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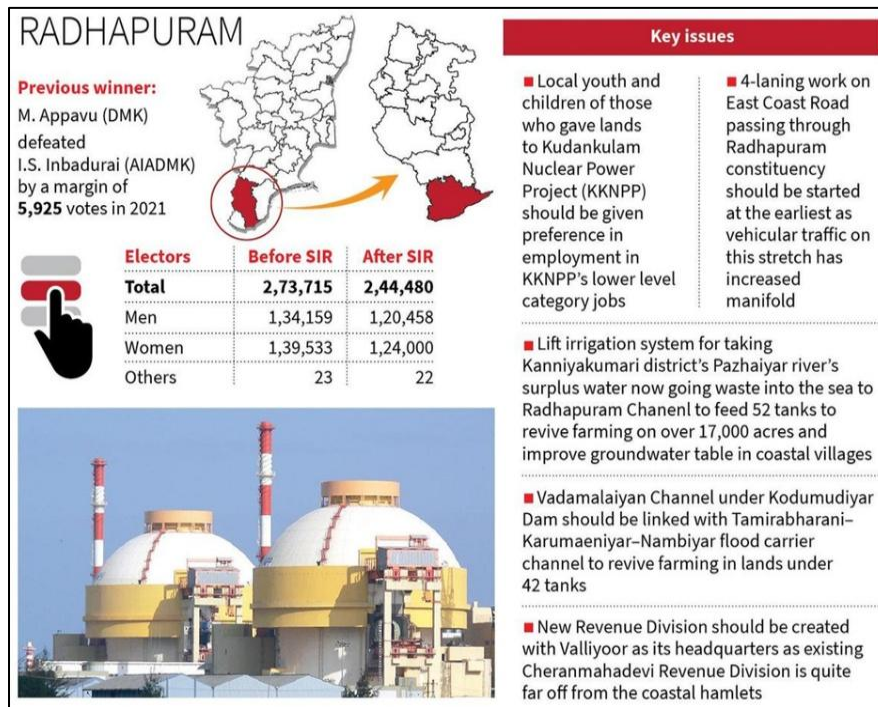
- ❖ The Registration Department appointed P. Kannan, Assistant Inspector General of Registration (Vigilance), and E. Bhavani, District Registrar (Guideline), as nodal officers to coordinate the implementation of Project STAR 3.0.
 - Project STAR 3.0 is an upgraded software system that will replace STAR 2.0 to simplify document registration and enhance service delivery, efficiency, and digital transformation through advanced technologies.
- ❖ P. Sumathi has been appointed as the Secretary to the Tamil Nadu Law Department, becoming the first woman to hold the post.
- ❖ Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport surpassed Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to become India's second-busiest domestic airport in April 2026.
 - Kempegowda International Airport, Karnataka, handled about 3.28 million domestic passengers, compared to about 2.89 million passengers handled by Mumbai airport during the same period.
- ❖ Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh has been given additional charge as Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development (R&D) and Chairman, DRDO, following the completion of Dr. Samir V. Kamat's tenure on 31 May 2026.
- ❖ British actor Idris Elba received a Knighthood, one of the United Kingdom's highest civilian honours, from King Charles III at Windsor Castle, England.
- ❖ International Sex Workers' Day is observed every year on 2 June to recognize the rights, dignity, and contributions of sex workers.
- ❖ World Bicycle Day is observed every year on 3 June to promote the use of bicycles as a sustainable, affordable, and healthy mode of transport.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Madras HC on Radhapuram Poll

- ❖ The Madras High Court declared that M. Appavu had won the 2016 Radhapuram Assembly election, setting aside the election of I. S. Inbadurai after nearly ten years.
- ❖ In the 2016 election, Inbadurai of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam was originally declared the winner by a margin of 49 votes.

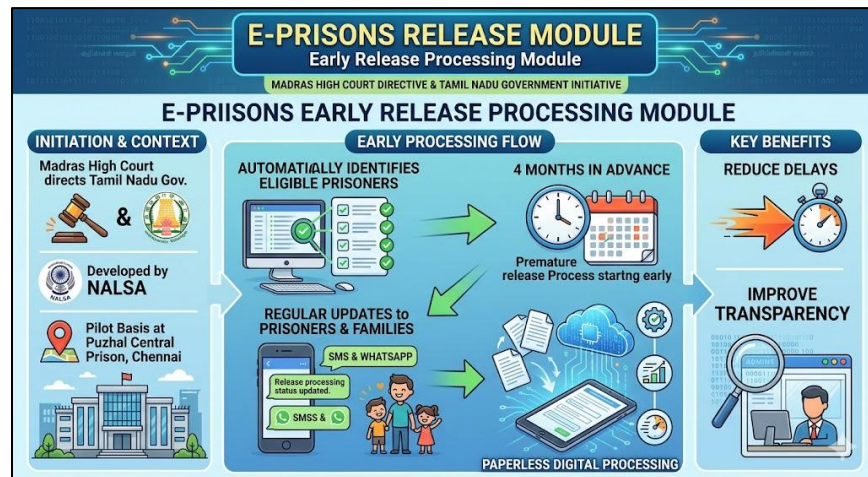
- ❖ The Madras High Court later ruled that Appavu had actually won the election by a margin of 104 votes.
- ❖ The court directed the Tamil Nadu Assembly Secretary to substitute Appavu's name as the MLA for the Radhapuram constituency for the period 2016–2021.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India noted that two Assembly elections had already been held since 2016 and closed the matter on 21 May 2026, stating that further proceedings would serve no practical purpose.
- ❖ The court observed that removing Inbadurai from office retrospectively or recovering the salary paid to him between 2016 and 2021 was not feasible, as he had already served his term as MLA.



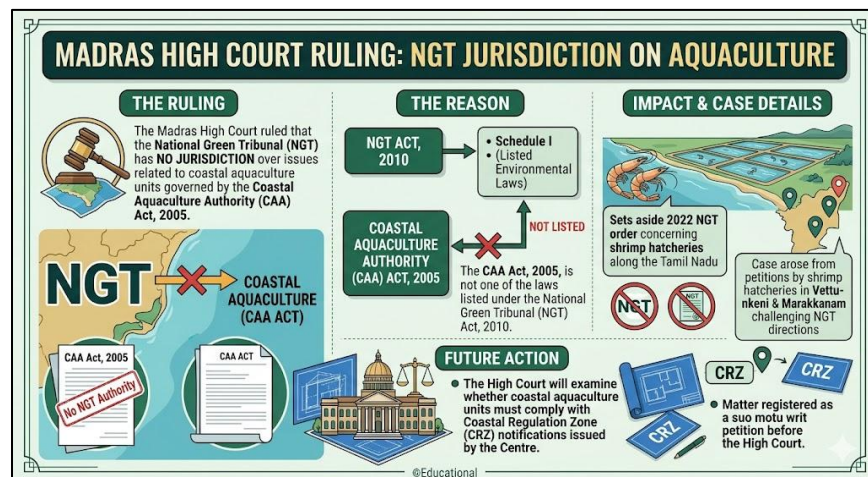
E-Prisons Release Module

- ❖ The Madras High Court directed the Tamil Nadu government to implement the E-Prisons Early Release Processing Module for automating the premature release process of eligible prisoners.
- ❖ The module was developed by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and will be implemented on a pilot basis at Puzhal Central Prison, Chennai.
- ❖ It identifies prisoners eligible for premature release and initiates the process four months in advance.
- ❖ The system provides regular updates to prisoners and their families through SMS and WhatsApp.

- ❖ It enables paperless digital processing of files, helping reduce delays and improve transparency in prison administration.



NGT Jurisdiction on Aquaculture

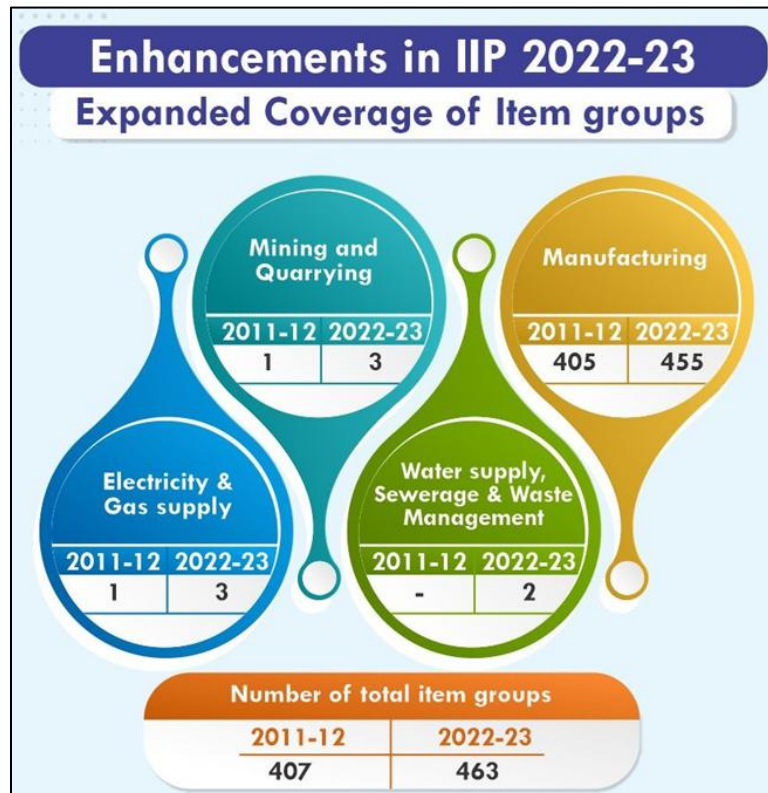


- ❖ The Madras High Court ruled that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has no jurisdiction over issues related to coastal aquaculture units governed by the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Act, 2005.
- ❖ The court held that the CAA Act, 2005, is not one of the laws listed under the National Green Tribunal (NGT) Act, 2010.
- ❖ It set aside a 2022 NGT order concerning shrimp hatcheries operating along the Tamil Nadu coast.
- ❖ The High Court will examine whether coastal aquaculture units must comply with Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notifications issued by the Centre.
- ❖ The matter will be registered as a suo motu writ petition before the High Court.

- ❖ The case arose from petitions filed by shrimp hatcheries in Vettuvankeni and Marakkanam challenging the NGT's directions.

NATIONAL NEWS

10th Revision of IIP



- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revised the base year of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) from 2011–12 to 2022–23 to better reflect the current industrial structure and economic activities.
- ❖ This is the 10th revision of the All-India IIP; the first IIP was compiled with 1937 as the base year.
- ❖ The revision was carried out under the Technical Advisory Committee for IIP (TAC-IIP).
- ❖ New sectors such as Gas Supply, Water Supply, Sewerage, and Waste Management have been added to improve coverage.
- ❖ The product basket has been expanded from 839 items to 1,042 products (463 item groups).

- ❖ Mining classification has been expanded to cover Fuel Minerals, Metallic Minerals (including Rare Earth Minerals), and Non-Metallic Minerals (including Minor Minerals), providing more detailed industrial data.
- ❖ The Electricity Index now separately tracks electricity generation from renewable sources (solar, wind, hydro, etc.) and non-renewable sources (coal, gas, nuclear, etc.), providing a clearer picture of India's energy production mix.

Prime Minister Research Chair Scheme 2026

- ❖ The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education (MoE) opened applications for the Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC) Scheme 2026.
- ❖ PMRC is a national talent-repatriation scheme to attract Indian-origin researchers working in leading foreign universities, laboratories, and technology industries.
- ❖ The scheme is implemented by the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- ❖ It aims to bring back world-class scientists and technology experts to strengthen research and innovation in India.
- ❖ The scheme has three categories: Young Research Fellows, Senior Research Fellows, and Research Chairs.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN General Assembly 2026

- ❖ Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman was elected President of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), defeating Andreas Kakouris of Cyprus in a secret-ballot election.

- ❖ He will assume office when the 81st UNGA session opens in September 2026 and will serve a one-year term.
- ❖ This is the second time Bangladesh has secured the UNGA presidency; it previously held the post during the 41st session (1986–87).
- ❖ The theme of the 81st session is “Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations that Delivers for All.”
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations (UN) and includes all 193 member states.

UN General Assembly elects Bangladesh’s Rahman as next president

In a secret-ballot election, Mr Rahman secured 99 votes to Mr Kakouris’ 91. A total of 190 ballots were cast, with no invalid votes or abstentions.



ECONOMY NEWS

WPI–PPI Transition

- ❖ The government will introduce a revised Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series and a new Producer Price Index (PPI) series from 15 June 2026, with PPI set to replace WPI over the next five years.
- ❖ The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) will release the revised WPI with 2022–23 as the new base year, replacing the 2011–12 series.
- ❖ The new Producer Price Index (PPI) will include Output PPI, Input PPI, and Services PPI to better measure producer-level inflation.

- ❖ Initially, the Services PPI will cover seven sectors, including banking, insurance, railways, air passenger transport, and telecom.
- ❖ WPI will continue to be published alongside PPI for five years before being phased out.

INDIA WILL LAUNCH

- Producer Price Index (PPI)

Alongside:

- New Wholesale Price Index (WPI)

This is a major shift in economic measurement.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Yellow-Throated Marten in Kaziranga



- ❖ The Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*) has been recorded for the first time in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam.

- ❖ The Yellow-throated Marten is a diurnal (day-active), tree-climbing mammal belonging to the Mustelidae family.
- ❖ It is a mesopredator, a medium-sized carnivore that occupies a position below apex predators in the food chain.
- ❖ The species is found across the Himalayan region and northeastern India, including Assam.
- ❖ It plays an important ecological role by aiding seed dispersal, which supports forest regeneration.
- ❖ It is protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Longest-Serving Karnataka Chief Minister - Siddaramaiah



- ❖ Siddaramaiah is the 18th Chief Minister of Karnataka and now holds the record for the longest cumulative tenure in the State's history.
- ❖ He surpassed the previous record held by D. Devaraj Urs.
- ❖ He served as Chief Minister from 2013–2018 and again from 2023 onwards.
- ❖ His combined tenure has crossed 3,048 days, the highest for any Karnataka Chief Minister since the State's formation in 1956.

- ❖ He is the first Karnataka Chief Minister to achieve this record through two separate terms in office.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Forbes Rich List 2026

- ❖ The latest Forbes Billionaires Ranking (June 2026) listed the world's richest individuals, with technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) driving major wealth gains.
- ❖ Elon Musk remained the world's richest person with a net worth of USD 835 billion, gaining USD 53 billion in May 2026.
- ❖ Larry Ellison recorded the biggest monthly increase, adding USD 71 billion to reach USD 276 billion.
- ❖ The combined wealth of the world's top 10 richest people stood at nearly USD 2.9 trillion.
- ❖ Technology, cloud computing, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) investments were the major drivers of wealth growth.
- ❖ The top three richest individuals were Elon Musk, Larry Page, and Sergey Brin.

Top 10 richest people in the world			
Rank	Name	Net Worth (in USD)	Source
1.	Elon Musk	835 billion	SpaceX, Tesla
2.	Larry Page	309 billion	Google
3.	Sergey Brin	285 billion	Google
4.	Jeff Bezos	277 billion	Amazon
5.	Larry Ellison	276 billion	Oracle
6.	Michael Dell	244 billion	Dell Technologies
7.	Mark Zuckerberg	217 billion	Meta (Facebook)
8.	Jensen Huang	182 billion	Semiconductors
9.	Bernard Arnault	148 billion	LVMH
10.	Steve Ballmer	141 billion	Microsoft

