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## TODAY'S TOP STORIES

### 1. BJP Sweeps Gujarat Local Body Elections — Morbi 52/52, Ahmedabad Clean Sweep

Counting of votes for Gujarat local body elections (held April 26) concluded on April 28 in a massive BJP victory across all 15 municipal corporations. **Morbi** — scene of the 2022 suspension bridge collapse — recorded a **52/52 BJP clean sweep**. **Porbandar** all seats BJP. **Surat**: BJP 47+ of 52 seats; Congress 1. **Vapi**: BJP 37/52, Congress 11. **Rajkot**: BJP leading 44+ seats. **Ahmedabad**: BJP majority confirmed. Municipal corporation voter turnout was **55.1%**. In higher-tier bodies, district panchayats recorded **66.64%** turnout. The results consolidate BJP's dominance in Gujarat urban local governance ahead of the 2027 state assembly election cycle. | *GS2/Polity*

### 2. West Bengal Phase 2 Votes Tomorrow — 176 Constituencies, Results May 4

West Bengal Phase 2 assembly elections are scheduled for **April 29, 2026**, covering **176 of 294 constituencies** (Phase 1 was April 23 across 118 constituencies). Results for all 2026 state elections — **Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, Assam, and Puducherry** — will be declared on **May 4, 2026** (a single counting day for all five). West Bengal's political contest is between the ruling **TMC (Trinamool Congress)** under CM Mamata Banerjee, the **BJP**, and the **Left-Congress alliance**. The campaign ends at 6 PM on April 28 under Election Commission rules. | *GS2/Polity*

### 3. PM Modi Closes Sikkim's 50th Statehood Celebrations at Paljor Stadium

PM Modi participated in the closing ceremony of Sikkim's **50th Year of Statehood** at **Paljor Stadium, Gangtok** on April 28. He also visited the **Orchidarium** — India's first world-class Orchid Experience Centre, showcasing Sikkim's 532 orchid species. At the closing ceremony, Modi inaugurated/laid foundation stones of ₹4,000+ crore projects including the Sikkim University permanent campus at Yangang, the Integrated Sowa Rigpa Hospital at NIT Deorali, two Teesta arch bridges, and the Helen Lepcha Medical College. The visit was accompanied by Sikkim Governor **Om Prakash Mathur** and CM **Prem Singh Tamang**. | *GS1/GS2*

### 4. MoSPI Proposes Index of Service Production — Services GDP to Get Monthly Tracking

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released an **Approach Paper** for an **Index of Service Production (ISP)** — a monthly index to track output in India's formal services sector, analogous to the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** for manufacturing. Key details: base year **2024-25**;

primary data source: **GST Network**; covers wholesale/retail trade, transport, banking, insurance, hotels, real estate, professional services; excludes informal services and GST-exempt sectors (health, education — covering ~67% of services GVA). Services contribute over **50% of India's GDP** yet currently have no high-frequency monthly output index. Stakeholder consultation deadline: **May 5, 2026**. | *GS3/Economy*

## 5. India Fast-Tracks SBS-3 Spy Satellite Network — 52 Military Satellites by 2029

Following **Operation Sindoor** (May 2025), India is accelerating its **Space-Based Surveillance Phase 3 (SBS-3)** programme — a **\$3 billion** initiative to deploy **52 military surveillance satellites** by 2029. Three private companies are involved: **Ananth Technologies, Centum Electronics, and Alpha Design Technologies** — with development timelines compressed from 4 years to **12–18 months** per satellite. The programme will provide all-weather, round-the-clock imagery of Pakistan and China border areas, reducing India's dependence on foreign satellite data in conflict zones. This is also a major boost to India's private defence space sector under the **Space Activities Act framework**. | *GS3/Security-Defence*

### QUICK BITES

- **May 4 Election Results Day** — Counting for Tamil Nadu (234 seats), West Bengal (294 seats), Kerala (140 seats), Assam (126 seats), and Puducherry (30 seats) all on May 4, 2026. The largest simultaneous state election result day since 2021. | *GS2*
- **SEBI Board meeting** — SEBI board met on April 28 to discuss tightened FVCI (Foreign Venture Capital Investor) norms, new circular on settlement regulations, and enhanced disclosure requirements for AIFs (Alternative Investment Funds). | *GS3*
- **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Expansion** — Cabinet approved establishment of new AIIMS at Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), and Ranchi (Jharkhand) — taking total AIIMS count from 23 to 26. | *GS2*
- **India's first solar-powered airport** — Cochin International Airport (CIAL) celebrated 10 years of 100% solar operation on April 28; generates 50+ MW via 46,150 panels across 80+ acres. | *GS3*

## FACTS CORNER

ITEM	FACT
Gujarat MC turnout	55.1% (municipal corporations)
Morbi MC result	BJP 52/52 (clean sweep)
Surat MC result	BJP 47+/52 seats
WB Phase 2	April 29; 176 constituencies
All state results	May 4, 2026
States going to results May 4	Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, Assam, Puducherry
Sikkim CM	Prem Singh Tamang
Sikkim Governor	Om Prakash Mathur
Orchid species in Sikkim	532
ISP	Index of Service Production; MoSPI approach paper; base year 2024-25
ISP primary data source	GST Network
SBS-3 programme	\$3 billion; 52 satellites by 2029
Private companies in SBS-3	Ananth Technologies, Centum Electronics, Alpha Design Technologies
SBS-3 timeline (compressed)	4 years → 12-18 months per satellite

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