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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Russia, during the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) 2026, offered India the Su-57 fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft for joint development, manufacturing, and technology transfer.
 - India had earlier withdrawn from the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) programme with Russia in 2018.
- ❖ South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has nominated Han Seong-sook as the country's new Prime Minister.
- ❖ The Ministry of Defence has approved its first-ever 250 Megawatt (MW) Solar Power Project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on vacant defence land at Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the first export of GI-tagged Tezpur Litchi from Assam to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
 - Tezpur Litchi received Geographical Indication (GI) status in 2013.
- ❖ Anthropic has launched Claude Fable 5, its most capable, widely released Artificial Intelligence (AI) model, along with Claude Mythos 5.
- ❖ The Union Home Minister inaugurated the Land Port Management System (LPMS) – Vinimay, a digital platform for managing operations at India's international land ports.
 - Vinimay aims to reduce paperwork, speed up border clearance, improve security, and facilitate cross-border trade.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh launched Project GANGA (Government Assisted Network for Growth and Advancement) to provide fibre-based broadband connectivity to rural households.
 - The project aims to connect about 20 lakh families to high-speed internet services.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

First Pink Police Booth - Ponneri

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's first Pink Police Booth was inaugurated at Ponneri under the Avadi Police Commissionerate.
- ❖ It will cover an area comprising 15 village panchayats.

- ❖ The Pink Police Booth was launched to make girls and women feel safer and to improve security in the locality.
- ❖ The booth will also have a library with books on ethics and competitive examinations, including preparation materials for TNPSC.
- ❖ The initiative aims to provide a women-friendly space where girl students can approach the police without fear associated with visiting a traditional police station.



NATIONAL NEWS

First Women NDA Batch



- ❖ Nine women cadets from the first women batch of the National Defence Academy (NDA) were commissioned as officers in the Indian Army during the Passing Out Parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The parade marked the completion of the 158th Regular Course and 141st Technical Graduate Course.
- ❖ The Indian Military Academy (IMA) is located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, and was established in 1932 to train officers for the Indian Army.
- ❖ Additionally, five women cadets from the first NDA women batch were commissioned into the Indian Air Force at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Nutrition Challenge for Anaemia

This **Request for Proposals (RFP)** invites researchers, startups, food industry partners, academic institutions, and non-profit organisations to develop **innovative food solutions** that combine:

- ✓ **Nutritional efficacy** and bioavailability
- ✓ **Consumer desirability**, diets, and taste appeal
- ✓ **Behavioural** and consumer insights
- ✓ **Affordability and scalability** across diverse Indian contexts
- ✓ Formats aligned with **modern lifestyles** and daily consumption habits

- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Gates Foundation launched a ₹1 crore Grand Challenge in New Delhi to develop iron-rich food products for controlling anaemia in India.
- ❖ The challenge targets adolescent girls and women of reproductive age, among whom nearly one in two (about 50%) are affected by anaemia in India.
- ❖ The programme offers grants of up to ₹1 crore for one-year prototype development and is open to researchers, startups, food companies and non-profit organisations.

- ❖ The proposed products should provide 4–5 mg of iron per serving and be affordable, scalable and regionally acceptable.
- ❖ Suggested product formats include fortified snacks, savoury bites, beverages, gummies and chewables.
- ❖ Fortification is the process of adding micronutrients to food products to improve their nutritional value.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ILO Convention on Gig Workers



- ❖ The International Labour Organisation adopted Convention No. 193: Concerning Decent Work in the Platform Economy at its 114th Session in Geneva.
- ❖ The convention is the first global treaty to establish binding labour standards for gig and platform workers.
- ❖ It covers both online and location-based workers, including delivery and taxi workers, in the formal and informal sectors.
- ❖ The treaty guarantees fair pay, correct worker classification, social security, freedom of association, non-discrimination and safe working conditions.
- ❖ It requires algorithmic transparency, giving workers the right to seek human review of important automated decisions such as account deactivation or withheld payments.
- ❖ The convention will come into force 12 months after at least two member states ratify it.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Coral Translocation - Great Nicobar

4 sites on Nicobar west coast identified for coral translocation, says Zoological Survey of India



- ❖ The Zoological Survey of India has identified four new sites for coral translocation in Great Nicobar Island.
- ❖ It aims to protect coral colonies and giant clams affected by the proposed transshipment port at Galathea.
- ❖ Coral translocation is the physical relocation of corals from unsuitable areas to places where they can survive and grow better.
- ❖ The translocated coral colonies will be monitored using Global Positioning System (GPS) tags.
- ❖ Corals are invertebrate animals belonging to the phylum Cnidaria, and each coral is made up of tiny organisms called polyps.
- ❖ Corals obtain their colour from microscopic algae called zooxanthellae, which live in a symbiotic relationship with them.
- ❖ Healthy corals require warm, clear and shallow waters, usually at temperatures between 23°C and 29°C.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Peace Index 2026

- ❖ The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026 has been released, ranking countries based on their levels of peace and safety.

- ❖ The Global Peace Index (GPI) is published annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP).
- ❖ Iceland was ranked as the world's most peaceful country for the 19th consecutive year.
- ❖ The top five peaceful countries are Iceland, New Zealand, Switzerland, Slovenia and Ireland.
- ❖ India's rank fell to 127th place in 2026 from 115th place in 2025, with its peacefulness score declining by 2.9%.
- ❖ Russia was ranked as the least peaceful country in the world.



STATE NEWS

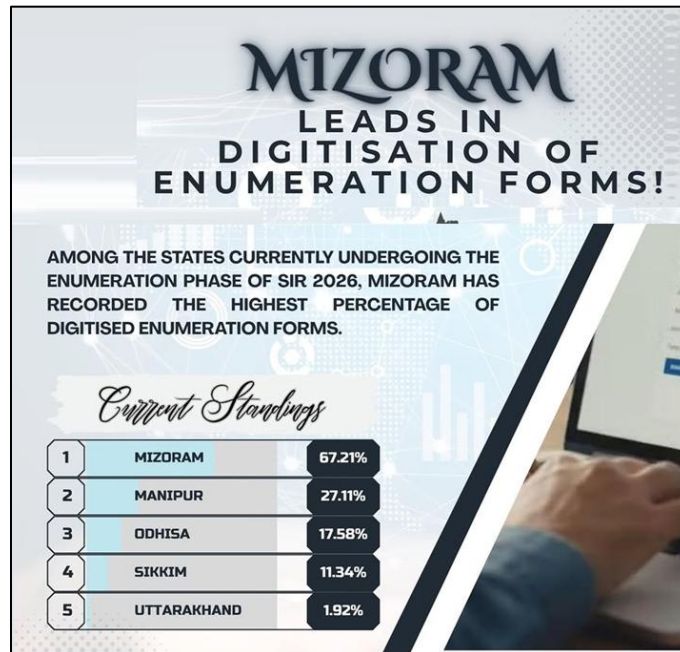
1,400 Year Old Inscriptions - Nallamala Tiger Reserve

- ❖ The Epigraphy Branch of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) documented and copied 25 ancient inscriptions in the Nallamala Tiger Reserve, spread across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- ❖ The inscriptions date from the 2nd century CE to the 16th century CE, covering nearly 1,400 years of history.
- ❖ The inscriptions are written in Telugu, Kannada, Prakrit, and Brahmi script.
- ❖ The records are linked to the Satavahana, Eastern Chalukya, Kalyani Chalukya, Potapi Chola, Kakatiya, Reddy, and Vijayanagara periods.

- ❖ Ancient megalithic and early historic rock art, preliminarily dated to about 1500 BCE, was also discovered near Alatom on the banks of the Krishna River.



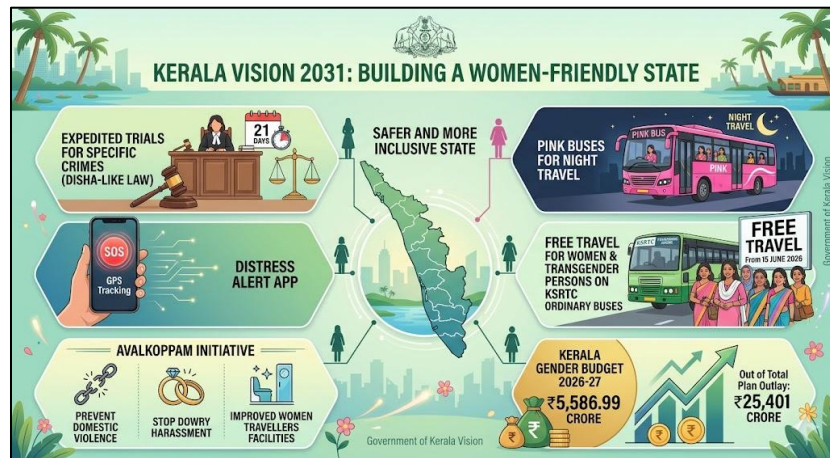
Mizoram in Electoral Roll Digitization



- ❖ Mizoram recorded 68.05% digitisation of enumeration forms under the third phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls as of 12 June 2026, ranking first among 16 States and 3 Union Territories.
- ❖ The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Mizoram began on 20 May 2026, and the enumerations phase will continue until 28 June 2026.
- ❖ Khawzawl district recorded the highest digitisation at 96.16%, followed by Champhai district (92.57%) and Serchhip district (90.93%).

- ❖ Mizoram distributed 99.90% of enumeration forms through 1,301 Block Level Officers (BLOs) by 12 June 2026.
- ❖ Block Level Officers (BLOs) are field-level officials responsible for voter verification, form distribution and household-level enumeration.

Kerala Vision 2031



- ❖ The Government of Kerala proposed Vision 2031, a policy roadmap to make the state the most women-friendly state in India.
- ❖ The policy proposes a law on the lines of Andhra Pradesh's Disha Act for expedited trials within 21 days for specified crimes against women.
- ❖ It includes a Distress Alert App, Pink buses for night travel, and the Priyadarshini scheme, which provides free travel for women and transgender persons on Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) ordinary buses from 15 June 2026.
- ❖ The Avalkoppam initiative aims to prevent domestic violence and dowry harassment and improve facilities for women travellers.
- ❖ Kerala's Gender Budget for 2026-27 is ₹5,586.99 crore, out of a total plan outlay of ₹25,401 crore.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Prehistoric Cave Discovery - Israel

- ❖ Archaeologists discovered a prehistoric cave near Fureidis, south of Haifa in northern Israel.
- ❖ The cave dates to 400,000–250,000 years ago and belongs to the Acheulo-Yabrudian culture of the late Lower Paleolithic period.

- ❖ Excavations uncovered flint tools, including small handaxes, scrapers and blades, along with animal remains of fallow deer, gazelle, ancient horses, wild cattle and donkeys.
- ❖ Evidence of fire use, prolonged human occupation and water sources inside the cave suggests repeated habitation by hunter-gatherer groups.
- ❖ The Acheulo-Yabrudian culture is an archaeological culture of the Levant region (West Asia) and represents the transition between the Lower and Middle Paleolithic periods.

