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1. US-IRAN CEASEFIRE: STRAIT OF HORMUZ REOPENS, INDIA WATCHES CLOSELY

A 39-day conflict between the United States and Iran ended with a ceasefire brokered through the **Islamabad Talks**, with Pakistan playing the primary mediating role. The agreement includes reopening the **Strait of Hormuz** — through which approximately 20% of global energy flows — ending transit fees of ~\$2 million per vessel that Iran had imposed during hostilities.

India's exposure was acute: ~60% of India's crude oil is sourced from the Gulf, and over 1 crore Indian nationals live in the region. Eight Indian casualties were reported. India's multi-alignment posture — engaging all parties without endorsing any — was tested throughout the crisis.



Strait of Hormuz, India's energy vulnerability, multi-alignment foreign policy, Pakistan's mediator role. GS2.

2. JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) BILL 2026 PASSED

Parliament passed the **Jan Vishwas 2.0 Bill**, decriminalising **784 provisions across 79 Central Acts** administered by 23 Ministries. Of these, 717 provisions relating to ease of doing business and 67 relating to ease of living replace imprisonment terms with monetary penalties, warnings, and improvement notices for technical/procedural offences. The first Jan Vishwas Act (2023) had covered 183 provisions in 42 laws.

UPSC RELEVANCE

Regulatory reform, ease of doing business, legislative process (both Houses), MSME policy. GS2.

3. AMUL BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST FMCG COMPANY AT ₹1 LAKH CRORE TURNOVER

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets the Amul brand, crossed **₹1 lakh crore (₹1 trillion) in group annual turnover** in FY26 — becoming the first FMCG organisation in India to achieve this milestone. GCMMF's standalone revenue was ₹73,450 crore in FY26, up 11.4% YoY from ₹65,911 crore in FY25.

UPSC RELEVANCE

Cooperative model, Operation Flood, NDDDB, rural economy, cooperative success story. GS3.

4. NBA DESIGNATES TWO NEW NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY REPOSITORIES

The **National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)** notified two institutions as national repositories under **Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002**, bringing India's total to **20 repositories**:

- **CMLRE** (Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology), Kochi — holds 3,500+ voucher specimens, under MoES
- **ARI** (Agharkar Research Institute, Pune) — MACS Collection of Microorganisms

National repositories preserve biological resources, support ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing), and document India's biodiversity wealth under the Nagoya Protocol.



Biological Diversity Act 2002, NBA, Nagoya Protocol, ABS, biodiversity repositories. GS3.

5. NITI AAYOG: WOMEN'S CREDIT PORTFOLIO GROWS 4.8× TO ₹76 LAKH CRORE

The **NITI Aayog** released the 2nd edition of “*From Borrowers to Builders: Women and India’s Evolving Credit Market*” (with TransUnion CIBIL and MicroSave Consulting). Key findings:

- Women now control **₹76 lakh crore** — 26% of total system credit (up from ₹16 lakh crore in 2017)
- Credit penetration among women: **36%** (2025) vs. 19% (2017)
- Women’s business-purpose loans: CAGR of **31%** vs. 17% overall commercial credit growth
- Women’s housing loan share: **69%** of originations in 2025
- Women default rate: **0.7x lower** than overall credit (2024)
- **~29 crore credit-eligible women** remain unserved by formal financial systems

Women’s economic empowerment, financial inclusion, gender credit gap, SHG linkage. GS1/GS2.

6. PM MUDRA YOJANA COMPLETES 11 YEARS

Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), launched in April 2015, marks its 11th anniversary. The collateral-free lending scheme for non-corporate, non-farm micro and small enterprises operates through three tiers — **Shishu** (up to ₹50,000), **Kishore** (₹50,000–₹5 lakh), and **Tarun** (₹5 lakh–₹10 lakh). Historically, ~68–70% of loan accounts went to **women beneficiaries** and over 50% to **SC/ST/OBC borrowers**. In a related development, the RBI doubled the collateral-free MSME loan limit from ₹10 lakh to **₹20 lakh** effective April 1, 2026.

MUDRA Bank, PMMY scheme tiers, financial inclusion, MSME credit, social inclusion. GS3.



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ITEM	KEY FACT	GS
PFBR Kalpakkam	India's 500 MWe PFBR achieved first criticality; built by BHAVINI; Stage 2 of three-stage nuclear programme	GS3
ISSF World Cup — Granada	Palak and Mukesh Nelavalli shattered world record (487.7) in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team; India's first gold	GS1
Exercise Cyclone-IV	India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise; April 9–17 at Anshas, Egypt; 4th edition; 25 Indian personnel	GS2
Telangana: Cancer Notifiable Disease	All hospitals must report cancer diagnoses within 1 month; feeds National Cancer Registry	GS2
SEBI IPO Extension	One-time relief: IPO observation letter validity and MPS compliance extended to September 30, 2026	GS3
bob SAMVAD	Bank of Baroda's AI multilingual platform supporting 22 Indian languages; Phase 1: 250 branches in 5 states	GS3
Vietnam Re-elects Tô Lâm	495/495 votes; continues as President + General Secretary of Communist Party of Vietnam	GS2
Bodhana Sivanandan	11-year-old from Harrow becomes England's top-rated female chess player; FIDE 2366; world no. 72	GS1
Argentina exits WHO	Formal withdrawal effective March 17, 2026; second country after the US to leave WHO	GS2
Gorakhpur AI Flood Cell	India's first AI-based Urban Flood Management Cell; 80%+ rainfall forecasting accuracy; 65% less waterlogging	GS3
Direct-to-Device Satellites	DoT-TEC workshop on D2D tech enabling standard phones to connect directly to satellites	GS3
KreditBee Unicorn	Bengaluru fintech raises \$280 million at \$1.5 billion valuation; India's 3rd unicorn of 2026	GS3



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US-Iran ceasefire	After 39 days of conflict; Pakistan was primary mediator (Islamabad Talks)
Strait of Hormuz	~20% of global energy flows; Iran charged ~\$2 million per vessel during conflict
India's Gulf exposure	~60% crude from Gulf; 1 crore Indians in region; 8 Indian casualties
Jan Vishwas 2.0	784 provisions across 79 Acts; 23 Ministries; RS passed April 2, 2026
Jan Vishwas 2023 (original)	183 provisions in 42 laws
Amul FY26 group turnover	₹1 lakh crore (₹1 trillion); first FMCG in India
GCMMF standalone FY26	₹73,450 crore (up from ₹65,911 crore; +11.4% YoY)
NBA repositories	20 total; new: CMLRE Kochi + ARI Pune
Women's credit portfolio (2025)	₹76 lakh crore (26% of system credit); up from ₹16 lakh crore (2017)
Women's credit penetration	36% (2025) vs. 19% (2017); 4.8x growth in portfolio
PM MUDRA launch	April 2015; 11 years; Shishu/Kishore/Tarun tiers
RBI MSME loan limit	Collateral-free limit doubled from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh from April 1, 2026
PFBR capacity	500 MWe; Kalpakkam, TN; built by BHAVINI under DAE
Exercise Cyclone-IV	India-Egypt; Anshas, Egypt; April 9–17, 2026
Bodhana Sivanandan FIDE rating	2366; +98 points in one month (largest gain in Women's Top 100 for April 2026)

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