



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 04, 2026

NATIONAL

- **'Know Your Candidates (KYC)' feature**
- ✓ The Election Commission of India has launched the 'Know Your Candidates (KYC)' feature on the ECINet platform ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections in states like Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Puducherry.
- ✓ This initiative aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and informed voter participation.
- ✓ The KYC feature allows voters to access verified details of candidates, including criminal records, assets and liabilities, educational qualifications, and social media profiles.
- ✓ It also enables users to download Form 26 affidavits submitted during nominations, making candidate information easily accessible.
- ✓ ECINet, integrating over 40 electoral services, also offers tools like cVIGIL and Saksham, strengthening India's digital electoral ecosystem.

- **'Kar Saathi' Website**
- ✓ The Central Board of Direct Taxes launched a new website and an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered assistant called 'Kar Saathi' to simplify the procedure of tax filing.
- ✓ 'Kar Saathi' portal offers round-the-clock support to assist taxpayers with queries and compliance under the Income Tax Act, 2025.
- ✓ The launch of the web portal coincides with a nationwide awareness campaign, Policy Reform and Responsible Action for Mission Viksit Bharat (PRARAMBH 2026).

- ✓ It includes an AI chatbot that provides instant tax-related information in both Hindi and English.

DEFENCE

➤ **INS Aridhaman**

- ✓ India's third indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine INS Aridhaman (S4), commissioned on April 3, 2026, at Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ Developed under the secretive Advanced Technology Vessel (ATV) project, the submarine was built at the Ship Building Centre (SBC) in Visakhapatnam.
- ✓ INS Aridhaman is a larger vessel weighing approximately 7,000 tonnes and with a range of 3,500 km.
- ✓ A fourth vessel, S4 (possibly to be named INS Arisudan), is currently undergoing sea trials, while India also plans to build Nuclear-powered Attack Submarines (SSNs) by 2036–39.

