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TAMIL NADU

➤ GI tag sought for Pollachi Tall Coconut

- ✓ The Pollachi Tall Coconut, locally known as Pollachi Nettai Thennai, is a highly sought-after variety of coconut that enjoys significant demand during summer.



- ✓ In a bid to preserve its authenticity and protect the interests of local farmers, the producers have formally applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- ✓ The Pollachi Tall Coconut is known for its large nut size, high water content in tender coconuts, thick shells, superior copra quantity and also its oil."

➤ T.N. CM Stalin Presents Royalties to Families of Five Tamil Scholars

- ✓ The literary works of five Tamil scholars – late 'Kavikko' S. Abdul Rahman, late Merwin, and late A. Palani, and poets Ku. Ma. Kothandam and Ilama Tamilnavan – were nationalised on Monday (May 5, 2025).



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin handed over the royalties at the valedictory function of the 'Tamil Week', which was observed to celebrate the birth anniversary of late Tamil poet 'Pavendhar' Bharathidasan.
- ✓ Mr. Stalin handed over cheques of ₹10 lakh each.

➤ Grand Library in Tirunelveli will be named after Quaid -E-Millath

- ✓ Steps will be taken to establish a Chair on Islamic Tamil literature in University of Madras, says the Chief Minister at the inauguration of ninth World Islamic Tamil Literature conference.



- ✓ A grand library to be established by the State government in Tirunelveli will be named after yesteryear leader of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) Quaid-E-Millath, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced in Tiruchi on Friday.
- ✓ Inaugurating the ninth World Islamic Tamil Literature conference organised by the Islamic Literary Society, Mr.Stalin conceded another demand, raised at the conference, to establish a chair on Islamic Tamil literature in University of Madras.

➤ **Gross Enrolment Ratio**



- ✓ T.N. ahead of the rest of the country in Gross Enrolment Ratio, says Chairman of AICTE With more than half the students in Tamil Nadu who pass the higher secondary exam enrolling themselves into colleges, the State has already achieved what the whole country aims to do by 2035, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) said here today.
- ✓ Prof. Sitharam said Tamil Nadu has a Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of more than 50% in higher education, while in the rest of the country it was only 29%.
- ✓ He said the State has done remarkably well in engineering education, while underscoring the role played by the private institutions towards improving the GER.

➤ **T.N., Comprehensive Nutritional, Immunisation Services**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu has been making steady progress in reducing deaths among children under the age of five over the past few years.



- ✓ Focused measures on improving growth monitoring, nutritional assessment and support, and immunisation services are paying off.
- ✓ Data from the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine showed that the under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) has been falling steadily in the past few years – from 10.9 during 2022-2023 to 8.2 during 2024-2025.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Government Lists its Achievements in the Past four Years**

- ✓ An official release listed out the sectors in which Tamil Nadu has excelled, all of which together, have made the State achieve an economic growth of 9.69%.



- ✓ The export from Tamil Nadu which stood at 26.16 billion USD in 2020-21 has since been increased to 52.07 USD in 2024-25, it said.
- ✓ By exporting electronic goods worth 14.65 billion USD, Tamil Nadu stood number one in the country surpassing Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka.
- ✓ As for employment opportunities created both in public and private sectors, the government said that the number of workers increased from 2.9 crore in 2020-21 to 3.87 crore by 2024-25.
- ✓ Programmes such as *Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam*, *Illam Thedi Kalvi*, *Naan Mudhalvan* and *Kalaignar Kanavu Illam* implemented by the DMK government

have propelled Tamil Nadu to record levels of development, making it the top State among all Indian States, it said.

- ✓ Tamil Nadu's higher education enrolment rate stood at 51.3% in 2023-2024, while the national average was 26%.
- **WHO's Global Age-Friendly Cities Network**
- ✓ Kozhikode has been recognized by the WHO as part of the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities for its elder-friendly urban policies.



- ✓ The city aims to enhance accessibility, healthcare, public spaces, and digital inclusion for senior citizens.
- ✓ Kozhikode's initiatives include senior-friendly parks, community health programs, and awareness campaigns for active ageing.
- **Tamil Nadu had reached a high Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 52%**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu had reached a high Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 52% at the higher education level, as a result of the policies of the Dravidian Movement, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin said on Wednesday.



- ✓ At an event organised to launch the *Kalloori Kanavu* (College Dream) 2025 scheme as part of the *Naan Mudhalvan* programme.
- ✓ The national-level GER stood at 29%, and it would take about 10-15 years for the rest of the country to catch up with Tamil Nadu, Mr. Udhayanidhi said.

- **Tamil Nadu Tops Country in providing Composite Cylinder Connections**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu ranks first in the country in providing connections of composite liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders.



- ✓ With 1.06 lakh connections having been provided between April 2024 and March 2025 by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) in Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ Over 60% of the 1.06 lakh connections were new customers, and the remaining were existing customers who had switched to the safer, light-weight option called Xtralite.
- **T.N. Government Lists Achievements in Agriculture, Dairy, and Fisheries sectors**
- ✓ The State's average agricultural growth, which stood at 1.36% between 2012-13 and 2020-21, has achieved a record average of 5.66% from 2021 to 2024.



- ✓ Under the Kalaignar All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Scheme, 47,286 acres of fallow land has been brought under cultivation in 10,187 village panchayats, at a cost of ₹786.86 crore.
- ✓ Under the Agricultural Mechanisation Scheme, agricultural machinery and implements worth ₹499.45 crore were distributed to 62,820 farmers.
- ✓ Milk production was 8,362 tonnes in 2018-19, it had been raised it to 10,808 tonnes in 2023-24.
- ✓ The annual egg production had risen from ₹1,884.22 crore in 2018-2019 to ₹2,233.25 crore in 2023-24.

✓ In the fisheries sector, the State government established 72 new fish landing centres at a cost of ₹1,428 crore.

➤ **Tamil Nadu's Endangered Species Conservation Fund Management Shift**

✓ Tamil Nadu has reallocated the management of its ₹50 crore Endangered Species Conservation Fund to the Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC).



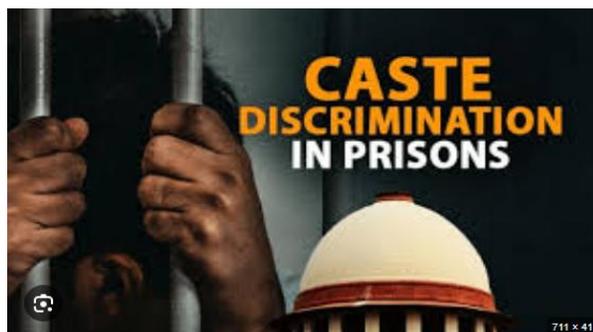
✓ This decision aims to expedite urgent conservation initiatives for endangered species, particularly the Malabar civet and Salim Ali's fruit bat.

✓ The AIWC's proactive approach is anticipated to mitigate previous delays and inefficiencies.

✓ By focusing on urgent conservation needs, the AIWC aims to ensure the survival of critically endangered species in Tamil Nadu.

➤ **Tamil Nadu Government Amends Rules to Prohibit Caste Discrimination in Prisons**

✓ The Tamil Nadu government has amended rules to prohibit caste-based discrimination in prisons and correctional institutions in the State.



✓ A sub-rule introduced in the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 2024, said manual scavenging or hazardous cleaning of a sewer or a septic tank inside a prison should not be undertaken, in line with the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

- ✓ At the time of admission of a prisoner, prison authorities should not enquire or obtain and record any details of the caste of the prisoner, according to the fresh sub-rule.
- **GI tag sought for 'Sivakasi Fireworks'**
- ✓ The century old fireworks industry in Sivakasi has now approached the Geographical Indications Registry seeking a tag.



- ✓ An application was filed by the Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorges Manufacturers Association (TANFAMA) for 'Sivakasi Fireworks' under manufactured goods category.
- ✓ In India over 80% of fireworks are manufactured in this region.
- ✓ Its market size is about ₹6,000 crore which is growing annually at 10%.
- **10th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on the sidelines of the 10th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog.



- ✓ Mr. Stalin said he had requested the Prime Minister to release funds for Samagra Shiksha scheme, approval for the proposed metro rail projects in Coimbatore and Madurai, expansion of the airports in Coimbatore and Madurai, handing over the operation and maintenance of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Chennai to

Chennai Metro Rail Limited, and widening the Chengalpattu-Tindivanam National Highway into a eight-lane road.

- ✓ Further, he demanded the establishment of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Coimbatore.

➤ **Six students visit South Korea under Naan Mudhalvan Scheme**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Tuesday (May 27, 2025) felicitated six students who benefitted from the Naan Mudhalvan scheme of the State government.



- ✓ Under *Naan Mudhalvan's* SCOUT (Scholarships for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent in Tamil Nadu) programme, these students visited South Korea and underwent training at Gachon University and Pusan National University.
- ✓ SCOUT aims to provide talented undergraduate students from Tamil Nadu with international exposure and advanced skills in emerging fields like data science, AI, and biotechnology.

➤ **Chennai Corporation's Municipal Bonds**

- ✓ Chennai has joined the list of urban local bodies in the country that have listed their municipal bonds in the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to raise funds for their projects.



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin attended the bell ceremony in Chennai on Monday (May 26, 2025) to mark the listing of the Greater Chennai Corporation's (GCC) municipal bonds in the NSE.
 - ✓ Speaking on the occasion, NSE chief economist Tirthankar Patnaik said three other municipal corporations from Tamil Nadu – Coimbatore, Tiruppur, and Tiruchi – were in the process of raising funds through municipal bonds.
- **800 Transpersons benefited from Self-Employment Assistance Since 2021**
- ✓ Over 800 transpersons have benefitted from the self-employment assistance extended to them since 2021, the Tamil Nadu government.



- ✓ Self-employment assistance up to a sum of ₹50,000 has been provided by allocating ₹1 crore every year through the Transgender Welfare Board.
 - ✓ Listing out the steps taken by the State government for the welfare of transpersons, it said ₹2 crore has been allocated for 2024-25.
 - ✓ On the directions of the Chief Minister, the State government also enhanced the monthly pension for transpersons, who were 40 years of age and above to aid them in meeting out their daily living, from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500.
- **Tamil Nadu Government Constitutes Seventh State Finance Commission**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has constituted the Seventh State Finance Commission, three years after the Sixth submitted its report in February 2022.



- ✓ Retired IAS officer K. Allaudin is its chairperson.

- ✓ The Commission will give its recommendations on the distribution of revenue, obtained via taxes, duties, tolls, and fees, between the State government and the urban and rural local bodies and also the allocation of shares of the proceeds to the respective local bodies.

➤ **Achievements of the Manufacturing Sector**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government listed the achievements of the manufacturing sector and said the State aims to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2030 and sets a model for other States in manufacturing-led growth and global competitiveness.



- ✓ Tamil Nadu accounts for 41% of India's electronic exports, 38% of footwear, and 45% of automobile components exports.
- ✓ The State's investor-friendly climate support by 'Guidance Tamil Nadu' ensures speedy clearances and conflict resolution mechanisms, supported by bureaucracy. Tamil Nadu has set targets to boost electronics exports from \$14 billion to \$ 100 billion.

STATE

➤ Mizoram Becomes India's First Fully Literate State

- ✓ In a historic milestone for education in India, Mizoram has officially been declared a fully literate state, becoming the first in the country to achieve this feat.



- ✓ The announcement was made on 20th May 2025 by Chief Minister Shri Lalduhoma.
- ✓ This achievement highlights the state's dedication to inclusive education and marks the success of the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, a national adult education initiative.

NATIONAL

➤ **Third-largest Vehicle Manufacturer in the World**

- ✓ India has emerged as the third-largest vehicle manufacturer in the world, according to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.



- ✓ The announcement was made during the 4th International BBB Summit and Expo on Bioenergy Value Chain held in New Delhi.
- ✓ He said that the demand for different types of automobiles is increasing, and at the same time, the consumption of fossil fuels will also increase due to the increase in automobile production.
- ✓ MoUs and Agreements A reduction in imports and a boost in exports was emphasized as a key strategy for strengthening the national economy.

➤ **Indore Becomes India's First Beggar-Free City**

- ✓ Indore has recently become the first beggar-free city in India.



- ✓ The initiative began in February 2024 and has garnered recognition from the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as well as a recommendation from a World Bank team.
- ✓ Initially, an awareness campaign was launched to educate the public about the issue. Following this, the focus shifted to the rehabilitation of beggars.

- ✓ This included enrolling children in schools and assisting adults in finding employment.
- ✓ The initiative has been structured to address the root causes of begging.

➤ **National Manuscripts Mission**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on June 9 launch the revamped National Manuscripts Mission, announced in the Union Budget for 2025-26.



- ✓ The Gyan Bharatam Mission, which is expected to cover more than one crore manuscripts, will be responsible for the survey, documentation and conservation of India's manuscript heritage lying with academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors.
- ✓ To accommodate this new initiative, the Union Budget had hiked the budgetary allocation for the existing National Manuscripts Mission (NMM) from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore.

➤ **First- Ever Global Pandemic Treaty**

- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO) adopted the world's first global pandemic treaty during its annual World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 20, 2025.



- ✓ The agreement, passed by a vote of 124 in favour, none against, and 11 abstentions, aims to create a more equitable and coordinated global health response to future pandemics.

- ✓ It comes after three years of negotiations since the devastating impact of COVID-19.
 - ✓ The treaty marks a major milestone in global health governance, even as the United States remains absent, having withdrawn from WHO earlier in 2025.
- **Chairing 10th NITI Aayog Governing Council Meeting**



- ✓ Chairing the tenth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi, the Prime Minister emphasized on One State: One Global Destination, at par with global standards and by providing all facilities and infrastructure.
- ✓ This year's theme is Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat@2047.
- ✓ The meeting aims to unite states and Union Territories as "Team India".

SCHEMES

➤ T.N. Government Lists Measures Undertaken for Welfare of Women

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday (May 13, 2025) listed the initiatives it has undertaken for the welfare of women in the State.



- ✓ It mentioned schemes such as the 'Magalir Vidiyal Payanam Thittam', 'Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam', 'Puthumai Penn Thittam', and 'Thozhi Viduthigal Thittam', among others.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu State Women Policy 2024 was launched, paving the way for women's rights, it added.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Startup Seed Grant Fund, and reservation for women in local bodies were among the initiatives the State government has undertaken for the welfare of women.

➤ 'Thozhi' Working Women's Hostels

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday (May 21, 2025) virtually inaugurated, from the Secretariat in Chennai, three new 'Thozhi' working women's hostels at St. Thomas Mount, Hosur, and Tiruvannamalai.



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government had initiated the 'Thozhi' hostels scheme to overcome the challenges faced by women who migrate from their native places to work in cities.

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- **CM's Green Fellowship Programme**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has launched the second phase of the Chief Minister's Green Fellowship Programme, inviting applications from young professionals.



- ✓ The fellowship aims to strengthen the State's climate initiatives by absorbing skilled individuals – Green Fellows – into key government departments.

✓ As outlined in a Government Order issued in 2022, their role includes rendering support in policy planning, monitoring green projects, engaging with local communities, and facilitating on-ground implementation of climate and sustainability programmes.

➤ **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme for Farmers**

✓ The Government of India has approved the continuation of the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) for the fiscal year 2025-26.



✓ This scheme aims to provide affordable short-term credit to farmers through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).

✓ MISS is a Central Sector Scheme designed to facilitate access to short-term loans for farmers.

✓ Under this scheme, farmers can secure loans up to ₹3 lakh at a subsidised interest rate of 7%.

COURT VERDICT

➤ SC Ruling on Maternity Benefits in India

- ✓ The Supreme Court of India delivered a landmark ruling affirming the right to maternity benefits for a Tamil Nadu teacher despite her having two children.



- ✓ The case involved a teacher at a government higher secondary school in Tamil Nadu who sought maternity leave for her third child.
- ✓ Her request was initially granted by a single-judge bench but later overturned by a division bench of the Madras High Court.
- ✓ The Supreme Court intervened, stating that the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 does not prohibit maternity leave for women with more than two children.
- ✓ This ruling sets precedent for maternity benefits in India, reinforcing the notion that women should not be penalised for having larger families.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ India & Angola

- ✓ India Has Announced A Defence Credit Line Of 200 Million Dollars (In Indian Rupees) To Support The Modernisation Of Angola's Armed Forces.



- ✓ The Announcement Came Following Delegation-level Talks Between Prime Minister Narendra Modi And The President Of Angola, João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, In New Delhi.
- ✓ India And Angola Also Exchanged Several Agreements In Diverse Fields, Including Agriculture, Traditional Medicine, And Culture.
- ✓ The Mos Said Angola Has Strengthened Its Presence On The Global Stage With The Diversification Of Its Economy.

➤ India, U.K. conclude Landmark Trade Deal

- ✓ India and the United Kingdom have concluded a historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA) that will see 99% of Indian exports to the U.K. benefiting from zero duties, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced on Tuesday.



- ✓ "In a historic milestone, India and the U.K. have successfully concluded an ambitious and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement, along with a Double Contribution Convention."

➤ **India & Maldives**

- ✓ Maldives thanks India for offering \$50 million financial support.



- ✓ Maldives, expressed gratitude to India for offering a Government Treasury Bill of \$50 million, which has supported the island nation in its fiscal reform efforts towards economic stability.
- ✓ India considers the Maldives as a key maritime neighbour and an important partner in its 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Vision 'MAHASAGAR'.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025

- ✓ On 1 May, the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit 2025 inaugurated by PM Modi in Mumbai.



- ✓ The first edition of the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 is being hosted by India at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai from May 1 to 4, 2025.
- ✓ A global platform for discussions on the future of the entertainment and audio-visual sectors will be provided through this summit.
- ✓ The event is being organized with the tagline 'Connecting Creators, Connecting Countries' to emphasize global collaboration.

➤ Global Space Exploration Summit (GLEX) 2025

- ✓ GLEX 2025's theme is "Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance," emphasising innovation, inclusivity, and international cooperation in space science.



- ✓ The conference represents a milestone in India's expanding global space leadership, highlighting its transition from a regional space power to a key international player.

- ✓ Its motto “Connecting @ll Space People” and vision “A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity” guide its efforts to promote global space cooperation.
- **Rising North East Investors Summit 2025**
- ✓ Rising North East Investors Summit 2025, which was held in New Delhi, attracted investment proposals worth over 4 Lakh Crore rupees.



- ✓ Delegations from over 80 countries, from Japan to Europe to ASEAN nations, participated in the two-day summit, which culminated yesterday.
- ✓ In his valedictory address, Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not just recognizing the vast potential of the Northeastern region but also embracing it.
- **9th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025**
- ✓ The theme of 9th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 is ‘Innovate to Transform’.



- ✓ IMC 2025 will be held from October 8–11 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi.
- ✓ The event will showcase 1,000+ tech use cases in 5G, 6G, AI, IoT, electronics manufacturing, and green tech. ASPIRE, the agship startup program launched in 2023, will engage over 500 startups and connect them with over 300 investors, incubators, accelerators, and VCs for mentorship, live pitching sessions, and networking.

DEFENCE

➤ HADR Exercise

- ✓ A joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise with the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) runs until May 10 and underscores India's strategic vision for maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).



- ✓ The joint HADR exercise between the Indian Navy and the MNDF is currently underway in the Maldives.
- ✓ It highlights operational synergy in humanitarian missions and reflects India's strategic maritime vision, "MAHASAGAR" – Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

➤ Operation Sindoor

- ✓ In a significant military development, the Indian Armed Forces on Wednesday launched 'Operation Sindoor', a series of precision strikes on terrorist camps located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).



- ✓ The operation comes in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen, triggering widespread outrage and demands for decisive action.

- ✓ The strikes targeted a total of **nine locations** believed to house **active terrorist infrastructure** involved in **planning and executing attacks against India**.

➤ **IMDEX Asia 2025**

- ✓ The Indian Navy's INS Kiltan has docked in Singapore to participate in IMDEX Asia 2025, a major regional maritime defence exhibition.



- ✓ This reflects India's focus on strengthening defence ties with Southeast Asian nations and displaying its indigenous naval technology and operational capabilities.
- ✓ This biennial event, held at the Changi Exhibition Centre, is Asia's leading maritime defence showcase, attracting navies and maritime businesses from over 70 countries.

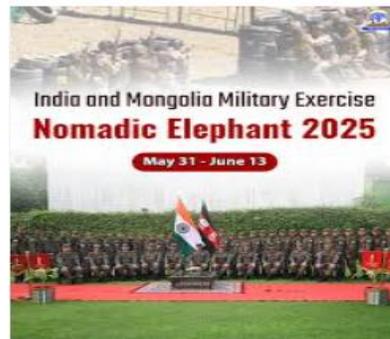
➤ **S-400 Air Defence System**

- ✓ As India-Pakistan tensions flared after the May 7 precision strikes under **Operation Sindoor**, the spotlight once again turned to India's air defence capabilities.



- ✓ Among the most formidable assets in India's arsenal is the **S-400 Triumph**, known in Indian service as '**Sudarshan Chakra**', a strategic deterrent and aerial shield against hostile incursions.
- ✓ The S-400 is a long-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system developed by Russia's Almaz Central Design Bureau.

- ✓ Considered as one of the most advanced air defence systems in the world.
- **Military Exercise Nomadic Elephant**
- ✓ The 17th edition of the India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise, dubbed Nomadic Elephant, is set to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.



- ✓ This military collaboration will be held from 31st May to 13th June 2025.
- ✓ Nomadic Elephant is a bilateral military exercise between India and Mongolia.
- ✓ It focuses on joint training for counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations under a United Nations mandate.

ECONOMY

- **India Remains 4th Largest Economy In World, US at No. 1**
- ✓ India, with a GDP of \$4.39 trillion, stands as the fourth-largest economy globally, maintaining its momentum as the fastest-growing major economy.



- ✓ The IMF's World Economic Outlook for April 2025 estimates India's growth rate at 6.2% for 2025, down slightly from previous forecasts but still robust.
 - ✓ The nation is set to surpass Germany to become the third-largest economy by 2030.
 - ✓ Global economic growth is projected at just 2.8%, with significant challenges posed by trade tensions and policy uncertainty.
- **India is Expected to Grow by 6.3 per cent this Scale Year**
 - ✓ This makes it the fastest-growing large economy.



- ✓ The UN's mid-year update on the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) projects India's growth to slightly rise to 6.4 per cent next year.
- ✓ The UN report warns that the global economy is at a "precarious moment." This is due to rising trade tensions and uncertain policies.
- ✓ India's growth contrasts with the global rate of 2.4 per cent and the performance of other major economies.
- ✓ China is projected to grow by 4.6 per cent, and the US by 1.6 per cent.

- **Tamil Nadu's Own Tax Revenue Grew by 7.6% in 2024-25**
- ✓ The State's Own Tax Revenue contributes 75.3% of Tamil Nadu's total revenue receipts.



- ✓ Tamil Nadu's own tax revenue stood at ₹1,80,225.53 crore in fiscal 2024-25, up about 7.6% from ₹1,67,105.18 crore in fiscal 2023-24, as per the preliminary un-audited provisional figures from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).
- ✓ In 2024-25, State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) was estimated at ₹1,92,752.43 crore in Revised Estimates, when compared to the projection of ₹1,95,173 crore made in the Budget Estimates, as per the State Budget for 2025-26.
- ✓ Among its components, the State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) increased by 14.4% from ₹61,960.29 crore in 2023-24 to ₹70,886.65 crore in 2024-25.

➤ **Tamil Nadu's Annual Credit Plan for 2025-26 fixed at ₹9 lakh crore**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu on Monday released the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for the State for 2025-26, which has been fixed at ₹9 lakh crore.



- ✓ The Annual Credit Plan of ₹9,00,181 crore has been fixed under priority sector lending, an estimated growth of 21.12% over 2024-25, according to a release.

- ✓ Mr. Thennarasu lauded the banks in Tamil Nadu for their proactive approach in priority sector lending, especially in the sectors of agriculture and micro, small and medium enterprises, and in the implementation of government-sponsored schemes.

➤ **India's Potential GDP Growth**

- ✓ Fitch Ratings has increased India's potential GDP growth to 6.4% for the next five years.

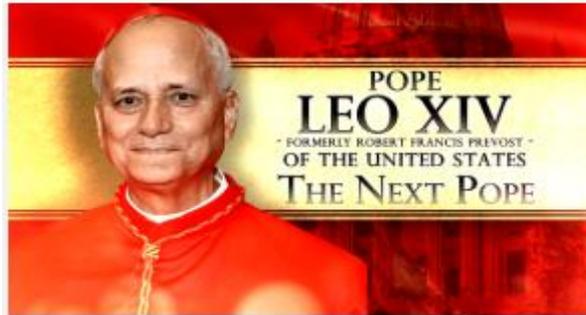


- ✓ This marks a rise of 0.2 percentage points from the previous estimate.
- ✓ The upgrade is mainly due to a significant increase in India's labour force participation in recent years.
- ✓ Fitch stated that the higher growth estimate is driven more by job creation than by productivity improvements.
- ✓ India's total-factor productivity (TFP) growth is expected to slow to its long-term average of 1.5.

APPOINTMENT

➤ Next Pope, Takes Name Leo XIV

- ✓ American Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost made history on May 8, 2025, as he was elected the 267th pope, choosing the name Pope Leo XIV.



- ✓ Marking a first for the United States, his election drew massive crowds to St. Peter's Square celebrating the dawn of a new papacy following the death Pope Francis.
- ✓ In a historic moment for the Roman Catholic Church, American Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected as the 267th pope on May 8, 2025.

➤ NALSA Executive Chairperson

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu Appoints Supreme Court Judge, Justice Surya Kant, As The Chairman Of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).



- ✓ This appointment adheres to the convention of appointing the second senior-most judge of the Supreme Court to the crucial position of NALSA Executive Chairman.
- ✓ The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is a statutory body established under the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987.

✓ This organization plays a pivotal role in providing free legal services to the weaker sections of society and aims to organize Lok Adalats for the amicable settlement of disputes.

➤ **52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI)**

✓ On Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Justice Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai was officially sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI).



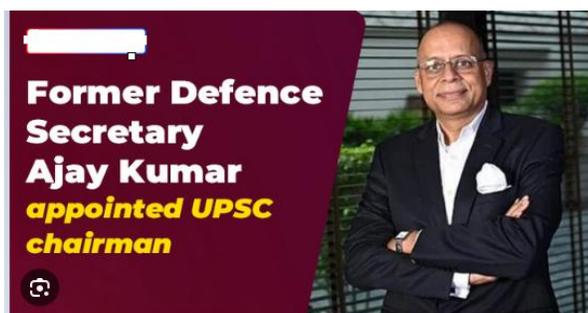
✓ The swearing-in ceremony took place at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, where President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office.

✓ Justice Gavai succeeds Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who demitted office on May 13, 2025.

✓ He will serve as the head of the Indian judiciary until November 23, 2025.

➤ **Ajay Kumar Appointed As UPSC Chairman**

✓ President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr. Ajay Kumar as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission.



✓ According to an Order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Dr. Kumar's tenure will begin on the day he assumes charge as Chairman of the UPSC.

✓ Dr. Kumar is a retired Indian Administrative Service officer from the 1985 batch of the Kerala cadre. He previously served as the Defence Secretary from August 2019 to October 2022.

AWARDS

- **Nammazhvar Award for Excellence in Organic Farming**
- ✓ Three farmers, one each from Coimbatore, Tiruppur, and Nagapattinam districts, received the Tamil Nadu government's Nammazhvar award for excellence in organic farming for this year.



- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presented the awards at the Secretariat in Chennai on Friday (May 2, 2025).
- ✓ G. Sampathkumar from Coimbatore district secured the first prize, while T. Jagadeesh from Tiruppur district and V. Kalidoss from Nagapattinam district received the second and third prizes, respectively.

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023**
- ✓ Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated and presented the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023 to badminton champions Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy in New Delhi.



- ✓ The ace badminton pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, who reached the No. 1 rank in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings in 2023 and clinched the Asian Games gold medal in Hangzhou, were shortlisted for the Khel Ratna award in 2023.

➤ **Medal of Honour from the World Jurist Association**

- ✓ In a historic recognition of India's fight for child justice, renowned lawyer and child rights activist Bhuvan Ribhu has become the first Indian lawyer to receive the Medal of Honour from the World Jurist Association.



- ✓ Awarded during the World Law Congress 2025 held in the Dominican Republic, the accolade acknowledges Ribhu's two-decade-long commitment to eradicating child exploitation through legal reforms, court interventions, and advocacy.
 - ✓ The World Jurist Association Medal of Honour is one of the highest recognitions for legal professionals globally.
- **Neeraj Chopra Honoured with Honorary Lt. Colonel Rank in Territorial Army**



- ✓ Olympic gold-winning javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been awarded the honorary title of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army by the Indian Government, recognizing his outstanding athletic feats and national service.
- ✓ This recognition highlights his immense contribution to Indian athletics and his inspirational journey from a village in Haryana to becoming a national hero.
- ✓ This announcement strengthens the bond between India's sports icons.

➤ **World Food Prize 2025**

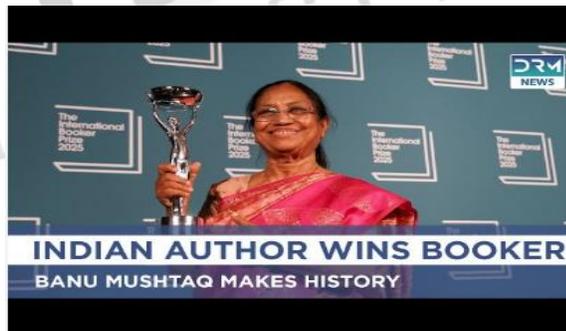
- ✓ Brazilian microbiologist Mariangela Hungria was awarded the 2025 World Food Prize for her groundbreaking work in developing biological seed and soil treatments that significantly boost crop yields while reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers.



- ✓ Often called the “Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture,” the World Food Prize honors individuals whose innovations and leadership have significantly advanced global food security and nutrition, helping millions worldwide.

➤ **International Booker Prize**

- ✓ Indian author, lawyer, and activist Banu Mushtaq has made literary history by winning the International Booker Prize 2025 for her short story anthology, Heart Lamp.



- ✓ Translated into English by Deepa Bhashti, the book highlights the nuanced struggles and resilience of Muslim women in southern India.
- ✓ Banu Mushtaq’s Heart Lamp was awarded the International Booker Prize on May 20, 2025, in London.
- ✓ This is the first Kannada-language book to win the award.

➤ **National Florence Nightingale Awards**

- ✓ The President of India conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025. On 30 May, the president, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, honored 15 exceptional nurses at Rashtrapati Bhavan.



- ✓ The awards include a Certificate of Merit, a ₹1,00,000 cash prize, and a medal symbolizing the nation's gratitude for the invaluable service rendered by these health warriors.
- ✓ Ms K. Alamelu Mangayarkarasi, Staff Nurse at Govt. Hospital, Srivilliputhur - SDH, Tamil Nadu, received the National Florence Nightingale Award 2025.

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PERSONALITIES

➤ Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge

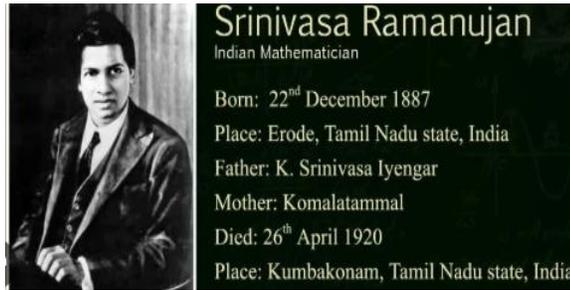
- ✓ In a spectacular showcase of athleticism and global camaraderie, Miss Estonia Eliise Randmaa created history by clinching the gold medal at the Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad.



- ✓ Competing against 107 delegates from around the world, Randmaa's victory marked Estonia's first advancement to the next round of the Miss World pageant in over two decades.
- ✓ The event blended cultural elegance with competitive spirit, featuring intense sports challenges alongside vibrant Indian performances.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Ramanujan: Journey Of A Great Mathematician**
- ✓ National Archives of India launched a book titled 'Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician' in New Delhi.



- ✓ The book is a historical account that delves into the life and contributions of Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- ✓ It also documents Ramanujan's journey, from his beginnings in Erode, Tamil Nadu, to his groundbreaking work in number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions.
- ✓ The book is authored by Arun Singhal and Dr Devendra Kumar Sharma.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ SBaaS by IN-SPACe

- ✓ The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), the commercial arm of ISRO, launched the Satellite Bus as a Service (SBaaS) initiative.



- ✓ It aims to promote private sector participation in satellite development.
- ✓ It will create the modular small satellite platforms designed by the Indian nongovernmental entities (NGEs) to host payload applications.
- ✓ The SBaaS model will ease access to flight-ready satellite platforms for startups and private players.

➤ Genome-Edited Rice Varieties

- ✓ India has achieved a global milestone by becoming the first nation to develop genome-edited rice varieties.



- ✓ The varieties have been developed by ICAR institutions to meet the nutritional demands of the growing population.
- ✓ The first rice variety, DRR Dhan 100 Kamala, has been derived from Samba Mahsuri and matures 15-20 days earlier with a 25% higher yield.
- ✓ The second variety, Pusa DST Rice 1, is tolerant to salinity and alkalinity, giving 30% more yield under saline conditions.

- ✓ The development is considered a major step toward climate-resilient farming and is expected to boost India's second green revolution.

➤ **Cheetah Corridor Project**

- ✓ A Cheetah Corridor is being set up as part of India's wildlife conservation efforts.



- ✓ The initiative is designed to facilitate the movement of cheetahs across regions, thereby expanding their natural habitat.
- ✓ The Cheetah Corridor will cover 17,000 square kilometres.
- ✓ It will stretch across 27 districts in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ This planned corridor includes 13 districts in Rajasthan, 2 in Uttar Pradesh, and 12 in Madhya Pradesh, aiming to create a continuous path for cheetahs to move freely.

➤ **Snow Leopards in Ladakh**

- ✓ Recent studies reveal that Ladakh is home to the highest density of snow leopards in the world.



- ✓ Approximately 68 percent of India's snow leopard population resides in this Union Territory.
- ✓ The study estimates the snow leopard population in India at 709 individuals.
- ✓ Out of these, 477 are located in Ladakh.

- ✓ The high densities of snow leopards in Ladakh tell the need for conservation to be viewed as a social enterprise, similar to tiger conservation.

➤ **Pangenome of Rice**

- ✓ Scientists revealed a pioneering pangenome for rice.



- ✓ This reference genome integrates genetic data from 144 wild and cultivated rice varieties across Asia.
- ✓ The initiative mirrors the Human Genome Project, aiming to enhance rice cultivation.
- ✓ The pangenome for rice includes 69,531 identified genes, with 28,907 being core genes and 13,728 specific to wild rice.
- ✓ The ongoing study of rice genetics will play a very important role in global food security.

➤ **PSLV-C61 / EOS-09 Mission**

- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all geared up for its 101st launch with the PSLV-C61 / EOS-09 mission to be launched at 5.59 a.m. on Sunday from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.



- ✓ EOS-09 is an earth observation satellite which is expected to boost India's surveillance capabilities in all-weather conditions.

- ✓ The satellite is equipped with C-band synthetic aperture radar enabling capturing of high-resolution images of earth's surface under all-weather conditions round the clock.

➤ **The Wetland Survey**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu records 397 wetland bird species, 401 terrestrial bird species in synchronised survey.



- ✓ Surveys were conducted across 934 wetland sites, with all forest divisions instructed to cover approximately 20 places per district.
- ✓ The wetland survey revealed that 397 species are directly or indirectly associated with wetlands.
- ✓ Notably, 136 long-distance migratory species were observed, making up 34% of the total species recorded.

➤ **New Covid-19 Variant NB.1.8.1**

- ✓ A new sub-variant of Covid-19, named NB.1.8.1, was identified in India.



- ✓ This variant is a descendant of the Omicron lineage JN.1 and has raised concerns due to its potential transmissibility.
- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) classified it as a 'Variant Under Monitoring' (VUM), indicating that its mutations warrant further observation, although it is not currently deemed a 'Variant of Interest'.

➤ **PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals**

- ✓ The Government of India has renewed its Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to boost domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing.



- ✓ This initiative focuses on increasing the production of critical pharmaceutical products.
- ✓ This move aims to strengthen India's self-reliance in pharmaceuticals and reduce dependence on imports.
- ✓ The renewed PLI scheme is poised to drive further growth in the pharmaceutical industry. It aims to create jobs and enhance exports.

➤ **Bharat Forecasting System**

- ✓ Union Minister of Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the Bharat Forecasting System, BFS, in New Delhi.



- ✓ Developed by the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology , the Bharat Forecasting System will provide forecasts with a 6-kilometer resolution-the highest in the world-which will allow the meteorological department to predict small-scale weather features more accurately.
- ✓ The system will boost monsoon tracking, aviation, cyclone and disaster management, agriculture, waterways, defence, and flood forecasting.

SPORTS

- **Cricket will be part of the 2026 Asian Games**
- ✓ Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) will make its debut in the games.



- ✓ The games will be held from September 19 to October 4, 2026. Aichi and Nagoya in Japan will host the event.
 - ✓ This will be cricket's fourth inclusion in the Asian Games. Cricket was first introduced as a medal event in the 2010 Guangzhou Games.
 - ✓ It was also part of the 2014 Incheon Games, but the matches were not international. At the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, the ICC gave international status to all cricket matches.
- **Khelo India Youth Games 2025**
 - ✓ The 7th edition of the Bihar Khelo India Youth Games 2025 inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi.



- ✓ For the first time, Bihar is hosting the Khelo India Youth Games from May 4 to May 15, with events scheduled across five districts—Patna, Nalanda (Rajgir), Gaya, Bhagalpur, and Begusarai.
- ✓ More than 8,500 athletes with 1,500 technical officials across the country will participate in competitions spread in 28 different sports subjects.

✓ Over one thousand Khelo India Centres have been established across the country to nurture young athletes.

➤ **India Shines at Archery World Cup 2025**

✓ India delivered a stellar performance at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 held in Shanghai, clinching a total of seven medals, including two golds, one silver, and four bronze.



✓ Star archer Deepika Kumari made a remarkable return to the international podium with her 18th World Cup medal, while Parth Salunkhe, a rising talent, earned his first senior-level bronze, showcasing India's growing strength and depth in the sport.

➤ **Superbet Classic 2025**

✓ Indian chess prodigy Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa achieved a major milestone in his career by winning his first-ever Grand Chess Tour tournament – the Superbet Classic 2025 held in Bucharest, Romania.



✓ He emerged victorious after a tense tiebreak battle against top-ranked players including Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Alireza Firouzja, marking a historic moment for Indian chess on the global stage.

REPORT

➤ **Global Wind Report 2024**

- ✓ This new assessment was released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).



- ✓ The current growth projections show the industry will deliver only 77 per cent of the installed capacity required by 2030 to maintain a viable pathway to net-zero emissions.
- ✓ In 2024 117 gigawatts of new wind capacity were installed worldwide - a marginal increase from the 116.6 GW added in 2023.
- ✓ Total global wind power capacity now stands at an impressive 1,136 GW.
- ✓ China, United States, Brazil, India and Germany rounded out the top five markets.

➤ **India's Internal Displacement Crisis**

- ✓ In 2024, India faced its highest recorded internal displacements in over a decade.



- ✓ A report by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre revealed that 5.4 million people were displaced due to disasters like floods and storms.
- ✓ This alarming statistic marks the growing impact of climate change and violence on the population.

- ✓ Floods were the primary cause of internal displacement in India, accounting for two-thirds of the total. Climate change, deforestation, and poor infrastructure contributed to the increased risk.
 - ✓ As of the end of 2024, the global number of IDPs reached a staggering 83.4 million, with India contributing to this figure.
- **Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report, 2021**
- ✓ Birth rates in Delhi, Kerala, and T.N. declining at twice the rate of national average.



- ✓ The annual crude birth rates (live births per 1,000 people in the population) in Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Kerala are declining at twice the rate of the national average, showed data from the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report, 2021, released by the Registrar- General of India last week.
- ✓ The data showed that the all-India crude birth rate was 19.3 in 2021, dropping at a rate of 1.12% every year from 2016 to 2021.
- ✓ In comparison, in the same period, the birth rate in Tamil Nadu has been declining at a rate of 2.35% every year, Delhi's at a rate of 2.23% and Kerala's at 2.05%.

➤ **Global Forest Watch (GFW) Report 2024**

- ✓ India lost 18,200 hectares (ha) of primary forest in 2024 compared to 17,700 hectares in 2023, according to new data from Global Forest Watch (GFW).



- ✓ Brazil accounted for 42% of global tropical forest loss.

- ✓ For the first time in over two decades, fires became the primary driver of tropical forest loss.
- ✓ The GFW said the country lost 3,48,000 hectares of humid primary forest between 2002 and 2024 - about 5.4 per cent of the country's total humid primary forest. This is 15 per cent of India's total tree cover loss during the same period.
- **NITI Aayog Report Titled ““Designing a Policy for Medium Enterprises”**
- ✓ This report presents a comprehensive roadmap for transforming medium enterprises into the future growth engines of India's economy.



- ✓ The report highlights the critical but underutilized role played by medium enterprises and outlines targeted strategies to unleash their full potential.
- ✓ The report focuses on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, which contributes around 29% to India's GDP, accounts for 40% of exports, and employs over 60% of the workforce.
- ✓ The report identifies medium enterprises as strategic factors in India's transformation towards self-reliance and global industrial competitiveness under Viksit Bharat @2047.
- **India's Coastline Length Updated to 11,099 km, up from 7,516.6 km**
- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs, in its 2023-24 report, updated India's coastline length.



- ✓ Previous Length: 7,516.6 km (based on 1970s maps at 1:4,500,000 scale).
- ✓ Revised Length: 11,098.8 km (as of Dec 2024).

- ✓ States Involved: 11 coastal States + 2 UTs (Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep).
- ✓ Longest coastline among Indian states – Gujarat (~1,600 km).

➤ **WMO's Climate Change Warning**

- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued a critical warning regarding climate change.



- ✓ A recent report indicates a 70% likelihood that global temperatures will exceed the 1.5°C threshold above pre-industrial levels between 2025 and 2029.
- ✓ The 1.5°C threshold was established at the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- ✓ Breaching this limit will lead to extreme weather events and ecological disruptions. The WMO report predicts that the annual average global near-surface temperature from 2025 to 2029 will be between 1.2°C and 1.9°C higher than the 1850-1900 average.

➤ **Indian Space Situational Assessment Report**

- ✓ This report marks the state of space situational awareness activities in India.



- ✓ It aims to protect national space assets from various hazards, including space debris and natural objects.
- ✓ The ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Operations Management (IS4OM) oversees these efforts.
- ✓ ISRO conducts Space Situational Awareness (SSA) to monitor and manage risks to space assets.

- ✓ In 2024, there were 261 launch attempts globally, with 254 successful missions resulting in 2578 operational satellites being added.



RANKING

➤ India's Progress in Human Development Index

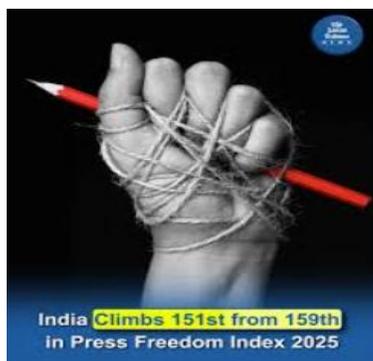
- ✓ India climbs to rank 130 on the 2023 Human Development Index, with gains in gender equality and health.



- ✓ Explore insights from the UNDP Human Development Report 2025 focused on AI and global progress.
- ✓ India improved its rank to **130 out of 193 countries** on the **Human Development Index (HDI)** in 2023, according to the **UNDP Human Development Report 2025**. This marks a three-place rise from its 2022 rank of 133.
- ✓ India also demonstrated notable improvement in reducing gender inequality, climbing from 108 (out of 166 countries) in 2022 to **102 out of 193 countries** in 2023 on the **Gender Inequality Index (GII)**.
- ✓ The theme of the Human Development Report “**A matter of choice: People and possibilities in the age of AI**”.

➤ India's Press Freedom Ranking in 2025

- ✓ India's position on the World Press Freedom Index has seen a notable improvement in 2025.



- ✓ The country ranked 151st among 180 nations, rising from 159th in the previous year.

- ✓ This change reflects ongoing efforts to enhance media freedom despite challenges.
- ✓ The World Press Freedom Index is published annually by Reporters Without Borders.
- ✓ Norway leads the index, followed by Estonia and the Netherlands. These countries benefit from strong legal protections and a diverse media landscape.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
May 01	International Labour Day	Labour Day in India : First celebrated in India in 1923 in Chennai (then Madras) by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan, led by Comrade Singaravelu Chettiar.
May 03	World Press Freedom Day	The Theme For World Press Freedom Day 2025 Is "Reporting In The Brave New World - The Impact Of Artificial Intelligence On Press Freedom And The Media."
May 04	Coal Miners Day	It is celebrated to highlight the conditions of people working in coal mines and appreciate their sacrifices and efforts.
May 05	Traders Day	Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin announces that May 5 will be declared as Traders Day, honouring the business community.
May 06	World Asthma Day	Theme: "Make inhaled treatments accessible for all."
May 07	World Athletics Day	The theme for World Athletics Day 2025 is "Relay Around the World Challenge".
May 08	World Red Cross Day	Theme "Keeping Humanity Alive."
May 08	World Thalassaemia Day	Theme is "Together for Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritising Patients".
May 11	National Technology Day	The official theme for National Technology Day 2025 –

		"YANTRA - Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration.
May 11	International Mother's Day	The official theme for Mother's Day 2025 is "Celebrating Motherhood: A Timeless Bond".
May 12	International Nurses Day	The International Nurses Day, observed on May 12th, had the theme "Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies".
May 12	International Day of Plant Health	Theme 2024 - Plant Health, Safe Trade, Digital Technology
May 15	International Day of Families	2025 Theme: "Family-Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development."
May 16	National Dengue Day	The theme for National Dengue Day 2025 is "Act Early, Stop Dengue: Clean Environment, Healthy Life".
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace	The Day is observed to highlight the importance of peace and living together in peace by the people of the world.
May 16	International Day of Light	Theme: Light. Innovation. Society.
May 16	National Endangered Species Day	The theme of National Endangered Species Day 2024 is "Celebrate Saving Species".
May 17	World Hypertension Day	This year, the theme of World Hypertension Day is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer!"
May 18	International Museum Day	International Museum Day 2025 focuses on the theme "The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities."

May 20	World Bee Day	In 2025, the theme "Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all".
May 20	World Metrology Day	The 2025 theme, "Measurements for all times, for all people," emphasizes the role of measurements in history, present, and future innovations.
May 21	International Tea Day	The theme for International Tea Day 2025 is "Tea for Better Lives."
May 21	National Anti-Terrorism Day	In addition to honouring Rajiv Gandhi, the day also aims to raise awareness of the negative effects of terrorism and violence on society.
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	The 2025 theme is, "Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development."
May 23	World Turtle Day	For the 25th anniversary, theme is "Dancing Turtles Rock."
May 24	Commonwealth Day	Commonwealth Day 2025 Theme: "Together We Thrive".
May 25	World Football Day	In a historic and celebratory move, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared 25th May as World Football Day.
May 25	World Thyroid Day	Theme is "focus on early detection and treatment".
May 28	World Hunger Day	World Hunger Day 2025: Sowing resilience, from roots of Africa to a world without hunger.
May 28	World Dugong Day	The World Dugong Day theme for May 28, 2025, was "Harmony Beneath the Waves: Dugongs and Marine Life".
May 30	International Potato Day	This year's theme is 'Shaping history, feeding the future'.

May 30	World Multiple Sclerosis Day	"The theme of World MS Day 2025 is 'My MS Diagnosis'.
May 31	World No-Tobacco Day	The theme for 2025 is "Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing the Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products".

