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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Bihar State Legal Services Authority (BSLA) will establish the country's first Victim Rights Centre as a pilot project in Patna.
 - The centre will provide victims with a single point of entry to access support and identify their legal entitlements.
- ❖ Researchers from the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) discovered a new Begonia species, Begonia rajvikramanii, in Rosemala, Kollam district, Kerala.
 - The species was named after R. Raj Vikraman, former Head of the Garden Management Division at JNTBGRI.
- ❖ India's indigenous Kaveri dry engine achieved a peak dry thrust of 48.5 kilonewtons (kN) during recent high-altitude and flight trials in Russia.
 - The engine is developed by the DRDO for India's Ghatak Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV).
- ❖ The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Pashudhan Bima Portal in New Delhi to streamline livestock insurance services.
 - The portal aims to protect livestock-dependent households from financial losses and improve rural livelihood security.
- ❖ The Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) was recorded for the first time in Orang National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam.
 - The Indian Peafowl is the national bird of India and belongs to the pheasant family (Phasianidae).
- ❖ World Contraception Day was observed on 26 September 2026 to spread awareness about contraception and family planning.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is "No Barriers, Just Choices."

TAMIL NADU NEWS

First Confidence Motion in India

- ❖ A 1952 Aruppukottai Lok Sabha bypoll in Tamil Nadu led to the first confidence motion in an Indian legislature.
- ❖ The bypoll was held after U. Muthuramalinga Thevar resigned from the Lok Sabha seat.

- ❖ The ruling Congress lost the Aruppukottai bypoll to the Forward Bloc (Marxist Group) candidate M. D. Ramasamy.
- ❖ The Congress defeat led Chief Minister C. Rajagopalachari (Rajaji) to seek a confidence vote in the Madras Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ The motion was moved on 30 June 1952 by Finance Minister C. Subramaniam.
- ❖ The debate continued from 1–3 July, and voting was held on 4 July 1952.
- ❖ The motion was passed 200–151, giving the Council of Ministers the Assembly's confidence.
- ❖ The vote is described as the first confidence motion before an Indian legislature.
- ❖ The Kisan Lok Party, Muslim League and some Independents supported the government in the vote.

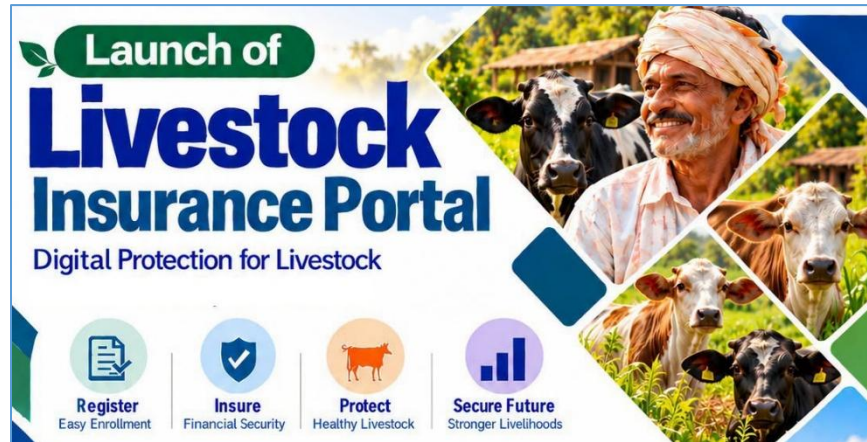


NATIONAL NEWS

Digital Livestock Insurance Portal

- ❖ The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying launched the Livestock Insurance Portal in New Delhi.
- ❖ The portal provides a single digital platform for policy issuance, claim processing, monitoring and reporting under the Livestock Insurance Scheme.
- ❖ The scheme provides subsidised insurance for cattle, pigs and rabbits; small and marginal farmers pay 15% of the premium, while the Centre and states share the remaining 85%.
- ❖ The initiative is part of the National Livestock Mission; the government is also examining Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging for animal identification and claim verification.

- ❖ In the latest five-year period, 60.8 lakh animals were insured, and claims worth ₹161.07 crore were released.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN Crime Prevention Congress 2026



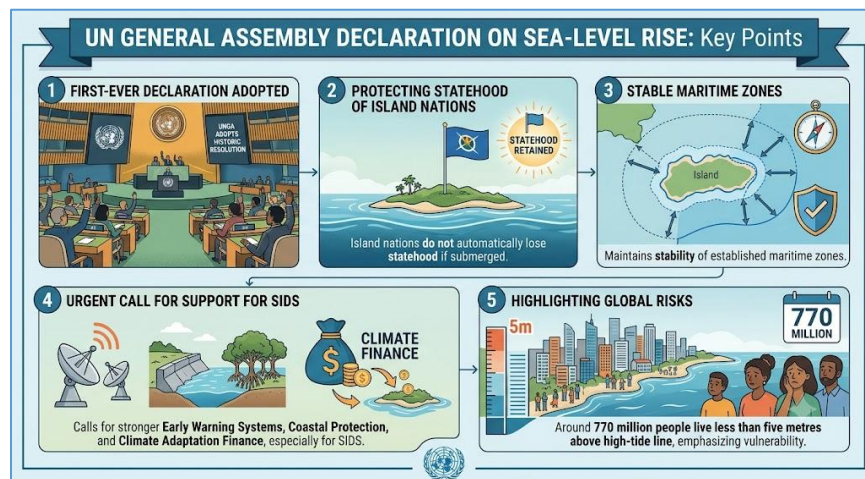
- ❖ Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal addressed the 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- ❖ He highlighted India's criminal justice reforms, digital justice, cybercrime and terrorism measures.
- ❖ The UN Crime Congress is the world's largest gathering on crime prevention and criminal justice.

- ❖ It is organised by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- ❖ Theme: “Accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: protecting people and planet and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the digital age.”

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

UN Declaration on Sea-Level Rise

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted its first declaration on sea-level rise.
- ❖ The declaration states that island nations do not automatically lose their statehood if their territory becomes submerged due to rising seas.
- ❖ It supports the stability of established maritime zones despite changes in coastlines caused by sea-level rise.
- ❖ It calls for stronger early warning systems, coastal protection and climate adaptation finance, especially for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- ❖ Around 770 million people live less than five metres above the high-tide line, highlighting the risks from rising sea levels.



Super El Niño Heat Risk – Nigeria

- ❖ A University of Chicago-led study projects that a strong El Niño could cause 451,000 additional heat-related deaths worldwide between September 2026 and February 2027.
- ❖ Nigeria is projected to have the world's highest heat-related death toll, with about 31,400 additional deaths.

- ❖ The Sahel region of Africa is projected to be the worst-affected region, with Nigeria, Sudan, Niger and Chad facing the highest risks.
- ❖ The four countries together could see about 66,800 additional heat-related deaths.
- ❖ The study analysed temperature and mortality data from 24,378 regions and compared projected deaths with the 1996–2025 average.
- ❖ El Niño is a climate phenomenon in which sea-surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean become unusually warm, affecting global weather patterns.
- ❖ A strong or “super” El Niño can increase temperatures in several regions and may worsen heatwaves, droughts and other extreme weather events.



Sustainable Forest Certification - PRAMAAN

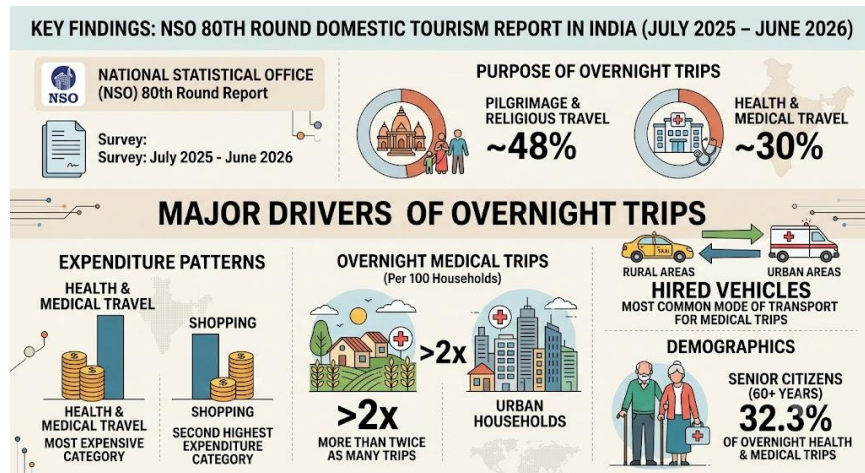
- ❖ Union Environment Minister handed over India's first PRAMAAN certificates under the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS).
- ❖ Certificates were given to Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation (APFDC) for 33,000 hectares of plantations and a bamboo farmer from Odisha.
- ❖ IFWCS was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in December 2023.
- ❖ PRAMAAN certifies sustainable forest, wood and non-timber forest product management and supports compliance with global requirements.
- ❖ Forest management certification is based on the National Working Plan Code (NWPC) 2023 and involves independent field and management audits.

- ❖ The scheme aims to support sustainable forestry, global market access and livelihoods of farmers and forest-dependent communities.



REPORTS AND INDICES

NSO Domestic Tourism Report

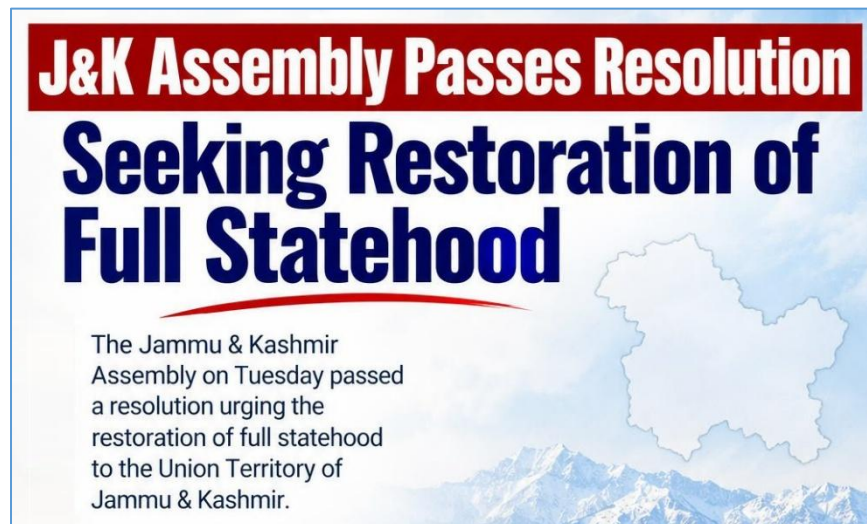


- ❖ The National Statistical Office (NSO) released its 80th Round report on Domestic Tourism in India, based on a survey conducted from July 2025 to June 2026.
- ❖ Pilgrimage and religious travel formed the largest share of overnight trips at about 48%, followed by health and medical travel at about 30%.
- ❖ Health and medical travel were the most expensive category of domestic travel, while shopping was the second-highest expenditure category.
- ❖ Rural households made more than twice as many overnight medical trips per 100 households as urban households.

- ❖ Hired vehicles were the most common mode of transport for medical trips in both rural and urban areas.
- ❖ Senior citizens aged 60 years and above accounted for 32.3% of overnight health and medical trips.
- ❖ The report provides data on domestic overnight travel, travel purposes, expenditure, transport modes and rural-urban travel patterns.

STATE NEWS

Statehood Resolution - Jammu and Kashmir



- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly passed a resolution on 28 September 2026 seeking the immediate restoration of full Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The resolution was moved by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on 25 September and passed by voice vote after a debate.
- ❖ Around 60 of the 90 legislators supported it, while 29 BJP legislators opposed the move and staged a walkout.
- ❖ Eight amendments proposed by National Conference (NC) legislators sought references to Article 370, Article 35A and the pre-5 August 2019 status; all were withdrawn before the resolution was passed.
- ❖ Article 370 provided the constitutional framework for the special relationship between Jammu and Kashmir and the Union, while Article 35A enabled the former J&K State legislature to define “permanent residents” and their associated rights; both ceased to operate following the 2019 constitutional changes.

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 reorganised the former State into the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with a legislature and the Union Territory of Ladakh without a legislature, effective from 31 October 2019.
- ❖ The resolution calls for its forwarding to the Government of India for necessary action.

SPORTS NEWS

WorldSkills Shanghai 2026

- ❖ Five Tamil Nadu participants won 1 Silver Medal and 4 Medals for Excellence at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, held in Shanghai, China.
- ❖ Mohammed Salam won the Silver Medal in Dental Prosthetics.
- ❖ Ragul K.B. won a Medal for Excellence in Intelligent Security Technology.
- ❖ Arjun S.V. won a Medal for Excellence in Mobile Applications Development.
- ❖ Surenthiran M. and Joy Das won Medals for Excellence in Plastering and Drywall Systems and Jewellery, respectively.

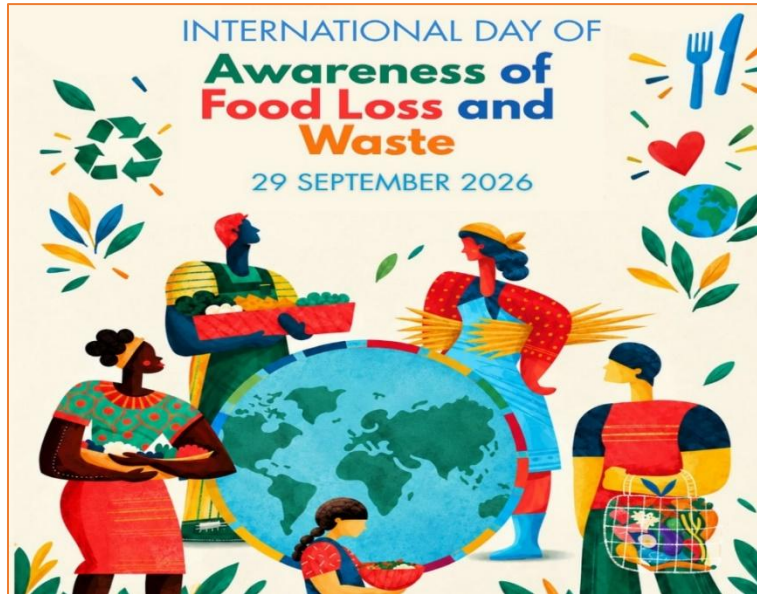


IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste 2026 - September 29

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness and promote action to reduce food loss and waste worldwide.

- ❖ The United Nations (UN) declared it in 2019.
- ❖ SDG 12 (Sustainable Development Goal 12), Target 12.3 aims to halve food waste and reduce food losses by 2030.
- ❖ Reducing food loss and waste helps improve food security, protect natural resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2026 is “Transformative Potential of Reducing Food Loss and Waste.”



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