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1. The Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission has announced that the average growth rate of Tamil Nadu from 2021-22 is 8.08%.

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• Tamil Nadu Planning Commission – 25.02.1971

• Chairman – Chief Minister

• Vice-Chairman – J. Jayaranjan

2. First Economic Survey

- T.N. government to present its first Economic Survey on March 14
- It will be presented on the same day as the State Budget

3. Chennai Regional Meteorological Centre

- Amudha has been appointed as the first woman director of the Chennai Regional Meteorological Centre.
- Related News
- The first director of the Indian Meteorological Department, which was started in 1875, was General H.E. Plant Ford
- The current director general of the Indian Meteorological Centre is Mrityunjay Mohapatra

4. Tamil Semmal Award

38 people who worked for the development of the Tamil language were awarded the Tamil Semmal Award for the year 2023

In recognition of the Tamil work of scholars and activists who work for the development

of the Tamil language and its culture, the Tamil Semmal Award has been presented to one person per district since 2015 on behalf of the Tamil Development Department of Tamil Nadu.

5. HELPLINE NUMBER 102

The Tamil Nadu government has announced 102 as the official helpline number for the rescue of homeless people with mental health problems.

6. HIGHEST SHARE OF WOMEN BORROWERS

- Tamil Nadu has highest share of women borrowers- NITI Aayog report
- Southern states have high share of borrowers with atleast live loan.
- TAMILNADU (44%)
- ANDHRA PRADESH (42%)
- TELENGANA (35%)
- KARNATAKA (34%)

7. compounded annual growth rate

- Tamil Nadu witnessed a 10% compounded annual growth rate

8. TN SEAT PERCENTAGE

- Tamil Nadu's existing percentage of seats 7.18 per cent of the total percent of parliament.

9. CITIIS 2.0

- Thanjavur to get ₹165 crore under CITIIS 2.0 programme for promoting circular economy
- It is one of the 18 cities selected under the City Investments to Innovate,

Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) 2.0 for integrated waste management

10. The Kalaingar Elutukol Award 2023

- The Kalaingar Elutukol Award 2023, given to individuals who have excelled in the field of journalism, has been awarded to Ira. Gopal (Nakkheeran Gopal) and Sukhita Sarangaraj.

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- 2022 Award – V.N.Sammy
- 2021 Award – Shanmuganathan

11. India's first comics library

- India's first comics library was inaugurated at a government school in Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District

Related News

Tirunelveli

- Solar Cell Manufacturing Unit – Gangai Kondan (Tirunelveli)
- Air Quality Index (AQI)-2025 – Tirunelveli

Villupuram

- Samuka Neethi Poralimandapam

Trichy

- India's Largest Aviary

12. Kalaichemmal Award

The Tamil Nadu government presents the Kalaichemmal Award to 6 artists who have achieved excellence in painting and finearts.

13.pink autos

- Tamil Nadu government will launch 100 'pink autos' on Women's day.

- These autos will be driven by women for women, to enhance safety and mobility. Equipped with GPS and linked to police stations, these autos will provide secure transport options in Chennai.

14. 8th Economic Census 2025-26

- All establishments including household enterprises involved in commercial production and distribution of goods and services in non-farm and non-agricultural sector would be recorded.
- conducted once in five years
- Implemented by Ministry of statistics and programme.
- Starting from APRIL TO DECEMBER 2025

15.Sahitya Akademy Award 2024

- R. Venkatachalapathy has won the Sahitya Akademy Award for Tamil. Tirunelveli Ezhuchiyum Vaa Vuu Ciyum 1908

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- Sahitya AkademyAward – 2023 – Devi Bharathi (Nirvazhip Padoom – Novel)
- Sahitya Akademy Award – 2022 – M. Rajendran (Kala Pani)

16. SAHITYA ACADEMY TRANSLATION AWARD 2024

- P. Vimala being named for the Sahitya Akademy Award for translation in Tamil for 2024.

- Her Enatu Aangal, the Tamil translation of Nalini Jameela's autobiography Ente Anungal got her the award.
- Sahitya Akademy Translation Prize 2023
- In 2023, Kannaiyan Dakshnamurthy received the award for his Tamil translation, "Karungunram," of Mamang Dai's "The Black Hill"

17. **Avvaiyar Award 2025**

- Dr. Yashoda Shanmugasundaram has been conferred with the Avvaiyar Award 2025 on International Women's Day (March 8)

18. **Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation**

- Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation launched for sports development in the State
- Started on 08-05-2023
- TNCF will be a registered company that will channelize and utilise contributions from the corporates and the public for the development of sports and sportspersons in the State.

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- The CM's Trophy logo is the Tamil word 'Tamil Nadu' with embedded illustrations of persons playing various sports and chess horse.
- It comes with the slogan 'Kalam Namathae! (The field is ours!)'.
- The mascot is the humanoid Nilgiri Tahir 'Veeran.'

19. **TN BUDGET**

- V. Nedunchezhiyan holds the distinction of presenting the most budgets in Tamil Nadu.

- He has presented the budget a maximum of 14 times.

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P. Gopala Reddy presented the first budget in the state after independence in 1948.

20. **GI TAGS**

- Some of the products that are to get the GI tag
- Varagu – Nallur (Cudalur)
- Mullai – Vedaranyam (Nagapattinam)
- Turmeric – Natham (Dindigul)
- Guava – Aikudi (Dindigul)
- Sugarcane – Kapalapatti (Dindigul)

21. **Ariosoma Tamilicum**

- New eel species discovered off Thoothukudi coast.

22. **PCPNDT ACT**

- The Pre-Conception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PCPNDT) was enacted in 1994.
- The Act prohibits the determination of the sex of a foetus.

➤ Related News

- Tamil Nadu's sex ratio at birth has changed from 931 to 941 in 2021-2024.
- Sex-selective abortions are more common in the western districts of Tamil Nadu.

23. **Tamil Financial Management: Antiquity and Continuity**

- Tamil Nadu Government released a new book, Tamil Financial Management: Antiquity and Continuity, which delves into the evolution of financial practices

among Tamils, tracing their history from the Sangam period to the present era.

24. Jambai inscription

- The Jambai inscription mentions the punishment for compulsory tax collection in the book "Tamil Financial Administration: Antiquity and Continuity".

25. first wetland seaweed park

- Chennai's first wetland seaweed park has been launched in Porur.

26.UDYAM MSME RANKINGS

- Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have topped the MSME rankings for 2023-24 on Udyam.
- Related News
- Udyam Launch Date – 01.07.2020

27. statue of John Marshall

- statue of John Marshall, the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India, who pioneered the Indus Valley Civilization, has been unveiled at the Egmore Museum in Chennai.

Related News

- First person to visit Harappa – Charles Mason (1826)
- Amri – Alexander Burns (1831)
- Alexander Cunningham – 1853, 1856, 1875
- R.E.M. Wheeler – 1940

28. LIFE EXPECTANCY

- Tamil Nadu ranks third in life expectancy among major Indian states.
- The state is also a prominent hub for medical tourism.

Key data of Tamil Nadu

- 1st place: Social Development Index, Higher Education Enrolment Rate
- 2nd place: Child Birth & Death Rate, Poverty Index
- 3rd place – Health Index

29.DEATH AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE

- Thanjavur Municipal Corporation is set to send birth and death certificates to homes through post.
- This will make Thanjavur the first municipality in Tamil Nadu to introduce this service.

30. SEX RATIO

- Tamil Nadu's sex ratio at birth makes steady progress, moves from 931 in 2021-22 to 941 in 2023-24

31. MOST URBANIZED STATES IN INDIA

- Kerala tops the list of most urbanized states in India, followed by Tamil Nadu at the second position.
- Tamil Nadu has 54.13% urbanized.

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- Infant Mortality Rate – 13
- Infant Birth Rate – 13.8%
- Pervasive Poverty – 1.48%
- Life Expectancy – 73.2 years (3rd place)

32. LITERACY RATE

- Tamil Nadu ranks 4th in India in terms of literacy rate with 80.09%.
- Kerala tops the literacy list.

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- Higher Education Enrolment Rate – 47% (India – 28.4%)
- Higher Education Enrolment Rate for Women – 47.3%

33. PER CAPITA INCOME OF TAMILNADU

- Tamil Nadu ranks 4th in terms of per capita income at Rs. 3.15 lakh (per year).

34. HIGHEST PER CAPITA INCOME DISTRICTS

- Districts like Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram, Chennai, Namakkal, and Tiruppur occupy the top 5 spots in the list of highest per capita incomes in Tamil Nadu.

35. LOWEST PER CAPITA INCOME DISTRICTS

- Districts like Thiruvarur, Villupuram, Perambalur, Mayiladuthurai, and Ariyalur are on the list of lowest per capita incomes in Tamil Nadu.

36. TAMILNADU IN VARIOUS RANKS

- Tamil Nadu ranks 7th in the per capita electricity list
- Tamil Nadu's position in renewable energy -3RD PLACE
- The average annual rainfall of Tamil Nadu is 965.6 mm.

37. New corporations in Tamil Nadu

- With the recent creation of new corporations in Tamil Nadu, Perambalur and Ramanathapuram, there are currently 27 corporations in Tamil Nadu.

38. Adichanallur

- Silambu weapons dating back 5000 years have been discovered in Adichanallur recently.

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- Silambu, considered one of the 64 Aayakalai, means to sound.

39. Kasampatty sacred grove

- TN govt declares Kasampatty sacred grove as biodiversity heritage site
- Under biological diversity act ,2002
- The Tamil Nadu government has officially declared the Kasampatty (Veera Kovil) sacred grove in Dindigul district as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS), making it the second such site in the state after Arittapatti in Madurai.
- On 22.11.2022, Arittapatti, located in Madurai, has been declared as the first Biodiversity Heritage Site in Tamil Nadu under the Biological Diversity Act 2002.
- Biodiversity heritage sites are designated areas rich in wild and domesticated species, home to rare and threatened flora and fauna, and notable for their ecological and evolutionary value.

40. Hornbill Conservation Initiative

- The Government of Tamil Nadu will launch a 'Hornbill Conservation Initiative' to protect the habitat where

they thrive. A centre of excellence for hornbill conservation will be set up at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve.

RELATED NEWS

- Marine Elite Force for Chennai Coast ·
- Wildlife Conservation Incubation Centres in Virudhunagar, Kallakurichi, Ramanathapuram

Nagapattinam, The Nilgiris and Megamalai ·

- Kurumbapatti zoo in Salem and Amirithi in Vellore to be improved ·
- Aadhivanam Membattu Thittam to revive degraded forests in outskirts of Chennai, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchy and Coimbatore ·
- Steel rope fence in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary in Krishnagiri to mitigate human-elephant conflict ·
- Guidelines to be simplified to promote cultivation and sale of sandalwood and rosewood

41. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

- In 2023-24, the UR was 3.5% in Tamil Nadu and 3.2% in India.
- Notably, the unemployment rate has consistently been higher in urban areas compared to rural regions.
- The unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 and older based on their highest level of education completed is notably higher.

FDI

Tamil Nadu ranks 6th in FDI in India.

- First place – Maharashtra,
- Second place – Gujarat,
- Third place – Karnataka.

EGG PRODUCTION

- Andhra Pradesh ranks first in egg production in India, while Tamil Nadu ranks second.

MEAT AND MILK PRODUCTION

- Tamil Nadu ranks 6th in meat production and 11th in milk production.

42. Accelerating Carbon Neutral Transition.

- The U.K. government and the Tamil Nadu government have joined hands to launch the UK-TN Partnership for Accelerating Carbon Neutral Transition.

43. AWARDS

- Devaneyya Bhavanar Award – Subramanian
- Pure Tamil Fan Award – Brinda

44. Vazhndhu Kattuvom 3.0

- Vazhndhu Kattuvom 3.0 will be implemented in 120 blocks with World Bank assistance
- the State government will implement a skill development programme to train 42,000 youth to get jobs and become entrepreneurs

INDIA

1. SEBI

- Duhin Pandey has been appointed as the Chairman of SEBI.

2. Telangana

- Telugu has been declared a compulsory subject from class 1 to 10 in all schools including CBSE and ICSE in the state of Telangana.

3. Gross State Domestic Product

- Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu occupy the top three positions respectively in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) 2022-23.

4. Cleanest Indian Cities 2024-25

- Indore has distinguished itself by winning the overall cleanest city award for seven consecutive years

5. Highest HIV prevalence

- Mizoram has been dabbling with the problem of being the state with the highest HIV prevalence in India, with a significant portion of the affected population being young adults

6. Controller General of Defence Accounts

- Dr Mayank Sharma takes charge as Controller General of Defence Accounts

7. DIGITAL USER ECONOMY

- India is the 3rd largest economy in the world, its "user" economy ranks 28th in the world, a report by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)'s Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy (CIDE)

8. WASH

- India and Nepal Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Cooperation in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Sector
- Under the Ministry of Jal shakthi

9. NAVRATNA STATUS

- The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) to the esteemed Navratna status among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).
- Navratna status provides these enterprises with enhanced financial autonomy, enabling them to invest up to Rs 1,000 crore without requiring prior government approval.

10. CITIES COALITION FOR CIRCULARITY

- Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, recently announced the Cities Coalition for Circularity (C-3).
- Theme: Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific.
- It will adopt the Jaipur Declaration (2025-2034), a non-political, nonbinding commitment that will

guide the next decade of efforts towards resource efficiency and sustainable urban growth.

partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- A system where materials never become waste and nature is regenerated.

11. Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)- NITI AOYOG

- committed to fostering financial literacy, expanding access to credit, and strengthening mentorship and market linkages,”

12. E-SHRAM PORTAL

- The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has urged gig and platform workers to register on the e-Shram portal for formal recognition and access to benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
- AB-PMJAY health scheme provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across over 31,000 public and private empanelled hospitals in India

13. Raisina Dialogue-New Delhi

- The Raisina Dialogue is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community.
- The conference is hosted by the Observer Research Foundation in

14. AI KOSHA

- The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) launched AI Kosha, a secured AI datasets platform, along with the IndiaAI Compute Portal and other initiatives to accelerate AI innovation and research in India.

15. AIR quality report

- India ranks as the fifth country worldwide that had the most polluted air in 2024 after Chad, Congo, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

16. POLLUTED CITY IN THE WORLD

- Byrnihat, situated on the border of Assam and Meghalaya, has been identified as the most polluted city in the world
- Tirunelveli from Tamil Nadu tops the list of cities with the cleanest

17. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Public Service and Innovation was inaugurated in Mauritius

18. Mission Amrit Sarovar

- aims to address the critical issue of water scarcity in the country.
- Amrit Sarovar was launched in April 2022 with the ambitious goal of constructing or rejuvenating 75 ponds in each district of the country.
- These ponds have not only addressed immediate water needs

but also established sustainable water resources.

19. The Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID,

- aims to standardize student records.
- Introduced under the National Education Policy 2020 and aligned with the National Credit Framework
- it aims to establish a "One Nation, One Student ID" system to streamline academic records and facilitate transitions between educational levels.

20. India's first hydrogen train

- The hydrogen train project has been launched with the aim of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.
- India's first hydrogen train is set to be launched between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana on 31.03.2025.

21. Picasso of India

- M.F. Husain is known as the "Picasso of India" because of his bold and innovative styles, similar to the famous Spanish artist Picasso.
- Husain blended traditional Indian themes with modern art techniques, especially Cubism.
- His unique approach to art, focusing on culture, gods and daily life, earned him this title, highlighting his global influence

22. Miss World pageant

- The 72nd Miss World pageant is set to be held in Hyderabad, Telangana.

23. ANRF (ANUSANDHAN NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION)

- Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)
- The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has been established with Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) 2023 Act.
- The ANRF aims to seed, grow and promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories
- The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) is an apex body designed to provide high-level strategic direction for scientific research in India
- The foundation was created based on the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) and aims to transform India into a global research and innovation hub.

24. Global Ranking:

- India holds the 4th position in the global consumer market ranking.
- India is indeed the world's fourth-largest consumer market, with a value of 65 lakh crores (approximately \$800 billion).

25. Ravindra Bhatt Appointed as the Chairman of the National Task Force

- The Supreme Court has set up a national task force to address mental health concerns of students in higher education institutions and prevent student deaths.

26. **baalpan ki kavita**

- The "Baalpan ki Kavita" initiative seeks to restore and popularise traditional and newly composed rhymes/poems in Hindi, regional languages and English.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education Started the program.

27. **country's first textile machinery park**

- The country's first textile machinery park is coming up in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Textile machinery that is currently imported will now be manufactured here.

28. **India's First Vertical Lift Rail Bridge:**

- The New Pamban Bridge, India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge, replaces the 105-year-old Pamban Bridge, connecting the mainland to Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu.

29. **PM-YUVA 3.0**

- PM's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors launched to promote reading, writing and book culture.
- Launched by Ministry of Education.
- An Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age) in order to

promote reading, writing and book culture in the country.

30. **PM Internship Scheme**

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government as announced the commencement of the PM Internship Scheme.
- The scheme aims to provide skill development training and hands on experience to unemployed youth.
- They will receive a monthly stipend of ₹6,000 and work in top 500 companies across India.

STATES

1. **PMJAY**

- As of March 31, 2025, West Bengal is the only state that has not implemented the Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PMJAY), having opted out of the scheme in January 2019.
- The West Bengal state government withdrew from the Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) on January 10, 2019, opting instead to establish its own regional health program.

2. **Haryana Launches AI Chatbot 'Sarathi' for Citizen Services**

- The Haryana government has introduced an AI-powered chatbot, 'Sarathi,' to provide citizens with direct access to government documents and policies.
- The chatbot aims to streamline public access to official directives, notifications, and circulars.

3. ANTHURIUM FLOWERS

- The first export of Anthurium flowers from Mizoram to Singapore was successfully completed.
- The initiative was led by APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram.

4. Potti Sriramulu

- Andhra Pradesh announced it will install a 58-foot statue of freedom fighter Potti Sriramulu – the man known for being instrumental in the creation of the separate Telugu-speaking state of Andhra Pradesh in 1953 — in the upcoming capital of Amaravati.

5. PER CAPITA INCOME

- Telangana has emerged as a frontrunner among southern states.

in terms of per capita income (PCI) growth, according to the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

- Telangana's PCI now stands at an impressive 193.6% of the national average, reflecting a significant 94% higher income level than the national norm.
- Second place – Karnataka
- Third place – Haryana
- Fourth place – Tamil Nadu

6. FIRST STATE IN INDIA TO INTRODUCE SIGN LANGUAGE IN ITS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- Punjab has become the first state in India to introduce sign language in its Legislative Assembly to facilitate persons with disabilities.
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016, it is essential to make communication systems accessible to ensure that individuals with disabilities are aware of their human rights.
- Punjab celebrated International Sign Language Day in September 2024 to promote inclusivity for persons with disabilities.

7. Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025,

- Bill aims to "curb the commercialisation of coaching institutes and ensure that they operate within a framework prioritising the well-being and success of students".

8. Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme 2025

- The Telangana government has launched the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme 2025 to empower youth from SC, ST, BC, and Minority communities by providing financial assistance to support self-employment ventures.
- This initiative offers loans of up to ₹3 lakh, along with subsidies, to foster entrepreneurship and encourage economic independence

9. FIRST STATE TO HAVE A SEPARATE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR VICTIMS OF BURNS

- Karnataka is set to become the first State in the country to have a separate comprehensive policy for victims of burns.
- The policy, which will incorporate insurance, housing, rehabilitation, employment and other welfare measures including pension for burn victims, is likely to consider disfigurement due to burns as a disability.

10. Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh Government to Provide Permanent Power Connections to Farmers for Just Rs 5

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- Free Electricity Scheme for Farmers in Tamil Nadu – 1990
- Initiated by – Former Chief Minister Karunanidhi

11. Tripura Mukhyamantri Balika Samriddhi Yojana

- This scheme primarily aims to uplift the status and quality of life for women in Tripura.
- A financial bond of INR 50,000 will be granted to each newborn girl child belonging to families under the Antyodaya scheme.

12. Chief Minister's Jibon Prerona scheme

- Assam govt announced the launch of the Chief Minister's Jibon Prerona scheme from October to provide Rs 2,500 per month to those graduating from government universities and colleges in Assam.

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- Pudumaippen scheme – 05.09.2022 (Chennai)
- Tamilputhalvavan scheme – 09.08.2024 (Coimbatore)

13. RISE APP

- Uttar Pradesh launches 'RISE' app for digital monitoring of child vaccinations, enhancing training for health workers to improve immunisation coverage.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report

- UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report reveals that 40% of the world's population is unable to access education in their own language.

2. Free breakfast programme

- Canada has implemented a free breakfast programme,
- Now England has recently launched this program.

3. The Wealth Report 2025

- Highlights the growing number of High Net-Worth Individuals worldwide, with India securing the 4th position globally, boasting an estimated 85,698 HNWI's

2024, marking a 6% increase from the previous year.

- The United States of America (USA) remains the leader with , followed by China and Japan .

4. Cairo Declaration

- The Cairo Declaration is an Arab League plan for Gaza's reconstruction with a \$53-billion Egyptian proposal.
- The plan supports a two-state solution based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as Palestine's capital.

5.Global Terrorism Index 2025:

- Pakistan becomes world's second-most terrorism affected country following Burkina Faso, with Syria in third place.
- The report, released by the Institute for Economics and Peace

6.Thorium

- survey estimates that Bayan Obo mining complex in Inner Mongolia region of China could yield 1 million tonnes of thorium.
- Thorium is a radioactive element that occurs naturally in low concentrations (about 10 parts per million) in the Earth's crust.
- India has the largest thorium reserves in the world

7.president of new development bank

- The New Development Bank is the bank for the BRICS group.
- A woman named Dilma Rousseff has been elected as its president.
- The New Development Bank is located in Shanghai (China)

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- Indonesia has become the 10th member of the BRICS group, which was formed in 2006.

POLITY

1.DELIMITATION OF LOKSABHA

- The Lok Sabha has been reconstituted in India in four years: 1951, 1962, 1972 and 2003.
- The Lok Sabha is reconstituted after each census.
- The strength of the Lok Sabha as per the 1971 census is 543.

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- ARTICLE 81 – Constitution of the Lok Sabha
- ARTICLE 82 – Constituency of the Lok Sabha is reconstituted after each census

Amendments to the Lok Sabha

- 42ND Amendment of 1976 – The strength of the Lok Sabha was fixed at 543 till 2001.
- 84th Amendment of 2001 – The strength of the Lok Sabha was fixed at 543 till 2026.

2. Article 127

- The Indian Constitution proposes that when a quorum of permanent judges is needed to continue or hold a Supreme Court session, the Chief Justice of India can nominate a High Court judge as an

ad hoc Supreme Court judge for a specified time.

- The chief justice of the Supreme Court can only accomplish so after consulting with the chief judge of the High Court in question and accepting the President's prior consent.

3. ARTICLE 224A

- Article 224A establishes a constitutional mechanism that allows retired High Court judges to be temporarily reappointed as judges of High Courts.

4. The Tribhuvan Sahkari University

- The Lok Sabha recently passed the Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill, 2025, marking step in cooperative education in India.
- This initiative aims to establish the country's first national cooperative university at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in Gujarat.
- The Tribhuvan Sahkari University will serve as a hub for cooperative training.

'Sahkar Taxi',

- establishment of a cooperative insurance company and the introduction of 'Sahkar Taxi', which will operate similarly to ride-sharing services.

5. The Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025.

- The bill proposes an overhaul of India's immigration laws.

- once passed, will replace colonial-era laws, including the Foreigners Act, 1946,
- the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920,
- the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939, and the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000
- objective:

To enhance national security, control immigration procedures, and introduce stricter penalties on foreigners who violate entry and stay conditions.

6. Rule 68.

- Recently, the no-confidence motion against the Speaker Appavu ended in defeat.
- The no-confidence motion against Appavu has been introduced under Rule 68.
- Furthermore,
- Rule 70(2) states that the support of not less than 35 members is required to discuss this motion.

7. Article 222

- Article 222 of Indian Constitution empowers the President, based on the recommendation of the CJI, to transfer a judge (including Chief Justice) from one High Court to another.
- Consent of the judge is not required, whether it is the first or a subsequent transfer.

8. FIRST JUDGE TO IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

- Justice Ramaswami: The first judge of the Supreme Court to face impeachment proceedings
- An impeachment motion was moved against him in the Lok Sabha for extravagant spending when he was the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- Article 124(4) requires "proved misbehaviour or incapacity" as grounds for removal and mandates that the panel's findings must be voted upon by Parliament.

ECONOMICS

1. RBI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- RBI appoints Ajit Ratnakar Joshi as Executive Director.
- Joshi will oversee the Department of Statistics and Information Management as well as the Financial Stability Department.

2. Digital Transformation Awards 2025

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been awarded the Digital Transformation Awards 2025 by the London-based Central Banking.
- The award recognises the success of two key digital initiatives—'Pravaha' and 'Saarathi'—developed by RBI's in-house developer team.

'Saarathi' Initiative:

- It was launched in January 2023.
- It has digitised all internal workflows of RBI.
- Benefits:
- Secure storage and sharing of documents.

- Improved records management.
 - Use of reports and dashboards for data analysis.

'Pravaha' Initiative:

- It was launched in May 2024.
- It provided a digital medium for external users to submit regulatory applications to RBI.
- These initiatives have reduced the use of paper-based submissions.
- This has led to significant improvements in the internal and external processes of RBI.

3. REMITTANCES

- The top countries sending remittances (money transfers) to India are the United States, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Saudi Arabia.

4. Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill

- The Bill allows depositors to nominate up to four individuals for their bank accounts or fixed deposits, replacing the current single-nominee system.
- The move aims to simplify fund distribution after the death of an account holder, a problem which arose during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ENVIRONMENT

& ECOLOGY / GEOGRAPHY

1. OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLES

- turtles are carnivores and get their name from their olive-coloured carapace.
- They are best known for their unique mass nesting called Arribada, where thousands of females come together on the same beach to lay eggs.
- Odisha's Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is known as the world's largest rookery (a colony of breeding animals) of sea turtles
- World Turtle Day – May 23

Turtle Species Found in India

- Odisha -Olive Ridley Turtles
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands Leatherback Turtles
- Lakshadweep -Green Turtles

2. GANGETIC DOLPHINS

- India has an estimated 6,327 river dolphins across eight states
- Project Dolphin launched in 2020.
- India is home to two species of freshwater dolphins — Ganges (Platanista gangetica) and Indus (Platanista minor)
- The majority of the dolphins — estimated to be 2,397 — were observed in Uttar Pradesh, followed by Bihar (2,220) and West Bengal (815).

3. Vandara

- Vandara Wildlife Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Centre was opened in Gujarat

4. Madhav National Park

- Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh becomes India's 58th Tiger Reserve
- It is part of one of India's 32 major tiger corridors, operationalized through the Tiger Conservation Plan under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

5. BT COTTON

- In 2002, under a joint agreement between Monsanto and Mahco, Bt hybrid cotton varieties were introduced in India.
- BOLLGARD1-2002
- BOLLGARD2-2006
- The first genetically modified field crop to be allowed for cultivation in India was Bt Cotton.
- Bt stands for Bacillus thuringiensis.
- Bt Cotton is a genetically modified variety of cotton. It produces pesticides to fight insects.
- GM mustard has also been allowed to be grown.
- DISEASE AFFECTING BT COTTON
- pink bollworm (Pectinophora gossypiella) attack

6. Rajasthan has captured its first photographic evidence of a caracal.

- Native to dozens of countries across Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia, the Caracal is a primarily

nocturnal cat species known for its distinct and pointy ears.

- The word caracal is derived from the Turkish word 'karakulak', meaning 'black ears'.
- These cats were hunting animals in medieval India with descriptions of them found in texts like Khamsa-e-Nizami and Shahnameh and Tutinama.

Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve

- Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, also known as Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary, is a tiger reserve in Rajasthan, India, encompassing Mukandara National Park, Darrah Sanctuary, Jawahar Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, and part of Chambal Gharial Sanctuary.

7. FOREST REPORT

- **Maximum increase (Forest and Tree Cover):** Chhattisgarh (684 sq km) followed by Uttar Pradesh (559 sq km), Odisha (559 sq km) and Rajasthan (394 sq km).
- **Maximum Increase (Forest Cover):** Mizoram (242 sq km) followed by Gujarat (180 sq km) and Odisha (152 sq km).
- **Largest Decrease:** Madhya Pradesh (612.41 km²) followed by Karnataka (459.36 km²), Ladakh (159.26 km²), and Nagaland (125.22 km²).
- **Area wise top three states having largest forest cover** are Madhya Pradesh (77,073 sq km) followed by Arunachal Pradesh (65,882 sq km) and Chhattisgarh (55,812 sq km).

- In terms of percentage of forest cover with respect to total geographical area, Lakshadweep (91.33%) has the highest forest cover followed by Mizoram (85.34%) and Andaman & Nicobar Island (81.62%).
- **High Forest Cover:** 19 states/UTs have above 33% of the geographical area under forest cover.
- **Forest Fire:** The top three states with the most fire incidents in the 2023-24 season are Uttarakhand, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh.

8. Kosi-Mechi Intra-State River Link Project

- The inclusion of the Kosi-Mechi Intra-State River Link Project Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) of the ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The Kosi-Mechi project is the country's second major river interlinking project after the Ken-Betwa project in Madhya Pradesh.
- It involves diverting surplus Kosi river water to extend irrigation to mahananda basin.

9. BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC

- The new plastic is a special type of biodegradable material created by scientists at RIKEN in Japan.
- It is designed to be as strong and flexible as regular plastic but has a

unique ability to dissolve completely in saltwater within 8.5 hours.

- Unlike traditional plastics, which take hundreds of years to break down and leave behind harmful micro plastics, this new plastic leaves no toxic waste and is safe for the environment.

10. **ADHIVANAM**

- Adhivanam is a green haven.
- With hands-on experiences and expert guidance, implement sustainable farming practices by children.
- they connect deeply with nature, creating habits that will contribute to a greener and more sustainable future.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY/DEFENCE

1. **Ocelot**

- Amazon's quantum chip – Ocelot
- Google's quantum chip – Villa
- Microsoft's quantum chip - Majorana

2. **TECHNOLOGY ADOPTED FUND**

- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) has recently launched a ₹500-crore Technology Adoption Fund (TAF).
- This initiative aims to support space technology firms, particularly startups and MSMEs, in creating commercially viable product

About IN-SPACe:

- Established in: 2020, as part of India's space sector reforms.
- Ministry: Department of Space (DOS), Government of India.
- Headquarters: Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Aim:

- To promote, authorize, and supervise private sector participation in India's space activities.
- To act as a single-window interface between ISRO and non-governmental entities (NGEs).

3. **BLUE GOLD**

- The Blue Gold spacecraft, manufactured by private company Firefly Aerospace, is the second private spacecraft to land on the moon.

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- First private spacecraft to land on the moon – Odysseus

4. **Japanese encephalitis virus**

- Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is a flavivirus related to dengue, yellow fever and West Nile viruses, and is spread by mosquitoes (especially Culex tritaeniorhynchus)

5. **GANDIVA**

- India's latest and most advanced air-to-air missile, the Astra Mk-III, has been named GANDIVA ,after the bow wielded by Arjuna.

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Pinagam – Bow wielded by Shiva

Sarangam – Bow wielded by Kannan

Kothandam – Bow wielded by Rama

Kanda Prastha – Bow wielded by Karna

6. **EXERCISE SEA DRAGON**

- In the 2025 edition the United States Navy is hosting the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and the Republic of Korea Navy.

7. SCOT-1

- The world's first commercial space surveillance satellite of an Indian start up, capable of tracking objects as small as 5 cm orbiting the Earth.
- It captured images over South America

8. A.M TURING AWARD 2024

- A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize in Computing"
- Andrew G. Pardo and Richard S. Sutton have been awarded the 2024 A.M. Turing Award.

9. ASSAMSAT

- Assam is likely to become the first state in the country to have its satellite
- The satellite will be set up in collaboration with IN-Space (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre) which promotes private investment and innovation in the space sector and Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro).

10. ARMS IMPORT

- Ukraine the world's biggest arms importer
- India was the world's second largest arms importer,

11. ARMS EXPORT

- U.S.A became the world's first largest arm supplier in 2020-2024

- France became the world's second largest arms supplier in 2020-24.
- China was the fourth largest exporter of arms in 2020-24.

12. Bongosagar exercise

- Naval exercise between India & Bangladesh

13. Vikram and Kalpana:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) and the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Chandigarh have jointly developed two cutting-edge 32-bit microprocessors, Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201, specifically designed for space applications.

14. Chandrayaan-5

- Chandrayaan-5 is set to be launched with the help of Japan's JAXA.
- Chandrayaan-1(2008)- Discovered water molecules on the Moon
- Chandrayaan-2(2019)- Orbiter successful, lander crashed
- Chandrayaan-3(2023) First successful soft landing on Moon's south pole
- Chandrayaan-4(2027)- Lunar soil sample collection and return to Earth
- Chandrayaan-5(2028) Advanced surface study with a 250 kg rover

15. ISRO and IIT Madras establish Centre of Excellence in Fluid and Thermal Sciences

16. MILITARY EXERCISE

- Joint military exercise Khanjar was held between Kyrgyzstan and India in Kyrgyzstan.

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- Sada Tansheek – Military exercise between India & Saudi Arabia
- Kazind– Military exercise between India & Kazakhstan
- garuda Shakti – Joint military exercise between India & Indonesia
- Samprithi – Joint exercise between India & Bangladesh

17. Crew-10 mission

- NASA and SpaceX launched a Crew-10 mission to the ISS to bring home NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore

18. Naval exercise, AIKEYME

- India will conduct its first major naval exercise, AIKEYME (Africa-India key maritime engagement), with 10 African nations.
- The multi-nation Aikeyme exercise, or the 'Africa-India key maritime engagement', will be conducted off Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania

19. World TB Day 2025 Summit

- Theme for World TB Day summit is "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver".
- Our TB elimination strategy is based on 'whole of the society' and 'whole of the government' approach.
- Under the 100-day TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, which started on December 7, 2024, (TB)

20. EXERCISE - VARUNA 2025

- INDIAN AND FRENCH NAVIES SET FOR THE 23rd EDITION OF BILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISE - VARUNA 2025

21. OPERATION BRAHMA' – MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS BY INDIAN ARMY.

22. India's Tri-Service Exercise Prachand Prahaar in Arunachal Pradesh

- It is a tri-service integrated multi-domain warfare exercise conducted in the high-altitude terrain of Arunachal Pradesh.

Some of the operations launched in India

- Operation Kawach – A project to protect youth and children from drug addiction (Delhi Police)
- Operation Karuna – A project to help Myanmar affected by Cyclone Mekka
- Operation Ganga – To rescue Indians from Ukraine during the Russian-Ukrainian war
- Operation Kaveri – A project to rescue Indians during the fighting between Sudanese armies
- Operation Dost – A project to help India during the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

23. Exercise INDRA (India–Russia Naval Exercise)

- Participating Nations: India and Russia
- Host Location: Chennai, Bay of Bengal.

Appointments/awards/index

1. Indian Bank Association elects CS Setty as new Chairman.

2. **Abel Prize 2025:** Masaki Kashiwara (Japan)

Recognized for:

- Development of D-modules, a powerful tool connecting differential equations with algebraic geometry.
- Discovery of crystal bases, enabling simpler graph-based solutions in complex calculations.

3. **TAHDCO chairman**

- Ilayaraja appointed as TAHDCO chairman.
- TAHDCO – Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Limited – 1974.

4. **Book -March of Glory**

- To mark 50 years since India's historic Hockey World Cup victory in 1975 was

Written by hockey historian K. Arumugam and journalist Errol D'Cruz.

5. **Sangita Kalanidhi award 2025**

- Violinist R K Shriramkumar chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi award 2025 by Music Academy
- Sangita Kalanidhi award 2024-T.M KRISHNA

6. **WRD award**

- TN govt receives national award for WRD's Water Resource Management
- Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP).
- Launched in 2017, the project focuses on improving the productivity and climate resilience of irrigated agriculture across 47 river sub-basin areas

7. **Jnanpith Award**

- Vinod Kumar Shukla from Chhattisgarh has been awarded the Jnanpith Award, the highest literary award in India.

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- The Jnanpith Award is the highest literary award in India.
- It is given by the Bharatiya Jnanpith, a cultural and literary organization.
- It was established in 1961 by the family of Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain.
- 58th Jnanpith Award – Gulzar, Rambhadracharya
- First Jnanpith Award – Malayalam writer G. Sankara Guru (First Truth – 1965)
- First woman writer to receive the Jnanpith Award – Asha Poornadevi.

Jnanpith Awardees from Tamil Nadu

- 1975 – Akilan (Chithrapavai)
- 2002 – Jayakanthan (Literary Contribution)

8. **HORTICULTURAL SCIENTIST- Krishna Lal Chadha**

- Krishna Lal Chadha, a renowned horticultural scientist and recipient of the Central Government Padma Shri award in 2022, has passed away.

9. Stockholm Water Prize 2025

- Gunter Bloesch, a renowned hydrologist, has been awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize for his pioneering research on flood risks and climate change impacts globally.

10. Lifetime Achievement Award

- Chiranjeevi received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the UK Government.

11. FREEDOM OF SPEECH INDEX

- Denmark tops the list of freedom of speech.
- India ranks 24th on the list.
- The survey on the future of freedom of speech was conducted among 33 countries under the title "Who in the world supports freedom of speech?"

12. Atul Kumar Goel Assumes Charge as Chief Executive of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)

13. Saina Nehwal appointed as brand ambassador of Naarica, an innovative menstrual hygiene brand

14. Gold Mercury Award 2025

- The SPIRITUAL leader Dalai Lama has been named the recipient of the 2025 Gold Mercury Award for Peace

and Visionary Governance in recognition of his lifelong commitment to non-violence, interfaith dialogue, compassion, and environmental sustainability.

15. IIFA 2025

- Best Picture: Laapataa Ladies
- Best Direction: Kiran Rao (Laapataa Ladies)
- Best Screenplay: Sneha Desai (Laapataa Ladies)

16. RAMSAR AWARD

- Jayshree Venkatesan becomes first Indian to win Ramsar award for Wetland Wise Use

17. HONORARY AWARD

- PM Modi conferred with 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' award

18. Kailash Satyarthi has written his autobiography titled Dyaslai (match stick)

- He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

19. 10th Oscar Winners

- Best Picture - Anora
- Best Actor - Adrien Brody
- Best Actress - Mikey Madison
- Best Director - Sean Baker
- Best Supporting Actor - Kieran Culkin
- Best Animated Feature Film - I'm Still Here
- Best Animated Feature Film - Flow

- Best Music for the Motion Picture Tune Part 2

20. Pritzker Prize 2025

- The annual Pritzker Architecture Prize has been awarded to Liu Jiakun of China.

SPORTS

1. Khelo India Winter Games 2025:

- Army retains title with 18 medals
- Himachal finishes SECOND Place
- TN Ranked FIFTH place

2. Mumbai Indians have clinched their second Women's Premier League title

3. Kabaddi World Cup 2025 Begins in England

4. P.S. Raman has written a book titled Leo-The-Untold Story, a history of the Chennai Super Kings team.

5. Goodwill Ambassador of VISION 2020 India

- cricketer Krishnamachari Srikanth has been named the Goodwill Ambassador of VISION 2020 India, an initiative dedicated to eliminating avoidable blindness across the country.

6. Khelo India Para Games 2025

- Mascot Name: 'Ujjwala'
- Symbolism: Inspired by the house sparrow, represents resilience and the spirit of para-athletes
- RELATED NEWS
- Women's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy – Gudiya

- 4th Khelo Indian University Games – Ashtalakshmi
- 45th Chess Olympiad – Thambi

7. FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

- Kirsty Coventry was recently appointed as the first female president of the International Olympic Committee.

8. Kabaddi World Cup 2025

- The Indian men's and women's teams have won the championship title at the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 held in England.

9. Asian Wrestling Championships 2025

- Sunil Kumar Wins Bronze at Asian Wrestling Championships 2025

10. National Maritime Games 2025

- P.T. Usha, the President of the Indian Olympic Association, inaugurated the National Maritime Games 2025 on Monday, March 24, in Mumbai.

11. Sumeeth Reddy

- India's doubles badminton specialist B Sumeeth Reddy has announced his retirement from professional badminton.

12. Gurinderveer Singh

- He set a record by running the 100-meter race in 10.20 seconds at the Indian Grand Prix in Bangalore.

13. The Khelo India Para Games 2025

- The Khelo India Para Games 2025 saw Haryana once again emerging as the top-performing state with 34 gold medals, retaining its dominance from the inaugural edition held in 2023.
- Tamil Nadu (28 golds) and Uttar Pradesh (23 golds) finished in second and third positions.
- Important athletes from Tamilnadu
- Keerthika Jayachandran (Tamil Nadu)
- Khushboo Gill (Tamilnadu)
- Inbatamizhi (Tamilnadu)

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Wildlife Day-March 03
2. National Safety Day-March 04
3. International Women's Day-March 08
4. World Consumer Rights Day-March 15
5. National Vaccination Day-March 16
6. Global Recycle Day-March 18
7. International Day of Forests-March 21
8. World Water Day- March 22
9. Shaheed Diwas- March 23

The day Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged on 23.03.1931 is observed as Martyrs' Day.

10. World Tuberculosis Day- March 24

THEME:

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11. International Day of Zero Waste-March 30