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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Government of India will launch Prashast 2.0 to identify 21 types of disabilities, support early screening of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) in schools, simplify certification, and link students to Samagra Shiksha.
- ❖ London Marathon 2026 saw Sebastian Sawe from Kenya become the first athlete to run a sub-two-hour marathon in an official race, finishing in 1 hour 59 minutes 30 seconds.
- ❖ FIDE (International Chess Federation) has been admitted as a member of the International World Games Association, with the decision approved at its Annual General Meeting in Lausanne
- ❖ The 13th Sur Jyotsna National Music Awards were held in New Delhi to honour Indian classical music artists, where Hindustani vocalists Sumitra Guha and Pandit Laxman Krishnarao Pandit were recognised for their lifelong contribution to music.
- ❖ Google plans to set up a \$15 billion Artificial Intelligence hub in Visakhapatnam, which will include energy-efficient “green” data centres to support Artificial Intelligence development and large-scale data processing.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Marine Fish Landings 2025

TOP 5 STATES IN MARINE FISH LANDINGS (2025)		
1	Tamil Nadu	6.85 lakh tonnes (+1% YoY)
2	Gujarat	6.43 lakh tonnes (-15% YoY)
3	Kerala	6.24 lakh tonnes (+2% YoY)
4	Karnataka	5.78 lakh tonnes (+44% YoY)
5	Maharashtra	3.66 lakh tonnes (+18% YoY)

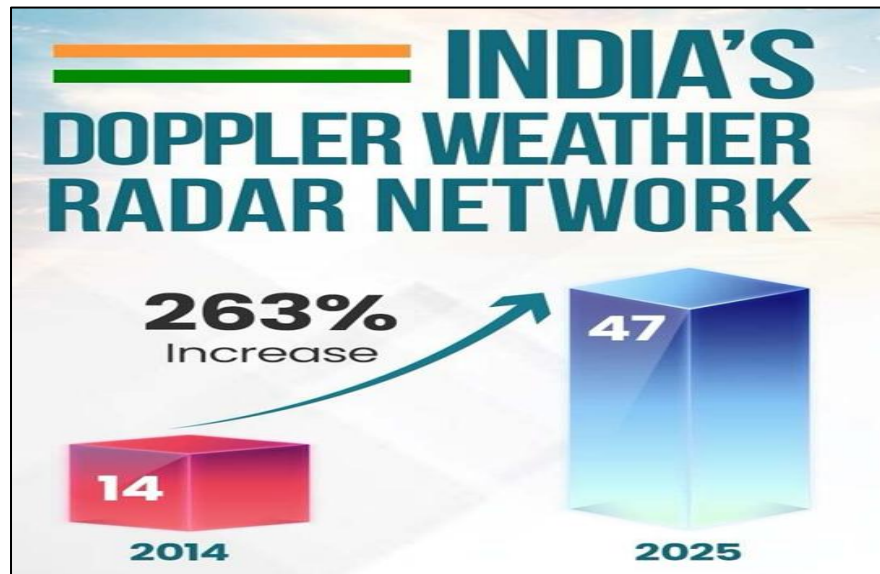


- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded the highest marine fish landings in India in 2025.
- ❖ The State landed about 6.85 lakh tonnes of fish, slightly higher than 6.79 lakh tonnes in 2024.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu surpassed Gujarat, which recorded 6.43 lakh tonnes in 2025.
- ❖ Mechanised boats contributed 71.7% of total landings, followed by motorised boats (28.2%).

- ❖ Kanniyakumari (23%) recorded the highest share, followed by Thoothukudi (16%) and Pudukkottai (14%).

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Doppler Weather Radar Expansion in India

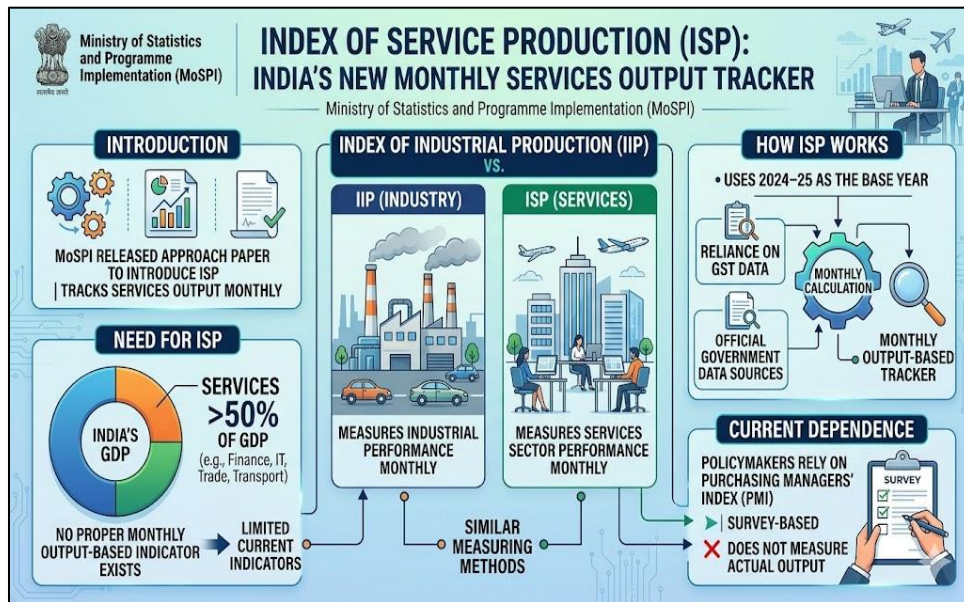


- ❖ India has expanded its Doppler Weather Radar network to 50 units by 2026, improving weather forecasting across the country.
- ❖ The number of radars increased from 14 in 2014 to 50, showing more than 250% growth in the network.
- ❖ These radars now cover about 87% of India, helping in better monitoring of weather conditions.
- ❖ They help in the accurate prediction of cyclones, heavy rainfall, and thunderstorms, improving disaster preparedness.
- ❖ The system is managed by the India Meteorological Department under Mission Mausam.
- ❖ Around 50 more radars are planned to further strengthen early warning systems and weather services.

### Index of Service Production

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released an approach paper to introduce the Index of Service Production (ISP) to track services output monthly.

- ❖ ISP will measure the performance of the services sector every month, similar to the Index of Industrial Production for industry.
- ❖ It uses 2024–25 as the base year and mainly relies on GST data along with official government data sources.
- ❖ It is needed because services form more than half of India’s GDP, but there is no proper monthly output-based indicator at present.
- ❖ Currently, policymakers depend on the Purchasing Managers' Index, which is survey-based and does not measure actual output.



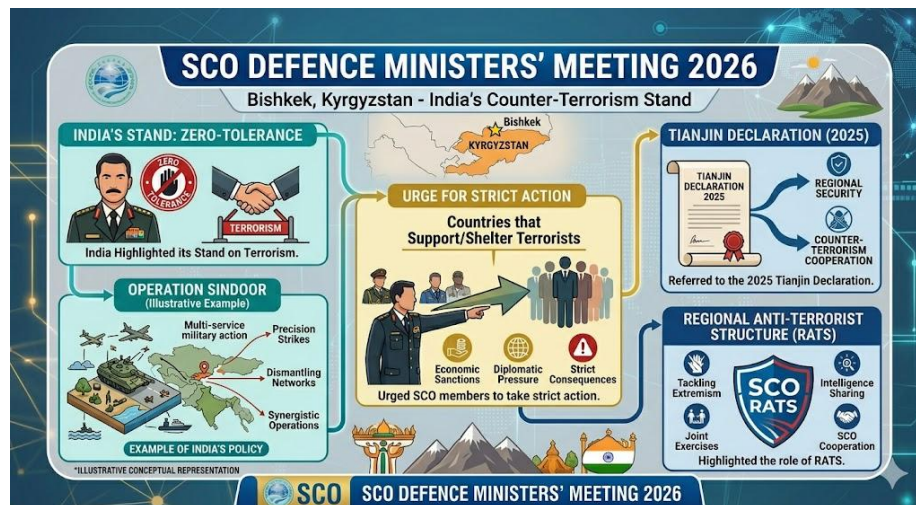
**Ending Live-In Relationship – SC**

The infographic reports on a Supreme Court ruling from April 27, 2026. It states that ending a long-term consensual relationship cannot be converted into a criminal offense by a false promise of marriage. Key facts include: a 15-year consensual live-in relationship, the couple had one child together, and a breakup alone is not a criminal offense.

- ❖ The Supreme Court of India ruled that ending a consensual live-in relationship is not a criminal offence.
- ❖ The court said a voluntary relationship cannot be treated as sexual assault or exploitation after separation.
- ❖ It clarified that live-in relationships do not have the same legal status as marriage under the law.
- ❖ The court allowed the woman to seek maintenance for the child under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).
- ❖ It noted that the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, covers relationships “in the nature of marriage”.
- ❖ The judgment emphasised that consent is key in deciding criminal liability in such cases.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting 2026



- ❖ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where India highlighted its stand on terrorism.
- ❖ India showcased Operation Sindoor as an example of its zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism.
- ❖ India urged SCO members to take strict action against countries that support or shelter terrorists.
- ❖ It referred to the Tianjin Declaration (2025), which focuses on regional security and counter-terrorism cooperation.

- ❖ India highlighted the role of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in tackling extremism.

## WTO Peace Clause by India



- ❖ India invoked the World Trade Organization peace clause for the 7th time with rice subsidies of \$7.6 billion.
- ❖ The peace clause was agreed at the WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali in 2013 as an interim arrangement.
- ❖ It allows developing countries to provide subsidies under public stockholding programmes for food security.
- ❖ It protects such subsidies from legal challenges in the WTO dispute settlement system, even if limits are exceeded.
- ❖ These subsidies are linked to the Minimum Support Price procurement of crops by the government.
- ❖ It is a temporary measure until a permanent solution to food security is agreed upon at the WTO.

## ECONOMY NEWS

### PaRRVA Framework

- ❖ The Securities and Exchange Board of India operationalised the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA).
- ❖ It verifies past risk and return data of financial market entities.
- ❖ CARE Ratings Limited is designated as PaRRVA, and the National Stock Exchange acts as PaRRVA Data Centre (PDC).

- ❖ It covers investment advisors, research services, and algorithmic trading performance.
- ❖ It allows the use of verified data in advertisements as per SEBI norms.
- ❖ It improves transparency and reduces misleading claims in financial markets.



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### Vikram VT 21 Armoured Platform



- ❖ Defence Research and Development Organisation launched the Vikram VT 21 project for advanced armoured vehicles.
- ❖ It includes wheeled and tracked platforms for the Indian Army's Futuristic Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV).
- ❖ It has strong armour protection against bullets, blasts, and shrapnel with high mobility on different terrains.

- ❖ It features a 30 mm crewless turret, machine gun, and Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM).
- ❖ It has amphibious capability and can operate in water using special propulsion systems.
- ❖ Around 65% of the system is made in India, aiming to increase indigenous defence production.

## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### New Climate Targets - India

Union Cabinet approves

### India's Nationally Determined Contribution (2031-2035) to be communicated to the UNFCCC

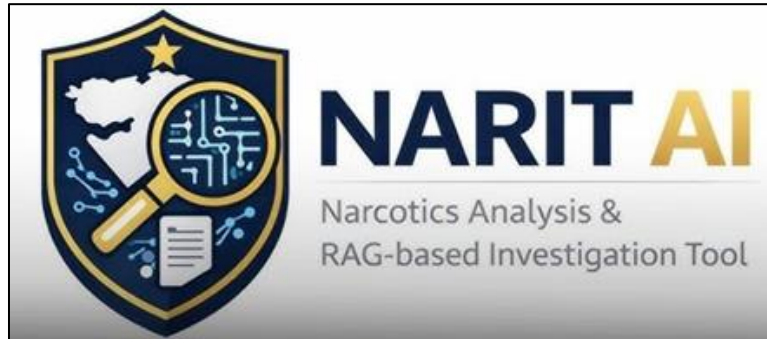
**India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) (2031-2035)**

- To **reduce Emissions Intensity** of its GDP by **47%** by 2035 from 2005 level
- To **achieve 60% cumulative electric power** installed capacity **from non-fossil fuel-based energy** resources by 2035
- To create Carbon Sink of **3.5 to 4.0 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>** equivalent through Forest and Tree Cover by 2035 from 2005 level
- India's commitments are aligned with **vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and Net-Zero by 2070**

- ❖ India submitted updated NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) for 2031–35 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change under the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ Targets include 60% power capacity from non-fossil fuels and 47% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP (from 2005 levels) by 2035.
- ❖ India aims to create a carbon sink of 3.5–4 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> through increased forest and tree cover.
- ❖ It emphasised that achieving targets depends on financial support, technology transfer, and capacity building from developed countries.
- ❖ India has already achieved over 52.5% non-fossil fuel capacity and reduced emissions intensity by 36% (2005–2020).

## STATE NEWS

### NARIT AI Tool



- ❖ Gujarat Police developed NARIT AI, the first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tool in India for narcotics investigation.
- ❖ NARIT AI (Narcotics Analysis and Retrieval Augmented Generation-based Investigation Tool) supports police in handling drug-related cases.
- ❖ It analyses the First Information Report (FIR) and generates detailed investigation reports.
- ❖ It is based on Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) technology and uses laws like the NDPS Act (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985).
- ❖ It provides evidence checklists, legal guidance, and predicts possible defence arguments in court.

### Maharashtra Day 2026 - May 01

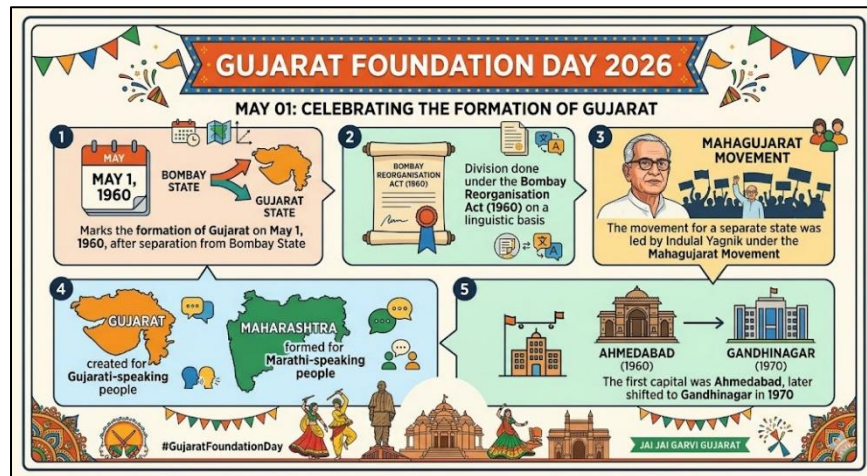


- ❖ It marks the formation of Maharashtra on May 1, 1960, after the division of Bombay State.

- ❖ The division was done under the Bombay Reorganisation Act (1960) on a linguistic basis.
- ❖ The movement was led by Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti (United Maharashtra Committee).
- ❖ The demand for a separate state started before independence and became stronger after 1947.

### Gujarat Foundation Day 2026 - May 01

- ❖ It marks the formation of Gujarat on May 1, 1960, after separation from Bombay State.
- ❖ The division was done under the Bombay Reorganisation Act (1960) on a linguistic basis.
- ❖ The movement for a separate state was led by Indulal Yagnik under the Mahagujarat Movement.
- ❖ Gujarat was created for Gujarati-speaking people, while Maharashtra was formed for Marathi-speaking people.
- ❖ The first capital was Ahmedabad, later shifted to Gandhinagar in 1970.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Labour Day 2026 - May 01

- ❖ It is also called May Day and honours workers and labour rights.
- ❖ The day originated from the Haymarket Affair (1886) in Chicago, United States of America.



- ❖ In India, it was first celebrated in 1923 in Chennai by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan (Workers and Peasants Party of India).
- ❖ Led by pioneer communist leader Malayapuram Singaravelu, this historic event saw the first-ever usage of the red flag in India to symbolize workers' unity and rights.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2026 is “Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment.”

## HISTORY & ORIGIN

- The origins of International Labour Day date back to the late **19th-century labour movement** in the US
- On **May 1, 1886**, workers across America launched a **strike demanding an eight-hour workday**, a campaign that culminated in the tragic **Haymarket Incident in Chicago**
- It became a symbol of the **struggle for workers' rights**, instrumental in establishing **May 1 as a day of international solidarity**

