

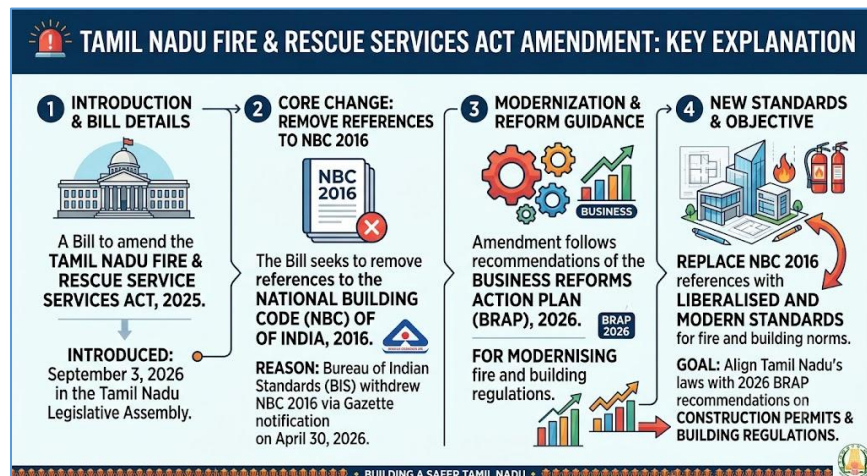
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Singai G. Ramachandran has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will digitise historical property documents dating back to 1865 and birth and death records up to 2018.
 - The Registration Department plans to scan 11.14 crore pages, including 7.06 crore old Encumbrance Certificate (EC)/Index-2 records from 1865–1974 and 5.68 crore birth and death records, without re-scanning already digitised documents.
- ❖ The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of 18 metric tonnes (MT) of NPOP-certified ethnic rice from Tripura to Austria and the Netherlands.
- ❖ National Nutrition Week (NNW) 2026 is being observed in India from September 1 to 7, 2026, to create awareness about healthy eating and proper nutrition.
 - National Nutrition Week in India was started in 1982 through the Food and Nutrition Board to spread awareness about nutrition and health.
- ❖ World Skyscraper Day is observed annually on September 3 to celebrate the engineering and architecture behind the world's tallest buildings.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Fire and Rescue Services Act Amendment



- ❖ A Bill to amend the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Act, 2025 was introduced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on September 3, 2026.

- ❖ The Bill seeks to remove references to the National Building Code of India, 2016, after the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) withdrew it through a Gazette notification on April 30, 2026.
- ❖ The amendment follows the recommendations of the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2026, for modernising fire and building regulations.
- ❖ It proposes replacing references to the National Building Code with liberalised and modern standards for fire and building norms.
- ❖ The proposed amendment is intended to align Tamil Nadu's fire and building laws with the 2026 Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) recommendations on Construction Permit and Building Regulations.

Megalithic Burial Site - Kadamakuttai



- ❖ A Megalithic burial complex with several dolmens and cist burials was discovered at Kadamakuttai village in Krishnagiri district, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The site is significant because its enclosing structural wall is still visible, and the burial monuments are arranged in a planned layout.
- ❖ Several Neolithic artefacts, including polished stone celts, soapstone objects, grinding stones and other stone tools, were found around the site.
- ❖ A large natural boulder with three Neolithic polishing grooves was found, indicating stone-tool finishing and processing activities.
- ❖ The site also has clay figurines, rubbing stones and fragments of urn burials, along with an isolated dolmen outside the main enclosure.



- ❖ Krishnagiri district has more than 200 documented Megalithic burial sites, while Kadamakuttai shows a cultural sequence from the Neolithic period to the present.

New integrated Secretariat complex in Chennai

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay announced a plan to construct a new integrated Secretariat complex in Chennai, spread over 20 lakh sq. ft., at an estimated cost of ₹1,200 crore.
- ❖ At present, the State's Legislative Assembly and Secretariat are functioning on the historic Fort St. George campus near Marina Beach.
- ❖ The complex will comprise the Legislative Assembly and offices of the Chief Minister, Ministers, and various departments, with modern facilities, to ensure efficient governance and create world-class public administration infrastructure, intended to meet the requirements of the next 100 years.
- ❖ He was making a suo motu statement in the Assembly under rule 110.
- ❖ Recalling the history of Fort St. George, Mr. Vijay said its construction was begun in 1640 by the English East India Company on land acquired for its commercial operations and was completed in 1644.
- ❖ After being elevated to the status of a Presidency in 1652, it served as the official headquarters of British rule.
- ❖ After Independence, it continued to function as the Secretariat of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ For nearly 400 years, it has served as the administrative centre of the State and as a symbol of its governance heritage.
- ❖ Of the 107-acre Fort St. George campus, only about four acres are being used by the Secretariat and are under the control of the Tamil Nadu government.
- ❖ As the remaining area is under the control of the Union Ministry of Defence and the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), it has not been possible to expand or undertake development of the campus.
- ❖ At present, the Secretariat functions from two buildings. Fort St. George, known as the main Secretariat building, was originally constructed as the Governor's residence.
- ❖ It now houses the Legislative Assembly, the offices of the Chief Minister, Ministers and the Chief Secretary, the Finance Department and other important departments.
- ❖ The complex has a built-up area of 2.07 lakh sq. ft.

- ❖ To meet the expanding administrative requirements of the State government, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai was constructed in 1978, with a ground floor and 10 floors, covering an area of 3.75 lakh sq. ft.
- ❖ Secretaries and officials of various departments, as well as more than 6,000 employees of over 30 government departments, work in these buildings.
- ❖ Further, as the remaining areas within Fort St. George are Defence and ASI land, additional buildings cannot be constructed and development works cannot be undertaken.

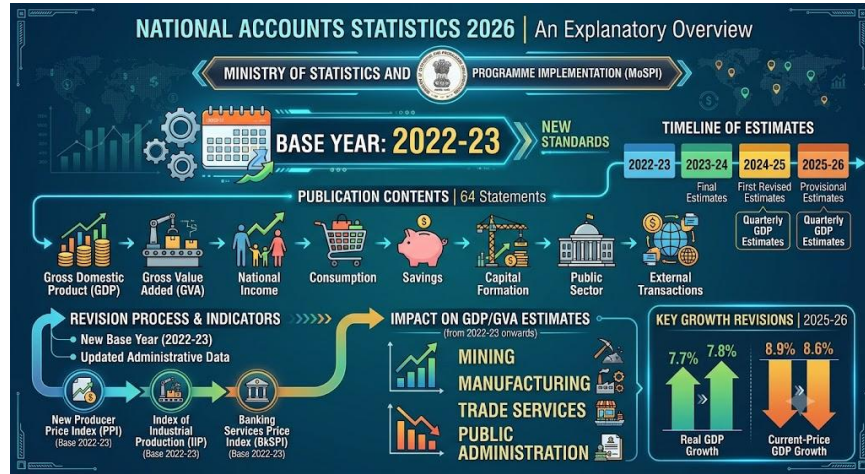


NATIONAL NEWS

National Accounts Statistics 2026

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released National Accounts Statistics 2026 with 2022-23 as the base year.
- ❖ The publication contains 64 statements covering Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Gross Value Added (GVA), national income, consumption, savings, capital formation, public sector and external transactions.
- ❖ It includes updated Final Estimates for 2022-23 and 2023-24, First Revised Estimates for 2024-25, and Provisional Estimates for 2025-26, along with quarterly GDP estimates.
- ❖ The estimates were revised using the new Producer Price Index (PPI), Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Banking Services Price Index (BkSPI), all with the 2022-23 base year, along with updated administrative data.

- ❖ Updated indicators caused revisions in GDP and GVA estimates from 2022-23 onwards, with larger changes in sectors such as mining, manufacturing, trade services and public administration.
- ❖ Under the updated estimates, real GDP growth for 2025-26 increased from 7.7% to 7.8%, while current-price GDP growth was revised from 8.9% to 8.6%.



RAKSHA – Defence Diplomacy Framework



- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released RAKSHA, a 10-year framework for India's defence diplomacy and global strategic partnerships on September 3, 2026.
- ❖ RAKSHA aims to strengthen India's bilateral and multilateral defence partnerships, military cooperation and global security engagement.
- ❖ It focuses on joint exercises, training, military education, professional exchanges and capacity building with friendly countries.

- ❖ The framework promotes defence industrial cooperation, including co-development, co-production, technology transfer and supply-chain integration under Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- ❖ It also aims to promote Indian defence exports and position India as a reliable global defence manufacturing partner.

PCA and Indus Waters Treaty



India rejects Court of Arbitration's Indus Waters Treaty ruling

- ❖ India rejected the May 2026 award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) on the maximum pondage (water storage capacity) allowed at Indian hydroelectric projects under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), 1960.
- ❖ The dispute concerns India's Kishenganga (330 megawatt) and Ratle (850 megawatt) run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ Pakistan objected to the pondage and spillway designs, stating that they could affect the flow of water into Pakistan.
- ❖ India rejected the Court of Arbitration process, stating that it was illegally constituted because Pakistan pursued the Court of Arbitration and Neutral Expert mechanisms in parallel.
- ❖ The IWT was signed by India and Pakistan in 1960, with the World Bank as a signatory and facilitator.
- ❖ The Ravi, Beas and Sutlej are allocated to India, while the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab are largely allocated to Pakistan.

- ❖ India is allowed limited uses of the western rivers, including run-of-the-river hydroelectric power generation, subject to the treaty's technical conditions.
- ❖ The IWT provides a three-stage dispute-resolution mechanism: Permanent Indus Commission, Neutral Expert and Court of Arbitration.
- ❖ India has maintained that the IWT is in abeyance following the 2025 Pahalgam terror attack and has not participated in the Court of Arbitration proceedings.
- ❖ The PCA was established in 1899 under the 1899 Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes to facilitate arbitration and peaceful settlement of international disputes.
- ❖ The PCA is an independent intergovernmental organisation, not a United Nations (UN) agency, but it has Permanent Observer status at the UN General Assembly.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India-Uzbekistan Uranium Deal



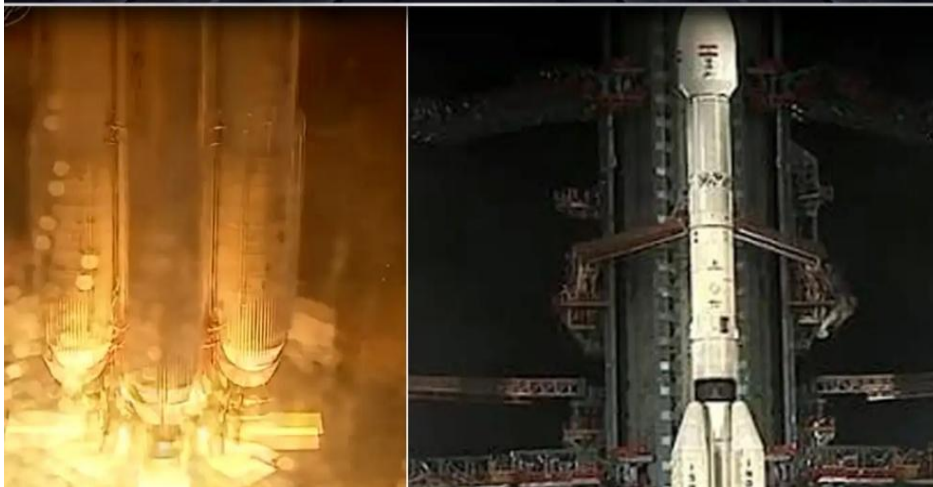
- ❖ India decided to finalise a long-term uranium supply agreement with Uzbekistan to strengthen nuclear energy security.
- ❖ Uzbekistan produces nearly 6.6% of the world's uranium, making it an important source for India's nuclear fuel needs.

- ❖ India currently operates 24 nuclear power reactors with a capacity of 8.78 gigawatt (GW) and aims to achieve 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047.
- ❖ India already has a long-term uranium supply agreement with Kazakhstan, the world's largest uranium producer.
- ❖ Canadian company Cameco will supply nearly 22 million pounds of uranium ore concentrate to India between 2027 and 2035 for civil nuclear energy.
- ❖ India and Australia also finalised arrangements for the peaceful export of Australian uranium to India under the 2015 Australia-India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

EOS-05 Earth Observation Mission

HISTORIC: ISRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES GSLV-F17/EOS-05



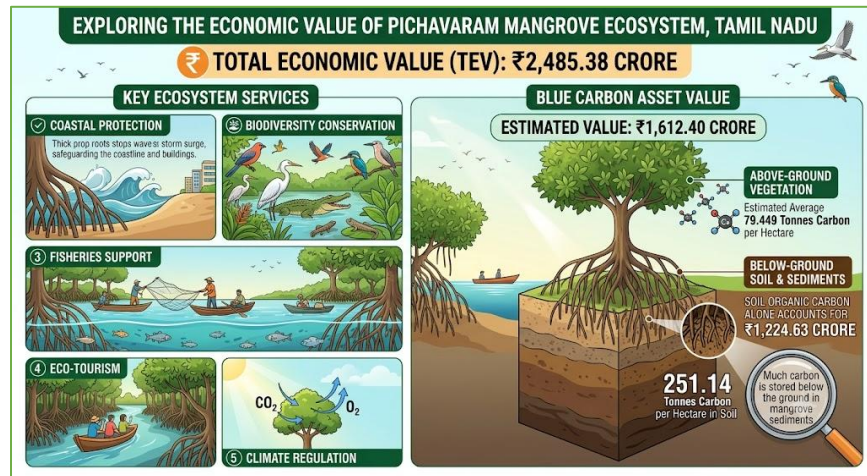
- ❖ ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) successfully launched EOS-05, using the GSLV-F17 (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-F17) launch vehicle at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- ❖ It placed EOS-05, an Earth observation satellite, into a Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (Sub-GTO).
- ❖ EOS-05 is India's first imaging satellite designed to operate from a geosynchronous orbit, enabling repeated observation of large areas.
- ❖ Earth observation data can be used for agriculture, disaster management, water resources, forestry, environmental monitoring and urban planning.

- ❖ The mission is the 19th flight of the GSLV, demonstrating India's capability to place spacecraft into high-energy orbits.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Pichavaram Mangrove Value

- ❖ A recent study estimated the Total Economic Value (TEV) of the Pichavaram Mangrove Ecosystem at ₹2,485.38 crore.
- ❖ Pichavaram Mangrove Forest in Tamil Nadu provides ecosystem services such as coastal protection, biodiversity conservation, fisheries, tourism and climate regulation.
- ❖ Its blue carbon asset value is estimated at ₹1,612.40 crore, including carbon stored in vegetation and soil.
- ❖ Soil organic carbon alone accounts for ₹1,224.63 crore, showing that much of the carbon is stored below the ground in mangrove sediments.
- ❖ The study estimated an average of 79.449 tonnes of carbon per hectare in mangrove vegetation and 251.14 tonnes per hectare in soil.



SPORTS NEWS

World Nomad Games 2026

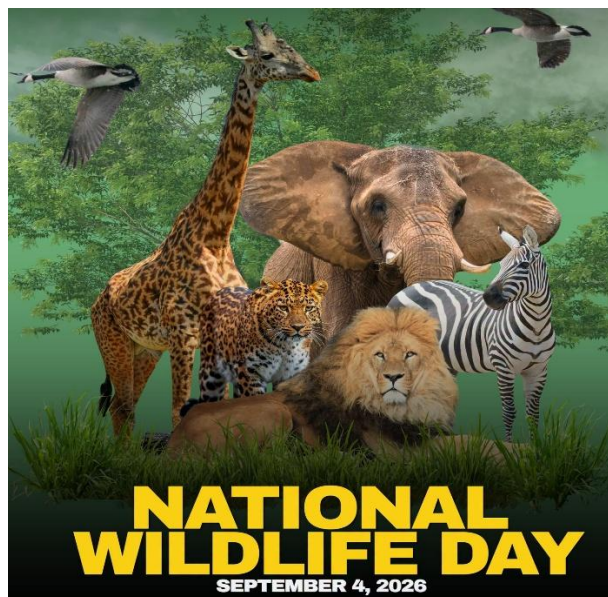
- ❖ The Prime Minister of India attended the opening ceremony of the 6th World Nomad Games in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- ❖ The World Nomad Games (WNG) were established through the 2012 Bishkek Declaration and were first held in 2014 to promote the traditions and cultural heritage of nomadic peoples.

- ❖ The 2026 Games feature traditional sports such as Kok Boru, Kurash, Goresh, Mongol Bokh, archery and Toguz Korgool.
- ❖ Kok Boru, a traditional Kyrgyz horseback game similar to polo, was recognised by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2017.
- ❖ The World Nomad Games are held biennially.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Wildlife Day 2026 - September 04



- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about wildlife and encourage conservation.



- ❖ National Wildlife Day was first celebrated in September 2005 and was established by animal behaviourist and philanthropist Colleen Paige.
- ❖ It is observed twice a year, on February 22 and September 4; September 4 was added in honour of Steve Irwin.
- ❖ The day highlights threats to wildlife such as climate change, habitat destruction, hunting and commercial exploitation.
- ❖ It promotes the protection of wild animals and their natural habitats.

