

Daily Current Affairs: 24 April 2026 Important Current Affairs

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National News

01 National Panchayati Raj Day (24 April)

National Panchayati Raj Day is observed every year on **April 24**. The year 2026 marks the 16th edition of this significant day.

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- The **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1992)** was the turning point that granted constitutional status to Panchayati Raj institutions.
- **Lord Ripon** (1882) is historically recognized as the father of local self-government in India.
- The first Panchayati Raj system in India was inaugurated in **Nagaur** district, Rajasthan, in 1959.

02 First Female Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court

In a historic move, **Justice Lisa Gill** has taken the oath as the first female Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. She succeeds Dheeraj Singh Thakur.

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- **Article 217** of the Indian Constitution governs the appointment of High Court judges.
- The power to appoint judges to the High Courts lies with the **President of India**.

03 Passing of N. Bhaskara Rao

Former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, N. Bhaskara Rao, has passed away at the age of 90. He holds the record for the shortest tenure (1 month) as Chief Minister in the state's history.

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- He assumed power in 1984 during the absence of N.T. Rama Rao.
- Formed in 1953, Andhra Pradesh was the first Indian state to be established on a linguistic basis.

04 Road Safety and Article 21

The Supreme Court has ruled that safe road infrastructure is a fundamental right included under **Article 21** (Right to Life). Ensuring safety on roads is now considered an essential responsibility of the state.

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- **Article 21** of the Indian Constitution provides the guarantee of life and personal liberty.
- Nitin Gadkari is the current Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways.

05 Online Gaming Authority of India

The government has established a new authority under the 'Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025'. Operations are set to begin on May 1, 2026.

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- This authority will operate under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- The regulations are strict: betting or gambling activities can lead to a 3-year prison sentence and a fine of up to 1 crore INR.

International News

06 Historic Tobacco Ban in the UK

The UK has implemented a lifetime ban on the sale of tobacco products to anyone born on or after January 1, 2009. The move aims to create the world's first "smoke-free generation."

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- The UK is the first nation globally to pass such a rigorous anti-tobacco law.
- The upper house of the British Parliament is known as the House of Lords.

07 Breakthrough Prize 2026 (Mathematics)

French mathematician **Frank Merle** has been awarded the Breakthrough Prize 2026 in recognition of his significant contributions to the field of mathematics.

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- The award is widely referred to as the 'Oscar of Science.'
- Founded in 2012, the prize honors achievements in mathematics, physics, and life sciences.

State and Technology News

08 Gorja Puja and Borsho Boron (Tripura)

Festive spirits are high in Tripura as the state celebrates Gorja Puja alongside the Bengali New Year, known locally as Borsho Boron.

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- Gorja Puja is a major festival primarily celebrated by the 'Kok Borok' speaking tribal communities in Tripura.
- Kok Borok is one of the principal languages of the state.

09 Global Electricity Review 2026

According to a report by Ember, India has now become the second-largest country in the world in terms of new solar energy installations, officially surpassing the USA.

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- Globally, 75% of the new electricity demand is currently being met by solar power.
- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is playing a crucial role in helping India meet its energy targets.

10 Moody's GDP Forecast for India

International rating agency Moody's has revised India's GDP growth forecast for the 2026-27 fiscal year, lowering it from 6.8% to **6%**.

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- Moody's is a renowned international credit rating agency.
- GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is defined as the total market value of all finished goods and services produced within a country's borders.

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