



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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# Important Days

National Maritime Day is celebrated in India on April 5 every year. It reminds us of the importance of seas and ships in our country. On this day in 1919, the ship SS Loyalty sailed from Mumbai to London, which

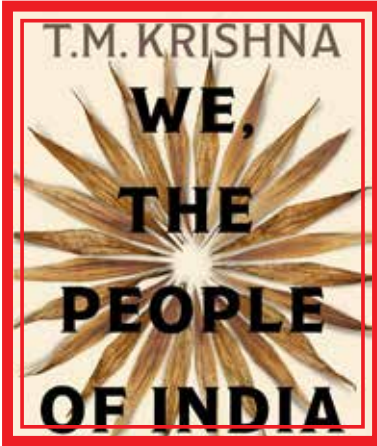


was a proud moment for India's shipping history. This day honors sailors and all the people who work in the maritime field. Sea transport plays an important role in trade and connects India with other countries. It also supports the economy and development of the nation.



World Heritage Day is celebrated every year on April 18 to spread awareness about the importance of protecting our cultural and natural heritage. It is also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites. This day reminds us to take care of historical places like monuments, temples, forts, and natural sites. In 2026, it was observed on April 18 with the theme “Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters.”

# Books And Author



We, the People of India: Decoding a Nation's Symbols by **T. M. Krishna** (2026) is a thought-provoking book that explores the meaning and significance of India's national symbols. The author explains how symbols like the national flag, anthem, and emblem represent the values and identity of the country. He also discusses how these symbols are understood differently by people in society.

## Person in news

The new Vice Chief of the Indian Army in 2026 is **Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth**. He took charge of this important position on 1 April 2026. The Vice Chief of the Army Staff is the second-highest-ranking officer in the Indian Army. He assists the Chief of Army Staff in managing the army and making important decisions. Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth has a long and distinguished career in the Indian Army. He has served in various key positions and gained valuable experience.

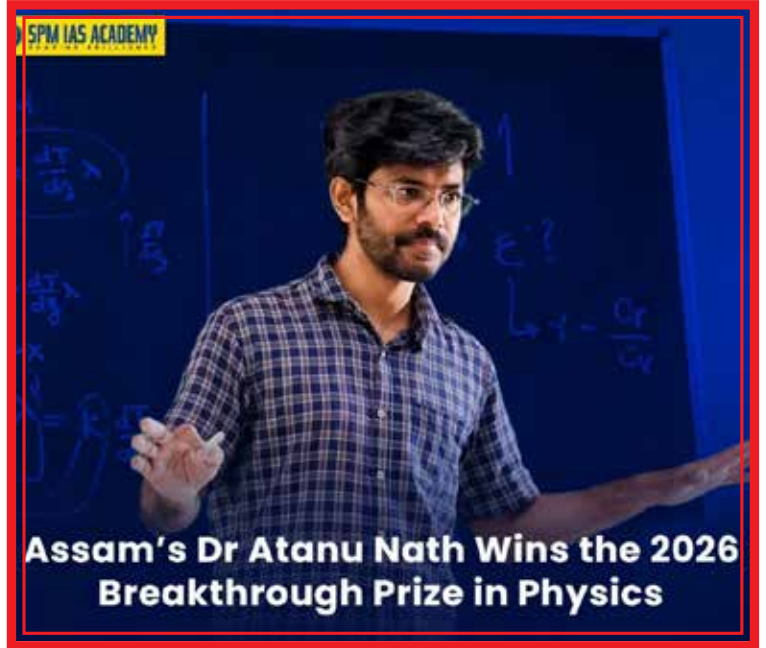


**Asha Bhosle**, a legendary Bollywood singer and cultural icon, passed away on April 12, 2026, at the age of 92 in Mumbai. She was one of the most celebrated voices in Indian music, with a career spanning over eight decades. Known for her versatility, she sang thousands of songs in multiple languages and became a symbol of Indian musical heritage.

# Awards And Recognition

**Atanu Nath**, a physicist from Assam, India, was indeed named a **recipient of the 2026 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics**, one of the world's most prestigious science awards.

However, an important detail is that he **shared this award with a large international team of about 376 scientists**, including several from India, for their work on the **Muon g-2 experiment** in particle physics.

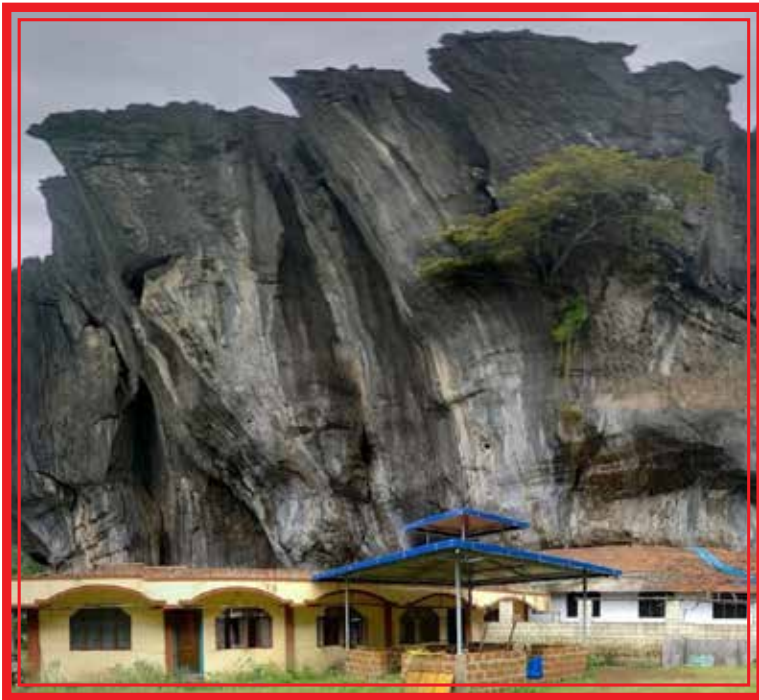


At the **London Marathon 2026**, **Sebastian Sawe** made history by setting a new men's **official world record of 1:59:30 on April 26, 2026**. He became the **first person ever to run a marathon under 2 hours in an official race**, breaking the previous world record by about 65 seconds.

**Pranay Verma**, who was serving as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh, has been **appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Belgium and the European Union (EU)**.

This appointment was officially announced by the **Ministry of External Affairs on April 10, 2026**. He will take up his new role in Brussels shortly and will represent India in both **Belgium and the European Union**.





The **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** has officially declared the **Yana Caves** in Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka, as a **Geo-heritage Site of National Importance** in **April 2026**.

This recognition highlights the site's **unique geological formations**, especially the massive limestone rock structures, and aims to promote **conservation, research, and tourism**.

The world's largest solar tree, recognized by **Guinness World Records**, has been developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-CMERI) in India. This innovative structure is designed to generate solar energy while using minimal land space. The solar panels are arranged like branches of a tree, allowing maximum sunlight absorption throughout the day. It is located in **Durgapur**, where CSIR-CMERI is based.

