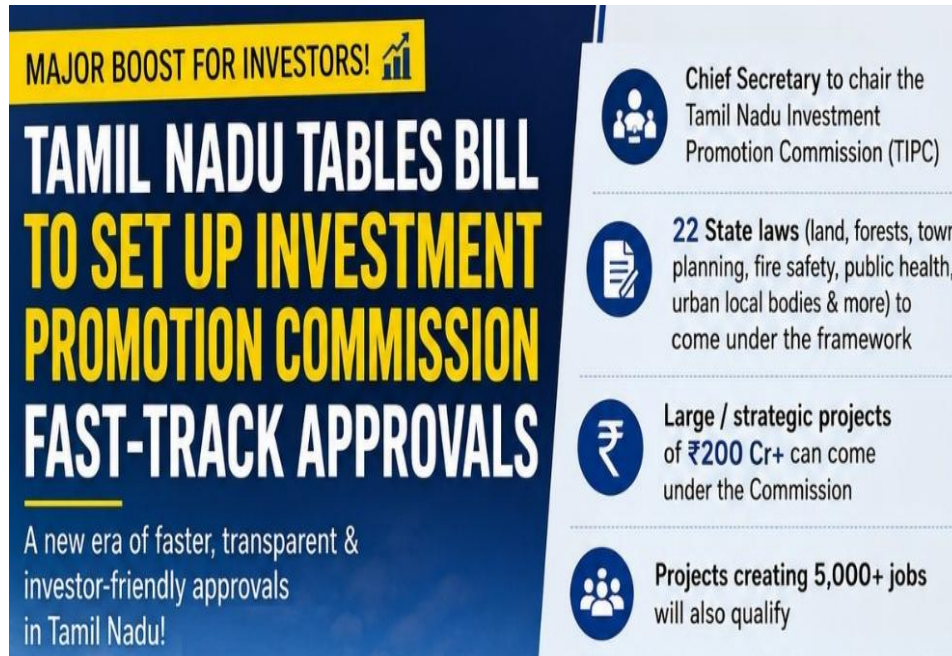


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TAMIL NADU NEWS

Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Commission Bill



MAJOR BOOST FOR INVESTORS!

TAMIL NADU TABLES BILL TO SET UP INVESTMENT PROMOTION COMMISSION FAST-TRACK APPROVALS

A new era of faster, transparent & investor-friendly approvals in Tamil Nadu!

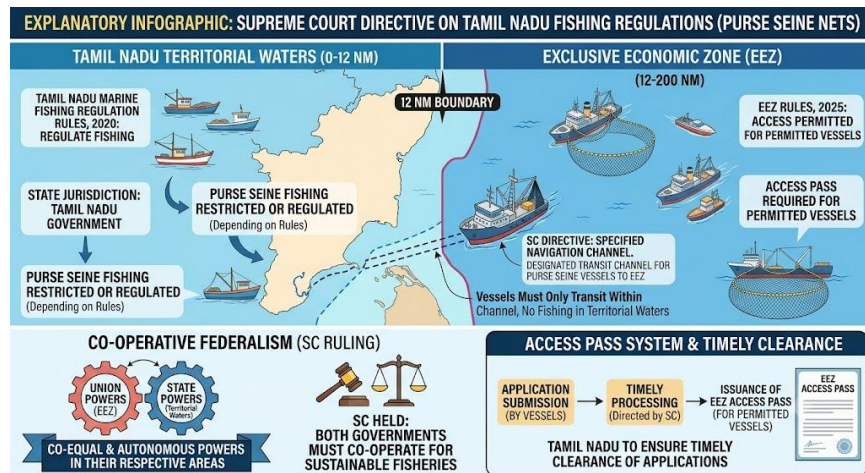
- Chief Secretary to chair the Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Commission (TNIPC)
- 22 State laws (land, forests, town planning, fire safety, public health, urban local bodies & more) to come under the framework
- Large / strategic projects of ₹200 Cr+ can come under the Commission
- Projects creating 5,000+ jobs will also qualify

- ❖ A Bill was introduced in the Tamil Nadu Assembly to amend the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 and establish the Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Commission (TNIPC).
- ❖ The Bill proposes Section 16-A, with the Chief Secretary as Chairperson and the Secretary, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce as Member-Convenor; up to 20 members can also be appointed.
- ❖ The Commission will facilitate and monitor large and strategic investments, including projects involving ₹200 crore or more or expected to create 5,000 or more jobs.
- ❖ It proposes reducing the clearance time under 22 State Acts and subordinate laws to 21 days, excluding public and local holidays, to speed up investments.
- ❖ The Commission can issue binding directions to departments and nodal agencies for timely clearances, incentives and approvals, and will monitor projects up to the start of operations.
- ❖ It will also review unused industrial land allotted by State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT), Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), Small Industries Development Corporation (SIDCO), Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) and Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar

Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO), and monitor projects by TIDCO, TIDEL and TICEL.

Tamil Nadu Fishing Regulation

- ❖ The Supreme Court directed Tamil Nadu to frame rules for fishing vessels using purse seine nets to transit from territorial waters to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu must create a specified navigation channel under the Tamil Nadu Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2020 for vessels travelling to the EEZ.
- ❖ The EEZ Rules, 2025 provide for access passes to fishing vessels permitted to operate in the EEZ, while the 2020 State Rules regulate fishing within Tamil Nadu's territorial waters.
- ❖ The Court held that the Union and Tamil Nadu have co-equal and autonomous powers to regulate fishing in their respective areas and called for co-operative federalism.
- ❖ The Court directed Tamil Nadu to ensure timely clearance of applications for EEZ access passes.



Olympic City - Chennai

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced a world-class Olympic City in Chennai under Rule 110 in the State Assembly.
- ❖ The Olympic City will be developed by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) to help athletes win more medals in the Olympics and other international competitions.
- ❖ The facility is planned at Semmencheri along the Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) corridor, the same site earlier selected for the Global Sports City project.

- ❖ SDAT will also establish a Talent Research Wing (TRW) and Olympic Centres of Excellence at 10 locations across Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister also announced a world-class Motor Sports City in the State to promote sports tourism, encourage youth participation in motorsports, provide training, and develop Tamil Nadu as an international motorsports hub.
- ❖ The city will have an international-standard motorsports racing circuit, modern infrastructure and training facilities, with provisions to host Formula 1 (F1), Formula 2 (F2), Formula 3 (F3) and Formula 4 (F4) competitions.

- 📌 **CM Vijay on Thursday announced plans for an Olympic City in Chennai**, featuring Olympic-standard arenas, a High Performance Training Centre, sports-science & sports-medicine centres, & accommodation for athletes & coaches.
- 📌 **The Olympic City will host national & international competitions & train athletes, aiming to help TN win more medals at the Olympics & other major global sporting events.**
- 📌 **A Motor Sports City is also proposed in Tamil Nadu**, with an international-standard racetrack & training facilities capable of hosting F1, F2, F3 and F4 races. The project aims to boost motorsports, race-car manufacturing, jobs, tourism and the state's economy, positioning TN as a global motorsports hub.

Madras High Court - Tamil language

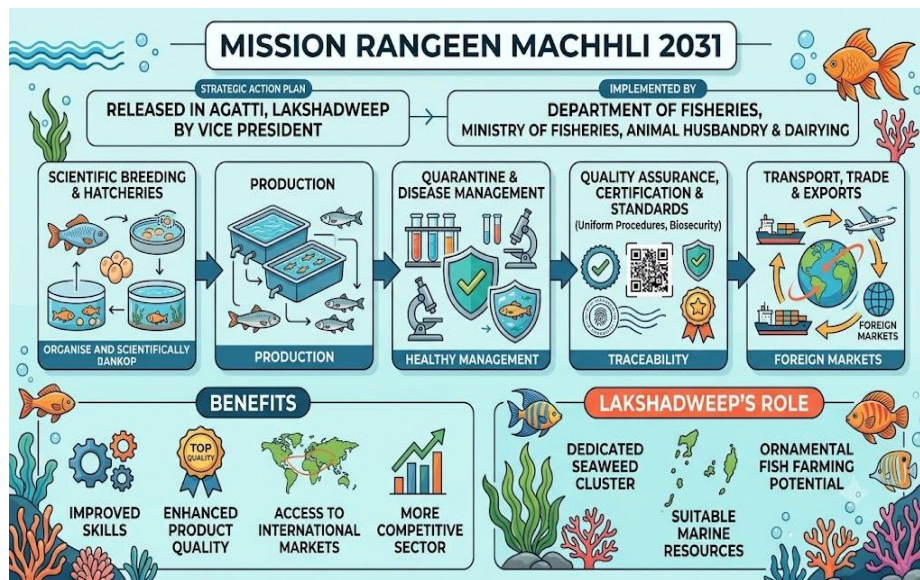
**THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
IS SET TO ADOPT A GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION
URGING THE RECOGNITION OF TAMIL AS THE
OFFICIAL AND JUDICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE
MADRAS HIGH COURT.
TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER VIJAY IS
SET TO MOVE THE RESOLUTION.**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution, urging the Centre to recognise Tamil as the principal language of the Madras High Court.
- ❖ Article 348(2) of the Constitution allows a State's official language to be used in High Court proceedings with the previous consent of the President of India.

- ❖ The resolution sought procedures for petitions, documents and arguments in Tamil, and for making judgments, decrees and judicial orders available in Tamil.
- ❖ It also urged legal Tamil and translation training for judges, advocates and court personnel, along with necessary legal measures.
- ❖ The Assembly recalled that it had passed a similar unanimous resolution on December 6, 2006; the Supreme Court's Full Court had not agreed to the proposal in 2012.
- ❖ Tamil was recognised as a Classical Language by the Union government on October 12, 2004, and the resolution noted advances in legal Tamil, e-Courts, translation technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

NATIONAL NEWS

Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031



- ❖ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released Mission Rangeen Machhli 2031, a Strategic Action Plan for ornamental fisheries development, in Agatti, Lakshadweep.
- ❖ The plan is implemented by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, to organise and scientifically develop India's ornamental fish sector.
- ❖ It covers the complete supply chain, including breeding, hatcheries, production, quarantine, disease management, certification, transport, trade and exports.
- ❖ It aims to establish uniform operating procedures, quality assurance, biosecurity and traceability standards across the ornamental fish industry.

- ❖ The plan will improve the skills of farmers and traders, product quality and access to international markets, making the sector more competitive.
- ❖ Lakshadweep has been identified as a dedicated seaweed cluster, and its marine resources are also considered suitable for ornamental fish farming and other high-value fisheries activities.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bishkek Declaration 2026



- ❖ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) adopted the Bishkek Declaration at its 26th Summit, held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ The declaration strongly condemned terrorism in all forms and said that double standards in combating terrorism are unacceptable, while calling for action against terrorist financing, recruitment, radicalisation and safe havens.
- ❖ SCO members called for the United Nations (UN) to play a central role in combating terrorism through implementation of relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.
- ❖ The declaration opposed the use of terrorist, separatist and extremist groups for political purposes and stressed cooperation against the use of the internet for such activities.

- ❖ On West Asia, the SCO expressed concern over the conflict and supported a political and diplomatic solution, while reaffirming respect for Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's three pillars for the SCO — Security, Connectivity and Opportunity — and stressed that conflicts should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.
- ❖ India has launched initiatives under the SCO framework, including the SCO Start-up Forum, Young Authors' Conclave and Young Scientists' Forum, while the first SCO Civilizational Dialogue Forum is to be held in India in 2026.
- ❖ The SCO has 10 member countries: China, India, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan; India became a full member in 2017.

SCO Cultural Capital - Lahore



- ❖ Lahore, Pakistan, has been named the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2026–27 at the 26th SCO Council of Heads of State meeting in Bishkek.
- ❖ The title has been rotated annually since 2022 to promote tourism, people-to-people contacts and the cultural heritage of SCO member states.

- ❖ Previous title holders were Varanasi (India), Almaty (Kazakhstan), Qingdao (China) and Cholpon-Ata (Kyrgyzstan).
- ❖ Pakistan holds the SCO presidency in 2026, with the theme “Turning Vision into Action: Connectivity, Innovation and Shared Prosperity.”
- ❖ The SCO, founded in 2001 and headquartered in Beijing, has 10 member states and marks its 25th anniversary in 2026.

ECONOMY NEWS

RBI Forex Swap Facility



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) forex swap facility has mobilised over \$136 billion through foreign exchange inflows.
- ❖ A total of \$136.377 billion was mobilised, including \$127.226 billion through Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits, \$5.260 billion through Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs), and \$3.891 billion through External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs).
- ❖ The RBI introduced the special USD-INR forex swap facility on June 8, 2026, to manage foreign exchange outflows caused by high oil prices and Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) outflows.
- ❖ The FCNR(B) deposit facility, originally open until September 30, 2026, was closed early on August 31, 2026, due to higher-than-expected inflows.

- ❖ The inflows are expected to strengthen India's foreign exchange reserves and provide support to the Indian rupee.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Striped Hyena Conservation

- ❖ The conservation status of the striped hyena (*Hyaena hyaena*) in India has highlighted the need for better population data and conservation efforts.
- ❖ The striped hyena is listed as Near Threatened (NT) on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
- ❖ Around 5,000–14,000 striped hyenas are estimated worldwide, with about 1,000–3,000 in India; India does not have an official census.
- ❖ It is mainly a scavenger that feeds on carrion and helps keep ecosystems clean by reducing the risk of disease from animal remains.
- ❖ It has the highest legal protection under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, but India lacks a unified national action plan for the species.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has allocated ₹14 lakh for striped hyena conservation.



Eight Building Blocks of Birdsong

- ❖ A new study found that songs of over 3,000 passerine bird species are built from eight basic sound motifs.
- ❖ Researchers analysed over one lakh recordings using machine learning and identified three trills, three whistles, atonal chaotic notes and harmonic stacks.

- ❖ Birds use about five motifs on average, and their choice is influenced mainly by evolutionary history, habitat and social behaviour.
- ❖ Birds in tropical rainforests generally use simpler songs for better sound transmission, while birds in temperate regions tend to use more complex, information-rich songs.

