

The week from 06th April 2026 to 12th April 2026

Ministry of Education has granted 'Deemed to be University' status to National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on University Grants Commission's recommendation. The move gives NCERT greater academic autonomy to launch PhD programmes, expand research, and strengthen its role in curriculum development, teacher training, and improving school education quality.

Myanmar's parliament elected Min Aung Hlaing as President with 429 of 584 votes. He stepped down as military chief, replaced by Gen. Ye Win Oo. The election followed the 2021 coup, with opposition parties barred or boycotting, while conflicts with ethnic and pro-democracy groups continue.

Lok Sabha passed a resolution amending the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 to declare Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh. The move ends the shared arrangement with Hyderabad and replaces the three-capital model, aiming to streamline governance and promote planned urban development.

Veteran singer Asha Bhosle passed away on 12 April 2026 in Mumbai at 92. In an illustrious eight-decade career, she was known for iconic songs like *Piya Tu Ab Toh Aaja* and *Dil Cheez Kya Hai*, and received the Padma Vibhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, and multiple National Film Awards. Younger sister of Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar, she was known for her versatile voice.

India's 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam achieved first criticality on 6 April 2026. Designed by Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) and built by BHAVINI, it breeds more fuel than it consumes, advancing India's three-stage nuclear programme and long-term thorium-based energy goals.

Russia and China vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution aimed at ensuring safe navigation in the Strait of Hormuz. Proposed by Bahrain and backed by 11 members, it failed despite support, raising concerns over global oil supply and regional security.

18-year-old Payal Nag from Odisha won gold at the World Para Archery Series Final, defeating Sheetal Devi. A quadruple amputee, she became the first in the world to win an international archery gold, marking a major milestone for India's para-sports movement.

United Arab Emirates became the first "10 Giga" nation by launching a commercial upper 6GHz network using the 6425–7125 MHz spectrum. Announced at the SAMENA Council Leaders' Summit 2026, it enables ultra-fast connectivity and supports AI, cloud computing, and future 6G development.



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