

## # CURRENT AFFAIRS INDIA

**Record voter turnouts** were seen in assembly polls in Assam, Kerala and Puducherry on Thursday, April 9th 2026, with Election Commission officials describing it as a "validation" of intensive revision and special revision of electoral rolls and a sign of people's "unflinching trust in the electoral process". Polling surged past previous peaks - reaching all-time highs of 91.2% in Puducherry and 85.8% in Assam, while Kerala's 78.2% is the state's highest since 1987.

In the defense sector, **The Indian Navy inducted the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC), INS Malwan**, built by Cochin Shipyard.

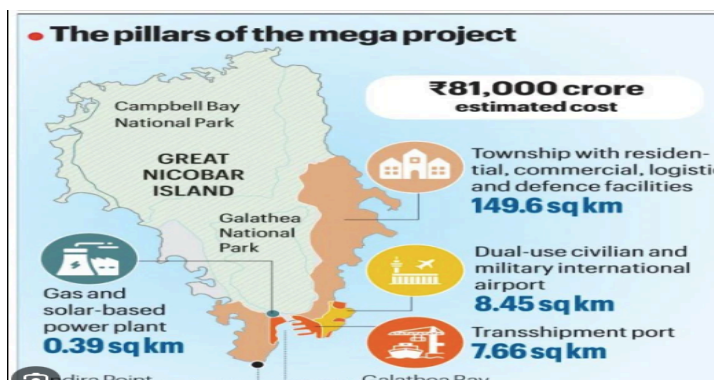
There were some **changes in the UP Electoral**. The final voter list for Uttar Pradesh shows 2.89 crore names deleted, an 18.17% drop, triggering scrutiny. It is believed that this figure is unlikely to change significantly through the appeals process.

In a major development, **the Indian Army has cleared Colonel Shrikant Prasad Purohit** for promotion to the rank of Brigadier, marking a turning point in one of its most complex and prolonged legal cases.

In a recent **Judicial Action on pollution**, The Supreme Court has ordered the Rajasthan High Court to establish special courts to tackle massive industrial pollution in the Jojari River, covering areas like Jodhpur, Pali, and Balotra, emphasizing the right to clean water.

**The Great Nicobar Port Project** is a major ₹75,000-₹90,000 crore strategic initiative by the Government of India, featuring a deep-water container transshipment terminal, international airport, township, and power plant over 160+ sq km. Located near the Malacca Strait, it aims to enhance maritime security and trade, but faces scrutiny over ecological impact, tribal rights, and economic viability.

**India has resumed importing Iranian crude oil** for the first time since 2019, with state-run Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) receiving shipments following a temporary easing of U.S. sanctions. This resumption, driven by Middle East energy supply disruptions, allows for limited, short-term, imports amidst a 30-day "General License U" window that expires on April 19, 2026.



## # CURRENT AFFAIRS INTERNATIONAL

**NASA's Artemis II** astronauts splash down on Earth after lunar mission. Crew safely complete first mission to travel around the Moon in more than 50 years. The Orion spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California at 5:07pm local time (00:07 GMT) on Friday, following a high-speed re-entry through Earth's atmosphere.

**High-profile Iranian officials** arrive in Pakistan's capital Islamabad for ceasefire talks with the US, including Tehran's parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi. Lead US negotiator Vice President JD Vance says before departure for Pakistan talks: "If the Iranians are willing to negotiate in good faith, we are certainly willing to extend an open hand."

**OIC condemns** Israeli approval of 34 new West Bank settlements. The Palestinian Presidency's office condemned the plan as a 'flagrant violation of international law'.

### **Why is Hungary's election so important on the international stage?**

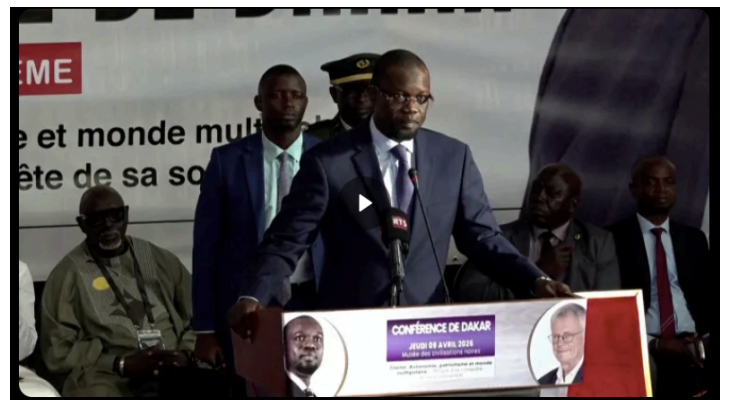
Washington, Moscow, Kyiv and Brussels will be eagerly awaiting the outcome of the election. Opinion polls in Hungary suggest longtime Prime Minister Viktor Orban has a battle on his hands in Sunday's election.

### **Myanmar's coup leader sworn in as president**

Min Aung Hlaing seeks to 'enhance' international relations and ties with ASEAN after coup plunged Myanmar into chaos. Five years after he ousted an elected government and triggered a civil war. In his inauguration address in the capital Naypyidaw on Friday, he said that "Myanmar has returned to the path of democracy and is heading towards a better future", while acknowledging the country still has many "challenges to overcome".

### **Senegal PM labels Trump 'agent of global destabilisation'**

Senegalese prime minister Ousmane Sonko criticised Donald Trump, accusing him of plunging the world into "chaos" by starting a war on Iran, and questioned whether the world is now less safe under Trump's leadership.



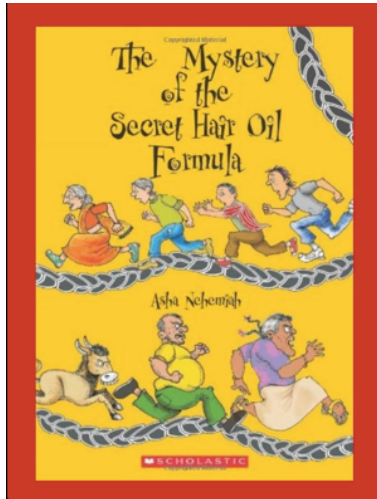
Myanmar's newly elected president, Min Aung Hlaing, waves as he leaves parliament after a swearing-in ceremony in Naypyidaw, Myanmar, on Friday, April 10, 2026 [Aung Shine Oo/AP]

**THE MYSTERY OF THE SECRET HAIR OIL FORMULA**

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In a world of wonder, where potions reside,  
Paati's formula, a secret to confide,  
Her Supersonic Tonic, famed and true,  
But thieves plot to steal what's not their due.  
Paati, a spirit fierce and wise,  
With twinkling eyes and the sun's own rise,  
Declares, "No hindrance shall impede my way,  
To the World Herbologists' grand display."  
Laila and Vikram, her kin so dear,  
Stand by her side, devoid of fear,  
Damu, the assistant with hair of pink,  
A quirky quartet, destined to link.  
Off they venture, an adventurous crew,  
Through whimsical landscapes, dreams anew,  
A scientist wild, a wrestler's heart,  
Oddities aplenty, a comical art.  
Laughter echoes through each twist and bend,  
As antics and oddballs intertwine and blend,  
Hilarious moments, a riotous scene,  
In the world where mystery and humor convene.  
Illustrations dance, delightfully askew,  
Capturing antics in shades and hue,  
A whimsical journey, a roller-coaster ride,  
With Paati and her clan, side by side.  
So raise a toast to Paati's grand quest,  
Where formula's guarded, put to the test,  
A tale of mirth, in pages unfurled,  
"Peopled with oddballs," a wacky, wonderful world.  
So let us delve into the author's art,  
Where hair oil's secrets play their part,  
In realms of wonder and intrigue so grand,  
"A Mystery of the Secret Hair Oil Formula" stands.

**Afghanistan's Education System Facing Deepening Crisis** for both girls and boys, Warn UNICEF and UNESCO.

Over 90% of 10-year-olds cannot read a simple text, signalling a profound crisis of 'schooling without learning', analysis finds.

Afghanistan's education system stands at a critical crossroads. Mounting pressures from restrictive policies, chronic underinvestment, and recurring humanitarian crises are jeopardizing the future of an entire generation and are putting the country's development at risk.

According to the new Afghanistan Education Situation Report 2025 by UNICEF and UNESCO, more than 2.13 million primary school-aged children remain out of school, while the majority of those who attend are learning too little. The analysis from 2022 finds that learning poverty remains at unprecedented levels, with more than 90 per cent of 10-year-olds unable to read even a simple text.

Severe teacher shortages, especially among women, along with limited materials and uncertainties on curriculum changes, weak oversight, and poor infrastructure, continue to erode quality. Nearly half of schools lack clean water, sanitation, or heating, and over 1,000 remain closed due to damage from years of conflict or natural disasters.

While the ban on girls' secondary education has already excluded around 2.2 million adolescent girls, boys' enrolment in secondary education is stagnant and their enrolment in higher education has also dropped by 40 per cent between 2019 and 2024, which is turning this segment into one of the system's most fragile links.



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Aeysha, 12 years old is studying

## # FEED FORWARD

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Hey everyone! 🙌 We are teenagers from a boarding school in the foothills, who believe change begins with us. The newsletter, a fortnightly, explores stories, events and ideas that shape our world. From happenings to global issues, we'll dive into it all. Join us, collaborate, critique and voice your opinions as we share our perspectives, insights, and creativity with you!

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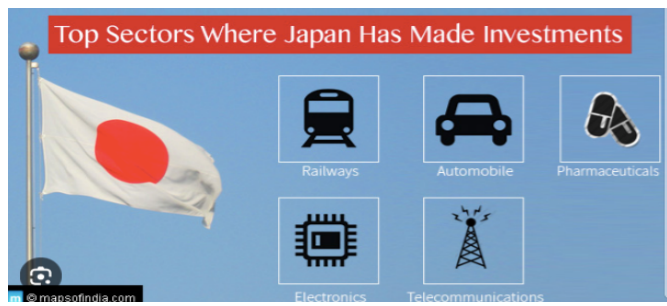
### “Japan’s Growth Story: Lessons for India.”

Development is not done overnight; it is the result of consistent effort and strong values. Japan proves this idea perfectly. Japan is one of, if not the most developed country in the world which is highly known for its modern technology, discipline and cleanliness. From the roads and buildings to the people themselves, Japan is the prime example of development at its peak.

The people of Japan are polite, soft-spoken and disciplined, and they lead a calm and peaceful life. They are always punctual and take pride in their work. Japan is also known to be the most developed in the field of technology. They pay attention to every small detail, like putting small pieces of paper in chewing gum packets to throw away the gum! They also have various modern ways of conserving energy. In highly populated areas, like Shibuya and Tokyo, the footpaths have special tiles that generate energy from each step taken on them. In this way, Japan produces a lot of energy. Technology companies, like Sony and Nintendo, were also developed in Japan. The roads are clean as littering is considered a punishable offence. Public places in Japan remain spotless because citizens take personal responsibility rather than depending solely on the government. In this way, it is the most developed country in the world.

By adopting similar values- cleanliness, discipline, punctuality and respect for time, we too can become one of the most developed countries in the world. We must be disciplined and respect rules. In Japan, people follow laws strictly, whether it is traffic rules or public behaviour. If Indians adopt this mindset, many everyday problems can be reduced. Japan’s growth is a result of strong values and collective effort. India has the potential to achieve the same by adopting good habits and strong values.

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Pink to host the Tony Awards-The pop star will host the 79th Tony Awards on June 7 at Radio City Music Hall. She called it “the honor of an entire lifetime” and said Broadway shaped how she builds her own shows.

Cannes Film Festival 2026 lineup\*: Cannes announced an arthouse-heavy slate for May 12-23. Returning Palme d'Or winners include Japan's Hirokazu Kore-eda and Romania's Cristian Mungiu.

Featuring on Apple TV on April 10- Keanu Reeves film ‘Outcome’

BTS ‘ARIRANG’ World Music Tour Kicked off in Goyang, South Korea The tour hit 34 cities worldwide with 82 concerts through March 2027. It’s the biggest world tour by a K-pop band by dates and reach. Their comeback album topped Billboard 200 for two weeks.

Kanye West banned from UK-Denied entry due to past antisemitic comments, leading to Wireless Festival’s cancellation in London.

### Indian Cinema

Allu Arjun announced his new film with director Atlee, co-starring Deepika Ranveer Singh’s Dhurandhar 2 crossed Rs 1600 crore worldwide and Rs 1000 crore in India. It led winners at Chetak Screen Awards 2026, with Homebound winning Best Film.

Nitesh Tiwari’s Rs 4,000 crore Ramayana teaser dropped, introducing Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama.

**Euphoria Season 3 Episode** release schedule for India was announced.



### # REASON TO CHEER



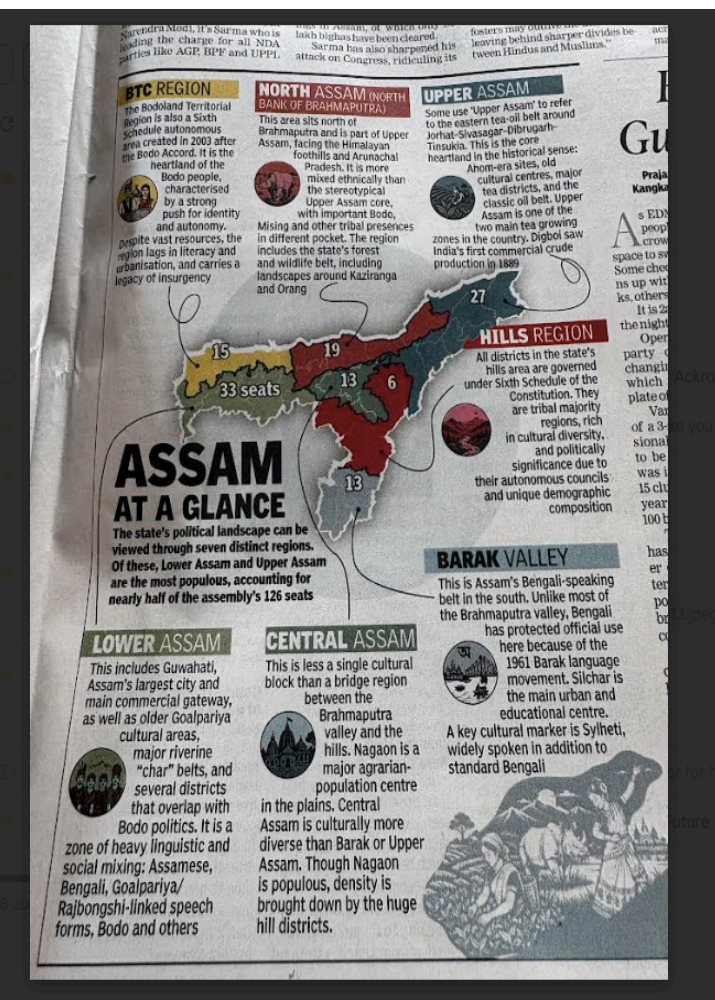
After flying farther beyond the Earth than any human has ever been before and seeing parts of the moon no humans had ever witnessed, the crew recreated “Earthrise,” one of the most famous



## # MONEY MATTERS



## # ASSAM'S ALGORITHMS



## # TECH TALKING



## # SPORTS SCOREBOARDS

### Cricket

Lucknow Super Giants defeated Kolkata Knight Riders by 3 wickets in a thrilling match, with Mukul Choudhary scoring 54 off 27 balls. Gujarat Titans won their first match against Delhi Capitals by 1 run, with Kuldeep Yadav getting run-out on the final ball. A stand named after former India all-rounder Ravi Shastri was unveiled at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai

### Football

Unity Cup 2026 : India will participate in the Unity Cup 2026 in London from May 26 to 30, facing Jamaica, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.

India's FIFA Ranking :India is currently ranked 136th in the world, according to the latest FIFA Men's World Ranking

### Badminton

Asia Championships-Ayush Shetty continues his winning run, entering the quarterfinals.

### UEFA Europa League-

FC Porto and Nottingham Forest drew 1-1, while SC Freiburg beat RC Celta de Vigo 3-0.

### Formula 1

The Bahrain Grand Prix has been cancelled.

IPL 2026 : Shubman Gill was fined ₹12 lakh for Gujarat

### Tennis

The Australian Open 2026 concluded recently, with Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka winning the men's and women's singles titles, respectively