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PIB's April 2026 backgrounders and New India Samachar issues (Vol 6, Issues 19-20) cover a landmark month: the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor's first criticality, 11 years of MUDRA, the biggest decriminalisation bill yet, the panchayat report card, the Naxal-free milestone and National Maritime Day.

FEATURES IN THIS EDITION

- ❶ **PFBR Attains First Criticality** - India enters Stage 2 of the three-stage nuclear programme (April 6); second country after Russia with a commercial fast breeder
- ❷ **11 Years of PM MUDRA Yojana** - 57.79 crore loans, Rs 40.07 lakh crore sanctioned; women hold ~60 percent of accounts
- ❸ **Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026** - 784 provisions across 79 Acts and 23 Ministries decriminalised or eased
- ❹ **Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 + 6 Years of SVAMITVA** - 2.59 lakh GPs scored on 150 indicators; 2.65 crore+ property cards
- ❺ **From Red Corridor to Green Growth Corridor** - LWE districts down from 126 (2014) to 11 (December 2025); incidents down 88 percent since 2010
- ❻ **National Maritime Day Special** - Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047: about Rs 80 lakh crore investment, 1.5 crore jobs; India 22nd on LPI international shipments

KEY DATA AT A GLANCE

TOPIC	KEY FACT
PFBR Kalpakkam	500 MWe; first criticality April 6, 2026; BHAVINI-built, IGCAR-designed
Nuclear trajectory	8.78 GW now; 22.38 GW by 2031-32; 100 GW by 2047 (Nuclear Energy Mission)
MUDRA at 11	57.79 crore loans; Rs 40.07 lakh crore; Tarun Plus ceiling Rs 20 lakh
Jan Vishwas 2026	79 Acts, 23 Ministries, 784 provisions (2023 Act: 42 Acts, 183 provisions)
PAI 2.0	2,59,867 GPs; 3,635 Front Runners; zero Achievers
SVAMITVA at 6	2.65 crore+ property cards; 3.29 lakh villages drone-surveyed
Naxal-free push	126 districts (2014) to 11 (Dec 2025); deadline March 31, 2026
Maritime 2047	~Rs 80 lakh crore investment; LPI international shipments 44th to 22nd
JJM 2.0 (Cabinet)	Rs 8.69 lakh crore outlay; extended to December 2028; 19.36 crore households

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- **GS2:** governance reform (Jan Vishwas), Panchayati Raj (PAI, SVAMITVA)
- **GS3:** nuclear energy, financial inclusion, internal security, ports and logistics

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11 Years of PM MUDRA Yojana: Funding the Unfunded

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