

Weekly Current Affairs

April 2026 — Week 4 (20–26 April)

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1. International	India–Korea Visit (Lee Jae-myung), Tuti Island Sudan
2. National	BMI Pool, Pachpadra Refinery, PMGSY-III, Moh-Juj, Mahanadi Tribunal
3. Andhra Pradesh	Animal Shelters, Hope Island, Railway Lines, Punarvika, Solar Wafer Plant, Nadendla
4. Polity & Governance	131st Amendment Bill Defeated (298 vs 352 required)
5. Economy	Sacrifice Ratio — Fed, BoE, RBI post-pandemic inflation comparison
6. Science & Technology	Infrared Sensors — Smart Washbasins and IR Technology
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1) International Current Affairs

India–Korea Relations Strengthened – State Visit of President Lee Jae-myung

South Korean President **Lee Jae-myung's state visit to India** produced a broad package of agreements across strategic, economic, climate, and maritime cooperation, significantly deepening the India–Republic of Korea (ROK) partnership.

Key Outcomes of the Visit:

Launch of an **Economic Security Dialogue** and a **Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP)**.

New Foreign Ministries Dialogue on Climate Change, Arctic, and Maritime Cooperation.

South Korea joined India's **Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)** and the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.

India joined South Korea's **Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)**.

Both countries will commemorate **2028–29 as the Year of India–ROK Friendship**.

Tuti Island, Sudan – Symbol of Civilian Resilience in Civil War

Tuti Island, at the confluence of the **White Nile and Blue Nile** in Sudan, became a symbol of civilian resilience after surviving a prolonged siege (June 2023 – March 2025) during Sudan's civil war between the Sudanese Army and the **Rapid Support Forces (RSF)**.

2) National Current Affairs

Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMI Pool) – India Ends Dependence on Foreign Insurers

The Union Cabinet approved the **Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMI Pool)** backed by a **sovereign guarantee of Rs 12,980 crore**, directly reducing India's dependence on the **International Group of P&I; (IGP&I;) Clubs** — the foreign consortium that controlled maritime insurance for Indian trade.

What the BMI Pool Covers:

Hull and Machinery Insurance | Cargo Insurance | Protection and Indemnity (P&I;) Insurance | War Risk Insurance.

Covers Indian-flagged or controlled vessels and all vessels carrying cargo to/from Indian ports.

Strengthens India's sanctions resilience and sovereign control over maritime risk.

Punjab Anti-Sacrilege Bill Becomes Law

The **Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Bill, 2026** received assent from Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, amending the 2008 Act to introduce stricter penalties for acts of sacrilege (beadbi) against the Guru Granth Sahib — the Sikh holy scripture.

India's First Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex – Pachpadra, Rajasthan

Location	Pachpadra, Balotra, Rajasthan
Investment	Rs 79,450 crore
Capacity	9 MMTPA refining + 2.4 MMTPA petrochemicals
Developer	HPCL + Government of Rajasthan

Significance

India's first integrated greenfield refinery-petrochemical complex on a single site

Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMAs) – Highway Work Zone Safety

MoRTH is deploying **Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMAs)** on National Highways — impact-absorbing crash safety devices attached to trucks in road work zones. If an errant vehicle enters a work zone at speed, it hits the TMA instead of workers, as the attenuator crumples in a controlled way to absorb impact. As India's highway network rapidly expands, adopting such global safety standards protects thousands of workers who operate in open traffic daily.

Gauhati High Court Orders Assam to Stop Buffalo Fights (Moh-Juj)

The **Gauhati High Court** (jurisdiction: Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh) directed the Assam Government to stop all **Moh-Juj** (traditional buffalo fights) after PETA India submitted evidence of illegal fights during **Magh Bihu 2026**. Order issued by Justice Anjan Moni Kalita; penal action directed against violating organisers.

Sacred Exposition of Buddha's Holy Relics — Ladakh, 1–15 May 2026

A historic first-of-its-kind **Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of Tathagata (Lord Buddha)** will be held in **Ladakh from 1 to 15 May 2026**, positioning Ladakh as a centre of Buddhist heritage and spiritual tourism.

9th India International Water Week (IIWW-2026) — September 22–26, New Delhi

Union Minister C.R. Patil launched the **9th IIWW-2026** to be held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from September 22–26, 2026**. Theme: "**Climate Resilient Water Management**" — organised by Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal – Final Deadline for Odisha and Chhattisgarh

The **Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal (MWDT)** gave both states a final deadline of **May 2, 2026** to submit a mutual settlement formula.

About the Mahanadi Dispute:

Mahanadi River: Originates in Amarkantak/Sihawa Hills, Chhattisgarh — total length 851 km, flows 494 km in Odisha before draining into Bay of Bengal.

Dispute: Chhattisgarh's 500+ anicuts and ~30 barrages upstream have reduced water flow to Odisha.

Odisha approached Supreme Court in 2018; tribunal constituted thereafter.

Tribunal: Chaired by Justice Bela M. Trivedi + Justice Ravi Ranjan + Justice Indermeet Kaur.

3) Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

AP to Establish Five Animal Shelters in Every District – VB-G RAM G Scheme

Key Features of the Initiative:

Five shelters per district, each on minimum half an acre, cost Rs 10 lakh, accommodating 20–25 large animals.
 Day-to-day operations managed by Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
 Under **Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) — VB-G RAM G Scheme**.
 Revenue Dept (land) | Rural Development (construction) | Animal Husbandry (veterinary care).

'Yenki Paatalu' – A Landmark in Modern Telugu Poetry

'Yenki Paatalu' is a celebrated anthology of Telugu lyrical songs centered around Yenki, a rural woman, written by **Nanduri Venkata Subba Rao**. First published in **1925** (second edition 1952), it is regarded as a landmark work in modern Telugu poetry that gave literary dignity to everyday rural life. Frequently tested in APPSC Telugu Literature questions.

Dutch Armoury (Dutch Fort), Machilipatnam – ASI Protected Heritage

The **Dutch Armoury** in the Bandarkota area of Machilipatnam is an **ASI-protected monument** reflecting the Dutch East India Company's presence on the Coromandel Coast — a key reminder of the fierce 17th-century competition between Dutch, English, and French powers for maritime trade dominance on the Andhra coast.

Hope Island Satellite Launch Proposal Raises Ecological Concerns

A proposal to build a **satellite launch facility and Space City on Hope Island** (Kakinada Bay, AP) — a 16 km sandspit island formed by Godavari and Coringa sediment — has raised serious ecological concerns.

Why Ecologists Are Concerned:

Classified as **Moderate Damage Risk Zone – III (MSK VII)** by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM).
 Home to **64 bird species** including the Great Knot, Bar-tailed Godwit, Greater Flamingo, and Curlew Sandpiper.
 Critical **breeding ground for Olive Ridley turtles**.
 Supports local fisher communities whose livelihoods depend entirely on the island ecosystem.

Union Cabinet Approves 3rd and 4th Railway Lines – Nidadavolu to Duvvada (Rs 9,889 Cr)

Third and fourth railway lines approved between **Rajahmundry (Nidadavolu) and Visakhapatnam (Duvvada)** — 198 km at **Rs 9,889 crore**. Part of the **Howrah–Chennai High Density Network (HDN) quadrupling initiative** to ease congestion on India's busiest East Coast corridor.

AP Launches 'Project Punarvika' – Support for Rare Genetic Disorders

Project Punarvika, announced by IT Minister Nara Lokesh, creates a systematic support framework for children with rare genetic disorders, named after an 11-month-old child with **Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)** — a rare life-threatening condition causing progressive muscle weakness.

AP Introduces District Rankings for Investment Promotion

AP introduced a **district ranking system** where Collectors are evaluated on three parameters: **capital investment mobilised, employment created, and Speed of Doing Business (SoDB)** — including promptness of regulatory clearances. Announced at the Collectors' Conference by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Visakhapatnam Zoo Reintroduces Black Panther After 40 Years

Indira Gandhi Zoological Park (IGZP), Visakhapatnam reintroduced a female black panther (from Assam State Zoo under inter-zoo exchange) to public display on **April 21, 2026** after 40 years.

About the Black Panther:

Not a separate species — it is a **melanistic variant of the leopard (Panthera pardus)**, caused by excess black pigmentation.

Leopard is listed as **Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List**.

Protected under **Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** — highest legal protection level in India.

Former AP CM Nadendla Bhaskara Rao Passes Away – The Man Behind the 52nd Amendment

Former CM of undivided AP, **Nadendla Bhaskara Rao**, passed away at 90. He served a dramatic **31-day tenure in 1984** after unseating **N.T. Rama Rao (NTR)** while NTR was abroad for medical treatment — one of the most audacious political manoeuvres in Indian state history. The 1984 crisis directly triggered the **52nd Constitutional Amendment Act (1985)**, which introduced the **Anti-Defection Law (Tenth Schedule)**.

Rs 4,200 Crore Solar Manufacturing Unit – Anakapalli, AP (First Solar Wafer Factory in India)

ReNew Energy Global PLC will build India's first solar ingot and wafer manufacturing plant in **Anakapalli** at **Rs 4,200 crore** (total Rs 5,400 crore with captive power plant). This addresses India's near-total dependence on Chinese solar components. Part of ReNew's **Rs 82,000 crore investment commitment in AP**.

4) Polity & Governance

Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 Defeated in Lok Sabha

The **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026** was defeated in the Lok Sabha, receiving **298 votes in favour and 230 against** — falling short of the required **352 votes** (two-thirds of 528 members present and voting). The government subsequently withdrew the linked Delimitation Bill, 2026 and Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

What the Bill Sought to Do:

Redistribute Lok Sabha seats based on the **2011 Census**.

Increase Lok Sabha from **550 to ~850 seats** (815 states + 35 UTs).

Enable **33% women's reservation before the 2029 general elections** without waiting for a future census.

The Core Political Debate:

Government: "One person, one vote, one value" — constituencies must reflect current population; more seats means more SC/ST reserved seats proportionally.

Opposition: Southern states (TN, Kerala, AP, Karnataka) that successfully controlled population growth fear losing seats to high-population northern states — disturbing India's federal balance.

Constitutional Note: Article 368 requires a special majority — majority of total membership AND two-thirds of members present and voting — in both Houses. The bill cleared the first but not the second threshold.

5) Economy

Sacrifice Ratio – How Central Banks Tackle Inflation and What It Costs

A comparative analysis examined how the **U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed), Bank of England (BoE), and RBI** handled post-pandemic inflation between 2022 and 2025, with different consequences for each economy.

Key Concept — Sacrifice Ratio:

The **Sacrifice Ratio** measures how much economic output (GDP) a country loses for every 1 percentage point reduction in inflation.

A higher sacrifice ratio means taming inflation is costlier in jobs and growth.

Countries with flexible labour markets, strong institutions, and credible central banks tend to have lower sacrifice ratios — meaning they can tame inflation with less economic damage.

6) Science & Technology

Infrared Sensors – The Physics Behind Smart Washbasins

Automatic washbasins, sanitizer dispensers, TV remotes, AC remotes, and motion sensors all work on **Infrared (IR) technology**. Smart washbasins use an **IR LED** to emit invisible infrared light and a **Photodiode sensor** to detect reflection from a hand placed below the tap — automatically activating water flow. Since infrared light is invisible to human eyes, the interaction is seamless and touch-free. This is also the technology behind all remote controls and security motion sensors.

7) Environment

India Identified as Cradle of Jamun (Syzygium) Evolution – 80 Million Years

A new study found the **Jamun tree (genus Syzygium)** has East Gondwanan origins (~80 million years ago) with presence in India since the early Eocene (~55 million years ago). Researchers discovered **11 fossil leaves** at **Kasauli Formation, Himachal Pradesh** (~20 million years old), named **Syzygium paleosalicifolium** — confirming India's ancient role in the genus's evolution.

Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, Aligarh – India's 99th Ramsar Site

Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary in **Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh** was designated as India's **99th Ramsar Site**, taking UP's total to **12 Ramsar wetlands**. The **Ramsar Convention** was signed in Ramsar, Iran in **1971** — the world's first modern intergovernmental environmental treaty for wetland conservation.

8) Schemes

PMGSY-III Extended to March 2028 – Rs 83,977 Crore for Rural Road Connectivity

Union Cabinet extended **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (PMGSY-III)** to **March 2028** with Rs 83,977 crore. PMGSY-III focuses on upgrading roads to **Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs), Higher Secondary Schools, and Hospitals**.

PMGSY – Three-Phase Evolution:

PMGSY-I (2000): Launched December 25, 2000 — all-weather roads to habitations (500+ population in plains, 250+ in hilly/tribal areas).

PMGSY-II (2013): Upgraded existing rural roads and improved links to markets, schools, and hospitals.

PMGSY-III (2019): Further upgraded roads to GrAMs, higher secondary schools, and hospitals — highest-need destinations for rural communities.

Samridhhi Gram Initiative Nominated for WSIS Prizes 2026

India's **Samridhhi Gram: Integrated Phygital Service Delivery Model Enabled by BharatNet** was nominated for **WSIS Prizes 2026** (Action Line AL C6). Built on **BharatNet** — the world's largest rural broadband project — it establishes **Samridhhi Kendras** as one-stop community hubs offering phygital (physical + digital) services to rural citizens.

Atal Pension Yojana Crosses 9 Crore Subscribers – Record Enrolments in FY 2025–26

Atal Pension Yojana (APY), administered by **PFRDA**, crossed **9 crore total gross enrolments on April 21, 2026** with a record **1.35 crore new subscribers in FY 2025–26**.

APY – Three-Tier Benefit (Sampurna Suraksha Kavach):

1. Guaranteed monthly pension of **Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 after age 60** (based on contribution amount).
2. Same pension continues to **spouse** after subscriber's death.
3. Full **corpus returned to nominee** after both subscriber and spouse die.

Eligibility: Indian citizens aged 18–40 years who are not income tax payers.

Available through: PSBs, RRBs, Private Banks, Small Finance Banks, Cooperative Banks, and Dept of Posts.

9) Defence

IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 – India–Sri Lanka Bilateral Diving Exercise

The Indian Navy's **INS Nireekshak** (Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel) participated in the **4th edition of IN-SLN DIVEX 2026** at Colombo Port (April 21–27, 2026), focused on maritime cooperation and interoperability. India also handed over **two BHISM cubes under the Aarogya Maitri Initiative** — providing humanitarian medical kits as part of India's neighbourhood-first health diplomacy.

IAF Activates Emergency Landing Facility on Purvanchal Expressway – Day and Night Capability

The IAF activated an **Emergency Landing Facility (ELF)** on the **Purvanchal Expressway, Sultanpur (UP)** on April 22, 2026, with both day and night landing capability — enabling aircraft to land on highways when regular airbases are unavailable.

Emergency Landing Facilities Across India:

Yamuna Expressway, UP: India's first expressway airstrip (2017).

Agra-Lucknow Expressway, UP: Used for multiple IAF exercises.

Purvanchal Expressway, UP: Recent activation (2026) with day & night capability.

Bundelkhand Expressway, UP: Central UP strategic defence readiness.

NH-925A, Rajasthan (Barmer): India's first National Highway airstrip.

Moran Bypass, Assam: 2026 activation — strengthens Northeast defence.

NH-16, AP (near Addanki): Coastal defence preparedness.

10) Ranks & Reports

NSS Health Survey 2025 – Health Insurance Triples, NCDs Rising

MoSPI released the **Household Social Consumption: Health (2025)** report under the **80th Round of the National Sample Survey (NSS)**.

Rural Health Insurance	14.1% (2017–18) → 47.4% (2025) — tripled
Urban Health Insurance	19.1% (2017–18) → 44.3% (2025)
Coverage Driver	Government-sponsored schemes account for majority of expansion
Institutional Births	96.2% — near-universal institutional delivery
Hospitalisation Rate	2.9% overall; 8.1% for elderly
Key Health Trend	Infectious diseases declining; NCDs (hypertension, diabetes, thyroid) rising

11) Awards & Honours

Laureus World Sports Awards 2026 – Madrid, Spain

At the **Laureus World Sports Awards 2026** — the "Oscars of Sports" — held in **Madrid, Spain**:

Sportsman of the Year	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) — Tennis
Sportswoman of the Year	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) — Tennis
Lifetime Achievement Award	Nadia Comaneci (Romania) — first gymnast in Olympic history to score a perfect 10

12) Important Days

World Heritage Day – 18 April | Theme: "Emergency Response for Living Heritage"

World Heritage Day (International Day for Monuments and Sites) observed on **April 18** with 2026 theme "**Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters.**" In AP, the government inaugurated **Kondapalli Bommala Panduga** as an annual festival celebrating the 400-year-old Kondapalli toy craft, with **Rs 50,000 awards to top 10 innovative artisans.**

World Earth Day – 22 April | Theme 2026: "Our Power, Our Planet"

World Earth Day observed every year on **April 22** (first observed 1970). 2026 theme "**Our Power, Our Planet**" emphasises individual and collective agency in the clean energy transition. Now observed by over a billion people across 193 countries.

National Panchayati Raj Day – 24 April | 33 Years of Constitutional Grassroots Democracy

National Panchayati Raj Day is observed every year on **April 24**, commemorating the **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act** coming into force in **1993**, which gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Ministry of Panchayati Raj celebrated NPRD 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Quick Revision Table — April 2026 Week 4

Toppers' Strategy: Each row below is a single-line summary of a complete topic. Rewrite these in your notebook — one table per week = 52 tables = complete one-year recap before Prelims.

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