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## TNPSC BITS

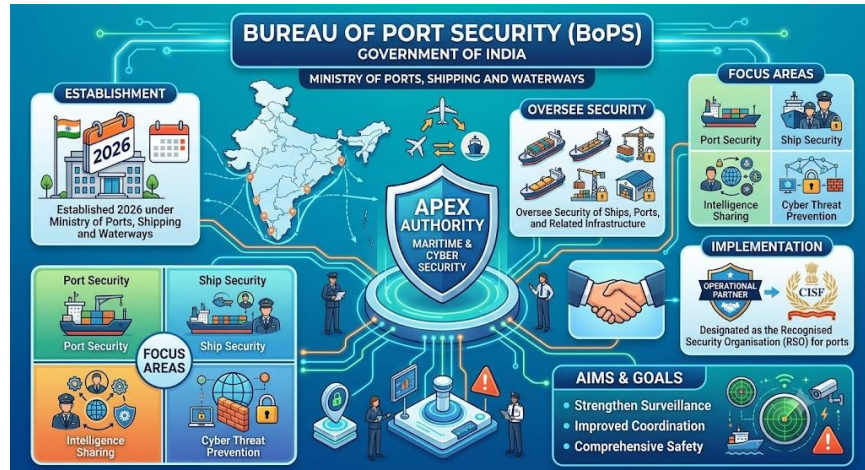
- ❖ Indian Army personnel, Havildars Lakshay and Ujjwal Kumar Singh, won India's first World Rowing Cup gold medal at Lucerne, Switzerland, in the Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x) event.
- ❖ The Indian Air Force (IAF) concluded the 5th Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Programme (WASP) on June 29, 2026, in New Delhi.
  - The programme is a Professional Military Education (PME) initiative started in 2022 for mid-ranking officers.
- ❖ Indian Armed Forces participated in RIMPAC 2026, the 30th edition of the world's largest multinational naval exercise hosted by the United States in Hawaii.
- ❖ Ethan Vaz and Harshavardhan G.B. have been recognised as India's newest Chess Grandmasters (GM), marking India's 96th and 97th GMs.
- ❖ The National Health Authority (NHA) is expanding the Unified Health Interface (UHI) under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to strengthen India's digital health ecosystem.
  - Unified Health Interface (UHI) is an open protocol that connects patients with healthcare providers through different digital health applications.
- ❖ World Sports Journalists Day is observed every year on July 2 to honour sports journalists, photographers, broadcasters, and digital content creators.
  - The theme for the year 2026 is "Championing Fair Play: Reporting with Integrity and Impact."
- ❖ International Day of Cooperatives is observed every year on 5 July to promote the role of cooperatives in sustainable development and community welfare.
  - The theme for the year 2026 is "Cooperatives for a Peaceful World."

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bureau of Port Security

- ❖ Government of India established the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in 2026.
- ❖ BoPS is created to oversee the security of ships, ports and related infrastructure in India.
- ❖ It is modelled on the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
- ❖ It will act as the apex authority for maritime security and cyber security.

- ❖ Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is designated as the Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) for ports.
- ❖ BoPS will focus on port security, ship security, intelligence sharing and cyber threat prevention.
- ❖ It aims to strengthen surveillance, coordination and safety in India's maritime sector.



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### India-Japan Annual Summit



- ❖ The 16th India-Japan Annual Summit was held in New Delhi to strengthen the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two countries.

- ❖ India and Japan agreed on the UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) project, their first defence co-development programme, and decided to expand defence, maritime security, and joint military cooperation.
- ❖ Both countries adopted agreements on economic security, clean energy, Artificial Intelligence (AI), resilient supply chains, and cooperation in green hydrogen, biogas, and semiconductors.
- ❖ They agreed to accelerate the review of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and work towards the ¥10 trillion Japanese investment target in India.
- ❖ The two countries reaffirmed cooperation for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP), support for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), the Quad, freedom of navigation, and United Nations Security Council (UNSC) reforms.

## ECONOMY NEWS

### RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2026



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has implemented the revised Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) 2026 from July 1, 2026, replacing the 2021 framework to strengthen and streamline customer grievance redressal in regulated financial institutions.
- ❖ The scheme provides a faster, cost-free and non-adversarial complaint redressal mechanism against banks, NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies), payment system operators and credit information companies.

- ❖ It follows a “One Nation, One Ombudsman” system, allowing complaints without identifying a specific regional office.
- ❖ The RBI has increased compensation limits up to ₹30 lakh for financial loss and ₹3 lakh for harassment, delay and mental anguish.
- ❖ Customers must first approach the concerned financial institution and can escalate to the RBI if unresolved within 30 days.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### PinS Instrument Approach Procedure



- ❖ India has approved its first Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach Procedure for helicopter operations at Undavalli Heliport, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The procedure was developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- ❖ Point-in-Space (PinS) is a satellite-based instrument approach procedure that enables helicopters to land safely and precisely without conventional instrument landing systems.
- ❖ It uses Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) and satellite navigation technology to improve flight safety and operational efficiency.

- ❖ The system follows standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and DGCA regulations.

### **India's First Satellite Based Landing Trial - Airbus A320**

- ❖ The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conducted India's first satellite-based landing system (SLS) approach trial on an Airbus A320 at Udaipur Airport using the indigenous GAGAN navigation system.
- ❖ The trial enabled an IndiGo Airbus A320 to perform a Localiser Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) approach for precision landing.
- ❖ GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation) is India's Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS), jointly developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ❖ It improves the accuracy, integrity and reliability of GPS signals by sending correction data through geostationary satellites.
- ❖ The system reduces dependence on ground-based Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) and improves landing capability at airports with limited infrastructure.

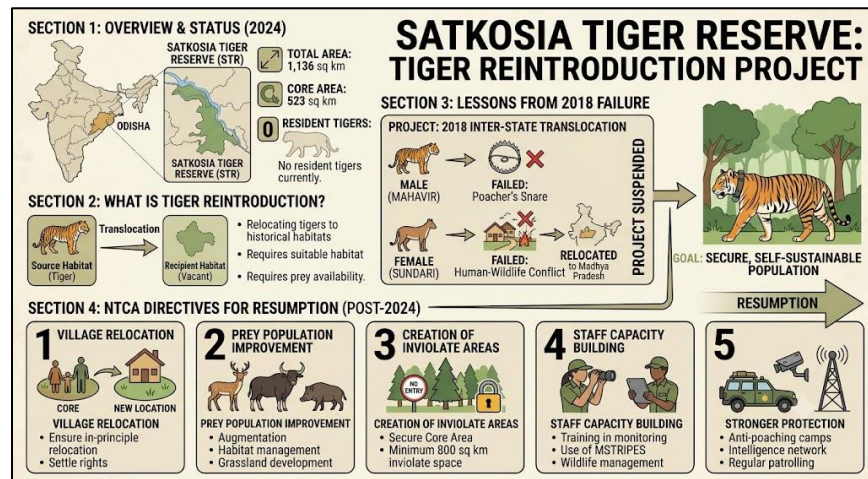


## **ENVIRONMENT NEWS**

### **Satkosia Tiger Reserve Tiger Reintroduction**

- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given in-principle approval to resume the tiger reintroduction project in Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Odisha.

- ❖ Satkosia Tiger Reserve covers 1,136 square kilometres, including a 523 square kilometre core area, and currently has no resident tigers.
- ❖ Tiger reintroduction involves relocating tigers to habitats where the species has declined or disappeared after ensuring suitable habitat and prey availability.
- ❖ The 2018 reintroduction project failed after one tiger died in a poacher's snare, and the tigress Sundari was relocated due to human-wildlife conflict.
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has directed measures such as village relocation, prey population improvement, creation of inviolate areas, staff capacity building, and stronger protection before the project resumes.



## Van Mahotsav 2026

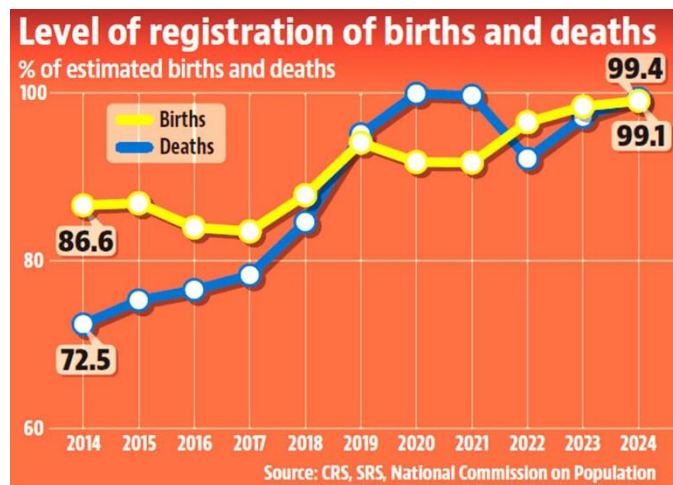


- ❖ Van Mahotsav 2026 is being observed across India from 1 July to 7 July 2026 as the annual “Festival of Forests.”

- ❖ It is India's week-long tree plantation festival, where schools, government bodies, NGOs, and citizens participate in mass plantation drives.
- ❖ The festival was started in 1950 by K.M. Munshi, then Union Minister for Agriculture and Food, to promote tree plantation and forest conservation.
- ❖ It is celebrated in the first week of July because the onset of the monsoon season increases the survival rate of newly planted saplings.
- ❖ Van Mahotsav promotes afforestation, environmental protection, and awareness about ecological balance across the country.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### CRS 2024 Registration Report



- ❖ The Civil Registration System (CRS) 2024 report shows that 99.1% of births and 99.4% of deaths were registered in India during 2024.
- ❖ A total of 254.7 lakh births and 89.4 lakh deaths were registered in 2024, higher than the figures recorded in 2023.
- ❖ India's sex ratio at birth was 917 females per 1,000 males; Arunachal Pradesh (1,050) recorded the highest and Nagaland (865) the lowest.
- ❖ The report recorded 81,117 stillbirths in 2024, with about 69% occurring in urban areas.
- ❖ Birth and death registration is mandatory under the Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, 1969, and the data supports demographic planning and public policy.

