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## TODAY'S TOP STORIES

### 1. RBI MPC Holds Repo Rate at 5.25% — First Decision of FY27

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee, chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra, kept the **repo rate unchanged at 5.25%** with a **neutral stance** in its first meeting of FY 2026-27. The pause comes after 125 basis points of cumulative cuts since February 2025 — the most aggressive easing cycle since 2019. Decision driven by US-Israel-Iran conflict spillover, energy shock, and rupee pressure (~Rs 95/\$).

### 2. Sabarimala Review — 9-Judge Constitution Bench Begins Hearing

A **9-judge Constitution Bench** led by **CJI Surya Kant** began hearing the Sabarimala review case on April 7, revisiting the **2018 Indian Young Lawyers Association v. State of Kerala** verdict that allowed women aged 10-50 entry to the temple. The bench will hear review petitioners (April 7-9), opposing parties (April 10-17), and rejoinder (April 21). Touches **Articles 25, 26 (freedom of religion)** and **Article 14 (equality)**.

### 3. PFBR Kalpakkam Achieves First Criticality — Stage 2 Nuclear Milestone

India's **Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)** at Kalpakkam achieved **first criticality**, marking entry into the **second stage of India's three-stage nuclear programme**. The 500 MWe sodium-cooled reactor uses Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel of uranium-238 and plutonium-239. Built by **BHAVINI**, it makes India only the **second country after Russia** to operate a commercial-scale fast breeder reactor.

### 4. Cabinet Approves Small Hydro Power Scheme — Rs 2,584 Crore

The Union Cabinet approved the **Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme** for FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 with an outlay of **Rs 2,584.60 crore** and a target of **1,500 MW capacity**. NE States and border districts get higher central financial assistance: **Rs 3.6 crore/MW or 30% of cost** (max Rs 30 crore/project) vs Rs 2.4 crore/MW or 20% for other states.

### 5. NITI Aayog Releases Blue Economy Strategy for Deep-Sea Fisheries

NITI Aayog released "**India's Blue Economy: Strategy for Harnessing Deep-Sea and Offshore Fisheries**" — a phased framework (Phase 1: 2025-28, Phase 2: 2029-32, Phase 3: 2033+) to develop fishing in India's EEZ and international waters. Key facts: India is the **world's 2nd-largest fish producer** (8% global output); seafood exports Rs 62,408 crore in FY24-25; coastline 11,099 km; EEZ 24 lakh sq km.

### 6. TV Rating Policy (TRP) 2026 Notified

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting notified the new **TRP Policy 2026**, replacing 2014 guidelines. Key changes: **50% independent directors** required on rating agency boards; net worth threshold cut from Rs 20 crore to **Rs 5 crore**; sample size to scale to **80,000 metered homes** in 18 months (target: 1.20 lakh); landing-page viewership excluded from measurements.

### 7. Moody's Cuts India FY27 GDP Forecast to 6%

**Moody's Ratings** lowered India's FY27 GDP growth projection by 80 bps to **6.0%** (from 6.8%), citing the West Asia conflict's impact on energy prices. Inflation forecast revised to **4.8% for FY27** (vs 2.4% in FY26). CAD estimate: 1-1.5% of GDP for CY26 and CY27.

### 8. FAO Food Price Index — March 2026 Update

The **FAO Food Price Index** averaged **128.5 points** in March 2026 — up **2.4% month-on-month**, the second consecutive monthly increase. Vegetable oil prices jumped **5.1%** (highest since June 2022); sugar prices rose **7.2%** on Brazilian ethanol-crude oil linkage. India expected to hit record wheat production.

### 9. World Health Day 2026 (April 7)

World Health Day, observed annually on April 7 since 1950, marks the **founding of WHO in 1948**. The 2026 observance focuses on **health equity and climate-health linkages**. WHO HQ: Geneva; DG: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. India is a founding member.



## 10. India-Russia IRIGC-TEC Meeting in Delhi

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**Denis Manturov**, First Deputy PM of Russia, visited India April 2-3 and co-chaired the **IRIGC-TEC** (Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation) with **EAM S. Jaishankar**. Discussions covered trade, energy, fertilizers, connectivity, and critical minerals — building on the December 2025 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit.

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