

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. International Current Affairs

China Renames Locations in Arunachal Pradesh

- China has again standardised names for locations within Arunachal Pradesh to build a “digital and cartographic record” of its claims.
- China calls the state Zangnan (South Tibet) and rejects the McMahon Line (1914) as an illegal colonial imposition.
- India’s position: Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India. The Tawang region, with its prominent Buddhist monastery, remains the most sensitive area between India and China.

First-Ever Swami Vivekananda Statue Unveiled in the USA

The first life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda in the United States was unveiled in Seattle, a significant milestone in India’s cultural diplomacy. Vivekananda’s 1893 Chicago Parliament of Religions speech is a landmark in India US cultural history.

Greece Assesses Climate Risks to Ancient Heritage Sites

Greece has undertaken a nationwide assessment of climate risks to its ancient archaeological sites due to increasing threats from wildfires, heatwaves, flooding, and landslides. This marks the first large-scale evaluation of its kind by the Greek Culture Ministry.

- Acropolis (Athens) – affected by extreme heatwaves
- Olympia – vulnerable to forest fires
- Delphi – prone to rockslides
- Dion – at risk of flooding

India–Australia Strengthen Bilateral Ties During Austrian Chancellor’s Visit

During the visit of Austria’s Federal Chancellor Christian Stocker to India, both countries signed multiple MoUs, Agreements, and Letters of Intent (Lols) to enhance cooperation across various sectors.

Key Agreements & Areas of Cooperation

- Agreement on audiovisual co-production
- MoU on Food Safety between AGES, Austria and FSSAI, India
- Launch a structured bilateral Dialogue on Cooperation in Education

2. National Current Affairs

Barabanki–Bahraich Highway to Boost India–Nepal Trade Connectivity

The Government of India has approved the construction of a 4-lane access-controlled Barabanki–Bahraich section of National Highway-927 (NH-927) to enhance India–Nepal trade relations. India is Nepal’s largest trading partner, accounting for over 60% of Nepal’s total trade volume. The highway will improve connectivity to Rupaidiha Land Port and Nepalgunj (Nepal).

Land Ports in India are designated border points that facilitate cross-border trade and passenger movement with neighbouring countries. They are managed by the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), established under the Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010.

India currently has major land ports at:

- Attari (Pakistan border)
- Petrapole (Bangladesh border)
- Raxaul Port and Rupaidiha Land Port (Nepal border)
- Moreh (Myanmar border)

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Remembrance Day

On 13 April 1919, General Reginald Dyer ordered troops to open fire on thousands of unarmed civilians gathered at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar during Baisakhi. The massacre killed hundreds and became a turning point galvanising the Indian independence movement toward demanding complete Swaraj. The Rowlatt Act (1919) had triggered protests; leaders Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew and Dr. Satyapal had been arrested.

Poshan Pakhwada 2026

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the 8th edition of Poshan Pakhwada 2026 under Mission Poshan 2.0 (observed 9–23 April).
- The Poshan Pakhwada theme 2026: “Maximising Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life.”
- It highlights that over 85% of brain development occurs by age six.
- Five focus areas: maternal & child nutrition, early stimulation, play-based education, minimising screen time, strengthening Anganwadi Centres.

President Extends Greetings on Harvest Festivals Across India

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, extended greetings on the occasion of multiple harvest festivals celebrated on April 14–15, 2026. These festivals mark harvest season and the beginning of the regional new year in many states.

Major Harvest Festivals & States

Festival Name	State / Region
Baisakhi	Punjab
Vishu	Kerala
Vishuv	Odisha
Bohag Bihu	Assam
Poila Boishakh	West Bengal
Meshadi	Kerala / Tamil region
Vaishakhadi	North India (various regions)
Puthandu	Tamil Nadu

Prime Minister Visit to Uttar Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand on April 14, 2026, where he reviewed and inaugurated key infrastructure projects.

Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor

The 213 km long six-lane access-controlled Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor has been developed at a cost of over ₹12,000 crore. The corridor traverses through the states of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and will reduce travel time between Delhi and Dehradun from over six hours at present to around two and a half hours. The project includes a 12 km long wildlife elevated corridor which is one of the longest in Asia.

Samrat Choudhary Sworn in as Bihar's Chief Minister

In a major political development, Samrat Choudhary was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar, becoming the first BJP leader to hold the post in the State. This marks the end of the long tenure of former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who had been one of the longest-serving leaders in Bihar politics.

Telangana Caste Survey

The Government of Telangana released the findings of the Social, Educational, Employment, Economic and Political Caste Survey (SEEEPC), revealing significant disparities among different social groups. The survey introduced a Caste Backwardness Index, which measures inequality across factors like education, employment, and living standards.

Key Findings

- Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) are 3 times more backward than General Castes
- Backward Classes (BCs) are 2.7 times more backward
- State average backwardness index – 81

India's First Chip Fabrication Plant Notified at Dholera SEZ, Gujarat

The Government of India has notified the establishment of India's first semiconductor chip fabrication plant at Dholera, Gujarat, marking a major milestone in the country's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

3. Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs

AP Proposes Amaravati–Vizag–Tirupati Tourism Corridor

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is developing Amaravati as a global creative economy hub with a focus on tourism, cultural integration, and private investment. A tourism corridor connecting Amaravati (cultural/Buddhist heritage), Visakhapatnam (coastal/port tourism), and Tirupati (religious tourism) is being developed. Eros International and Red Bull are in discussions for content creation and event-based promotion.

Census 2027 Self-Enumeration Begins in Andhra Pradesh

The Census 2027 process in Andhra Pradesh will begin from April 16, 2026, marking a major step towards India's next population enumeration exercise. For the first time, the Census will be conducted in a digital format, introducing self-enumeration, where citizens can submit their details online. This represents a significant shift from traditional paper-based data collection methods.

Bhimavaram Brackishwater Aquaculture Cluster

The Union Government reviewed the progress of the Bhimavaram Brackishwater Aquaculture Cluster in Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

Key Highlights

- Andhra Pradesh achieved 64 lakh tonnes of fish production
- Contributes nearly 30% of India's fish production
- Accounts for about 34% of seafood exports

4. Polity and Governance

Government Constitutes AI Governance and Economic Group

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, has constituted the AI Governance and Economic Group (AIGEG) as a high-level inter-ministerial body to oversee and coordinate Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy in the country.

The formation of AIGEG implements key recommendations from India's AI Governance Guidelines and the Economic Survey, which emphasized the need for a centralized authority to manage AI-related developments.

Key Features of AIGEG

- Serves as the apex body for AI governance in India
- The AIGEG will be chaired by the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Railways and Information & Broadcasting (currently Ashwini Vaishnaw)
- Minister of State, Electronics & IT and Commerce & Industry, serving as Vice Chairperson (currently Jitin Prasada)

Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026 & Delimitation Reforms

The Government of India has introduced the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, along with the Delimitation Bill, 2026 and Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to bring major changes in India's electoral representation system.

These reforms aim to restart the delimitation process, which has been frozen since 1976, and to increase the size of the Lok Sabha while aligning seat distribution with population.

Background

- Constitution mandates:
 - Seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies must be based on population
- Freeze introduced:
 - 42nd Amendment (1976) – Based on 1971 Census
 - 84th Amendment (2001) – Extended freeze till post-2026 Census
- 106th Amendment (2023):
 - Introduced 33% reservation for women

Key Features of the Bill

1. Delimitation Based on Population

- Returns to principle equal population per constituency to ensure fair representation.

2. Census to be Decided by Parliament

- Parliament will decide when delimitation occurs and which census to use.
- Government is likely to use 2011 Census

3. Increase in Lok Sabha Strength

- Current limit – 550 seats
- Proposed limit – 850 seats (815 states + 35 Union Territories)

4. Women Reservation

- Removes requirement of waiting for future Census
- Enables earlier implementation of 33% reservation

5. Delimitation Commission

- To be constituted by Central Government
- Members:
 - Supreme Court Judge (Chairperson)
 - Election Commission representative
 - State Election Commissioner

Supreme Court Pushes for Vaccine Injury Compensation Mechanism in India

The Supreme Court of India, in the case of Rachana Gangu v. Union of India (2026), has directed the government to frame a no-fault compensation policy for individuals suffering from serious adverse effects following vaccination.

5. Economy

India's UPI Records 21.70 Billion Transactions in January 2026

January 2026 data shows a record-breaking 21.70 billion UPI transactions worth ₹28.33 lakh crore. UPI accounts for 81% of all retail digital transactions. India contributes 49% of total global real-time payment transactions. The JAM Trinity (Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile) is the main reason for this digital revolution. RTGS (2004) and IMPS (2010) payment systems were now behind the UPI system.

Rising 'Vulnerable Middle Class' in India: World Bank Insight

A recent analysis based on a World Bank policy approach has highlighted a growing concern in India's economy: the rise of a "vulnerable middle class", where people have moved above the poverty line but still lack economic security and upward mobility.

The issue is closely linked to structural challenges in the Indian economy:

- Employment concerns: Less than 10% of workers are in formal jobs, while the majority work in the informal sector with unstable incomes.
- Low earnings: Around 94% of informal workers earn below ₹10,000 per month, limiting their ability to improve living standards.
- Jobless growth: Even with economic growth, sectors like manufacturing have not generated enough jobs; in fact, millions of jobs were lost between 2016–2021.
- Wage stagnation: Real wages have remained largely stagnant despite rising productivity.
- Rising inequality: A small group of wealthy individuals holds a significant share of national income.

India's Exports Cross \$860 Billion in FY 2025–26

India's total exports (merchandise + services combined) reached \$860.09 billion in FY 2025–26, registering a growth of 4.22% compared to the previous financial year. This growth highlights India's resilience in global trade despite economic uncertainties.

Top Performing Export Sectors: Petroleum products, Engineering goods, Minerals (mica, coal, ores).

Major Export Destinations: Singapore, Malaysia, China Sri Lanka and Tanzania.

Startup India Initiative Records Highest Growth in FY 2025–26

The Government of India announced that more than 55,200 startups were recognised in FY 2025–26, marking the highest-ever annual increase since the launch of the Startup India initiative (2016). With this, the total number of recognised startups in India has crossed 2.23 lakh, generating over 23.36 lakh direct jobs.

Key Highlights

- Startup growth increased by 51.6% year-on-year
- Direct job creation rose by 36.1%
- Around 48% of startups have at least one woman director/partner
- Top states in terms of startups and employment: Maharashtra, Karnataka

6. Science & Technology

Anthropic Launches ‘Claude Mythos’ AI Model for Cybersecurity

Anthropic has announced “Claude Mythos”, its most advanced Large Language Model (LLM), designed to detect software vulnerabilities and bugs in complex systems. This model will not be publicly released and is restricted to a consortium of 40 companies. Mythos can identify hidden bugs in decades-old software.

Aluminium Emerges as Potential Alternative to Costly Catalysts in Pharma Industry

A recent study has shown that aluminium can act as an alternative to expensive transition metal catalysts, which are widely used in pharmaceutical and industrial chemical processes.

Traditionally, transition metals like Palladium, Platinum and Rhodium are used as catalysts due to their ability to easily change oxidation states. These metals are rare and expensive and mostly imported by India.

New Scientific Breakthrough

- Researchers modified aluminium using a ligand (carbazoyl compound) to enable Redox catalysts (electron transfer reactions).
- The aluminium catalyst was successfully used in Alkyne cyclotrimerisation (a reaction important in drug synthesis).

7. Environment

IMD Forecasts 'Below-Normal' Southwest Monsoon in 2026

The India Meteorological Department has predicted a “below-normal” southwest monsoon for 2026, marking the first such forecast in 11 years. According to the April forecast, India is expected to receive 92% of the Long Period Average (LPA) rainfall during the monsoon season (June–September), where the LPA is approximately 87 cm.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) classifies monsoon rainfall based on percentage of the Long Period Average (LPA).

Rainfall Categories by IMD:

- Normal: 96% – 104% of LPA
- Below Normal: 90% – 96% of LPA
- Above Normal: 104% – 110% of LPA
- Deficient: Less than 90% of LPA
- Excess: More than 110% of LPA

8. Schemes

Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0

The Government of India has launched the Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (FoF 2.0) with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore, aiming to strengthen the country’s startup ecosystem by addressing funding challenges. This initiative is an extension of the earlier Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS 1.0), which was introduced in 2016 under the Startup India Action Plan to promote entrepreneurship and innovation.

River Basin Management (RBM) Scheme

The Government of India is strengthening water governance through the River Basin Management (RBM) Scheme, a central sector initiative under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The scheme focuses on basin-level planning to ensure the sustainable use, protection, and development of water resources, including rivers, groundwater, and ecosystems.

The River Basin Management (RBM) Scheme was extended over five years from 2026-27 to 2030-32 with an estimated cost of ₹2183 crore. This amount is fully funded by the Union government.

Government Expands RELIEF Scheme to Support Exporters Amid West Asia Crisis

The Government of India has expanded the scope of the RELIEF (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) scheme in response to ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia. In the recent expansion coverage two North African countries Egypt and Jordan added under the scheme.

Launched on March 19, 2026, under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), RELIEF aims to support Indian exporters facing disruptions such as rising freight costs, increased insurance premiums, and war-related trade risks.

9. Defence

India–Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise ‘DUSTLIK-VII’ Begins

The Indian Armed Forces contingent departed for the 7th edition of Exercise DUSTLIK, a joint military exercise between India and Uzbekistan. Duration of this exercise is from 12 April 2026 to 25 April 2026. The previous edition (2025) was held in Aundh, pune (India). Exercise DUSTILK is an annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately in India and Uzbekistan.

10. Awards and Honours

Wisden Almanack 2026 Awards

Indian cricketers delivered an outstanding performance at the Wisden Almanack 2026 awards, one of the most prestigious recognitions in the cricketing world.

Awardees:

- Leading Women’s Cricketer of the Year – Deepti Sharma
- Leading Men’s Cricketer of the Year – Mitchell Starc
- Leading T20 Cricketer of the Year – Abhishek Sharma

Kerala Botanist Wins WWF Award for AI-Based App 'Neophyte ID'

A botanist from Kerala, N. Alim Yusuf, has received the World Wild Life Fund (WWF) National Award for developing an innovative AI-powered mobile application named "Neophyte ID". The award was presented at the International Youth Biodiversity Conference 2026 held in Telangana, recognizing contributions to biodiversity conservation and technological innovation.

11. Ranks and Reports

India ranks second globally in food waste

A recent analysis based on the UNEP Food Waste Index Report 2024 highlights a serious global and national issue of massive food wastage alongside widespread hunger. Globally, around 1.05 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year. The wastage occurs mainly at:

- Household level – 60%
- Food services – 28%
- Retail – 12%

Our Country's Situation

India ranks second globally in food waste, wasting about 78–80 million tonnes of food annually and its estimated value stood at ₹1.55 lakh crore. Around 194 million people in India are undernourished. India ranks 11th in the Global Hunger Index.

West Asia Conflict May Push 2.5 Million Indians into Poverty: UNDP Report

According to the report titled "**Military Escalation in the Middle East: Human Development Impacts Across Asia and the Pacific**", the crisis is expected to significantly affect economies through rising fuel prices, freight costs, and input costs, thereby reducing household purchasing power and increasing food insecurity.

Impact on India

- Around 2.5 million (25 lakh) people in India are projected to fall into poverty due to the crisis
- India's poverty rate may rise from 23.9% to 24.2%

12. Committees and Conferences

India Hosts First BRICS Health Working Group Meeting

India hosted the First BRICS Health Working Group (HWG) Meeting 2026 in New Delhi under its BRICS Chairmanship, focusing on strengthening global health cooperation.

The meeting brought together representatives from BRICS member countries including Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, along with new members like Egypt, Ethiopia, UAE, and Indonesia.

The BRICS 2026 theme is “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”

World Border Security Congress 2026

India highlighted its growing leadership in maritime security at the World Border Security Congress 2026, held in Vienna, Austria from April 14–16, 2026. An Indian delegation led by Anand Prakash Badola represented the country and presented India’s best practices in safeguarding maritime boundaries.

13. Person in News

200th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Observed

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to Mahatma Jyotirao Phule on his birth anniversary, marking the beginning of his 200th birth anniversary celebrations. Mahatma Phule was a visionary social reformer who worked for Equality, Social justice, Education for All.

The Government of India has launched a two-year nationwide commemoration (April 11, 2026 – April 11, 2028) marking the 200th birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule.

About Mahatma Jyotirao Phule

- He was born on April 11, 1827 (Maharashtra) and died on November 28, 1980.
- He founded Satyashodhak Samaj (1873).
- He opened the first school for girls in India along with Savitribai Phule.
- His notable works are Gulamgiri, Shetkaryacha Asud (Cultivator’s Whipcord).
- He was conferred the title “Mahatma” for his social reform efforts.

- He was called as the “Father of Indian Social Revolution”

Legendary Playback Singer Asha Bhosle Passes Away

Renowned Indian playback singer Asha Bhosle passed away on April 12, 2026, in Mumbai at the age of 92. Born on September 8, 1933, in Sangli (Maharashtra). One of the most versatile and celebrated playback singers in Indian music history.

Peter Magyar Wins Election in Hungary

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Peter Magyar on his election victory in Hungary. Peter Magyar’s Tisza Party secured a significant victory, marking a new political phase in Hungary.

Nation Pays Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on His Birth Anniversary

India paid rich tributes to B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his birth anniversary (April 14, 1891) at the Parliament House Complex.

14. Important Days

World Parkinson’s Day – 11 April

- World Parkinson’s Day was observed on April 11, 2026 to raise awareness about Parkinson’s disease, a progressive neurodegenerative disorder.
- World Parkinson’s Day theme 2026: “Bridge the Care Gap”.

Himachal Day – April 15

Himachal Pradesh celebrated Himachal Day on April 15, 2026, marking the formation of the state as a separate administrative unit in India. Himachal Day commemorates the historical event of April 15, 1948, when Himachal Pradesh was formed as a Chief Commissioner’s Province by merging around 30 princely hill states.

15. Books

NITI Aayog Launches ‘Divya Bharat’ Book to Boost Tourism