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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Warren Buffett stepped down as chairman of Berkshire Hathaway and became chairman emeritus, while his son Howard Buffett became the non-executive chairman.
- ❖ Bangladesh has sought International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) support to speed up electricity supply from the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, Pabna, Bangladesh, to the national grid.
 - The meeting discussed peaceful use of nuclear technology, nuclear safety and security, and international cooperation.
- ❖ Luke Lindberg, a senior United States agricultural official, was appointed the next Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP).
- ❖ The International Conference on “The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics” was held in New Delhi by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), focusing on climate change, environmental protection, development and environmental justice.
- ❖ The rare ghost flower orchid *Gastrodia keyiensis*, locally called “Oram Opuh” in the Nyishi dialect, was recorded in Keyi Panyor district, Arunachal Pradesh, and is classified as Data Deficient.
- ❖ India ranked No. 1 among 41 global markets in the Global Business Climate Survey 2026 by Business Sweden and Swedish Chambers of Commerce.
- ❖ International Day of Peace is observed annually on 21 September to promote peace, non-violence and cooperation.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is “Invest in Peace – For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day.”
- ❖ International Snakebite Awareness Day is observed annually on 19 September to raise awareness about snakebite envenoming and its health impacts.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is “Disabilities from snakebite envenoming: The Hidden Crisis.”

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme

- ❖ Tamil Nadu expanded the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme on 22 September 2026 to students of Classes VI to VIII.

- ❖ The expansion will benefit 15.3 lakh students in 15,454 government and government-aided schools across Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The scheme was launched at Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai, with students being served breakfast.
- ❖ Breakfast will be provided through centralised kitchens in urban areas and by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in rural areas.
- ❖ The scheme was originally launched in September 2022 for Classes I to V and was later renamed after Kamarajar.
- ❖ A total of ₹724 crore has been allocated, including ₹217.63 crore for the expansion.



Expansion of

**PERUNTHALAIVAR KAMARAJAR
BREAKFAST SCHEME**

Inauguration by
Thiru. C. JOSEPH VIJAY
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

44,984
Government and
Government Aided Schools
7,537 additional schools

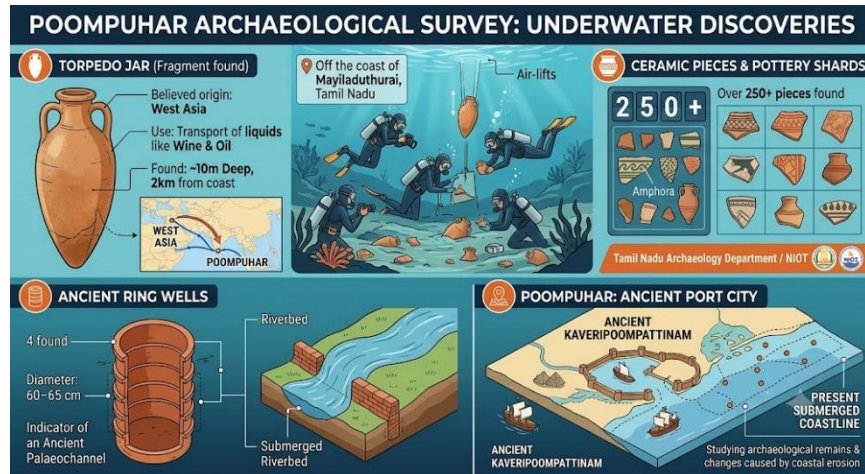
34.64 lakh
students
15.30 lakh additional
students in classes
6 to 8 will benefit

₹ Rs. 724 crore
Rs. 217.63 crore
additional fund allotted

Poompuhar Archaeological Survey

- ❖ A torpedo jar fragment, four ancient ring wells and over 250 ceramic pieces were found during underwater archaeological exploration off the Poompuhar coast, Mayiladuthurai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The torpedo jar, believed to have come from West Asia, was found about 10 metres deep and 2 km from the coast.
- ❖ Torpedo jars were tubular vessels used to transport liquids such as wine and oil by ship.

- ❖ The four ring wells had diameters of 60–65 cm and may indicate the presence of an ancient palaeochannel.
- ❖ Poompuhar, an ancient port city also known as Kaveripoompattinam, is being studied to understand its archaeological remains and changes caused by coastal erosion.



NATIONAL NEWS

3rd ANTIF Conference

Union Home Minister and
Minister of Cooperation

Shri Amit Shah

will inaugurate

**3rd NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF
ANTI NARCOTICS TASK FORCES (ANTFs)
OF STATES/UTs**

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

- ❖ The 3rd national conference of chiefs of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) is being held in New Delhi.

- ❖ The two-day conference is organised by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and focuses on the Vision Document on Narcotics Control (2026–29).
- ❖ ANTFs are specialised units of States and Union Territories that coordinate action against narcotics offences.
- ❖ The conference covers drug trafficking networks, demand reduction, rehabilitation, synthetic drugs, illicit cultivation, darknet and cryptocurrency investigations.
- ❖ The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 is the main law governing narcotics control in India.
- ❖ The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) was established in 1986 as India's central drug law enforcement agency.

National Formulary of India

- ❖ The 7th National Formulary of India (NFI) was launched in New Delhi during the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week.
- ❖ NFI is a reference publication that provides standard information on medicines and supports their rational and safe use.
- ❖ The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, publishes the NFI.
- ❖ The 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week was held from 17–23 September 2026.
- ❖ The previous 6th edition of NFI was launched in October 2021.



G20 Energy Abundance Meet

- ❖ India endorsed the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial consensus outcomes adopted in Houston.

- ❖ The consensus covers household energy access, faster infrastructure approvals, water reuse and critical-mineral supply chains.
- ❖ Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) was recognised as a transitional fuel for improving access to cleaner household energy.
- ❖ It promotes streamlined and predictable approval processes for energy and infrastructure projects.
- ❖ A voluntary framework supports safe and purpose-specific water reuse in energy, agriculture and manufacturing.
- ❖ It also calls for diversified, secure and resilient critical-mineral supply chains; the outcomes are voluntary and non-binding.

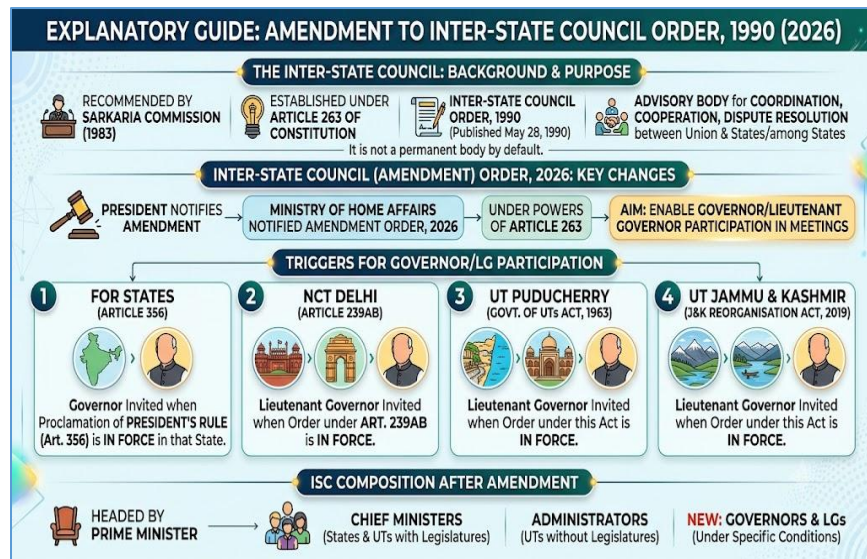
India Calls for Secure, Affordable and Reliable Energy at the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial Meeting in USA

**(G20 Advances Key Outcomes on Clean Cooking,
Permitting and Critical Minerals.)**

Amendment to Inter-State Council Order, 1990

- ❖ President notifies amendment to Inter-State Council Order, 1990.
- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Inter-State Council (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- ❖ The amendment was made by the President under the powers conferred by Article 263 of the Constitution.
- ❖ It aims to provide for the participation of Governors and Lieutenant Governors in meetings of the Inter-State Council when specified constitutional or statutory provisions are in force in their respective States or Union Territories.
- ❖ According to the notification, the Governor of a State shall be invited when a proclamation issued by the President under Article 356 of the Constitution is in force in that State.
- ❖ In the case of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Lieutenant Governor shall be invited when an order issued by the President under Article 239AB is in force.

- ❖ For the Union Territory of Puducherry, the Lieutenant Governor shall be invited when an order issued by the President under the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963, is in force.
- ❖ Similarly, in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Lieutenant Governor shall be invited when an order issued by the President under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, is in force.
- ❖ The Inter-State Council was established under Article 263 of the Constitution through the Inter-State Council Order, 1990.
- ❖ The original order was published in the Gazette of India on May 28, 1990.
- ❖ It was following the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission of 1983.
- ❖ It aims to facilitate coordination, cooperation, and dispute resolution between the Union and states or among the states themselves.
- ❖ The council plays the advisory role and it is not a permanent body by default.
- ❖ It is headed by the Prime Minister of India.
- ❖ Members will be Chief Ministers of all states and Union Territories with legislatures, and administrators of Union Territories without legislatures.
- ❖ Six Union Cabinet-rank ministers will be nominated by the Prime Minister.



ECONOMY NEWS

India's first Tokenized Corporate Bond

- ❖ The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has enabled tokenised corporate bond issuances worth a combined Rs 1,000 crore.

- ❖ The transactions were conducted under the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) Regulatory Sandbox Framework with guidance and support from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❖ The issuance saw participation from banks, financial institutions, mutual funds and depositories.
- ❖ Tokenisation enables securities to be represented and managed digitally using Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT).
- ❖ The technology allows digital records of securities to be maintained across a distributed network, with NSE positioning it as a tool for improving processes across the securities lifecycle.



NSE
has enabled
Tokenised
Corporate Bonds.

REC and Larsen & Toubro have raised **₹1,000 Crore** collectively through tokenised corporate bond issuances.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

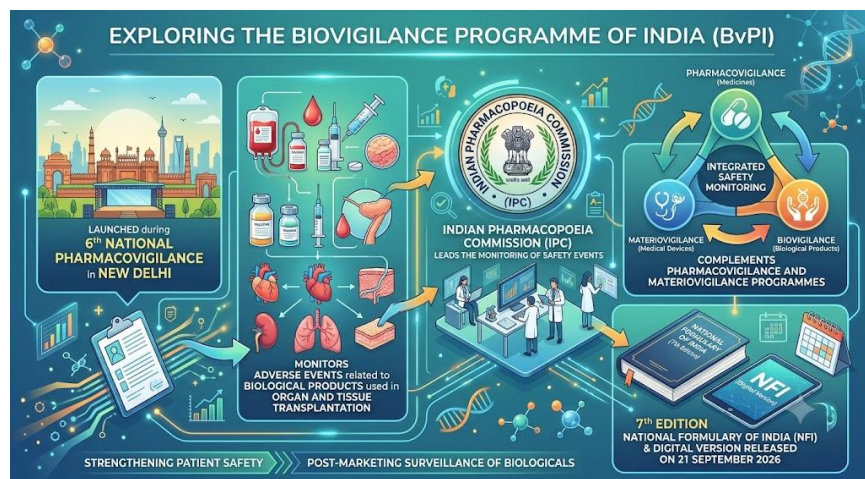
Plastic Waste to Fuel Technology

- ❖ Scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) developed a method to convert polyethylene plastic waste into gasoline- and diesel-like fuels.
- ❖ The process uses aluminium chloride-based molten salts as both the reaction medium and catalyst.

- ❖ It converts polyethylene into smaller hydrocarbon molecules at temperatures below 200°C.
- ❖ The process produced about 60% gasoline under relatively mild conditions.
- ❖ It does not require noble-metal catalysts, organic solvents or external hydrogen.



Biovigilance Programme of India



- ❖ India launched the Biovigilance Programme of India (BvPI) in New Delhi during the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week.

- ❖ BvPI will monitor adverse events related to biological products used in organ and tissue transplantation.
- ❖ The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) will lead the monitoring of these safety events.
- ❖ Biovigilance complements Pharmacovigilance and Materiovigilance programmes for medicines and medical devices.
- ❖ The 7th Edition of the National Formulary of India (NFI) and its digital version were also released on 21 September 2026.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

WWF Global Conservation Conference

WWF GLOBAL CONSERVATION CONFERENCE TAKES OFF IN JAIPUR

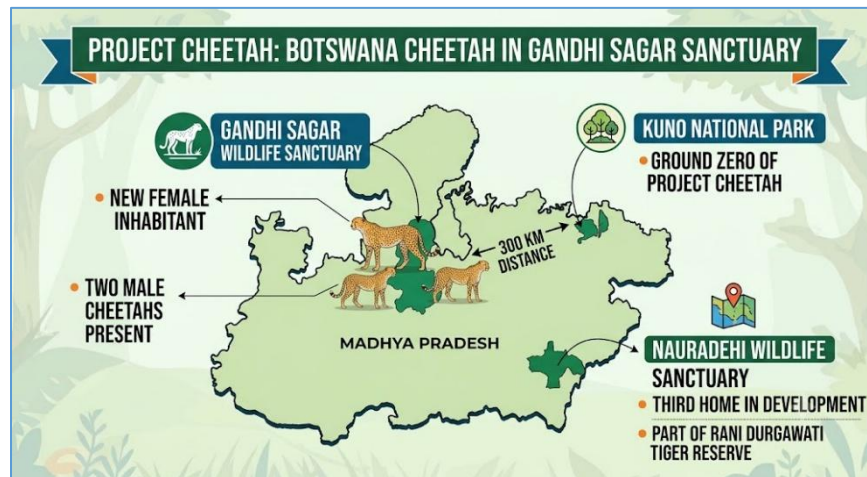
Senior conservation leaders from WWF offices in 100+ countries come together to strengthen the collective delivery of WWF's Roadmap 2030 for nature and people.

- ❖ The WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) Global Conservation Conference was inaugurated in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ❖ WWF is an international non-governmental organisation founded in 1961 that works on wildlife conservation, habitat protection, climate action and sustainable use of natural resources.
- ❖ India's protected areas increased from around 750 to more than 1,000 in the last decade, while tiger reserves increased from 47 to 58 and elephant reserves from 30 to 33.

- ❖ India's Ramsar sites increased from 24 to 101; Ramsar sites are wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, 1971.
- ❖ India's cheetah reintroduction programme aims to restore the species in protected landscapes after its local extinction in the 20th century.

Botswana Cheetah in Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh's Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary, a second home in the works for cheetahs in India, has a new female cheetah inhabitant.
- ❖ The sanctuary, located some 300 km from Kuno National Park, the ground zero of Project Cheetah, already houses two male cheetahs.
- ❖ A third home for the cheetahs is being developed at the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, which is part of the Rani Durgawati Tiger Reserve spanning Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts of Madhya Pradesh.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Rhino Day 2026 - September 22

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about protecting the five remaining rhino species.
- ❖ The five species are White Rhinoceros, Black Rhinoceros, Greater One-horned Rhinoceros, Javan Rhinoceros and Sumatran Rhinoceros.
- ❖ Around 27,000 rhinos remain in the wild, compared with nearly 5 lakh a century ago.
- ❖ India is home to the Greater One-horned Rhinoceros, with nearly 4,000 in India and Nepal.



❖ The theme for the year 2026 is “Keep the Five Alive”.



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