

The week from 13th April 2026 to 19th April 2026

Indian Army's Trishakti Corps launched "Sikkim Sundari," the first community radio station in a border village of Sikkim. The initiative broadcasts local news, weather, and government schemes, promotes culture and youth participation, and strengthens communication and civil-military relations in strategically sensitive high-altitude regions.

Ayush Shetty won silver at the 2026 Badminton Asia Championship after losing the final to Shi Yu Qi. The 20-year-old reached the summit clash by defeating Kunlavut Vitidsarn, currently top-ranked singles player in the world, marking a strong breakthrough and highlighting India's rising strength in men's badminton.

The Karnataka High Court recognised menstrual leave as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The court directed the state to implement the policy across sectors, including unorganised workers, until the Karnataka Menstrual Leave and Hygiene Bill, 2025 is enacted.

OpenAI introduced GPT-5.4 Cyber under its Trusted Access for Cyber (TAC) programme, a specialised model for vulnerability detection, malware analysis, and reverse engineering. Access is restricted to trusted organisations and researchers, aiming to strengthen cybersecurity while preventing misuse amid the growing global AI race.

United Arab Emirates and Bahrain signed a currency swap agreement worth AED 20 billion (BHD 2 billion) for five years. The pact enables exchange of local currencies to ease cross-border trade, improve liquidity, reduce reliance on reserve currencies, and strengthen regional financial integration.

Jannik Sinner defeated Carlos Alcaraz to win his first Monte Carlo Masters title. The victory restored his World No. 1 ranking, marked his third Masters 1000 title of 2026, extended his winning streak to 17 matches, and placed him among legends with four consecutive Masters titles.

ITC Limited became the first in India to receive the globally recognised Farm Sustainability Assessment 3.0 certification for wheat and paddy. Covering 22,000 acres and 3,500+ farmers across FPOs in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, it promotes sustainable farming, traceability, and improved farmer incomes.

Türkiye has officially announced its roadmap for the 2026 UN Climate Change Conference (COP31), set to be held in Antalya from November 9–20, 2026. Positioned as a "COP of the Future" and an "Implementation COP," the event will focus on turning climate pledges into tangible actions.

Nitish Kumar resigned as Chief Minister of Bihar on 14 April 2026, dissolving the Council of Ministers. Over 10 separate terms as CM, he held the post for a period of 19 years and 237 days. He is now a Member of the Rajya Sabha.



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