

Weekly Current Affairs

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Dear Aspirants,

Greetings from ReadingRoomz!

Another week has passed, and with it, countless developments in the world of national, state, economy, science, and governance all of which matter for your APPSC journey. Preparing for Group-1, Group-2, DSC and SI exams is not just about reading facts; it is about developing a disciplined habit of daily learning, weekly revision, monthly revision, and smart practice.

Through this Weekly Current Affairs PDF, our goal is simple:

- 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.

Remember, consistency is your greatest weapon. Reading 5–10 pages daily is far better than cramming 100 pages before the exam.

We at ReadingRoomz believe that every aspirant has the potential to succeed if they combine hard work with the right material and smart strategy. Trust the process, keep revising, and never lose hope.

Wishing you success in your APPSC journey. Stay focused, stay motivated, and remember *every small step you take today brings you closer to your dream tomorrow.*

With warm regards,
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1. National Current Affairs

BSF Explores Use of Reptiles for Border Security Along Bangladesh Border

The Border Security Force has been directed to explore the feasibility of deploying reptiles such as snakes and crocodiles in riverine stretches along the India–Bangladesh border to curb infiltration and illegal activities.

Key Highlights:

- Proposal is based on directions from Amit Shah
- Focus area – Riverine and low-lying border regions
- The main aim of this new proposal is to prevent illegal migration, smuggling and cross-border crimes.

Background:

- The total length of the India–Bangladesh border is approximately 4,096.7 km.
- Out of this, around 3,326.14 km has been approved for fencing by the government.
- So far, approximately 2,954.56 km of the border has been successfully fenced.
- Nearly 371 km of the border still remains unfenced, mainly due to difficult terrain such as riverine and low-lying areas.

India Launches First-Ever ASISSE Survey for Services Sector

- The National Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched the first-ever Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE) in April 2026.
- The survey covers all States and Union Territories with the reference period being financial year 2024–25.

Key Highlights

- The survey aims to develop a comprehensive database of the incorporated services sector in India.
- It will cover approximately 1.21 lakh enterprises across the country.
- The survey uses the GSTN database as the sampling frame to ensure wide coverage.

Scope of Survey

- The survey includes corporate entities such as:
 - Companies registered under the Companies Act
 - Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs)
- It covers key service sectors such as trade, transport, hospitality, IT, Education and Health.

Economic Importance

- The services sector contributes more than half of India's GDP and generates millions of jobs.
- ASISSE will provide key economic and operational indicators for better policymaking and analysis.

BRO's Project Chetak Celebrates 47th Raising Day

Project Chetak of the Border Roads Organisation celebrated its 47th Raising Day on April 4, 2026, at Bikaner, Rajasthan. The Project Chetak was established in 1980 and it operates in Rajasthan, Punjab and Northern Gujarat. It's main objective is to support defence forces by maintaining roads near the international border. It maintains over 4000 km of ditch-cum-bund.

Sadhana Saptah 2026

The Government of India is organising Sadhana Saptah 2026 from April 2 to April 8, 2026 as a major national initiative to enhance capacity building in civil services and promote citizen-centric governance. Theme of the Sadhana Saptah 2026 is "Ham Bane Karmayogi. This was organised under Mission Karmayogi platform.

About Mission Karmayogi:

Mission Karmayogi, also known as the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB), was launched in September 2020 by the Government of India to transform the civil services into a future-ready, citizen-centric, and efficient workforce.

Yuva Sangam Phase-VI

The Government of India is implementing Yuva Sangam Phase-VI (2026) under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative to promote youth exchange and experiential learning across States and Union Territories.

Objective:

- is to promote national integration
- is to encourage experiential learning (NEP 2020)
- is to connect youth with culture, governance and innovation.

Zool Festival Celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir

The Zool Festival, a centuries-old Sufi tradition, was celebrated on April 2, 2026 at the Aishmuqam shrine in Anantnag district of Jammu & Kashmir. This festival is dedicated to Baba Zain-ud-Din-Wali, a disciple of Sheik Noor-ud-Din Wali. This festival is also known as the “Torch Festival” or “Illumination Festival”.

Cabinet Approves Major Hydropower Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved two major hydropower projects in Arunachal Pradesh to boost energy capacity and infrastructure development.

Kalai-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP)

- Location: Lohit River, Anjaw District
- Capacity: 1200 MW
- Investment: ₹14,105.83 crore
- Annual Generation: 4852.95 MU
- This is the first hydro project in the Lohit Basin

Kamala Hydro Electric Project (HEP)

- Location: Kamla River, Kra Daadi & Kurung Kumey districts
- Capacity: 1720 MW
- Investment: ₹26,069.50 crore
- Annual Generation: 6870 MU

Other Hydropower Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

- Etalin – 3097 MW
- Subansiri Lower – 2000 MW
- Dibang Multipurpose – 2880 MW

Ancient Stepped Reservoir Unearthed at Elephanta Island

The Archaeological Survey of India has unearthed a 1,500-year-old stepped reservoir at Elephanta Island near Mumbai during excavations.

Key Highlights

- The reservoir is:
 - About 14.7 metres long
 - T-shaped structure
 - Excavated up to 5 metres depth
 - Contains around 20 stone steps
- The structure was carefully designed for water storage, indicating advanced ancient engineering.

Archaeological Findings

- Excavations revealed:
 - Brick structures (possibly dyeing vats)
 - Terracotta figurines
 - Glass and stone bangles
 - Beads made of carnelian and quartz
- Around 3,000 amphorae sherds of Mediterranean origin were found, indicating ancient trade links.

Historical Significance

- About 60 coins (copper, silver, lead) were discovered.
- Some coins belong to Krishnaraja of the Kalachuri dynasty (6th century CE).

Kalachuri Dynasty

- The Kalachuri Dynasty was an important ruling dynasty in central and western India, mainly during the 6th to 12th centuries CE.
- The early Kalachuris ruled from Mahishmati (present-day Madhya Pradesh region), while later branches ruled in areas like Tripuri (near Jabalpur) and parts of Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh.
- One notable ruler was Krishnaraja, whose coins have been found in recent excavations, indicating the dynasty's influence and economic activity.
- The Kalachuris are known for:
 - Temple architecture and patronage of Shaivism
 - Issuing inscribed coins and copper plates
 - Contributions to regional administration and culture

2. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

Andhra Pradesh to Host International Dragon Boat League (IDBL) 2026

Andhra Pradesh is set to host the International Dragon Boat League (IDBL) 2026 in Rajamahendravaram on the Godavari River, starting from May 30, 2026. The event will be conducted for three days, making it a major international water sports festival in the State.

Key Highlights

- Nearly 1,000 athletes are expected to take part, showcasing global participation.
- The event will be organised by the State Government in collaboration with the Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association (IKCA) and a private organising firm.
- Around 25 countries have been invited to participate in the event.

Battle of Vizagapatnam (1804)

The Battle of Vizagapatnam (September 1804) was a significant naval engagement fought off the coast of present-day Visakhapatnam during the global Napoleonic Wars.

The battle took place between British East India Company forces and French Naval Forces. At the time, both powers were competing for dominance over Indian Ocean trade routes.

What Happened?

- French warships attacked British merchant ships anchored near the Vizagapatnam coast (roadstead).
- However, it highlighted the vulnerability of trade routes
- The British naval escort resisted the attack
- The engagement remained limited in scale

India's First Quantum Reference Facility to be Launched in Andhra Pradesh

India's first quantum computing testing beds, known as Quantum Reference Facility, are set to be dedicated to the nation on April 14, 2026 (World Quantum Day).

Key Highlights

- The facility is being developed under the Amaravati Quantum Valley Programme of the Andhra Pradesh government.
- It is located at SRM University, Andhra Pradesh (Amaravati region).
- It will be developed in collaboration with Amaravati Quantum Research Facility and Qubit Force.
- Around 50 researchers, scientists, and students are involved in the project.

3. Polity and Governance

Prime Minister Modi became longest serving elected leader in India

Narendra Modi has completed 8,931 days in public office, combining his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat and Prime Minister of India. His tenure includes service as Chief Minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014 and as Prime Minister from 2014 to the present. He has surpassed the record of Pawan Kumar Chamling, the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, to become one of the longest-serving elected leaders in India.

Constitutional Aspect

- The Indian Constitution does not impose any term limit on the offices of Prime Minister and Chief Ministers.
- The Prime Minister continues in office as long as he or she enjoys the confidence of the Lok Sabha.

Why No Term Limit?

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar explained that, executive accountability is ensured through no-confidence motions, parliamentary questions, and periodic elections rather than fixed term limits.

Emerging Debate

- The Tenth Schedule (Anti-Defection Law) restricts legislators from voting against their party leadership.
- This restriction may weaken parliamentary accountability and reduce effective checks on executive power.

Interesting Constitutional Contrast

- In contrast, the Prime Minister has neither a constitutional limit nor a convention restricting the number of terms.
- The office of the President of India has no constitutional term limit, but by convention, Presidents generally serve a maximum of two terms.

Constitution of India Released in Sindhi Language

On the occasion of Sindhi Bhasha Diwas (April 10, 2026), the updated version of the Constitution of India was released in the Sindhi language. The release was done by C. P. Radhakrishnan at the Vice-President's Enclave.

Key Highlights

- Improve accessibility of constitutional knowledge
- The Constitution was released in Devanagari Script (First Edition) and Persian Script (Second Edition).
- Now the Indian Constitution is available in 22 languages that are listed in Eight Schedule of the Constitution.

4. Economy

World Bank Revises India's Growth Outlook to 6.6% for FY27

The World Bank has revised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.6% for FY 2026–27, down from the earlier projection of 7.2%.

Key Highlights

- The downgrade is mainly due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia (Middle East) affecting:
 - Energy supply (oil & gas)
 - Industrial production
 - Consumption
- The projection assumes continued disruption in global energy markets till the end of 2026.

Sector-wise Impact

- Industrial growth is expected to slow from 8.8% to 7.5%.

- Key affected sectors:
 - Manufacturing (electronics, automobiles)
 - Business services
 - Food and accommodation services
- Reasons:
 - Higher input costs (especially LPG)
 - Reduced export demand from Gulf countries

Regional Outlook

South Asia's growth is projected to decline from 7% (2025) to 6.3% (2026).

5. Science & Technology

India's Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) Achieves First Criticality

India has achieved a major milestone in nuclear energy as the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu attained first criticality on April 6, 2026. First criticality marks the start of a controlled nuclear fission chain reaction, a crucial stage before full power generation.

Key Highlights

- The PFBR has been designed by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research.
- It is a 500 MWe nuclear reactor, representing advanced indigenous technology.

Technology & Features

- Uses Uranium-Plutonium Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel
- Surrounded by Uranium-238 blanket, which converts into Plutonium-239
- Produces more fuel than it consumes (Breeder Reactor concept)

Role in Country's Nuclear Programme

- PFBR is a key component of India's three-stage nuclear power programme
- It acts as a bridge between Stage 1 (Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors) and Stage 3 (Thorium-based reactors)

Criticality: The stage at which a nuclear reactor achieves a self-sustaining and controlled chain reaction.

Scientists Developed Frog-Inspired Neuromorphic Sensor

Scientists from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research have developed a humidity-responsive neuromorphic sensor inspired by frogs, marking a breakthrough in smart electronics. This is the first device where humidity is used as a primary stimulus to mimic synaptic (brain-like) behaviour.

Key Highlights

- The sensor mimics brain-like functioning, integrating sensing, processing and memory.
- All in a single device, unlike conventional electronics

Technology Insight

- Detects humidity changes and “remembers” previous signals
- Inspired by cricket frogs, whose activity depends on moisture and light.
- The sensor uses Supramolecular nanofibers.

6. Schemes

PM-UDAY Scheme (2019)

- The Government of India has decided to regularise 1511 unauthorised colonies in Delhi on an “as-is where-is” basis, marking a major step towards inclusive urban development.
- This move is expected to benefit around 45 lakh residents, providing them with legal ownership and housing rights.

Key Highlights

- The decision builds upon the PM-UDAY Scheme (2019), which was launched to grant property ownership rights to residents of unauthorised colonies.
- Out of 1,731 unauthorised colonies, around 1511 colonies are eligible for regularisation, while some are excluded due to legal or environmental restrictions.

Major Features

- Colonies will be regularised without requiring approved layout plans, removing a major obstacle.
- All plots in these colonies will be treated as residential land use.

- Residents will be allowed to undertake construction, redevelop houses and get building plans approved.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) Completes 11 Years

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) completed 11 years on April 8, 2026, marking a major milestone in promoting financial inclusion and micro-entrepreneurship in India. The scheme was launched in 2015 with the objective of “Funding the Unfunded”, providing collateral-free loans to small entrepreneurs.

Key Highlights

- The scheme has disbursed over ₹40.07 lakh crore through 57.79 crore loans since its launch.
- The loans are provided for non-corporate, non-farm income-generating activities, supporting MSMEs and small businesses.
- Nearly two-thirds of the loans have been sanctioned to women entrepreneurs, indicating strong gender inclusion.

Loan Categories

Under PMMY, loans are classified based on business stage:

- **Shishu** – Loans up to ₹50,000
- **Kishor** – Loans from ₹50,000 to ₹5 lakh
- **Tarun** – Loans from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh
- **Tarun Plus** – Loans from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh

Womaniya Initiative

The Government’s Womaniya Initiative is enhancing market access for women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) platform. This initiative was launched in 2019, Womaniya enables women-led enterprises to sell directly to government buyers and participate in public procurement. These initiatives cover product categories such as Handicrafts, Handloom, Jute, Home decor and other items.

Major Achievements (2025–26)

- Over 2.1 lakh women MSEs registered on GeM
- Achieved 13.7 lakh order volume
- Total contract value exceeded ₹28,000 crore

- Women-led procurement reached 5.6%, surpassing the 3% target

About Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM), launched in 2016, is an online platform that facilitates the procurement of goods and services by various government entities. It enables a paperless, cashless, and contactless procurement process, ensuring transparency and efficiency. The platform is used by Central and State Ministries, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), and Panchayats to purchase products and services directly from sellers across India.

7. Rank and Reports

National Household Survey 2024 Report on Textiles

The Ministry of Textiles released the report titled “Market for Textiles & Clothing: National Household Survey 2024”, highlighting trends in domestic textile demand in India.

Key Highlights

- The total textile market size in India has grown from ₹4.89 lakh crore in 2010 to ₹14.95 lakh crore in 2024.
- The domestic market size of textiles stands at ₹12.02 lakh crore in 2024.
- Household demand for textiles has increased to ₹8.77 lakh crore, playing a major role in market growth.
- The per capita textile demand has risen from ₹2,119 in 2010 to ₹6,066 in 2024, indicating increased consumption.

NITI Aayog Report: “From Borrowers to Builders: Women and India’s Evolving Credit Market”

The NITI Aayog released the report titled “From Borrowers to Builders: Women and India’s Evolving Credit Market” on April 7, 2026. The report was prepared in collaboration with the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), TransUnion CIBIL and MicroSave Consulting.

Highlights

- Women in India hold a total credit portfolio of ₹76 lakh crore, accounting for 26% of total system credit.
- The credit exposure of women has increased 4.8 times since 2017, indicating strong financial inclusion.
- The number of credit-active women borrowers has grown at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9% between 2017 and 2025.
- Credit penetration among women has increased from 19% in 2017 to 36% in 2025.

Emerging Trends

- Women are shifting from microfinance loans to retail and business loans, indicating improved financial capability.
- Commercial credit to women entrepreneurs has grown rapidly with a 31% CAGR between 2022 and 2025.
- Personal loans and gold loans remain the most commonly accessed, while housing loans are increasing, showing rising asset ownership.
- Growth in women’s credit access is expanding beyond the southern states to northern states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

India Ranks 3rd Globally in Renewable Energy Capacity

India has secured the 3rd position globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity, surpassing Brazil, as per global statistics released for 2025. The announcement was made by the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi.

Key Highlights

- India's total renewable energy installed capacity reached around 250 GW, while total non-fossil fuel capacity reached 283.46 GW.
- India achieved a major milestone by reaching 50% of its installed power capacity from non-fossil sources in 2025, ahead of its 2030 target.
- Renewable energy met 51.5% of electricity demand at peak (July 2025).
- Share of non-fossil fuel sources in total electricity generation stood at 29.2% in 2025–26.

Breakdown of Renewable Capacity

- Solar Power – 150.26 GW
- Wind Power – 56.09 GW
- Bio Energy – 11.75 GW
- Small Hydro – 5.17 GW
- Large Hydro – 51.41 GW

Future Targets: India aims to achieve 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.

Indian Space Situational Assessment Report (ISSAR) 2025

The Indian Space Situational Assessment Report (ISSAR) 2025 highlighted significant growth in global space activities and India's space assets.

Global Space Activity (2025)

- The year 2025 witnessed 315 successful space launches worldwide.
- A total of 4,651 objects were placed in orbit, marking the highest-ever deployment of payloads.
- Around 1,911 objects re-entered the atmosphere, resulting in a net annual growth of 74.5% in space objects.

India's Space Assets

- India launched 8 satellites and 4 rocket bodies placed in orbit.

Satellite Status

- Total Indian satellites in orbit - **86**
 - 27 operational
 - 23 defunct (inactive but still in orbit)
 - 36 decayed (fallen back to Earth)

Additional Highlights

- IRNSS-1D satellite was decommissioned above geosynchronous orbit.
- India carried out 563 orbital manoeuvres in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and 519 manoeuvres in Geostationary Orbit (GEO).

8. Defence

India Commissions Third Nuclear Submarine INS Aridhaman (S4)

India has strengthened its strategic defence capability with the commissioning of INS Aridhaman (S4), the third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) of the Arihant-class.

Key Highlights:

The submarine was commissioned in Visakhapatnam in the presence of Rajnath Singh as part of India's Strategic Forces Command.

Nuclear Triad: India now has the capability to launch nuclear weapons from Land, Air and Sea. There are only five countries that have the nuclear triad capability, namely India, USA, Russia, China and France.

Programme Background:

- Developed under Advanced Technology Vessel (ATV) Project
- Built at Ship Building Centre (SBC), Visakhapatnam

India–Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Cyclone-IV’

The Indian Army contingent departed for Egypt to participate in the fourth edition of the India–Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Cyclone-IV’, which was conducted from April 9 to 17, 2026 at Anshas, Egypt.

Key Highlights

- The previous edition of the exercise was conducted in India, reflecting growing bilateral engagement.
- The exercise was conducted as part of strengthening defence cooperation between India and Egypt.
- The Indian contingent consisted of 25 personnel from Special Forces units, who trained alongside Egyptian forces.

9. Committees and Conferences

SMOPS-2026 International Space Conference Held in Bengaluru

The second edition of the International Conference on Spacecraft Mission Operations (SMOPS-2026) is being held from April 8–10, 2026 in Bengaluru, India. The conference is jointly organised by ISRO, Astronautical Society of India (ASI) and International Academy of Astrodynamics (IAA).

Theme of the Conference: “Innovative Operations for Smart and Sustainable Space Mission Management – Next Generation”

Key Highlights

- The conference focuses on Space mission operations, AI & robotics, Human Spaceflight Missions, Cybersecurity in space systems.
- Over 120 oral presentations and 88 poster presentations were conducted.

10. Important Days

World Health Day - 07 April

- World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7 to mark the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.
- The World Health Day theme 2026 is “Together for Health: Stand with Science”, emphasizing the importance of scientific collaboration in improving global health.

World Homoeopathy Day - 10 April

World Homoeopathy Day was observed on April 10, 2026, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homoeopathy.

Key Highlights

- The World Homoeopathy Day theme 2026 was “Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health”
- Homoeopathy is based on the principle: “Like cures like”
- It uses highly diluted natural substances to stimulate the body’s self-healing mechanism.

Homoeopathy in India

- India has one of the largest homoeopathic systems in the world:
 - Around 3.45 lakh registered doctors
 - Over 8,500 dispensaries
 - 277 educational institutions
 - 34 research centres
- Homoeopathy was introduced in India around 1810.

11. Person in News

Tô Lâm has been elected as the President of the Vietnam

Tô Lâm was elected as the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on April 7, 2026. His election marks an important development in Vietnam's political leadership.

About Vietnam

- Major River – Mekong River
- Capital of Vietnam – Hanoi
- Currency – Vietnamese Dong
- Official Name – Socialist Republic of Vietnam

12. Sports

Former India Cricketer C.D. Gopinath Passes Away

Former Indian cricketer C. D. Gopinath, India's oldest living Test cricketer, passed away at the age of 96 in Chennai. He was part of India's first-ever Test victory against England in 1952.