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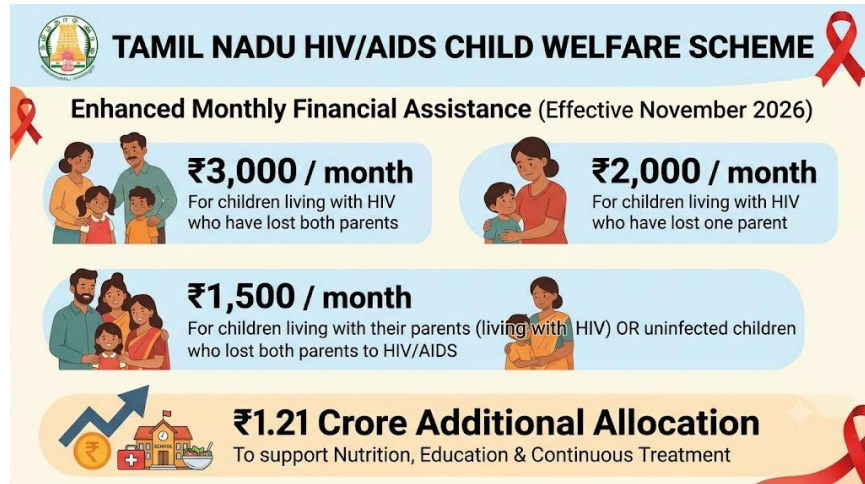
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal to rename Noida International Airport at Jewar as Narendra Modi International Airport.
- ❖ Putul Sonowal from Assam won India's first-ever bronze medal at the World Bowls Champion of Champions 2026 in Barham, Australia.
- ❖ Exercise KONKAN 2026, the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the UK's Royal Navy, was held off the coast of Plymouth in the United Kingdom.
- ❖ Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda laid the foundation stone for India's first High-Altitude Health Research Centre at Keylong, Lahaul-Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Delhi Police denotified Jantar Mantar as a designated protest site and named Ramlila Ground, Burari Ground and CBD Ground in East Delhi as alternative venues, following recommendations of a committee constituted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) granted prequalification to CERVAVAC, making it the first Indian-made quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to receive this recognition.
- ❖ World Day Against the Death Penalty is observed annually on 10 October to raise awareness about the abolition of capital punishment and promote the protection of human rights worldwide.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is "Stories for Life".

TAMIL NADU NEWS

HIV/AIDS Child Welfare Scheme

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has enhanced monthly financial assistance for children affected by HIV/AIDS, effective from November 2026.
- ❖ Children living with HIV who have lost both parents will receive ₹3,000 per month; those who have lost one parent will receive ₹2,000.
- ❖ Children living with their parents and uninfected children who lost both parents to HIV/AIDS will receive ₹1,500 per month.
- ❖ An additional ₹1.21 crore has been allocated for the scheme to support nutrition, education and continuous treatment.



TAMIL NADU HIV/AIDS CHILD WELFARE SCHEME

Enhanced Monthly Financial Assistance (Effective November 2026)

- ₹3,000 / month**
For children living with HIV who have lost both parents
- ₹2,000 / month**
For children living with HIV who have lost one parent
- ₹1,500 / month**
For children living with their parents (living with HIV) OR uninfected children who lost both parents to HIV/AIDS

₹1.21 Crore Additional Allocation
To support Nutrition, Education & Continuous Treatment

Tamil Nadu MLA Resignation Case

Madras HC upholds acceptance of resignations of 6 AIADMK MLAs, directs Speaker to complete disqualification proceedings in 2 months

The Madras High Court on Tuesday (October 13) upheld the Speaker's decision to accept the resignations of six AIADMK MLAs, holding that their resignations were genuine, but directed the Speaker to complete the disqualification proceedings against them within two months.

- ❖ The Madras High Court upheld the Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker's decision to accept the resignations of six All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) MLAs on October 13, 2026.
- ❖ The six MLAs later joined Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), and their resignations were submitted between May 26 and June 29, 2026.
- ❖ The court directed the Speaker to complete the pending disqualification proceedings against four MLAs within two months and publish a timetable within seven days.
- ❖ It held that accepting resignations and deciding disqualification proceedings are two separate constitutional processes.

- ❖ The case arose from allegations that AIADMK MLAs violated the party whip during a confidence motion on May 13, 2026.

Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Tamil Nadu

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated five redeveloped railway stations in Tamil Nadu on October 11, 2026, taking the total to 26 out of 77 stations covered in the State.
- ❖ The five stations are Ambasamudram (Tirunelveli), Palani (Dindigul), Namakkal (Namakkal), Paramakkudi (Ramanathapuram) and Vellore Cantonment (Vellore).
- ❖ The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) was launched in 2022.
- ❖ ABSS is a long-term, phased redevelopment scheme covering 1,309 stations nationwide, according to the National Portal of India.
- ❖ It aims to improve passenger facilities, accessibility, cleanliness and multimodal connectivity.

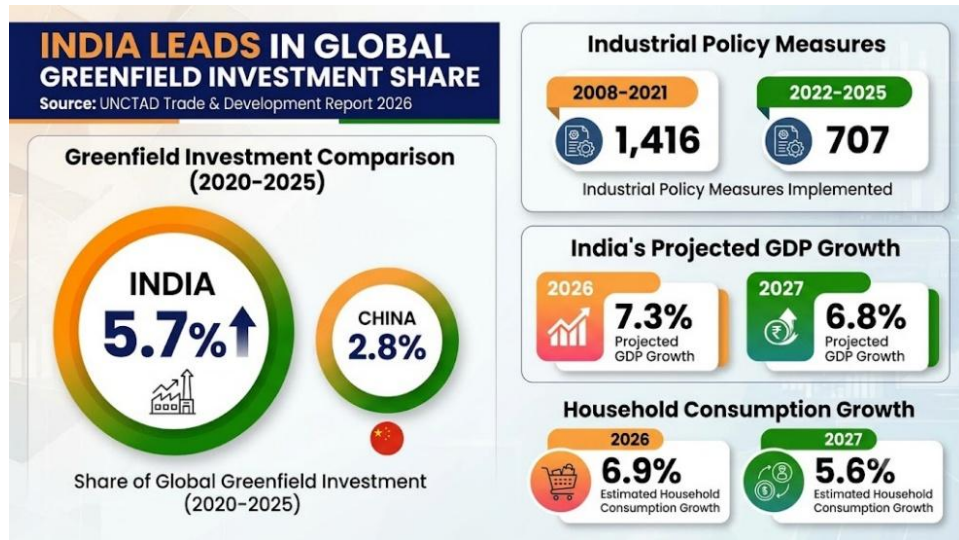


NATIONAL NEWS

Global Greenfield Investment Share

- ❖ The United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Development Report 2026 reported India's investment share and economic growth projections.
- ❖ India accounted for 5.7% of global greenfield investment during 2020–2025, compared with China's 2.8%.
- ❖ India implemented 1,416 industrial policy measures during 2008–2021 and 707 during 2022–2025.
- ❖ India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth is projected at 7.3% in 2026 and 6.8% in 2027.

- ❖ India's household consumption growth is estimated at 6.9% in 2026 and 5.6% in 2027.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU Carbon Border Tax 2026



- ❖ The European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) entered its definitive phase on January 1, 2026, increasing compliance requirements for Indian exporters.
- ❖ CBAM covers selected imports of iron and steel, aluminium, cement, fertilisers, electricity and hydrogen to account for their embedded carbon emissions.
- ❖ Payments for emissions linked to 2026 imports are scheduled to begin in February 2027, with annual declarations and certificates due by September 30, 2027.

- ❖ The mechanism aims to prevent carbon leakage by applying a carbon cost to imports comparable to that faced by European Union producers under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS).
- ❖ Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) face challenges from compliance costs, complex paperwork and difficulties obtaining verified emissions data from suppliers.
- ❖ A June 2026 study by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) estimated that India's iron and steel exports to the EU could decline by 23.94% under a scenario with a carbon price of US\$86.01 per tonne of carbon dioxide.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Antarctic Ice Hits Record Low

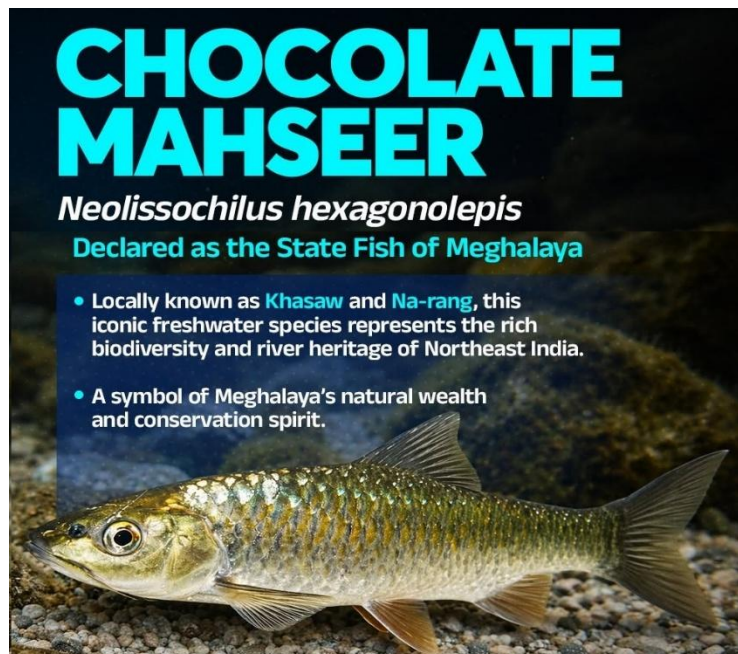


- ❖ Antarctic sea ice reached its third-lowest winter maximum in satellite records on 14 September 2026, covering about 17.59 million square kilometres.
- ❖ The ice extent was about 1 million square kilometres below the long-term average.
- ❖ The four lowest winter sea ice maximums on record occurred during the past four years.
- ❖ Antarctic sea ice usually reaches its maximum in September and its minimum in February.
- ❖ Satellite records began in late 1978; scientists use passive microwave sensors to measure sea ice extent.

- ❖ Antarctic sea ice increased by about 1% per decade from 1979 to 2014, but significant declines began in 2016.

Chocolate Mahseer Conservation

- ❖ Sikkim Chief Minister released Chocolate Mahseer fish into the Rangeet River to promote the conservation of native fish species.
- ❖ Chocolate Mahseer (*Neolissochilus hexagonolepis*), also called copper mahseer, is a freshwater fish belonging to the family Cyprinidae; it is locally known as 'Kha Saw' in Meghalaya.
- ❖ It is the state fish of Meghalaya and Sikkim and is found in rivers and hill streams across Northeast India.
- ❖ The Rangeet River is a major tributary of the Teesta River, flowing through Sikkim and West Bengal, India. It originates in the Himalayan region of Sikkim.



REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Innovation Index 2026

- ❖ The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) released the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026, ranking 139 economies based on innovation performance.
- ❖ Switzerland ranked 1st for the 16th consecutive year, followed by Sweden and the United States; India ranked 38th overall.

- ❖ India ranked 1st among 36 lower-middle-income economies and 11 economies in Central and Southern Asia.
- ❖ India ranked 49th in innovation inputs and 25th in innovation outputs, and led globally in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services exports.
- ❖ The Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou cluster ranked 1st globally, followed by Tokyo–Yokohama; Bengaluru ranked 25th and Delhi 27th.
- ❖ The index uses around 80 indicators under two sub-indices: Innovation Input and Innovation Output; their scores are equally weighted.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Nepal Flash Floods

- ❖ Flash floods struck Nepal's Budhi Gandaki River in Gorkha district, damaging infrastructure.
- ❖ Flash floods are sudden, rapid floods that develop within minutes or hours due to intense rainfall, cloudbursts, sudden release of water or the bursting of temporary river blockages.
- ❖ They carry large amounts of water, mud, rocks and debris, causing sudden destruction and loss of life.



- ❖ In Gorkha district, Nepal, a landslide above Siuribas reportedly blocked the Chumke Khola stream, triggering a sudden release of floodwater downstream.
- ❖ In the Himalayas, retreating glaciers, unstable slopes, glacial lake outbursts and loose sediments can increase flash-flood risks.

