



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 01, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ India's First Digital Census 2027 Begins

- ✓ India has begun Census 2027, marking its first fully digital census using mobile apps and online self-enumeration for faster, transparent data collection.
- ✓ This 16th census and eighth after Independence will be conducted in two phases – housing data (April–Sept 2026) and population enumeration (Feb 2027).
- ✓ For the first time, citizens can fill details online, improving accuracy and accessibility across multiple languages.
- ✓ With a budget of ₹11,718 crore, this massive exercise modernizes data collection and strengthens planning, governance, and policy-making across India.

#### ➤ India's GST Collections in March 2026

- ✓ India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections reached ₹1.78 lakh crore in March 2026, reflecting steady economic activity and improved tax compliance.
- ✓ Gross GST revenue touched nearly ₹2 lakh crore, driven by strong imports, stable domestic demand, and better digital tracking of transactions.
- ✓ Higher import-based collections and consistent consumer spending supported growth, while refunds rose to ₹0.22 lakh crore, boosting business liquidity.

✓ Top contributing states included Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Gujarat, highlighting regional economic strength and India's resilient growth momentum.

➤ **Sādhana Saptah 2026**

✓ The Capacity Building Commission (CBC) has launched India's Largest Collaborative Capacity Building Initiative Sādhana Saptah 2026, a week-long national initiative running from 2 to 8 April 2026.

✓ Sādhana Saptah stands for Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement.

✓ The initiative brings together over 100 Central Ministries, 30+ States and Union Territories, and more than 250 Civil Services Training Institutions (CSTIs).

✓ The Three Sutras - Technology (3 to 4 April), Tradition (5 to 6 April) and Tangible Outcomes (7 to 8 April).

➤ **PM-KUSUM Project extended**

✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has extended the timeline for completing select projects under the PM-KUSUM scheme to March 31, 2027.

✓ The new deadline applies to projects where Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) or Notices to Proceed (NTPs) were issued on or before December 31, 2025, across all three components.

✓ The Scheme Launched in March 2019 and scaled up in January 2024, the scheme aims to provide energy and water security to farmers while "de-dieselizing" the agricultural sector.

✓ The government has committed a total Central Financial Support of ₹34,422 crore to add a solar capacity of 34,800 MW by March 2026.

✓ Union Minister Pralhad Joshi announced on March 10, 2026, that the government is preparing PM-KUSUM 2.0 to further upgrade these initiatives.

## STATE

➤ **Amaravati Set to Become the Andhra Pradesh' Sole Capital**

✓ Andhra Pradesh is set to declare Amaravati as its sole capital through an amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

- ✓ The move ends years of debate, replacing the earlier shared-capital arrangement with Hyderabad and scrapping the three-capital model proposed by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- ✓ Originally promoted by N. Chandrababu Naidu, Amaravati is being developed as a modern greenfield capital with major infrastructure investments.
- ✓ This decision aims to bring administrative clarity, fulfill post-bifurcation requirements, and accelerate governance and development in the state.

➤ **India's First Quantum Computer**

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh will launch India's first quantum computer on April 14, 2026, in Amaravati.
- ✓ The project aims to boost innovation in quantum computing, enabling breakthroughs in AI, cryptography, and drug discovery while strengthening India's global tech position.
- ✓ Supported by the National Quantum Mission and partners like IBM, it will create a collaborative ecosystem for research and startups.
- ✓ This initiative promotes self-reliance, reduces import dependence, and positions Amaravati as a future global hub for advanced computing and technology.

