

## Weekly Current Affairs: Vital News from 13 to 19 April 2026 for Exams

Weekly Current Affairs: We have curated all the essential national and international news from April 13th to 19th, 2026. This summary is designed to be a vital resource for candidates preparing for various government competitive exams.

### Appointments and Personalities

#### 01 Samrat Chaudhary Takes Charge as Bihar's 24th CM

In a landmark political development, **Samrat Chaudhary** has been sworn in as the 24th Chief Minister of Bihar, taking over from Nitish Kumar. His appointment marks a milestone as he becomes the first-ever Chief Minister from the BJP in the state. Joining him in the new cabinet, Vijay Kumar Chaudhary and Vijendra Prasad Yadav have assumed duties as Deputy Chief Ministers.

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- Patna serves as Bihar's capital, while Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar is the current Governor.
- The Governor appoints the Chief Minister under Article 164 of the Indian Constitution.

#### 02 New Leadership in Hungary and Iraq

The political landscape in Europe shifted as **Péter Magyar** was elected as Hungary's new Prime Minister, ending Viktor Orbán's 15-year tenure. Meanwhile, in the Middle East, Kurdish leader **Nizar Amedi** has taken over as the President of Iraq. His primary focus is expected to be maintaining internal stability in the region.

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- Hungary is a landlocked Central European nation with Budapest as its capital and the Forint as its currency.
- Iraq, home to the ancient Mesopotamian civilization, has Baghdad as its capital; its official currency is the Iraqi Dinar.

### 03 Term Extension for AEC Chairman

The government has extended the tenure of **Ajit Kumar Mohanty**, the current Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), until May 1, 2027. His leadership continues to be instrumental in advancing India's nuclear research capabilities.

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- Established in 1948, the Atomic Energy Commission is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

### 04 New Faces for Infosys and One8

IT giant Infosys has roped in Spanish tennis sensation **Carlos Alcaraz** as its global brand ambassador. On the other hand, the popular sportswear brand One8 has signed Indian women's cricket star **Smriti Mandhana** to represent the brand.

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- Headquartered in Bengaluru, Infosys was founded in 1974 in Pune.
- Carlos Alcaraz holds the record for being the youngest player to reach the world number one spot in the ATP rankings.

## Awards and Recognition

### 05 Wisden Cricketers Awards 2026

The latest edition of the prestigious Wisden awards highlights Indian dominance in cricket. For 2026, **Deepti Sharma** has been named the Leading Woman Cricketer, while Australia's **Mitchell Starc** earned the Leading Men's title. Additionally, Abhishek Sharma was honored as the Leading T20 Player, and Shubman Gill secured the Wisden Trophy.

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- Often called the “Bible of Cricket,” the Wisden Cricketers’ Almanack was first published by John Wisden in 1864.

## 06 Kailash Satyarthi Honored with Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award

Nobel Peace Prize winner and ‘Bachpan Bachao Andolan’ founder **Kailash Satyarthi** has been conferred with the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award for 2026. The award recognizes his tireless commitment to social justice and child rights.

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- Satyarthi shared the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize with Malala Yousafzai.
- This award was instituted in 2022, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi being its first recipient.

## 07 Indians Shine in Time 100 and WEF Lists

Time Magazine’s list of the 100 Most Influential People of 2026 features actor **Ranbir Kapoor**, Google CEO **Sundar Pichai**, and chef **Vikas Khanna**. Furthermore, ICC Chairman **Jay Shah** has been named in the World Economic Forum’s list of Young Global Leaders.

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- Time Magazine, a premier American newsweekly, was founded in 1923.
- The ICC (International Cricket Council) is headquartered in Dubai, UAE.

## 08 WWF Machli National Award 2026

Rajasthan Forest Guard **Anita Chaudhary** received this prestigious award for her bravery in wildlife conservation and anti-poaching efforts. The award is named after ‘Machli,’ the legendary tigress of Ranthambore.

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- The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) was founded in 1961 and is based in Gland, Switzerland.
- Ranthambore National Park is situated in the Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan.

## Sports News

### 09 R. Vaishali Wins FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament

India's **R. Vaishali** scripted history in Cyprus by winning the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament. By defeating Russia's Katerina Lagno, she became the first Indian woman to achieve this feat, securing her spot at the top of world chess.

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- R. Vaishali is the elder sister of Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa.
- FIDE, the international governing body for chess, is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### 10 Success in Asian Boxing and Badminton

The Indian women's team delivered a power-packed performance at the Asian Boxing Championship 2026 in Mongolia, clinching 4 Gold medals through Meenakshi Hooda, Preeti Pawar, Priya Ghanghas, and Arundhati Choudhary. India finished second in the overall tally. In badminton, **Ayush Shetty** won a historic Silver medal in the Men's Singles at the Badminton Asia Championship held in Ningbo, China.

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- Kazakhstan secured the first position in the Asian Boxing Championship medal tally.
- Prakash Padukone was the first Indian to win the Asian Men's Badminton title back in 1979.

## National and International Events

### 11 'Dustlik': Indo-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise

The 7th edition of the bilateral military exercise **Dustlik** was conducted in Gurmasray, Uzbekistan. The drill focused on refining joint strategies and counter-insurgency operations.

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- The first Dustlik exercise took place in 2019. Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan.

## 12 Economic Milestones: Record Exports and Patents

In a major economic boost, India's total exports for FY 2025-26 hit an all-time high of **\$860 billion**. Additionally, India now ranks **6th** globally in patent filings, with Tamil Nadu leading the states within the country.

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- According to WIPO, China remains the global leader in patent filings.

## 13 Sindhi Version of Constitution and Ladakh's New Code

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan released the officially authorized Sindhi language version of the Indian Constitution. In another administrative update, UIDAI has assigned the new administrative code '**39**' to Ladakh, officially separating it from Jammu & Kashmir in its records.

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- The Sindhi language was added to the 8th Schedule of the Constitution via the 21st Amendment in 1967.
- UIDAI was established in 2009 to issue Aadhaar cards.

## 14 Asia's Longest Elevated Wildlife Corridor

A **12-km** long elevated wildlife corridor—the largest in Asia—has been constructed in Uttarakhand's Rajaji National Park. This project, part of the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor, ensures safe passage for animals across the highway.

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- Rajaji National Park is the second tiger reserve in Uttarakhand.

## 15 Yana Caves and Mundra Port in Focus

The **Yana Caves** in Karnataka's North Kannada district have been officially declared a Geo-Heritage Site. Meanwhile, Gujarat's **Mundra Port** has achieved a new milestone by becoming India's largest hub for automobile exports.

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- Yana Caves are famous for their unique karst topography and black limestone formations.
- Mundra Port, managed by Adani Ports, is the largest private port in India.

## Obituaries and Important Days

### 16 The End of an Era: Asha Bhosle Passes Away

The legendary playback singer **Asha Bhosle** passed away at the age of 92, leaving behind an unmatched musical legacy. A recipient of the Padma Vibhushan (2008) and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2000), her voice defined Indian cinema for decades.

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- She held a Guinness World Record for the highest number of studio recordings.
- She was the younger sister of the iconic Lata Mangeshkar.

### 17 Ambedkar Jayanti and World Heritage Day

The 135th birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution, **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, was celebrated on April 14, 2026. Furthermore, **World Heritage Day** was observed on April 18. The theme for 2026 was: "Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Context of Conflicts and Disaster."

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- Dr. Ambedkar was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1990.
- UNESCO, established in 1945 and headquartered in Paris, designates World Heritage Sites globally.

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