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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) has completed the installation of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) at Unit-5 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet reappointed Tushar Mehta as the Solicitor General of India for a three-year term beginning 1 July 2026.
 - The Solicitor General of India is the second-highest law officer of the Union Government after the Attorney General of India.
- ❖ UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned as Labour Party leader, while continuing in office until a successor is elected.
- ❖ Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the first-ever commercial export of dried whole egg powder of 22.6 metric tonnes from Balangir, Odisha, to Austria.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has appointed K. Venkata Narayana as its Special Representative in New Delhi.
 - The Special Representative coordinates with Union Ministries and follows up on infrastructure, finance, development projects, and policy matters concerning the State.
- ❖ Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister inaugurated the restored Muzhiyan Kulam, a 400-year-old, 2-acre historic pond in Pooranankuppam, Puducherry, believed to date back to the Pallava period.
 - The pond has traditionally served as a source of drinking water and irrigation for the village and contains four natural spring-fed wells.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign 2026

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched the Pulse Polio Immunisation Campaign in Chennai as part of the nationwide drive.
- ❖ The State aims to administer oral polio vaccine to 52.91 lakh children below 5 years at 43,051 vaccination centres.
- ❖ Transit vaccination booths have been set up at bus terminals, railway stations, airports, toll plazas, and check posts to cover children on the move.
- ❖ The campaign also covers children of migrant workers residing in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ More than 2 lakh health workers, anganwadi workers, teachers, and volunteers have been deployed for the drive.



NATIONAL NEWS

Immigration Port Network - Haldia

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
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41st SEAPORT IMMIGRATION POST IN INDIA



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- ❖ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has designated Haldia Seaport, West Bengal, as an Immigration Post.

- ❖ Haldia has become India's 41st seaport immigration post, facilitating the entry and exit of international passengers.
- ❖ The Haldia Dock Complex was built in 1968 to reduce the load on Kolkata Port, and international operations began in 1977.
- ❖ Earlier, Dahej, Sikka, and Tuna Tekra ports in Gujarat were also designated as immigration posts.
- ❖ The move aims to boost maritime trade, international connectivity, and tourism through the eastern coast.

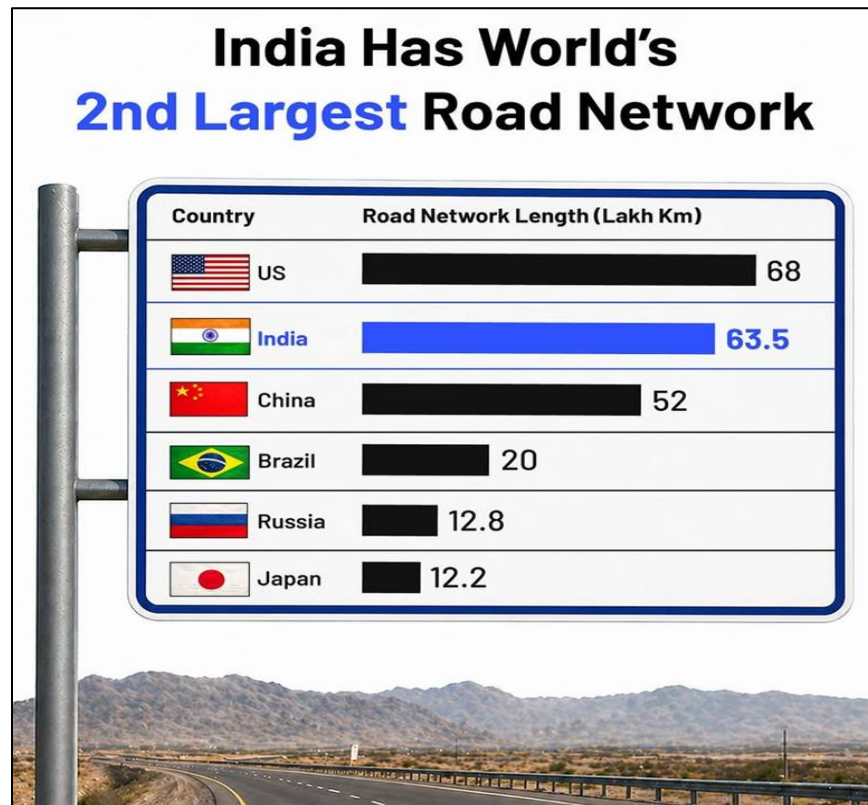
Digital Interventions in the Criminal Justice System of India



- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) launched four new digital applications to speed up investigation, prosecution, and forensic processes in the criminal justice system.
- ❖ The four apps are Abhigyan, CrPI, e-Prosecution 2.0, and e-Forensics 2.0, launched by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ The NCRB, established in 1986 in New Delhi, is the central repository for crime and criminal data in India.
- ❖ Abhigyan App enables real-time fingerprint-based identification of individuals using the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) database.

- ❖ The CrPI system uses facial recognition, iris scanning, and DNA matching for identifying suspects and repeat offenders.
- ❖ e-Forensics 2.0 connects forensic laboratories nationwide and manages digital case tracking and reports.
- ❖ e-Prosecution 2.0 integrates police, prosecution, and judicial systems for faster legal processing and coordination.

India's Road Network



- ❖ According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), India continues to have the world's second-largest road network.
- ❖ The road network handles nearly 64% of freight movement and 90% of passenger transport in the country.
- ❖ India's road development evolved through phases, including the Nagpur Plan (1943–1961), Bombay Plan (1961–1981), and Lucknow Plan (1981–2001) under the Indian Roads Congress (IRC).
- ❖ The National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in 1998 led to major corridors like the Golden Quadrilateral and North–South, East–West corridors.
- ❖ The current phase focuses on integrated planning through Bharatmala Pariyojana and PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (2021).

- ❖ The system now aims to develop economic corridors linking industrial, logistics, and trade hubs across India.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India-UAE Strategic Defense Partnership



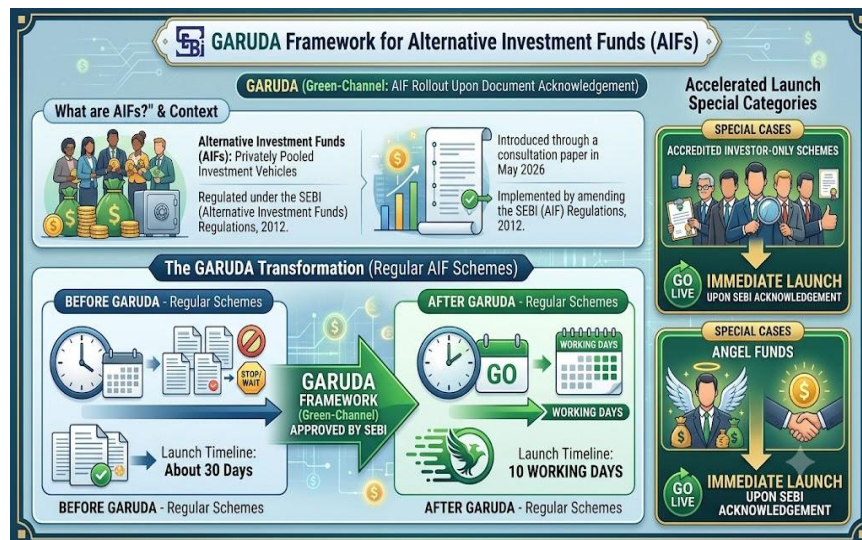
- ❖ India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are in talks for the export of the BrahMos supersonic missile and the Akashteer air-defence system.
- ❖ BrahMos is an India-Russia joint venture supersonic cruise missile, while Akashteer is an AI-enabled air-defence command and control system developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- ❖ The proposed deal aims to strengthen the UAE's air defence and help secure the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil trade route.
- ❖ Export of BrahMos requires Russia's approval, and its export range is limited to 290 km under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) guidelines.
- ❖ India became a member of the MTCR in 2016, supporting its defence export ambitions under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

ECONOMY NEWS

GARUDA Framework for Alternative Investment Funds

- ❖ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved the GARUDA framework for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).

- ❖ GARUDA (Green-Channel: AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement) reduces the launch timeline for regular AIF schemes from about 30 days to 10 working days.
- ❖ Accredited Investor-only schemes and Angel Funds can launch immediately after SEBI acknowledges their documents.
- ❖ Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) are privately pooled investment vehicles regulated under the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012.
- ❖ The framework was introduced through a consultation paper issued in May 2026 and implemented by amending the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012.



REPORTS AND INDICES

NCB Report 2025

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs released the NCB Annual Report 2025 and Vision Document on Drug Control (2026–2029), highlighting rising drug trafficking and new synthetic drug challenges in India.
- ❖ Global drug users have reached 316 million, showing a significant rise over the last decade.
- ❖ India is highly vulnerable due to its location between the Golden Crescent and Golden Triangle drug production zones.
- ❖ Traffickers increasingly use darknet platforms, cryptocurrency, and messaging apps like Telegram and WhatsApp for drug sales and laundering.
- ❖ In 2025, NCB registered 702 cases with an increased focus on cyber patrolling and inter-agency coordination.

- ❖ The Vision Document (2026–2029) is based on 4 pillars: enforcement, precursor control, demand reduction, and capacity building.



STATE NEWS

Lakadong Turmeric - Meghalaya

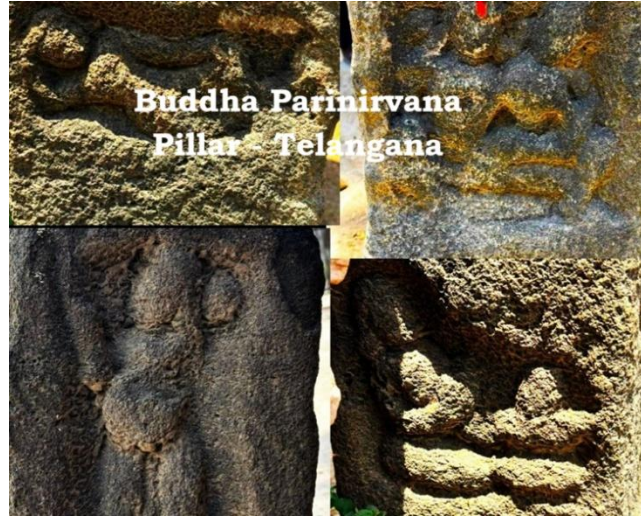
LAKADONG TURMERIC

Takes centre stage as Prime Minister Narendra Modi presents Meghalaya's GI-Tagged spice to World Leaders at the 52nd G7 Summit in Évian-les-Bains, France

- ❖ Lakadong Turmeric from Meghalaya gained global recognition after being showcased at the 52nd G7 Summit in France.
- ❖ It received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2024 and is known for its high curcumin content (7–12%), compared to 2–3% in wide commercial varieties.

- ❖ It is traditionally grown using organic farming by about 14,000 farmers in 43 villages of the Jaintia Hills, Eastern Meghalaya.
- ❖ The North East's largest organic spice processing unit for Lakadong Turmeric was inaugurated in Bhoirymbong, Ri-Bhoi district, Meghalaya, on 19 June 2026.
- ❖ India has set a target of USD 1 billion in turmeric exports by 2030.

Buddha Parinirvana Pillar – Telangana



- ❖ A rare four-sided stone pillar with a Buddha Parinirvana sculpture was discovered in Bhimsari village, Adilabad district, Telangana.
- ❖ The 10th-century CE pillar combines Buddhist, Vaishnavite, and Shaivite carvings on a single monument.
- ❖ Its four sides depict Buddha Parinirvana, Vishnu Sayana Murti, a heroic warrior, and Uma Lingana Murti.
- ❖ Parinirvana refers to the final passing away of Gautama Buddha at Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The discovery is the first known monument of its kind in Telangana, highlighting the coexistence of multiple religious traditions in the medieval Deccan.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Indian Athletics Awards 2026

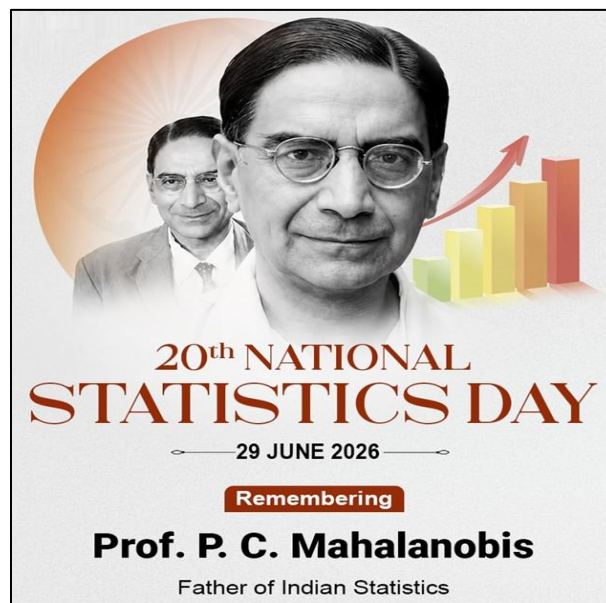
- ❖ Athletics Federation of India (AFI) launched the first-ever Indian Athletic Awards in New Delhi to recognise contributions to Indian athletics.

- ❖ The awards recognise athletes, coaches, technical officials, state associations, sponsors, and supporting organisations.
- ❖ A total of 10 categories will be awarded, including Best Male Athlete, Best Female Athlete, Best Coach, and Best State Association of 2025.
- ❖ Three Lifetime Achievement Awards will also be given to individuals for long-term contributions to athletics.
- ❖ The initiative aims to strengthen India's sporting ecosystem by recognising performance and support at all levels.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Statistics Day 2026 - June 29



- ❖ The day observed to mark the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra (P.C.) Mahalanobis, the father of modern statistics in India.

- ❖ It has been observed since 2007 to promote the importance of statistics in planning, governance, and policy-making.
- ❖ The day is organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and the National Statistical Office (NSO).
- ❖ P.C. Mahalanobis founded the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1931 and established the National Sample Survey (NSS) in 1950.
- ❖ He developed the Mahalanobis Distance (D^2 Statistic) and the Mahalanobis Model, which guided India's Second Five-Year Plan.

