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NCERT GRANTED DEEMED UNIVERSITY STATUS BY EDUCATION MINISTRY

- **Degree-Granting Authority:** This status transforms NCERT from an advisory body into a full-fledged academic institution. It can now independently design and offer its own undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral (PhD) programmes, as well as innovative certificate and diploma courses in education and pedagogy.
- **Expansion of Regional Institutes:** The "Deemed University" status extends to NCERT's six constituent units, including the five Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs) in Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, and Shillong, and the PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education in Bhopal. This allows these regional hubs to function as high-standard research and teacher-training universities.
- **Mandatory Academic Standards:** To maintain this status, NCERT must now comply with strict UGC regulations. This includes participating in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), seeking NAAC accreditation, and implementing the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) to facilitate digital credit transfer for its students.

MYANMAR PARLIAMENT ELECTS MIN AUNG HLAING AS PRESIDENT

- **Consolidation of Power:** The election formalizes Min Aung Hlaing's control over the state, five years after he led the 2021 coup. To assume the presidency, he officially stepped down as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, appointing his loyalist, Ye Win Oo, as the new military head.
- **A "Sham" Transition:** The vote took place in a parliament dominated by the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and appointed

military legislators. Most international observers and opposition groups have dismissed the process as a "sham" designed to provide a veneer of civilian legitimacy to continued military rule.

- **Ongoing Civil War and Instability:** The transition occurs as Myanmar remains locked in a brutal civil war. While the junta hopes the move will help secure international recognition (particularly from regional neighbors), the National Unity Government (NUG) and ethnic resistance groups.

PM NARENDRA MODI VIRTUALLY LAUNCHES KARMAYOGI SADHANA SAPTAH 2026



- **Focus on "Nagrik Devo Bhav":** The Prime Minister emphasized a shift toward citizen-centric governance, underlining the mantra "Nagrik Devo Bhav" (Citizen is God). The initiative aims to transform civil services from a "rule-based" to a "role-based" approach, making public service more sensitive, responsive, and accountable to the aspirations of the people.
- **The Three Sutras:** The week-long program (April 2–8, 2026) is anchored around three core pillars: Technology, Tradition (indigenous governance insights and Indian knowledge systems), and Tangible Outcomes.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- **Focus in 3rd GEN Reforms:** Education & skill development
- **4th GEN Reforms Relate to:** Digital economy
- **Main aim of 4th GEN Reforms:** Innovation & technology
- **Make in India belongs to:** Fourth generation
- **Key step in 1st GEN Reforms:** Removal of License Raj

LT GEN PUSHPENDRA PAL SINGH LEADS WESTERN COMMAND

- **Transition from Vice Chief:** Prior to this appointment, Lt Gen Singh served as the 48th Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS). He succeeds Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, who superannuated on March 31, 2026. This move reflects a strategic rotation of top leadership within the Indian Army's "sword arm."
- **Special Forces Expertise:** He is a highly decorated officer from the Parachute Regiment, commissioned in 1987. His extensive operational background includes participation in Operation Pawan, Operation Meghdoot, and counter-insurgency operations. He is currently the third Special Forces officer to lead the Western Command in its history.
- **Strategic Focus on Modernization:** Upon taking command, he highlighted a vision focused on multi-domain operations and the induction of niche technologies, specifically drones and counter-drone systems.

SHYAM SUNDER SWAMI SECURES BRONZE AT WORLD ARCHERY PARA SERIES

- **Podium Finish:** Shyam Sunder Swami clinched the bronze medal by defeating his opponent in a closely contested third-place play-off. This victory adds to India's growing tally in international para-archery and reaffirms his position as a top-tier competitor in the compound event.
- **Ranking Points:** This performance is significant for the World Rankings, providing crucial points that will influence seedings for upcoming major tournaments, including the 2026 Asian Para Games.
- **Consistent Excellence:** Hailing from Rajasthan, Swami continues his streak of international success. His bronze win in Dubai follows a series of strong performances on the world stage.

SAND ARTIST SUDARSHAN PATNAIK APPOINTED BRAND AMBASSADOR FOR INDIA CENSUS 2027

- **Public Awareness through Art:** As a Padma Shri awardee known for his socially relevant sand sculptures, Pattnaik will use his art to educate citizens about the importance of the census. His role is to mobilize public participation and ensure accurate data collection for what is being called a "People's Census."
- **Support for India's First Digital Census:** This 16th National Census (and 8th since Independence) is the first to be conducted entirely digitally. Enumerators will use smartphone-based apps, and for the first time,

a self-enumeration portal will allow citizens to fill in their own details online.

- **Phased Rollout and Mascots:** The awareness campaign led by Pattnaik supports a two-phase process: Phase I (Houselisting) begins in April 2026, followed by Phase II (Population Enumeration) in February 2027. The official mascots for the exercise are "Pragati" (female) and "Vikas" (male).

UIDAI SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH MAPMYINDIA TO ENABLE AADHAAR CENTRES



- **Integration with Mappls App:** UIDAI will integrate its verified database of Aadhaar centres into MapmyIndia's Mappls App. This will allow residents to easily find and navigate to the nearest authorized Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) and other certified centres using indigenous mapping technology.
- **Service-Specific Filtering:** The new feature will allow users to identify centres based on the specific nature of their requirements. For example, the app will distinguish between centres offering adult enrolment, child enrolment (Bal Aadhaar), or those providing only demographic

updates (like address or mobile number changes).

- **Combating Misinformation:** A primary goal of this partnership is to provide a "verified digital map" to prevent citizens from falling victim to unauthorized or fraudulent service providers. By directing users only to official locations

GURUNG & SHRESTHA NAMED BEST ATHLETES AT NNIPA AWARDS

- **Top Honors for Gurung and Shrestha:** Karate star Arika Gurung and table tennis player Santoo Shrestha were crowned the "Best of the Best" Female and Male Athletes, respectively. Shrestha was recognized for his historic feat as the first Nepali table tennis player to qualify for the Olympics, while Gurung was honored for her multiple international medals, including silver at the World Karate 1 Youth League.
- **Historic Venue:** For the first time in its 20-edition history, the awards ceremony was hosted outside the Kathmandu Valley. The event took place at the Chandeshwari Temple premises in Banepa Municipality to promote sports culture across different regions of Nepal.
- **Wide Recognition and Prizes:** The "Best of the Best" winners each received a cash prize of NPR 100,000. In total, 26 athletes from different sports were recognized as the best in their respective disciplines, while Abhishek Baral (Taekwondo) and Swastika Tiruwa (Boxing) were named the "Talented Players of the Year."

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

05.04.2026 / SUNDAY

- **International Day for Mine Awareness: 04th April**
- **Theme 2026: "Invest in Peace, Invest in Mine Action"**
- **The 2026 observance marks a critical evaluation point for the United Nations Mine Action Strategy (2024–2028..)**