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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Ambubachi Mela 2026 is held at Kamakhya Temple, Assam, which is a monsoon festival linked to the spiritual rest of Maa Kamakhya and the Sun's transition from Gemini to Cancer with astrological significance.
- ❖ The Northeast's largest organic spice processing plant was inaugurated at Bhoirymbong, Ri Bhoi district, Meghalaya.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Police Grade-II Constable J. Gowthami has qualified for the women's 800 metres event at the 2026 Asian Games to be held in Nagoya, Japan.
  - She won the gold medal in the women's 800 m at the 65th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ❖ The Meghalaya State Zoo recorded the first successful birth of a Stump-tailed Macaque (*Macaca arctoides*) in June 2026.
  - The Stump-tailed Macaque is a primate species found in South and Southeast Asia and is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.
- ❖ International Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed every year on 27 June to recognize the contribution of MSMEs to economic growth and sustainable development.
  - The theme for the year 2026 is "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development."

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Chief Minister's Police Medals 2026

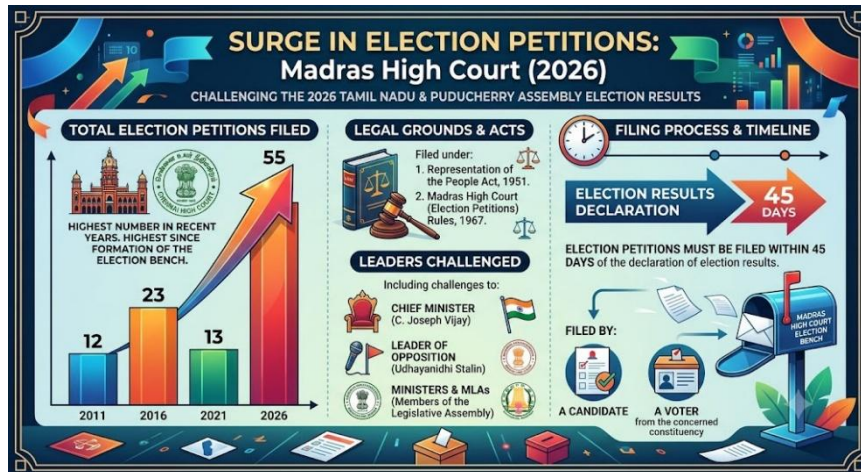
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Government has announced the Chief Minister's Police Medals for outstanding work in eradicating drug production and preventing illicit drug trafficking in the State since 2023.
- ❖ The medals will be presented by the Chief Minister on Independence Day (15 August 2026).
- ❖ A total of 15 police personnel, from the ranks of Superintendent of Police (SP) to Head Constable and Special Sub-Inspector, have been selected for the award.
- ❖ Some of the awardees are Vivekananda Shukla (Superintendent of Police, Cuddalore), G. Chandesh (Superintendent of Police, Ramanathapuram), S. Lakshmanan (Additional Superintendent of Police, Narcotics Intelligence Bureau-Crime Investigation Department (NIB-CID)), V. Manoj Kumar (Assistant

Commissioner of Police, Anti-Narcotic Intelligence Unit (ANIU)), and M. Kannan (Inspector of Police).

- ❖ The awards recognise outstanding service in detecting drug offences, seizing narcotic substances, and taking action against illegal drug trafficking networks.



## Surge in Election Petitions in Madras High Court



- ❖ The Madras High Court has received about 55 election petitions challenging the results of the 2026 Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Assembly elections, the highest number in recent years.
- ❖ The petitions have been filed under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and the Madras High Court (Election Petitions) Rules, 1967.
- ❖ The petitions challenge the election of several leaders, including Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, Leader of the Opposition, Udhayanidhi Stalin, and some Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs).

- ❖ Election petitions must be filed within 45 days from the date of the declaration of election results by a candidate or a voter from the concerned constituency.
- ❖ The number of petitions increased from 12 (2011) to 23 (2016), 13 (2021), and about 55 (2026), making it the highest since the formation of the Madras High Court Election Bench.

### **Anti-Drug Run 2026**



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister flagged off and participated in the 'Anti-Drug Run 2026' in Chennai on 26 June 2026 to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- ❖ The event was organised by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) to promote a healthy lifestyle and create awareness against drug abuse.
- ❖ The Chief Minister ran with the participants and signed the anti-drug pledge with the message "Sports-ah edu, drugs-ah vidu" (Take up sports, give up drugs).
- ❖ Several eminent sportspersons, including Sharath Kamal, Joshna Chinappa, V. Baskaran, and Anitha Pauldurai, also participated in the event.

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **e-Zero FIR for Cyber Fraud**

- ❖ Indian Prime Minister, during the 52nd PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) meeting, directed all States to implement the e-Zero FIR system for cyber financial fraud cases.

- ❖ e-Zero FIR is a digital system that converts verified cyber financial fraud complaints into Zero First Information Reports (Zero FIRs), allowing cases to be registered at any police station before transfer to the concerned police station.
- ❖ The system covers cyber financial fraud complaints above ₹10 lakh reported through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) or the 1930 cybercrime helpline.
- ❖ It is integrated with the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to enable faster registration and investigation of cybercrime cases.
- ❖ The initiative aims to ensure quick action during the "golden hour" to improve the chances of recovering money lost in cyber fraud.

# e-Zero FIR

## *Fast-Tracking Cyber Justice*

Launched in Delhi (Pilot Phase)

An initiative of the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI

-  Automatically converts cyber frauds reported via NCRP/1930 into FIRs.
-  Initially above the threshold limit of ₹10 lakh.
-  Enables swift action against cybercriminals.
-  Helps in faster recovery of lost funds.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **16<sup>th</sup> BRICS National Security Advisers' Meeting**

- ❖ India, as the BRICS Chair for 2026, hosted the 16th BRICS National Security Advisers' (NSA) Meeting in New Delhi under the chairmanship of National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.

- ❖ The meeting focused on "Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today", including cybersecurity, terrorism, artificial intelligence (AI), and technology governance.
- ❖ India's 2026 BRICS Chairship is based on the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."
- ❖ The BRICS Chairmanship rotates annually among the member countries, and India is holding the Chair for the fourth time after 2012, 2016, and 2021.
- ❖ The National Security Advisers' (NSA) Meeting is a key preparatory meeting for the BRICS Leaders' Summit, which will be hosted by India later in 2026.



### State of Emergency - Bolivia



- ❖ Bolivia's Parliament approved a nationwide State of Emergency declared by President Rodrigo Paz to end a 50-day protest and highway blockade crisis.

- ❖ The protests disrupted the supply of food, fuel, and medicines after major highways across the country were blocked.
- ❖ The unrest began after the government reduced long-standing fuel subsidies to control the fiscal deficit amid a foreign currency (US dollar) shortage.
- ❖ After the emergency declaration, several protest groups agreed to remove road blockades, and the national highway authority reported no active protest-related blockades.
- ❖ The government continues to deploy police and military forces to restore normalcy, while discussions continue to address the protesters' demands.

## ECONOMY NEWS

### Lead Bank Scheme Guidelines 2026



**WHAT IS LEAD BANK SCHEME?**

A framework under which one bank is designated as "Lead Bank" for each district – responsible for coordinating credit flow, financial inclusion and development activities with all banks, state govt & agencies.

 **Launched: December 1969**  
Recommended by the Gadgil Study Group & Nariman Committee.

 **Coverage: Every District in India**  
One commercial bank assigned as Lead Bank per district.

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued revised Lead Bank Scheme guidelines on 19 June 2026 through an official circular, replacing earlier instructions.
- ❖ The Lead Bank Scheme is a district-level banking coordination system for credit planning and financial inclusion in India.
- ❖ Each district is assigned one lead bank, and the revised framework mandates a dedicated Lead District Manager with staff and infrastructure support.
- ❖ The system operates through a three-tier structure: Block Level Bankers' Committees (BLBC), District Consultative Committees (DCC), and State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBC).

- ❖ The RBI retained the 60% Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio benchmark for rural and semi-urban branches and strengthened its focus on Agriculture and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

### **Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar System**



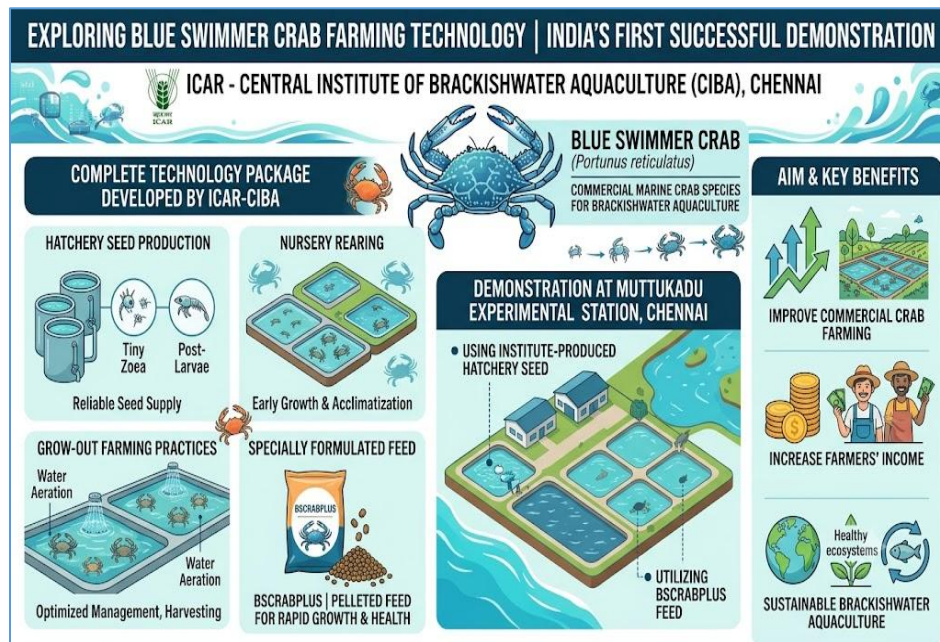
- ❖ Canada signed a \$2.5 billion agreement with Australia and BAE Systems Australia to acquire an Arctic Over-the-Horizon Radar (A-OTHR) system.
- ❖ The A-OTHR uses high-frequency radio waves reflected from the ionosphere to detect aircraft and missiles beyond the normal radar range.
- ❖ The system is based on Australia's Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) technology and supports Canada's North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) modernisation programme.
- ❖ NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command) is a joint defence organisation of Canada and the United States.
- ❖ The project is expected to achieve initial operational capability by December 2029 and create about 2,270 jobs annually in Canada during 2026–2033.

## **ENVIRONMENT NEWS**

### **Blue Swimmer Crab Farming Technology**

- ❖ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture (ICAR-CIBA), Chennai, successfully demonstrated India's first Blue Swimmer Crab farming technology.

- ❖ The Blue Swimmer Crab is scientifically known as *Portunus reticulatus* and is an important commercial marine crab species used in brackish water aquaculture.
- ❖ ICAR-CIBA developed a complete technology package, including hatchery, nursery rearing, grow-out farming practices, and a specially formulated pelleted feed called BSCrabPlus.
- ❖ The demonstration was conducted at the Muttukadu Experimental Station, Chennai, using institute-produced hatchery seed and BSCrabPlus feed.
- ❖ The technology aims to improve commercial crab farming, increase farmers' income, and support sustainable brackish water aquaculture in India.



## STATE NEWS

### Three Language Formula Issue - Nagaland

- ❖ The Association of Unaided Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools in Nagaland opposed CBSE's mandate to implement the Three-Language Formula under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ❖ Nagaland has 17 major tribal languages and no single common regional language, while English is the official language and medium of instruction.
- ❖ The state faces a shortage of trained teachers, textbooks, and a standard curriculum for implementing multiple languages.
- ❖ The Three-Language Formula was first recommended by the Kothari Commission (1964-66) and adopted in the National Policy on Education (1968).

- ❖ NEP 2020 allows students to study three languages with flexibility, but CBSE requires at least two Indian languages up to Class 10.
- ❖ By census and mathematical measures (like the Herfindahl-Hirschmann Index), Nagaland ranks as the most linguistically diverse state.
- ❖ It is home to at least 14 recognized languages and 17 dialects spoken by its major tribes.

