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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ NPCI International Payments Limited and ACLEDA Bank launched cross-border UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments in Cambodia through the KHQR platform.
 - Cambodia became the 9th country to adopt UPI services, joining Singapore, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, Qatar, and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ The 125th edition of the French Open concluded in Paris, France, with Alexander Zverev (Germany) winning the Men's Singles title and Mirra Andreeva (Russia) winning the Women's Singles title.
- ❖ The APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) facilitated India's first-ever sea shipment of botanical-infused ready-to-cook millet functional foods from Karnataka to New Zealand.
- ❖ India's first indigenously developed quantum-safe algorithm, developed by Pune-based Fortytwo Labs, received C-SAFE (Cryptographic Security Assessment and Functional Evaluation) recognition from the Data Security Council of India (DSCI).
 - The recognition was announced at FINSEC 2026 in Mumbai, and C-SAFE is India's first independent cryptographic evaluation programme developed by DSCI.
- ❖ Major Prabhat Mishra of the Indian Army won two academic awards at the US Army Command and General Staff Officer Course (CGSOC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, United States.
 - He received the Birrer-Brookes Award and the General Douglas MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Award during the graduation ceremony.
- ❖ Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) released a new bush-type green chilli variety, KAU Thejaswini, suitable for year-round cultivation in Kerala.
- ❖ World Accreditation Day (WAD) is observed globally every year on 9 June to promote the importance of accreditation in ensuring quality, safety, and reliability.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is "Innovation, Trust and Sustainability: The Power of Accreditation."

TAMIL NADU NEWS

SEZ Export Record

- ❖ Tamil Nadu-Andaman & Nicobar Islands-Puducherry (TAP) region Special Economic Zones (SEZs) achieved their highest-ever exports in 2025-26.

- ❖ Export earnings rose to a record ₹2.2 lakh crore, higher than ₹2.03 lakh crore in 2024–25.
- ❖ The TAP region has 62 functional SEZs, including the Madras Export Processing Zone (MEPZ).
- ❖ Total investment reached ₹82,844 crore, including ₹8,677.9 crore in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- ❖ Information Technology (IT) and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) accounted for 88.4% of total exports.
- ❖ India has 280 Special Economic Zones (SEZs), with Tamil Nadu leading with 51, followed by Telangana and Maharashtra (38 each).

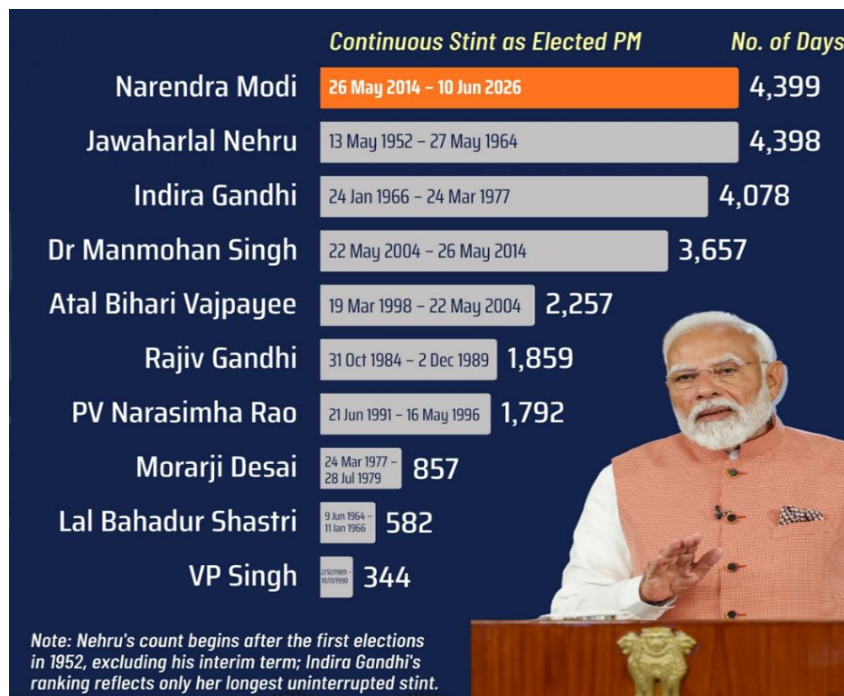


NATIONAL NEWS

Longest-Serving Elected PM - Narendra Modi

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi became India's longest-serving continuously elected Prime Minister on 10 June 2026.

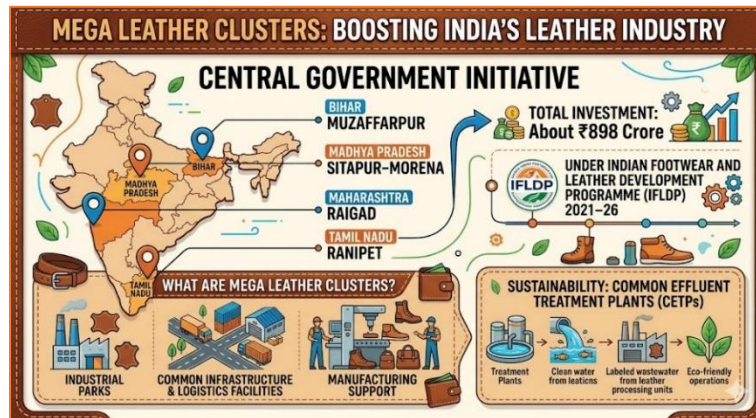
- ❖ Modi completed 4,399 consecutive days in office since taking oath on 26 May 2014, surpassing Jawaharlal Nehru’s record of 4,398 consecutive elected days.
- ❖ Nehru served continuously from 13 May 1952 to 27 May 1964 after the general elections; his 1947–1952 tenure was before electoral institutions were fully established.
- ❖ Modi is the first non-Congress Prime Minister to complete two consecutive full-majority terms and the 2nd after Nehru to win three consecutive Lok Sabha elections as the incumbent.
- ❖ In July 2025, Modi surpassed Indira Gandhi’s uninterrupted tenure record of 4,077 days; she served continuously from 24 January 1966 to 24 March 1977.
- ❖ On 22 March 2026, Modi became India’s longest-serving elected head of government, completing 8,931 days as Gujarat Chief Minister and Prime Minister combined, surpassing Pawan Kumar Chamling.
- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru remains India’s longest-serving Prime Minister overall, with a total tenure of 6,131 days from 15 August 1947 to 27 May 1964.



Mega Leather Clusters

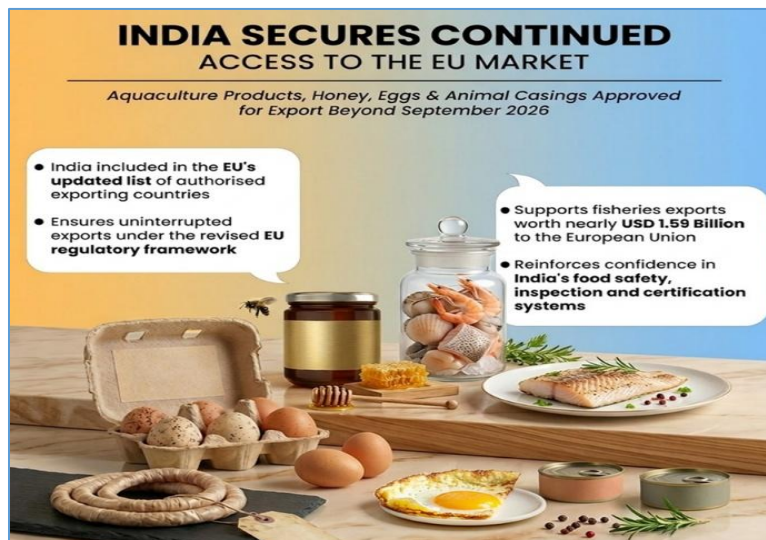
- ❖ The Central Government is establishing Mega Leather, Footwear, and Accessories Clusters in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu with a total investment of about ₹898 crore.
- ❖ These clusters will be developed at Muzaffarpur (Bihar), Sitapur–Morena (Madhya Pradesh), Raigad (Maharashtra), and Ranipet (Tamil Nadu).

- ❖ The projects are being developed under the Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) 2021–26.
- ❖ Mega Leather Clusters are industrial parks that provide common infrastructure, logistics facilities, and manufacturing support for the leather and footwear industries.
- ❖ Some clusters will also include Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) for treating wastewater generated by leather processing units.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU Market Access for Aquaculture Exports



- ❖ India secured continued access to the European Union (EU) market for exports of aquaculture products, honey, and eggs under the amended EU regulatory framework.

- ❖ The European Union included India in its list of authorised countries eligible to export these products beyond September 2026.
- ❖ The new regulations were introduced to address concerns related to Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in food products.
- ❖ India's exports of fish and fishery products to the European Union are valued at around \$1.59 billion, making the EU an important export market.
- ❖ The achievement followed coordination by the Department of Commerce, Export Inspection Council (EIC), and Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).

ECONOMY NEWS

Current Account Surplus in Q4 FY26



- ❖ India recorded a current account surplus of \$7.1 billion (0.7% of GDP) in the fourth quarter (January–March) of FY26, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ The surplus was driven by strong services exports and record remittance inflows from Indians living abroad.
- ❖ Net services receipts increased to \$60.4 billion in Q4 FY26 from \$53.3 billion a year earlier.
- ❖ Personal remittance receipts reached a record \$43.5 billion, compared to \$33.9 billion in Q4 FY25.
- ❖ India's merchandise trade deficit stood at \$83.4 billion during the quarter, while the overall Balance of Payments (BoP) recorded a surplus of \$7.2 billion.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Yellow Puffball Mushroom

- ❖ A rare Yellow Puffball Mushroom was documented in Zedua village, Longding district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ *Bovista colorata* is a puffball fungus known for its bright yellow, round fruiting body.
- ❖ Puffball mushrooms produce spores inside a closed structure and release them when the outer wall ruptures.
- ❖ *Bovista* belongs to the Agaricaceae family and plays an important role in decomposition and nutrient recycling.



STATE NEWS

Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative



- ❖ The initiative was reviewed during a high-level meeting between the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Maharashtra Government on 27 May 2026.
- ❖ Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari is a nationwide water conservation initiative launched in September 2024.
- ❖ It promotes community participation in creating rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge structures.
- ❖ The programme follows the 3Cs framework – Community Participation, low Cost, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
- ❖ Its objective is to improve water availability in water-stressed and over-exploited districts through low-cost conservation measures.

SPORTS NEWS

World Yogasana Championship 2026

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FINAL RESULTS					
RANK	COUNTRY				TOTAL
1	INDIA	102	9	3	114
2	JAPAN	3	3	5	11
3	ARGENTINA	2	3	0	05
4	SINGAPORE	2	2	3	07
5	NEPAL	1	36	15	52
6	UZBEKISTAN	1	13	11	25
7	ZAMBIA	1	5	8	14
8	INDONESIA	1	2	4	07
9	RUSSIA	1	1	2	04
10	UNITED STATES	1	0	4	05

- ❖ India topped the medal tally at the inaugural World Yogasana Championship 2026 held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❖ India won 114 medals, including 102 gold medals, and finished first among 79 participating countries.
- ❖ Japan secured second place, while Argentina finished third in the medal standings.



- ❖ The championship is an international competition for Yogasana, featuring standardised yoga postures and routines.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Jian changmaensis in China

NEW FOUR WINGED GLIDING DINOSAUR JIAN CHANGMAENSIS EXPANDS MICRORAPTOR RANGE ACROSS ANCIENT CHINA REVEALING SURPRISING EARLY CRETACEOUS ECOSYSTEM CONNECTIONS AND EVOLUTIONARY INSIGHTS

- ❖ Scientists have discovered a new feathered gliding dinosaur species named Jian changmaensis in China.
- ❖ The 120-million-year-old fossil was found in the Changma Basin of Gansu Province, northwestern China.
- ❖ Jian changmaensis belongs to Microraptoria, a group of small feathered predatory dinosaurs from the Early Cretaceous period.
- ❖ It is the first confirmed microraptor fossil discovered outside northeastern China, extending the known range of microraptors in Asia.

