centenary (1926–2026)**

- Andhra University will celebrate its 100-year centenary from April 15–26, 2026.
- Established in 1926, it is one of India's pre-independence "Legacy Universities".
- The celebrations will include the release of a commemorative coin, stamp, and envelope.
- It was founded under the leadership of C.R. Reddy and later shaped by Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

## AMNS India Steel Plant Launched in Andhra Pradesh

- The foundation stone for a mega steel plant by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India was laid at Rajayyapeta.
- The project involves an investment of ₹1.36 lakh crore, making it one of the largest industrial projects in Andhra Pradesh.
- The plant will be developed in two phases with a total capacity of 17.8 million tonnes per annum (MTPA).
- First phase production is expected by 2028. The project includes:
  - A captive port (₹11,198 crore)
  - Road infrastructure and connectivity
  - Over 5,000 acres of land has been allocated for the project.

## Andhra Pradesh Launches City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy

### Andhra Pradesh Launches City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy to Boost Clean Energy Access

- The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced a new City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy to expand piped natural gas infrastructure.
- The policy aims to promote clean energy access for households, industries, and commercial users.
- Key features:
  - Single-window clearance system for faster approvals
  - State Level Utilities Coordination Committee (SLUCC) for policy oversight
  - District-level committees headed by Collectors
- Deemed approval provision:
  - Right of Way (RoW) permission must be granted within 21 days
  - If delayed, approval is automatically granted after 30 days

## 4. Polity and Governance

### Debate on Compulsory Voting in India

- The issue of compulsory voting has resurfaced after observations by the Supreme Court during election-related hearings.
- In India, the right to vote is provided under Article 326 and the Representation of the People Act, and is considered a statutory right, not a fundamental right.
- Voting is not compulsory and is neither a fundamental duty nor a legal obligation.
- Committees like the Dinesh Goswami Committee (1990) and the Law Commission (255th Report, 2015) have opposed compulsory voting due to practical and constitutional concerns.

- Countries like Australia, Brazil, and Argentina follow compulsory voting with penalties for non-voters.
- In India, compulsory voting may violate Article 19(1)(a) – Freedom of Expression.
- Experts suggest improving turnout through:
  - Awareness campaigns
  - Better transport facilities
  - Support for migrant voters
  - Exploring remote voting technologies

## Supreme Court Judgment on SC Status

The Supreme Court of India has ruled that Scheduled Caste (SC) status is available only to persons professing Hinduism, Buddhism, or Sikhism.

### Key Highlights:

- The judgment is based on the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950.
- Clause 3 clearly states:
  - Only persons following Hinduism, Sikhism (added in 1956), and Buddhism (added in 1990) are eligible for SC status.
- Conversion to other religions (like Christianity or Islam) leads to:
  - Immediate loss of SC status
  - Loss of reservation and legal protections (including SC/ST Act)

### Case Background:

- Petitioner: Born in SC (Madiga community), later converted to Christianity.
- Filed case under SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
- Court held:
  - Christianity does not recognize caste system
  - Hence, SC benefits cannot be claimed after conversion.

### Important Observations:

- “Profess” means publicly practicing a religion, not just personal belief.
- SC status and conversion to other religions are mutually exclusive.

### Re-conversion Rule:

To regain SC status, a person must:

- Be accepted back by the community
- Prove original caste
- Show genuine reconversion

## Supreme Court on 'Vande Mataram' Advisory

The Supreme Court of India held that the Union Government's advisory on playing the National Song "Vande Mataram" is not mandatory and does not violate constitutional freedoms.

### Key Highlights:

- The advisory issued by the Union Home Ministry is not legally binding
- It only prescribes protocols for playing the National Song at public and ceremonial events
- No penal action will be taken against individuals who do not sing or play it

### Court's Observations:

- The advisory is not a "threat to conform"
- Concerns about discrimination were termed "premature and vague"
- Individuals can approach the court if actual discrimination occurs

### Important Constitutional Aspect:

- Article 51A of the Indian Constitution:
  - Citizens have a duty to respect the National Flag and National Anthem
  - No such explicit duty exists for the National Song

## Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 13, 2026 to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

### Key Changes in the Bill:

#### Definition of Transgender Person

- The 2019 Act defined a transgender person broadly based on gender mismatch at birth
- The Amendment Bill removes this definition
- **Instead, it lists specific categories of persons included**
  - Persons with socio-cultural identities: Kinner, Hijra, Aravani, Jogta
  - Persons with biological variations:
    - Variations in genitalia, chromosomes, or hormones
- **Newly added:**
  - Eunuchs
  - Persons forced into transgender identity through physical or medical procedures
- **Removed Categories:**
  - Trans-man and trans-woman
  - Genderqueer persons

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

The Government of India has introduced the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha to promote Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living through decriminalisation of minor offences.

### Key Highlights:

The Bill proposes amendments to 784 provisions across 79 Central Acts administered by 23 Ministries. It aims to decriminalise 717 provisions, replacing criminal penalties such as imprisonment with monetary fines or administrative actions.

Additionally, 67 provisions are amended to improve citizen convenience and simplify procedures, especially under laws like the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994.

### Major Reforms:

The Bill promotes a shift from punitive governance to trust-based governance by:

- Removing outdated and redundant legal provisions
- Introducing graded penalties (warnings for first-time offences)
- Rationalising fines based on the severity of offences
- Establishing Adjudicating Officers and Appellate Authorities for faster dispute resolution

## 5. Economy

### RBI Framework on Unauthorised Digital Transactions & Fraud Detection

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised its guidelines on unauthorised electronic banking transactions (2026).
- A new compensation mechanism has been introduced for small-value fraud cases.
- RBI is promoting the use of AI, ML, and Big Data analytics to detect fraud in real time.
- The Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC) has been set up (2025) to monitor digital payment fraud.
- RBI launched “MuleHunter.AI” to detect mule accounts used in cyber fraud; currently active in 26 banks. Banks are advised to:
  - Use real-time transaction monitoring systems
  - Apply AI/ML tools for fraud detection

### Financial literacy initiatives by RBI:

- Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) – 2,421 centres
- Financial Literacy Week (FLW)
- Campaigns like “RBI Kehta Hai” and “SEBI vs SCAM”

### DPIIT Signs MoU with Razorpay to Boost Startup Ecosystem

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with fintech company Razorpay to strengthen India’s startup ecosystem.

This Provides access to:

- Financial tools and digital payment solutions
- Mentorship and founder enablement programmes
- Structured guidance and ecosystem support

### Startup Sahayak Platform:

A dedicated platform launched under this initiative provides company incorporation support and access to government schemes (central & State).

### Government Retains 4% Inflation Target for RBI till 2031

The Government of India has retained the retail inflation target at 4% with a tolerance band of  $\pm 2\%$  (2%–6%) for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031.

### **Key Highlights:**

- Inflation target:
  - 4% (Central target)
  - Lower limit: 2%
  - Upper limit: 6%
- This decision was taken in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India
- It is the second extension of the same inflation targeting framework:
  - First introduced in 2016
  - Continued in 2021
  - Now extended till 2031

### **Japan Extends ODA Loan to India for Key Development Projects**

Japan has committed Official Development Assistance (ODA) worth JPY 275.858 billion (approx. ₹16,420 crore) to India for four major projects in urban transport, healthcare, and agriculture.

### **Key Highlights:**

The loan agreements have been signed between the Government of India and the Japan International Cooperation Agency, strengthening the India-Japan Strategic and Global Partnership.

### **Major Projects Funded:**

- Sustainable Horticulture Development in Punjab
- Bengaluru Metro Rail Project (Phase 3)
- Mumbai Metro Line 11 Project
- Strengthening Tertiary Healthcare System in Maharashtra

## 6. Science & Technology

### 15 New Moons Discovered Around Jupiter and Saturn

- The Minor Planet Center (MPC) announced the discovery of 15 new moons.
- Jupiter gained 4 new moons, discovered by Scott Sheppard and David Tholen.
- Saturn gained 11 new moons, discovered by a team led by Edward Ashton.
- The MPC, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, operates under the International Astronomical Union.
- It is responsible for:
  - Tracking asteroids, comets, and moons
  - Assigning official designations to celestial objects
  - Monitoring Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) for planetary safety
- The discovery highlights ongoing advancements in space observation and planetary science.

#### How Are Moons Formed?

Moons can form in different ways depending on how a planet evolves:

1. **Co-formation (Formation with Planet)**
  - Moons form from the same gas and dust cloud as the planet.
  - Example: Many moons of Jupiter and Saturn.
2. **Capture Theory**
  - A planet's gravity captures a passing asteroid or object, turning it into a moon.
3. **Giant Impact Theory**
  - A large collision throws debris into space, which later forms a moon.
  - Example: Earth's Moon.
4. **Fragmentation**
  - A larger moon or object breaks apart, forming smaller moons.

In outer planets like Jupiter and Saturn, many newly discovered moons are captured objects or fragments.

## 7. Environment

### Cabinet approved New NDC Targets (2031-2035)

The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for the period 2031–2035 under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement.

## Key Targets:

- 47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP by 2035 (from 2005 levels)
- 60% installed electric power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2035
- Creation of a carbon sink of 3.5–4.0 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent through forests by 2035
- Long-term target of achieving Net Zero emissions by 2070

## 8. Schemes

### Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME)

- Government Modifies MCGS-MSME Scheme to Boost Credit Access (2026)
- The Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME) has been modified to improve credit access and reduce compliance burden.
- The scheme provides 60% guarantee coverage through National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC).
- Loans up to ₹100 crore for plant and machinery are eligible.
- Key modifications include:
  - Inclusion of service sector MSMEs
  - Reduced machinery cost requirement (from 75% to 60%)
  - Refundable upfront contribution
  - Guarantee tenure fixed at 10 years
- Special incentives for exporters:
  - 75% guarantee coverage
  - Loans up to ₹20 crore
  - Lower guarantee fee and contribution
- The scheme aims to strengthen MSMEs, which contribute ~30% to GDP and 45% to exports.

### Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0)

- The Government of India has introduced the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0).
- The scheme provides guarantee support through National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC).
- It aims to facilitate credit flow up to ₹20,000 crore to NBFC-MFIs and MFIs.
- Around 36 lakh small borrowers are expected to benefit. Key features:
  - Guarantee coverage: 80% (small), 75% (medium), 70% (large MFIs)
  - Interest cap: EBLR/MCLR + 2%
  - Guarantee fee: 0.5% per annum

## Agri-Photovoltaics (AgriPV)

- Agri-Photovoltaics (AgriPV) is an innovative system that combines solar power generation with farming on the same land.
- It helps India achieve its renewable energy targets (300 GW solar by 2030) while preserving agricultural land.
- Under schemes like PM-KUSUM, the government is promoting solarisation of agriculture.
- The PM-KUSUM Budget allocation in the 2026-27 budget is nearly ₹5,000 crore.
- AgriPV allows farmers to earn additional income by selling electricity while continuing crop cultivation.
- A proposed National Agri-Photovoltaics Mission (10 GW) may boost large-scale adoption.

## National AI Skilling Initiative

### Centre Launches National AI Skilling Initiative to Boost Creative Economy

- The Government of India launched the National AI Skilling Initiative in partnership with Google and YouTube to strengthen India's creative (orange) economy.
- Around 15,000 youth will be trained free of cost in AI-related skills.
- The program will be implemented through the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT).
- Training will happen in two phases (March–December 2026), covering:
  - Basics of AI and Generative AI
  - Prompting and AI tools
  - Advanced storytelling and YouTube content creation
- Other initiatives launched:
  - MyWAVES platform for citizen content creators
  - In-built satellite tuners in TVs for easier access to DD Free Dish

## Modified UDAN Scheme

The Union Cabinet has approved the Regional Connectivity Scheme – Modified UDAN for a period of 10 years (FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36) with a total outlay of ₹28,840 crore.

### Key Objectives:

- Enhance regional air connectivity to unserved and underserved areas
- Promote affordable air travel for common citizens
- Boost economic growth, tourism, and trade in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities

- Improve emergency services and healthcare access in remote regions

### **Major Components:**

- 1. Development of Aerodromes (CAPEX):**
  - Development of 100 airports
  - Outlay: ₹12,159 crore
- 2. Operation & Maintenance:**
  - Financial support for 441 aerodromes
  - Estimated cost: ₹2,577 crore
- 3. Development of Helipads:**
  - 200 modern helipads to be constructed
  - Outlay: ₹3,661 crore
- 4. Viability Gap Funding (VGF):**
  - Financial support to airline operators
  - Total allocation: ₹10,043 crore
- 5. Aircraft Acquisition:**
  - Procurement of HAL Dhruv helicopters (for Pawan Hans) and HAL Dornier aircraft (for Alliance Air)

### **Bio-RIDE Scheme**

The Government of India has introduced the Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE) scheme to strengthen biotechnology research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The scheme was launched on 18 September 2024 with an estimated outlay of Rs.9197 crore during the 15<sup>th</sup> finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

### **Major Drone Initiatives in India**

The Government of India is promoting the drone ecosystem through multiple initiatives, with the SwaYaan Project playing a key role in capacity building in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

### **Key Highlights:**

- Over 32,000 beneficiaries trained under the SwaYaan project
- Training conducted through 900+ activities across India
- Implemented using a hub-and-spoke model involving 30 premier institutions (IITs, NITs, IIITs, etc.)

### **Focus Areas of SwaYaan:**

- Drone Electronics
- Guidance, Navigation & Control (GNC)
- Aeromechanics
- Drone Applications
- Allied UAS Technologies

#### **Other Major Drone Initiatives:**

- **Remote Pilot Training Organizations (RPTOs):**
  - 251 authorized institutions
  - Over 42,000 trained remote pilots
- **Namo Drone Didi Scheme:**
  - Training women from SHGs in drone operations
  - 500+ trained drone pilots
- **PMKVY 4.0:**
  - Skill development in emerging technologies including drones
  - Over 25,000 candidates trained
- **PUSHPAK Mission:**
  - Focus on indigenous drone technology development

## **9. Rank and Reports**

### **NICRA Climate Risk Report in 651 Districts; 310 Identified as Vulnerable**

- The Government, through Indian Council of Agricultural Research, is implementing the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture.
- Climate risk assessment has been conducted in 651 agricultural districts using IPCC protocols.
- Out of these, 310 districts are vulnerable:
  - 109 districts – Very high vulnerability
  - 201 districts – High vulnerability
- District Agriculture Contingency Plans (DACPs) have been prepared for all districts.

### **PLFS Annual Report 2025 Released**

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report 2025, providing insights into employment, unemployment, and workforce trends in India.

## Key Highlights:

- The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for persons aged 15 years and above remained stable at 59.3% in 2025, indicating steady workforce engagement.
- The Worker Population Ratio (WPR), which measures the proportion of employed persons, stood at 57.4%, showing stability compared to the previous year.
- The overall Unemployment Rate (UR) declined slightly to 3.1% in 2025, reflecting improvement in employment conditions. Among youth (15–29 years), unemployment also decreased to 9.9%.
- There has been a gradual shift in employment patterns, with a decline in agriculture employment share and an increase in manufacturing and services sectors.
- The share of workers in regular wage/salaried employment increased to 23.6%, while self-employment saw a slight decline.
- Female earnings showed stronger growth compared to males across employment categories, indicating gradual improvement in gender wage trends.

## 10. Defence

### Indian Navy to Commission Stealth Frigate 'Taragiri'

- The Indian Navy will commission the stealth frigate INS Taragiri (F41) on April 3, 2026 at Visakhapatnam.
- The ceremony will be presided over by Rajnath Singh.
- Taragiri is the 4th ship under Project 17A, built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.
- It is designed for combat operations as well as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR).

### Tunguska Air Defence Missile System

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed contracts worth ₹858 crore for strengthening India's air defence and maritime surveillance capabilities.

## Key Highlights:

The contracts include procurement of the Tunguska Air Defence Missile System for the Indian Army and depot-level inspection of P-8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft for the Indian Navy.

The Tunguska missile system contract, valued at ₹445 crore, has been signed with JSC Rosoboronexport, Russia. These advanced systems will enhance India's multilayered air defence against threats such as aircraft, drones, and cruise missiles, further strengthening the Indo-Russian defence partnership.

## 11. Committees and Conferences

### Expert Committee Formed to Guide NCERT Legal Studies Curriculum

- The Supreme Court of India directed the formation of an expert panel to review NCERT legal studies curriculum.
- The committee includes Justice Indu Malhotra and K.K. Venugopal.
- It will collaborate with Justice Aniruddha Bose.
- The decision followed concerns over a Class 8 textbook topic on "Corruption in the Judiciary", which the Court termed misleading.
- The Court ordered that revised content must be approved by experts before publication.
- The move aims to ensure accurate, unbiased, and responsible legal education for students.

### Carbon Markets Conference – 'Prakriti 2026'

#### Ministry of Power launches Indian Carbon Market Portal at Prakriti 2026

- The Union Power Minister inaugurated Prakriti 2026 in New Delhi.
- During the event, the Indian Carbon Market Portal was launched.
- The portal will serve as a central platform for implementing and administering India's carbon market.
- The initiative is aligned with India's climate commitments and supports the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS).

### World Water Day Conclave 2026

#### India to Host World Water Day Conclave 2026 in New Delhi

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti hosted the World Water Day Conclave 2026 on 23 March 2026 in New Delhi.
- The conclave theme is "Industry for Water", focusing on sustainable water management and industrial responsibility.
- Key releases include:

- 7th Minor Irrigation Census
- 2nd Census of Water Bodies
- 1st Census of Springs
- National Water Data Policy
- The event emphasizes water conservation, recycling, reuse, and data-driven governance.
- **World Water Day is observed on 22 March globally to promote SDG-6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).**

### International Conference on ‘Ekatma Manav Darshan’

The Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, virtually inaugurated an international conference on “Ekatma Manav Darshan – Bharat’s Worldview” at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

### 14th WTO Ministerial Conference

The 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) will be held from 26–29 March 2026 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, under the chairmanship of Cameroon.

## 12. Person in News

### Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia

- The Union Government commemorates the birth anniversary of Ram Manohar Lohia, a prominent freedom fighter and socialist thinker.
- Born on 23 March 1910, Lohia played a key role in the Indian freedom movement, especially during the Quit India Movement (1942).
- He was a strong advocate of social justice, equality, and anti-caste reforms.
- Lohia promoted the idea of “**Sapta Kranti**” (**Seven Revolutions**) to bring social and economic transformation.

## 13. Important Days

### Shaheed Diwas – 23 March

Shaheed Diwas Observed on March 23 to Honor Freedom Fighters

- Shaheed Diwas (Martyrs' Day) is observed every year on 23 March in India.
- It commemorates the sacrifice of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, who were executed by the British in 1931.
- The day honors their contribution to the Indian freedom struggle and their fight against colonial rule.
- It serves as a reminder of the values of patriotism, courage, and sacrifice.
- Various programs, tributes, and awareness activities are conducted across the country.

### World Tuberculosis Day – 24 March

- World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on 24 March to raise awareness about TB and efforts to eliminate it.
- It is one of the official global health campaigns of the World Health Organization.
- The theme for 2026 is "Yes! We can end TB".
- TB remains one of the deadliest infectious diseases, especially in low- and middle-income countries.
- The day emphasizes early detection, treatment, and global cooperation to eliminate TB.