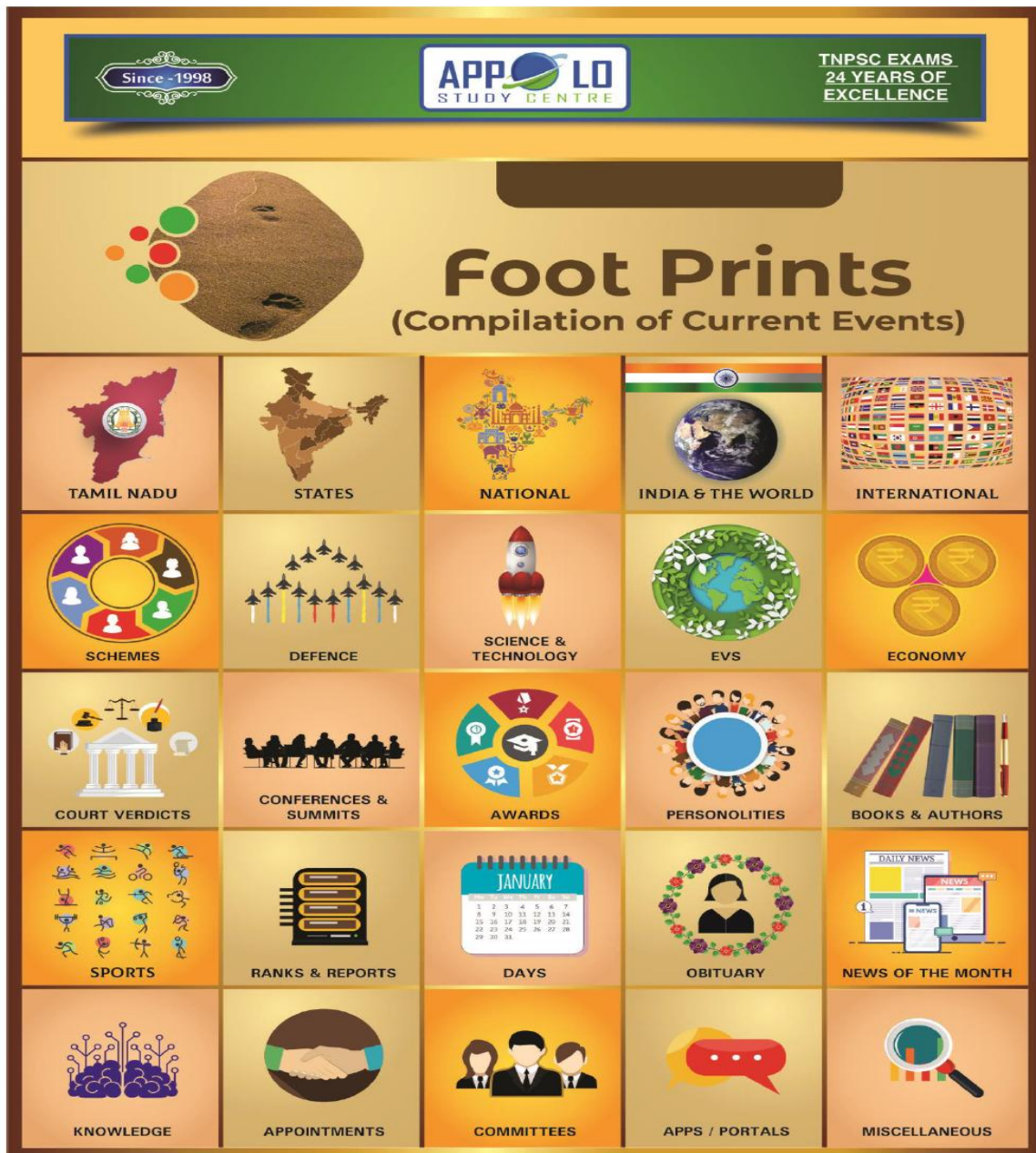


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# TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu State Policy for Care of Homeless Persons with Mental Illness (HPWMI)**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu State Policy for Care of Homeless Persons with Mental Illness and Implementation Framework - 2024, which was released on Thursday, outlines four levels of care for HPWMI - Rescue and Acute Care, Intermediary Care, Long Term Care and Social Reintegration, with contribution by the stakeholders at each level.
- ✓ It aims to provide comprehensive support, including crisis intervention, medical care, family reintegration and long-term rehabilitation.
- ✓ The policy has proposed a Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in rescue operations.
- **T.N. has Highest Share of Women Borrowers**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has the highest share of women borrowers at 44%, as per report released by NITI Aayog on Monday.



- ✓ Southern States have higher shares of women borrowers with at least one live loan in their wallet – Tamil Nadu (44%), Andhra Pradesh (41%), Telangana (35%), and Karnataka (34%) as compared to 31% of women at an overall country level as of December 2024, the report titled 'From Borrowers to Builders: Women's Role in India's Financial Growth Story', said.
- **Tamil Nadu Govt Replaces Rupee Symbol with Tamil Letter**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government's decision to replace the Indian Rupee symbol (₹) with the Tamil letter 'ரூ' in the state budget logo has reignited the language debate in India.



- ✓ This move, led by Chief Minister M K Stalin, aligns with Tamil Nadu's stance against the imposition of Hindi and reflects the ongoing resistance to the National Education Policy (NEP), which the state government views as "saffronized."
- ✓ The change aims to promote the Tamil language and resist the imposition of Hindi.
- **Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam 2025**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned a sum of ₹1,000 crore for improving roads in village panchayats and panchayat unions under this scheme during 2025-26.



- ✓ The total sum of ₹1,000 crore, includes ₹344 crore from the Scheme Component of Pooled Assigned Revenue (SCPAR), ₹200 crore from the Capital Grant Fund.
- ✓ (CGF) (District), ₹300 crore from the CGF (State) and ₹156 crore from the CGF (Other District Roads).
- ✓ It has been proposed to take up about 2,500 km during 2025-26.



# STATE

## ➤ **Karnataka to rename Bengaluru City University after Manmohan Singh**

- ✓ Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced during his budget speech in the Legislative Assembly that Bangalore City University will be renamed Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, in honour of the former Prime Minister of India, who passed away on February 26.



- ✓ The move is aimed at transforming the institution into a model university in the country.
- ✓ Manmohan Singh, India's 13th Prime Minister, was known for his role in economic liberalization and financial reforms, which played a crucial part in shaping modern India's economy.

## ➤ **Kerala Became First State To Establishes Senior Citizens Commission**

- ✓ Kerala has become India's first state to establish a Senior Citizens Commission by passing the Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission Bill, 2025.



- ✓ This statutory body aims to safeguard the rights and welfare of the elderly, ensure their protection and rehabilitation, and act as an advisory body for state policies.
- ✓ The initiative highlights Kerala's commitment to elderly empowerment, inclusivity, and dignity in society.

# NATIONAL

## ➤ **One Nation-One Port**

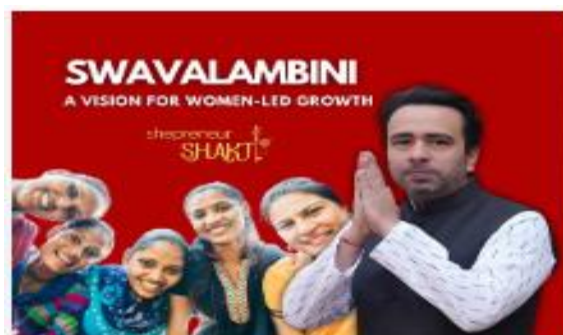
- ✓ Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has launched a series of major initiatives of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) aimed at modernising India's maritime infrastructure, strengthening its global trade presence, and to promote sustainability.



- ✓ Sonowal launched the 'One Nation-One Port Process (ONOP)' an initiative to standardise and streamline operations across India's major ports.
- ✓ The step aims at removing inconsistencies in documentation and processes that led to inefficiencies, increased costs, and operational delays.

## ➤ **Swavalambini: Boosting Women Entrepreneurship in India**

- ✓ MSDE and NITI Aayog launched Swavalambini to empower women entrepreneurs in HEIs with skills, mentorship, and resources.



- ✓ Minister Jayant Chaudhary emphasized shifting from beneficiary schemes to women-led development for social transformation.
- ✓ Govt aims to integrate AI courses in education to upskill youth and foster innovation.

➤ **PM Modi Inaugurates Vantara, an Animal Rescue and Conservation Centre in Gujarat**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Vantara, a state-of-the-art animal rescue, conservation, and rehabilitation center in Jamnagar, Gujarat.



- ✓ During his visit, PM Modi explored advanced medical facilities at the center's wildlife hospital, which includes MRI, CT scans, and ICUs, and observed treatment procedures, including an Asiatic Lion undergoing MRI.
- ✓ His visit reinforced India's commitment to wildlife conservation and the protection of endangered species.

➤ **Madhav National Park Declared as India's 58th Tiger Reserve**

- ✓ In a significant step towards wildlife conservation, the Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh has been officially declared as India's 58th Tiger Reserve on March 9, 2025.



- ✓ The announcement was made by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, marking another milestone in the country's ongoing efforts to protect and conserve its rich biodiversity.
- ✓ With this recognition, Madhya Pradesh now boasts nine tiger reserves, further solidifying its reputation as the 'Tiger State' of India.

➤ **India Becomes the World's Top Milk Producer**

- ✓ India has become the world's largest milk producer with a current production of 239 MMT, contributing over 24% of global milk output.



- ✓ Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh announced plans to increase production to 300 MMT by 2030, driven by the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM).
  - ✓ The dairy sector contributes 4.5% to GDP, with 10 crore people employed, 75% of whom are women.
  - ✓ Per capita milk consumption in India is 471 grams/day, exceeding the global average.
- **Boilers Bill, 2024**
- ✓ Parliament passed Boilers Bill, 2024 for the regulation of boilers.



- ✓ The Lok Sabha passed Boilers Bill, 2024 for the regulation of boilers, the safety of life and property of persons from the danger of explosions of steam-boilers and uniformity in registration.
  - ✓ The Boilers Bill, of 2024 will repeal the century-old Boilers Act, 1923.
  - ✓ The bill has provisions to ensure the safety of persons working inside a boiler and promote ease of doing business.
- **India Becomes the World's Second-Largest Tea Exporter in 2024**



- ✓ India became the world's second-largest tea exporter in 2024, surpassing Sri Lanka with 254 Mkg of exports, while Kenya retained the top spot.



- ✓ This marked a significant rise from 231 Mkg in 2023, generating ₹7,112 crore in revenue.
- ✓ Government policies, support for orthodox tea production, and industry initiatives have fueled this growth, with a target of 300 Mkg exports by 2030.

#### ➤ **SMILE Programme**

- ✓ The Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE) Programme is an initiative funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).



- ✓ Launched to enhance India's logistics infrastructure, the programme aims to reduce logistics costs and increase overall efficiency. It is aligned with the National Logistics Policy and the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- ✓ The SMILE Programme contributes to long-term economic growth.
- ✓ By reducing dependencies on inefficient logistics, it supports a resilient economic structure.

#### ➤ **Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament**

- ✓ From 1st April-3rd April 2025, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will organize the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament in New Delhi.



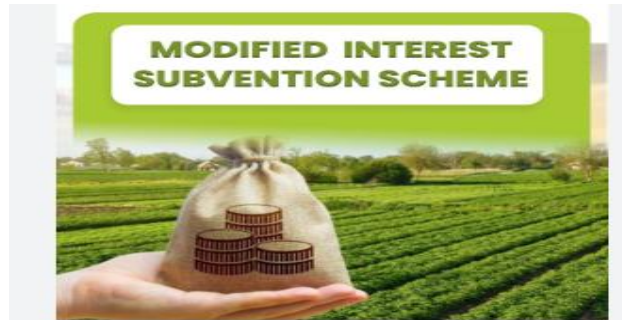
- ✓ Over 75,000 young participants from every State and Union Territory submitted video entries via the MY Bharat portal.
- ✓ The event is structured into three key stages: district nodal rounds, state rounds, and national rounds.
- ✓ The initiative aims to foster youth-led policy engagement and national progress.

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# SCHEMES

## ➤ **Modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme**

- ✓ Government of India has introduced a modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme.



- ✓ This initiative aims to enhance the operational viability of Cooperative Sugar Mills (CSMs).
- ✓ The scheme allows these mills to convert their existing sugarcane-based ethanol plants into multi-feedstock facilities.
- ✓ The government has sought to diversify feedstocks to maintain consistent production levels.
- ✓ The Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme aims for 20% ethanol blending with petrol by 2025.

## ➤ **PM Internship Scheme**

- ✓ The PM Internship Scheme 2025 is a government initiative led by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.



- ✓ It aims to train and equip young talents with industry-relevant skills.
- ✓ The program offers a 12-month apprenticeship, during which participants will receive a monthly stipend of ₹5000 along with a one-time benefit of ₹6000.
- ✓ The scheme covers various sectors and provides an opportunity to work with some of India's top corporate organizations.

- **PM-YUVA 3.0 – Prime Minister’s Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors**
- ✓ The Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education launched PM-YUVA 3.0 (Prime Minister’s Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors) on March 11, 2025.



- ✓ This initiative aims to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) to promote reading, writing, and book culture in India while projecting Indian literature on the global stage.
  - ✓ The scheme is designed to nurture young literary talents, enabling them to write on key themes that define India’s progress and historical legacy.
- **Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme**
  - ✓ On March 28, 2025, the Union Cabinet of India approved the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme.



- ✓ This initiative is backed by a substantial budget of ₹22,919 crore.
- ✓ The scheme aims to enhance India’s electronics manufacturing capabilities, focusing on the production of crucial electronic components.
- ✓ It represents step in the government’s ongoing efforts to establish a robust electronics manufacturing ecosystem.



### ➤ Vazhndhu Kattuvom 3.0



- ✓ Following the success of the Vazhndhu Kattuvom 2.0 scheme, the Tamil Nadu government will implement the Vazhndhu Kattuvom 3.0 scheme at a cost of ₹1,000 crore, with assistance from the World Bank, in 120 blocks across the State, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin told the Legislative Assembly on Friday (March 28, 2025).
- ✓ It aims to promote rural enterprises, access to finance, and create employment opportunities in selected blocks of Tamil Nadu.

# COURT VERDICT

## ➤ Supreme Court Collegium

- ✓ The Supreme Court collegium plays important role in the appointment and transfer of judges in India's higher judiciary.



- ✓ Recently, the collegium made headlines by transferring Justice Yashwant Varma from the Delhi High Court back to the Allahabad High Court.
- ✓ This decision followed the recovery of amount of cash from his residence after a fire incident.
- ✓ The Supreme Court collegium consists of the Chief Justice of India and the four other senior most judges.

# INTERNATIONAL

## ➤ **Trump Declared English As The Official Language**

- ✓ President Donald Trump announced that English would be the official language of the country.



- ✓ He said that this decision would help bring unity in a nation with people from different backgrounds.
- ✓ The White House released an executive order stating that it was “long past time” to make English the official language of the United States.

## ➤ **Myanmar Earth Quake 2025**

- ✓ Two back-to-back earthquakes of magnitudes 7.7 and 6.4 struck Myanmar. ❖ Thailand's capital, Bangkok, has been declared a disaster area.



- ✓ Myanmar's military government declared a state of emergency in six regions and states.
- ✓ Earlier in Myanmar, six strong quakes of magnitude 7 or higher struck from 1930 to 1956 near the Sagaing Fault. India has launched the Operation Brahma, an emergency relief mission aimed at providing disaster relief, search and rescue operations in Myanmar

# INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

## ➤ Ganga Water Treaty

- ✓ The Ganga Water Treaty, signed in 1996, will expire in 2026.



- ✓ This upcoming meeting between India and Bangladesh is crucial for future water-sharing agreements.
  - ✓ The backdrop includes rising tensions following political changes in Bangladesh and unresolved disputes over water-sharing, notably the Teesta River.
  - ✓ The Farakka Barrage, operational since 1975, was built to manage water flow but intensified disputes.
- ## ➤ India- New Zealand Sign 5 Agreements
- ✓ India and New Zealand have signed five agreements in the fields of Defence, Education, Sports, Horticulture, and Forestry.



- ✓ Both sides also exchanged the Authorized Economic Operator Mutual Recognition Agreement.
- ✓ Two countries announced the launch of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement and negotiations on an arrangement facilitating the mobility of professionals and skilled workers.
- ✓ New Zealand has joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative and has become a member of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.



➤ **33rd Meeting of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC)**

- ✓ The “positive and constructive” 33rd session of foreign office-led border talks between India and China held in Beijing on Tuesday (March 25) saw both sides discuss ways to implement decisions taken during the high-level Special Representatives’ meeting late last year.



- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) noted that Monday’s talks – the 33rd edition of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) – were “positive and constructive”, while Beijing in its separate readout added that either side had adopted a “forward-looking” stance.

➤ **India, Japan Signed ¥191.73 Bn Loan Deal for 6 Projects**

- ✓ India and Japan inked loan deals worth ¥191.73 billion for six development projects across water, transport, forestry, and aquaculture.



- ✓ Major projects include TN Investment Promotion Phase 3, Delhi Metro Phase 4, and Chennai Desalination Plant II.
- ✓ The funding falls under Japan’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India.

# CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

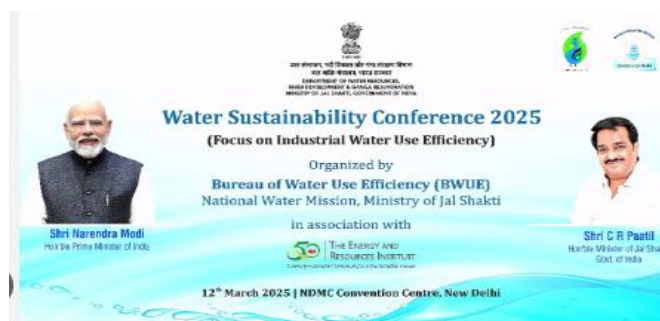
- **World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025**
- ✓ The summit theme is Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions.



- ✓ It is organized by the 'The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)'.
- ✓ India successfully reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 7.93%.
- ✓ India has taken transformative steps with initiatives like the International Solar Alliance (ISA), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), and Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE).
- ✓ India is working on a target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

- **Water Sustainability Conference 2025**

- ✓ The Water Sustainability Conference 2025, organized by the Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (BWUE) under the National Water Mission (NWM), Ministry of Jal Shakti, in association with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), was held on March 12, 2025, at the NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi.



- ✓ Various government officials, industry leaders, and experts deliberated on innovative strategies and policies to optimize water use in industries.

- ✓ Shri C. R. Patil emphasized the 4R approach (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Recharge) and added Respect as the 5th principle, urging industries to integrate sustainable water management practices.
- **No Money for Terror Conference**
- ✓ Recently, India reaffirmed its commitment to combat terrorism at the 4th 'No Money for Terror' Conference.



- ✓ The nation emphasised the importance of global unity against terrorism.
- ✓ India brought into light the evolving complexities in terror financing due to advancements in digital technology.
- ✓ This has made tracking the flow of funds more challenging.
- ✓ India has been participating in the NMFT Conferences since 2018.
- **India Innovation Summit**
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel has inaugurated the India Innovation Summit – Pioneering Solutions to End TB, at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre.



- ✓ The Program is steadily progressing towards the goal of eliminating TB by 2025.
- ✓ The number of missing cases has been reduced from 15 lakh in 2015 to 2.5 lakhs in 2023.

- ✓ A shorter and safer oral Bedaquiline-containing drug resistant TB treatment regimen has been rolled out across all State/ UTs that has improved treatment success rates of drug-resistant TB patients from 68% in 2020 to 75% in 2022.
- **National Conference On Environment**
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the National Conference on Environment- 2025 in New Delhi.



- ✓ The two-day event is set to bring together environmental experts, policymakers, and activists.
- ✓ The Conference is being organized by the National Green Tribunal.
- ✓ The meet will have four key technical sessions that will address pressing challenges faced by the environment, including climate change, pollution control, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development.



# DEFENCE

## ➤ Exercise Desert Hunt

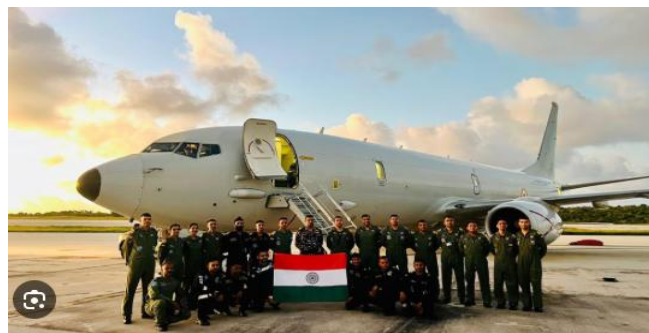
- ✓ The Indian Air Force conducted Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 at Jodhpur from February 24-28, involving Army Para SF, Navy MARCOS & Air Force Garud commandos.



- ✓ The drill tested combat readiness through airborne insertion, precision strikes, counter-terrorism & urban warfare scenarios.
- ✓ The exercise aimed to boost inter-service coordination and national security preparedness.

## ➤ Sea Dragon 2025 Naval Exercise

- ✓ The Sea Dragon 2025 naval exercise, a key multilateral maritime warfare drill, has commenced off the Guam coast in the western Pacific Ocean.



- ✓ This high-intensity anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise is hosted by the United States Navy's 7th Fleet and will take place from March 4 to March 19, 2025.
- ✓ The Indian Navy, along with the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), and the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN), is

participating in this tactical interoperability exercise, aiming to enhance coordination in maritime security operations.

➤ **Exercise KHANJAR-XII**

- ✓ The 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan from 10 March to 23 March 2025.



- ✓ Since its inception in 2011, the KHANJAR exercise has evolved into a significant annual training event aimed at enhancing military cooperation between the two nations.
- ✓ The exercise highlights the growing strategic partnership between India and Kyrgyzstan, reinforcing their commitment to regional peace, stability, and security.

➤ **Bilateral Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR**

- ✓ The 6th edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) and the 4th edition of the bilateral exercise 'BONGOSAGAR' between the Indian Navy and the Bangladesh Navy commenced on March 10, 2025, and will continue until March 12, 2025.



- ✓ The naval exercises are being conducted in the designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal, near the Bangladesh and Indian maritime borders.
- ✓ These exercises aim to enhance maritime security, strengthen cooperation, and combat various criminal activities at sea.

➤ **Bilateral Naval Exercise VARUNA**

- ✓ The 23rd edition of the bilateral naval exercise VARUNA, a symbol of the strong maritime partnership between India and France, is set to take place from March 19 to March 22, 2025.



- ✓ Established in 2001, this annual exercise has become a key platform for enhancing naval interoperability and operational synergy between the two nations.
- ✓ The exercise aims to improve coordination in air defence, anti-submarine warfare, and surface combat, reinforcing the shared commitment to a free, open, and secure maritime environment.

➤ **AIKEYME Maritime Exercise**

- ✓ The Indian Navy is set to conduct maritime exercise named AIKEYME, aimed at enhancing defence cooperation with several African nations.



- ✓ The exercise will take place off the coast of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, co-hosted by the Indian Navy and the Tanzania Peoples Defence Force.
- ✓ AIKEYME stands for Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement.
- ✓ The exercise will involve ten African countries: Tanzania, Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, and South Africa.

➤ **Vertically-Launched Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM)**

- ✓ On March 26, 2025, the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a flight test of the Vertically-Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM).



- ✓ This test took place at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha. It marks advancement in India's defence capabilities.
  - ✓ The successful test of the VLSRSAM is expected to enhance the technological edge of the Indian Armed Forces. It reflects India's commitment to self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
  - ✓ The missile's modern technologies are anticipated to boost air defence mechanisms.
- **Naval Exercise INDRA 2025**
- ✓ The 14th edition of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise, INDRA, took place from 28 Mar to 02 Apr 2025 off Chennai, strengthening maritime cooperation.



- ✓ The exercise includes two phases: Harbour phase with exchanges and sports, and Sea phase with advanced naval drills.
  - ✓ Russian and Indian naval ships, including Pechanga, Rezkiy, and Aldar Tsydenzhapov, will participate.
- **IAF Joined INIOCHOS-25 Air Exercise in Greece**



- ✓ The Indian Air Force participated in Exercise INIOCHOS-25 in Greece from March 31 to April 11, 2025, with Su-30 MKI fighters and support aircraft.



- ✓ The biennial multinational exercise aims to enhance air force skills, tactical knowledge, and international cooperation among 15 countries.
- ✓ IAF aims to improve operational capabilities and strengthen strategic defence partnerships.

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# ECONOMY

- **GST Collections Rise 9.1% to ₹1.84 Lakh Crore in Feb**
- ✓ India's GST collections rose 9.1% YoY in Feb 2025, reaching ₹1.84 lakh crore.



- ✓ Domestic revenues grew 10.2% to ₹1.42 lakh crore, while import revenues rose 5.4% to ₹41,702 crore.
- ✓ Net GST collections after refunds stood at ₹1.63 lakh crore, marking an 8.1% increase.
- **India's Circular Economy: A \$2 Trillion Market and 10 Million Jobs by 2050**



- ✓ India's circular economy is projected to generate over \$2 trillion in market value and create 10 million jobs by 2050, shifting from a "take, make, waste" model to a sustainable reuse and recycling system, as highlighted by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav at the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum.
- ✓ India has also applied to host the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026, following WCEF 2025 in São Paulo, Brazil.
- **T.N. likely to maintain over 8% growth, says First Economic Survey**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu's Economic Survey for 2024-25, the first-ever in the State, has indicated that the State was expected to maintain a growth of above 8% in 2024-25.



- ✓ The survey was prepared by the State Planning Commission (SPC) in coordination with the Finance and several other departments.
  - ✓ India's economy recorded a growth of 7.61% in 2022-23, 9.19% in 2023-24, and 6.48% in 2024-25.
  - ✓ Building on a strong foundation of inclusive policies, Tamil Nadu has demonstrated remarkable economic resilience, consistently achieving a growth of 8% or more since 2021-22.
- **Tamil Nadu Budget 2025**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government presented its Budget for 2025-26 in the Legislative Assembly March 14.
  - ✓ The State government also presented the Agriculture Budget for 2025-26 on March 15.
  - ✓ The budget logo carried the slogan, 'Ellarkum Ellam', (everything for everyone) conveying the idea of inclusiveness.



- **Tamil Nadu Budget Key Announcements**
- ✓ 20 lakh college students will be provided with a tablet or laptop, based on their preference, over the next two years.

- ✓ From April 1, 2025, 1% less stamp duty if property and other assets is registered in the name of women for properties worth up to Rs.10 lakh.
- ✓ ₹2,000 stipend provided for children who lost both parents to continue their education.
- ✓ The Archaeological excavations in 8 locations are including Keeladi (Sivagangai), Telunganur (Salem), Adhichanur (Kallakurichi) and Nagappatinam.
- ✓ Under Kalaigiar's house scheme, 1 lakh houses will be constructed at a cost of ₹3,500 crore.
- ✓ A new city of over 2000 acres near Chennai to be developed.
- ✓ ₹1,000 crore allocated for improving government schools' infrastructure.
- ✓ New airport in Ramanathapuram, Rameswaram given the rising tourist inflow.
- ✓ Group insurance scheme to be introduced for 1.50 lakh workers in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ 'Anbucholai' old age homes at a cost of ₹10 crore in Madurai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Salem, Tiruppur, Erode, Thoothukudi, Vellore, Thanjavur, and Dindigul.
- ✓ The Raptors Research Foundation' will be established with Rs.1 crore from the Endangered Species Conservation Fund.
- ✓ Thirukkural has also been translated into 28 Indian languages and 35 world languages so far.
- ✓ To make Thirukkural available in all 193 UN-recognized official languages within three years, Rs 133 crore has been allocated.
- ✓ Two new museums will be established: the 'Noyyal Museum' in Erode - focus on the Kodumanal excavations, and 'Naavaai Museum' in Ramanathapuram.
- ✓ The 'World Tamil Olympiad' will be held annually as a computer-based exam for students worldwide, with Rs 1 crore set aside for those who secure top positions.
- ✓ 'Agaram - Museum of Languages' will be established at Madurai World Tamil Sangam to showcase Tamil's antiquity.

#### ➤ **Fifth Exclusive Agriculture Budget**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government unveiled its fifth exclusive agriculture budget on Saturday increasing the total allocation for agriculture and allied sectors by 8 per cent for 2025-26 compared to the revised estimates for 2024-25.
- ✓ The state allocated ₹45,661 crore up from ₹42,282 crore in the previous year.
- ✓ The Agriculture Budget 2025-26 focuses on boosting farmers' income while expanding into crop diversification, organic farming, mechanization, and nutrition initiatives. Special priority is given to schemes benefiting SC/ST communities.



➤ **Key Highlights:**

- ✓ Rs. 42 crore allocated for setting up 1000 Chief Minister's Farmers' Welfare Service Centres.
- ✓ Hill Farmer Development Scheme: 63 thousand hill farmers will be provided with a subsidy of Rs. 22.80 lakh. An allocation of Rs. 22 crore has been made for this scheme.
- ✓ Financial assistance provided under the Chief Minister's Farmers' Protection Scheme will be increased.
- ✓ Chief Minister's Mannur Kappom Scheme will be implemented this year for Rs. 146 crore.
- ✓ The Kalaigiar All Village Integrated Development Scheme will be implemented in 2,335 panchayats for Rs. 269 crore. This scheme has already been implemented in 10,157 villages.
- ✓ The scheme for organic farming will be implemented in 37 districts for Rs. 12 crore.
- ✓ Rs. 52 crore allocated to implement the small grains movement. Additional subsidy for Adi Dravidian and tribal farmers in schemes including integrated farming. The existing 40% subsidy will be increased to 60%.
- ✓ The Nammalvar Award scheme will be implemented this year too.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Agroforestry Policy to be released soon – Farmers will be encouraged to establish agroforestry.
- ✓ 100 pioneer farmers will be taken to countries including Japan and China. This project will be implemented to learn about the agricultural technology implemented there.
- ✓ A new project called Nutritious Agriculture Movement will be launched at Rs. 125 crores.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu ranks 2nd in cashew exports in India. To promote this, a Cashew Board will be set up for Rs. 10 crore to develop farmers.
- ✓ Steps have been taken to obtain a geographical indication for 35 agricultural products in 4 years.



- ✓ 5 products, including Vedaranyam mullai, natham tamarind, and kapalpatti moringa, will be obtained.
  - ✓ The award in the name of agricultural scientist M. S. Swaminathan to promote innovations in agriculture.
- **India To Become World's Third-largest Economy**
- ✓ India will be the world's third-largest economy by 2028.



- ✓ In 2028, India will overtake Germany as its economy will expand to \$5.7 trillion.
- ✓ From a \$3.5 trillion economy in 2023, the Indian economy is projected to expand to \$4.7 trillion in 2026, which will make it the fourth largest in the world behind the US, China and Germany.
- ✓ According to Morgan Stanley, India was the 12th largest economy in the world in 1990, slipped to 13th position in 2000 before rising to 9th rank in 2020 and 5th in 2023.

# APPOINTMENT

## ➤ The First Woman Law Secretary

- ✓ India has reached a significant milestone in its legal and administrative history with the appointment of **Anju Rath Rana** as the country's **first woman law secretary**.



- ✓ A distinguished Indian Legal Service (ILS) officer, Rana's appointment marks a historic moment in the Ministry of Law and Justice.
  - ✓ The position of Law Secretary, officially known as the Secretary, Legal Affairs, has long been held by men.
  - ✓ Anju Rath Rana has now broken this tradition by becoming the first woman to assume this prestigious role.
- ## ➤ First Female and African President of the International Olympic Committee
- ✓ Kirsty Coventry, legendary Zimbabwean swimmer, made history as the first female and first African president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in its 130-year history.



- ✓ She secured a landslide victory with 49 out of 97 votes, defeating Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. (28 votes) and Sebastian Coe (8 votes).
- ✓ Coventry's election marks a new era of diversity and inclusivity in global sports leadership.



# AWARDS

## ➤ 97th Oscars Awards 2025

- ✓ At the 97th Academy Awards held on March 2, 2025, Conan O'Brien hosted the ceremony at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.



- ✓ Best Picture: "Anora".
- ✓ Best Director: Sean Baker for "Anora".
- ✓ Best Actor: Adrien Brody for "The Brutalist".
- ✓ Best Actress: Mikey Madison for "Anora".
- ✓ Best Supporting Actor: Kieran Culkin for "A Real Pain".

## ➤ Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'

- ✓ Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of Care Earth Trust, recently made history as the first Indian to receive the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'.



- ✓ This prestigious global accolade recognises exceptional contributions to sustainable wetland management.
- ✓ The announcement coincided with International Women's Day, denoting the role of women in environmental conservation. Vencatesan was one of twelve women honoured for their impactful work in wetland preservation.

- ✓ The Ramsar Awards celebrate individuals and organisations dedicated to the sustainable management of wetlands.
- **The First Indian to receive a Highest Civilian Award of Mauritius**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian to receive a highest civilian award of Mauritius, Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean.



- ✓ The honour also adds to PM Modi's growing list of international accolades, making it the 21st such recognition.
- **First Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize went to Jagannatha Raja**
- ✓ Sahitya Akademi Translation Prizes are given every year for outstanding translations in 24 languages.
- ✓ The first prize for Tamil was given to M.G. Jagannatha Raja for his translation of Vijayanagara Emperor Krishnadevaraya's Telugu epic Amuktamalyada.
- ✓ Since the Prize was instituted, 36 writers bagged it till 2024.
- **Günter Blöschl Wins Stockholm Water Prize**
- ✓ Günter Blöschl, a renowned hydrologist, has been awarded the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize in 2025.





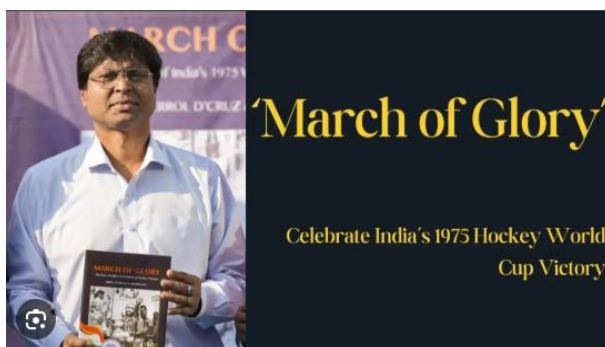
- ✓ This recognition marks his contributions to flood risk management and water resource engineering.
- ✓ The Stockholm Water Prize, often termed the “Nobel Prize of Water,” is awarded annually for contributions to water sustainability.



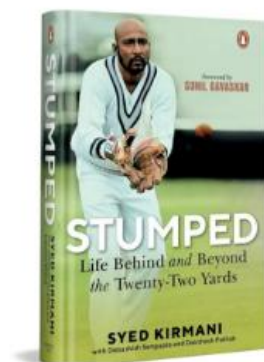
## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### ➤ **March of Glory**

- ✓ To mark 50 years since India's historic Hockey World Cup victory in 1975, a book titled 'March of Glory' was unveiled on March 18, 2025, at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.



- ✓ The book, co-authored by hockey historian K. Arumugam and journalist Errol D'Cruz, captures the dramatic journey of the Indian team to World Cup glory in Kuala Lumpur on March 15, 1975.
- ### ➤ **Stumped: Syed Kirmani's Autobiography**
- ✓ Stumped, co-authored by Syed Kirmani, Debashish Sengupta, and Dakshesh Pathak, is an autobiography offering insights into Kirmani's career and India's 1983 World Cup victory.



- ✓ The book highlights Kapil Dev's iconic 175 not out against Zimbabwe, a game-changing innings that rescued India from 17/5 to 266/8.
- ✓ This historic knock played a crucial role in India's triumph, shaping the future of Indian cricket.

- **P.S. Raman's Book 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings'**
- ✓ MS Dhoni and Chennai Super Kings (CSK) made a surprise appearance at the launch of Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings by P.S. Raman, thrilling fans.



- ✓ The event, attended by cricket and entertainment personalities, saw acknowledgments from Gitanjali Selvaraghavan to CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan, Anirudh Ravichander, Ashwin Ravichandran, and others.
- ✓ The book quickly became Amazon's No.1 Bestselling Cricket Book, gaining widespread appreciation from CSK fans.

### ➤ **Ripples of Change**

- ✓ On 26 March, 'Ripples of Change: Gender-transformative Rural WASH Programs in India' was launched by Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil.



- ✓ The book was published by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) in collaboration with UNICEF India.
- ✓ Ripples of Change features ten powerful stories from rural India.
- ✓ Documented by UNICEF, these stories showcase the transformative impact of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Jal Jeevan Mission through gender empowerment, community leadership, and grassroots innovation.

# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

## ➤ **Aditya-L1 Captures the First-ever Image of Kernel**

- ✓ India's first dedicated space-based solar mission, Aditya-L1, has achieved milestone.



- ✓ On February 22, 2025, the Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) onboard Aditya-L1 captured the first-ever image of a solar flare 'kernel' in the lower solar atmosphere.
- ✓ This observation is crucial for understanding solar activity and its effects on Earth.
- ✓ The flare's 'kernel' was observed in the lower layers of the Sun's atmosphere, giving new insights into solar activity.
- ✓ This can help scientists understand how mass and energy move through the Sun's atmosphere.

## ➤ **Third Largest Biofuel Producer in the World**

- ✓ As of January, India has achieved 19.6 per cent ethanol blending in petrol. It is a significant step toward a shift to cleaner and renewable energy.



- ✓ India will very soon have 20 per cent ethanol blending five years ahead of the target of 2030.



- ✓ In the last 10 years, the ethanol blending initiatives have enhanced farmer incomes.
- ✓ It has also helped in reducing CO2 emissions equivalent to planting 1.75 crore trees.

### ➤ **Project Lion**

- ✓ The Indian government launched the Project Lion to protect and expand the population of Asiatic lions.



- ✓ The project was approved with a substantial budget of Rs. 2,927.71 crore, reflecting the government's commitment to wildlife conservation.
- ✓ The Asiatic lion population is currently concentrated in Gujarat, with a census reporting 674 individuals in 2020 (29% increase from 2015).
- ✓ This species is critically endangered, facing threats from habitat loss, poaching, and human-wildlife conflict.

### ➤ **AI Kosha**

- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched AI Kosha, a non-personal datasets platform, along with the GPU access portal under the IndiaAI Mission.



- ✓ AI Kosha is an initiative by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) designed to serve as a unified repository for datasets, tools, and AI models.
  - ✓ It aims to enhance access to datasets and models from various sources to boost AI innovation, support AI solution development with shared toolkits, and showcase use cases to inspire new applications.
- **LOX-Methane Rocket Engine**
- ✓ ISRO is advancing its capabilities in space technology by developing a LOX-methane engine for its Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV).



- ✓ This new engine features a reusable booster stage and two expendable upper stages.
- ✓ The initiative aims to enhance mission flexibility through multiple restarts. Recent successful tests of a spark torch igniter mark step forward in this ambitious project.
- ✓ A LOX-methane engine uses liquid oxygen as an oxidiser and methane as fuel.
- ✓ Methane is considered the fuel of the future in space exploration.

➤ **ISRO Earns \$143 Million From Foreign Satellite Launch**

- ✓ ISRO has generated nearly 143 million US dollars in foreign exchange revenue through satellite launches.



- ✓ The Department of Space said that ISRO launched a total of 393 foreign satellites and 3 Indian customer satellites on a commercial basis over the past decade.
- ✓ ISRO's impressive track record includes launching satellites for 34 countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Singapore, and several other developed nations.

#### ➤ **ISRO Completes De-docking Of SpaDex Satellites**

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully completed the undocking of two satellites, part of the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDEx) mission, marking a significant milestone in India's space exploration journey.



- ✓ Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has congratulated ISRO for its successful demonstration of the undocking experiment as part of the SpaDEx mission.
- ✓ The minister said it will pave the way for the smooth conduct of ambitious future missions, including the Bharatiya Antriksh Station, Chandrayaan-4, and Gaganyaan.

#### ➤ **Chandrayaan-5 Mission**

- ✓ The Indian government has officially approved the Chandrayaan-5 mission, aimed at conducting an advanced lunar surface study.



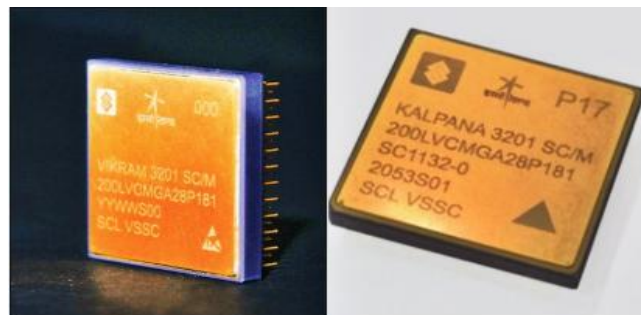
- ✓ Announced by ISRO Chairman V Narayanan on March 16, 2025, this mission will be executed in collaboration with Japan's space agency, JAXA.
- ✓ This mission will be executed in collaboration with Japan and aims to conduct an advanced study of the Moon's surface.

➤ **IIT Madras Hyperloop Testing Facility**

- ✓ Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw visited the Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras on Saturday, where he announced that the 410-meter-long Hyperloop tube would soon become the world's longest high-speed tube.



- ✓ The Indian Railways Ministry is actively supporting the project with funding and technical assistance, while Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Chennai is developing the electronic technology required for the Hyperloop system.
- **ISRO developed high-speed microprocessors Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201 for space missions**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) and the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Chandigarh have jointly developed 32-bit microprocessors Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201.



- ✓ Vikram 3201 is India's first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor. It can be used in the harsh conditions of launch vehicles.
- ✓ A 32-bit microprocessor is a type of microprocessor with a data bus, registers, and address bus that are 32-bit wide.



- ✓ This development is a significant milestone in achieving self-reliance in high-reliability microprocessors for launch vehicles.

#### ➤ **NASA Astronauts Return To Earth**

- ✓ Astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore of NASA returned to Earth early this morning aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon Spacecraft.



- ✓ Their SpaceX capsule parachuted into the Gulf of Mexico.
- ✓ A splashdown occurred off the coast of Tallahassee in the Florida Panhandle, ending the nine-month ordeal of the two astronauts.
- ✓ Wilmore and Williams were on the International Space Station since June of last year.
- ✓ The two astronauts ended up spending 286 days in space – 278 days longer than anticipated.

#### ➤ **Chandrayaan-4**

- ✓ Chandrayaan-4 is India's fourth lunar mission, set to launch in October 2027.



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) aims to achieve a remarkable feat by not only soft landing on the Moon but also collecting lunar samples and returning them to Earth.
- ✓ Chandrayaan-4 will consist of two crafts, each weighing approximately 4,750 kg. Instead of a single massive craft, ISRO will use two LVM3 rockets for launch.

- ✓ The mission will involve intricate docking and undocking procedures in space, enhancing India's technological expertise.
- **ISRO Targets Moon Mission by 2040, Space Station by 2035**
- ✓ ISRO aims to land an Indian on the Moon by 2040 and launch the Bharatiya Antriksh Station by 2035, as per ISRO Chief Dr. V. Narayanan's announcement.



- ✓ Chandrayaan-5, co-developed with Japan, is a key mission towards achieving future human spaceflight goals.
- ✓ These steps mark major progress in India's space innovation and global collaboration.

# SPORTS

- **India won the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025 title**
- ✓ The Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025 title has been defended by India by beating Iran in the finals. India defeated Iran by 32-25 in the final.



- ✓ The sixth edition of the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship was held from March 6 to 8, 2025. So far, India has now won the title in five of the six editions held.
- ✓ Tehran was the first city to hold the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship twice.  
The Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025 has seven teams divided into two groups.

- **India Tops Medal Tally at World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025**
- ✓ India emerged as the champion at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025, held in New Delhi, winning a total of 134 medals.



- ✓ This included 45 gold, 40 silver, and 49 bronze medals, marking a historic achievement in India's para-sports history.

- ✓ The event, hosted at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, was India's first international para-athletics event, which will now be held annually until 2028.
- **Kabaddi World Cup 2025**
- ✓ India won both men's and women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025.



- ✓ The Indian men's team defeated the home team, England, 44-41 in the final match. Whereas, the Indian women's team also defeated England by an impressive score of 57-34 in the final at the same venue.
- ✓ For the first time outside Asia, the tournament featured top Kabaddi teams from the West Midlands, with matches played in Birmingham, Coventry, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

# OBITUARY

## ➤ George Foreman

- ✓ American boxing legend George Foreman passed away on March 21, 2025, at age 76.



- ✓ A two-time heavyweight champion, Olympian, and successful businessman, Foreman was celebrated for his remarkable comeback in boxing.
- ✓ His family announced his demise, remembering him as a humanitarian and sporting icon.



# REPORT

## ➤ **First-Ever Riverine Dolphin Estimation**

- ✓ The report was released during the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife at Sasan Gir in Junagadh district.



- ✓ The report has estimated a total of 6,327 dolphins in India.
- ✓ In the estimation, 28 rivers across eight states were surveyed and 3,150 man-days were dedicated to covering over 8,500 kilometres.
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest numbers of Dolphins.
- ✓ UP is followed by Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam.
- ✓ Ganges River Dolphin is the National Aquatic Animal of India.

## ➤ **A Third Of India's Population Will Be Obese By 2050: Lancet Analysis**

- ✓ As per the study, already almost half the world's adults -- a billion men and over a billion women aged 25 years and above -- were overweight and obese in 2021.



- ✓ By 2050, India could have over 440 million obese and overweight people, a global analysis published in The Lancet journal has estimated.

- ✓ Number of overweight and obese adults by mid-century in India (218 million men and 231 million women) could be the second highest in the world, after China, with the US, Brazil and Nigeria expected to rank third, fourth and fifth, respectively, the findings by an international team of researchers reveal.

➤ **India Tops Global Arms Imports, SIPRI Report**

- ✓ According to the latest data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India was the world's top arms importer for the period 2019-2023.



- ✓ India's arms imports witnessed a 4.7% increase compared to the 2014-2018 period.
- ✓ Nine out of the ten biggest arms importers in 2019-2023, including the top three of India, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar, were from Asia, Oceania, or the Middle East.

➤ **WMO's State of Climate 2024**

- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) recently released the State of Climate 2024 report.



- ✓ It revealed that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) levels reached 420 parts per million in 2023.
- ✓ This is the highest concentration in the last 800,000 years.
- ✓ These increases have led to unprecedented temperature rises.
- ✓ The year 2024 marked climate milestone.
- ✓ The global mean near-surface temperature was 1.55°C above pre-industrial averages.

- ✓ This is the first time annual temperatures have exceeded the 1.5°C threshold set by the Paris Agreement.



# RANKING

## ➤ India Achieves Global Rank 3 in Start-Ups

- ✓ India secured Global Rank 3 in start-ups over the past decade, driven by government initiatives.



- ✓ ₹20,000 crore allocated for R&D and Innovation in Union Budget 2025-26 to boost deep-tech sectors.
- ✓ Patent grants surged 17 times since 2014, and India improved its Global Innovation Index ranking from 81st to 39th.

## ➤ India ranked 5th Most Polluted in 2024 Air Pollution Rankings

- ✓ India, 5th in the smog rankings behind Chad, Bangladesh, Pakistan & Democratic Republic of Congo, saw average PM2.5 fall 7% on the year to 50.6 mg/cu m.



- ✓ But it accounted for 12 of top 20 most polluted cities, with Byrnihat, in a heavily industrialised part of India's northeast, in 1st place.
- ✓ The WHO recommends levels of no more than 5 mg/cu m, a standard met by only 17% of cities last year.

## ➤ India's Free Speech Ranking in Global Index

- ✓ A recent global survey by the U.S.-based think tank The Future of Free Speech ranked India 24th out of 33 countries in its Free Speech Index.



- ✓ The survey, conducted in October 2024, found that although free speech support in India has declined since 2021, a majority of Indians believe it has improved.
- ✓ The report, titled **“Who in the World Supports Free Speech?”**, highlights the gap between public perception and actual protections for free speech in India, alongside broader global trends showing democratic backsliding in various nations.
- **Finland Tops the World Happiness Rankings**
- ✓ Finland has once again secured its position as the world’s happiest country for the eighth consecutive year, according to the latest global happiness rankings.



- ✓ The study, conducted by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford in collaboration with Gallup and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, revealed that the United States has dropped to its lowest-ever ranking at 24th place.
- ✓ The rankings are based on people’s self-assessment of their quality of life, highlighting factors such as social trust, economic stability, and life expectancy.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
March 01	World Civil Defence Day	Theme for 2025: "Civil Defence, Guarantee of Security for the Population."
March 01	Zero Discrimination Day	The theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2025 is "We Stand Together."
March 03	World Wildlife Day	Theme: "Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet".
March 03	National Defence Day	The theme is "Safety and Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat".
March 03	World Hearing Day	The 2025 theme, "Changing mindsets: Empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all!"
March 04	National Safety Day	Theme 2025 - Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat" (Developed India).
March 04	World Obesity Day	Theme is "Let's Talk About Obesity and..."
March 05	International Day for Disarmament & Non-Proliferation Awareness	This annual event seeks to promote public awareness, particularly among youth, about the importance of disarmament
March 08	International Women's Day	The theme of International Women's Day 2025 is "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment."
March 10	International Day Of Women Judges	This day honours female judges and their contributions to justice and equality.
March 13	World Kidney Day	"Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect early, protect kidney health"
March 14	International Day Of Mathematics	Theme: "Mathematics, Art, and Creativity".
March 14	International Day Of	The theme for this year's event,

	<b>Action For Rivers</b>	"Our Rivers, Our Future."
<b>March 14</b>	<b>World Sleep Day</b>	The theme for World Sleep Day 2025 is "Make Sleep Health a Priority."
<b>March 15</b>	<b>World Consumer Rights Day</b>	The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2025 is 'A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles.'
<b>March 16</b>	<b>National Vaccination Day</b>	The day commemorates the success of the Pulse Polio Campaign, launched by the Government of India to eradicate polio.
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Global Recycling Day</b>	The theme for Global Recycling Day 2025 is "#RecyclingHeroes"
<b>March 20</b>	<b>World Sparrow Day</b>	The theme for 2025 is "A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers".
<b>March 20</b>	<b>International Day of Happiness</b>	The theme for the International Day of Happiness 2025 is "Caring and Sharing"
<b>March 20</b>	<b>World Oral Health Day</b>	The theme for World Oral Health Day 2025 was "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind".
<b>March 21</b>	<b>International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination</b>	Theme: "60th anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)".
<b>March 21</b>	<b>World Poetry Day</b>	The 2025 theme, "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion," emphasizes poetry's impact on social harmony and cultural exchange.
<b>March 21</b>	<b>World Down Syndrome Day</b>	The theme for World Down Syndrome Day 2025 is "Improve Our Support Systems".
<b>March 21</b>	<b>World Forestry Day</b>	The theme for World Forestry Day 2025 is "Forests and Food".
<b>March 22</b>	<b>World Water Day</b>	The theme of World Water Day

		this year is 'Glacier Preservation'.
<b>March 23</b>	<b>World Meteorological Day</b>	The theme for World Meteorological Day 2025, which is celebrated on March 23rd each year, is "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together".
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day</b>	This day marks the anniversary of the execution of three Indian freedom fighters- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru in 1931.
<b>March 24</b>	<b>World Tuberculosis (TB) Day</b>	The 2025 theme, "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver"
<b>March 25</b>	<b>International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade</b>	Theme: "Honoring Memories, Fostering Resilience".
<b>March 27</b>	<b>World Theatre Day</b>	The 2025 theme, "Theatre and a Culture of Peace," highlights its role in fostering peace and understanding.
<b>March 28</b>	<b>World Piano Day</b>	This day serves as a global platform to recognize the beauty, cultural significance, and enduring appeal of the piano
<b>March 30</b>	<b>International Day of Zero Waste</b>	The 2025 theme, "Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles"
<b>March 31</b>	<b>World Backup Day</b>	Theme: "Towards a Digital Future: Empowering Governance through Technology"

## MISCELLANEOUS

### ➤ India's Goli Soda Goes Global

- ✓ Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has announced the global resurgence of the traditional Indian Goli Soda, rebranded as Goli Pop Soda.



- ✓ The Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement that this iconic beverage is making a remarkable comeback on the global stage, driven by its innovative reinvention and strategic international expansion.
- ✓ The product has already made strong inroads in global markets, with successful trial shipments to the US, UK, Europe, and Gulf countries.

# CURRENT AFFAIRS - TNPSC ORIGINAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS - EXAMS CONDUCTED IN 2025

## ASSISTANT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (GRADE II) - 22-02-2025

### Current Affairs

1. Identify the incorrect answer:

1. CEEW - Council on Energy, Environment and Water
2. NRDC - The National Resource Development Council
3. SCGJ - Skill Council For Government Jobs
4. MNRE - The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

- a. 1 and 4 are incorrect      b. 1 and 2 are incorrect  
c. **2 and 3 are incorrect**      d. 3 and 4 are incorrect      e. Answer not known

தவறான விடையை கண்டறிக :

1. CEEW - நீர்இ ஆற்றல்இ சுற்றுச்சூழலுக்கான குழு
2. NRDC - தேசிய வள வளர்ச்சி குழு
3. SCGJ - அரசு பணிகளுக்கான திறன் குழு
4. MNRE - புதிய மற்றும் புதுப்பிக்கதக்க ஆற்றலுக்கான

- a. 1 மற்றும் 4 தவறானது      b. 1 மற்றும் 2 தவறானது  
c. 2 மற்றும் 3 தவறானது      d. 3 மற்றும் 4 தவறானது  
e. விடைதெரியவில்லை

