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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The keel of the Indian Navy's first Next Generation Missile Vessel (NGMV) was laid at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- ❖ Premier Energies commissioned India's largest 7 GW N-type TOPCon (Tunnel Oxide Passivated Contact) solar cell facility at Naidupeta, Andhra Pradesh, raising its total solar cell manufacturing capacity to 10.6 GW, the highest in India.
- ❖ Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, is set to host Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) with an estimated investment of ₹5,500 crore.
- ❖ The foundation stone for ISRO's Advanced Radar Research Centre under Project NETRA (Network for Space Object Tracking and Analysis) was laid at Chandrapur near Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ Delhi's 160-year-old Chandni Chowk Town Hall complex will be redeveloped as a Global Heritage Centre under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 20 September 2026.
- ❖ India's first approved dengue vaccine, Qdenga, received Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approval in July 2026 for people aged 4–60 years and is expected to be available in the private market in the first half of 2027.
- ❖ The DRDO is developing a 30 kilowatt (kW) directed-energy weapon (DEW) under the Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (IDD&IS) Mk-II(A) to counter drones and surveillance sensors up to 5 km, demonstrated at the National Open Air Range (NOAR), Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Foundation stone laid for Adani Power's ₹48,000-crore, 3,200 MW Ultra-Supercritical Thermal Power Plant at Chapar, Dhubri, Assam—the largest power plant in Northeast India.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Tamil Nadu State Organ Donation Day 2026

- ❖ Tamil Nadu State Organ Donation Day was observed on 23 September 2026, marking the memory of Hithendran, whose organ donation in 2008 became a major milestone in the State's organ-donation programme.
- ❖ The day aims to create awareness about organ donation and honour donors and their families.
- ❖ From September 2025 to August 2026, Tamil Nadu recorded 312 organ donors and received 1,699 organs and tissues through donations.

- ❖ From October 2008 to September 2026, the State received 14,845 organs and tissues from 2,550 donors through its organ-donation programme.
- ❖ TRANSTAN (Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu) was formed in 2015 to regulate and coordinate organ transplantation in the State; the programme itself began in 2008.
- ❖ In 2025, Tamil Nadu recorded the highest number of deceased organ donors among Indian States and performed 2,796 organ transplants, according to National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) data.
- ❖ Since September 2023, the State has also provided State honours to deceased brain-dead organ donors; 825 donors had received such honours by September 2026.

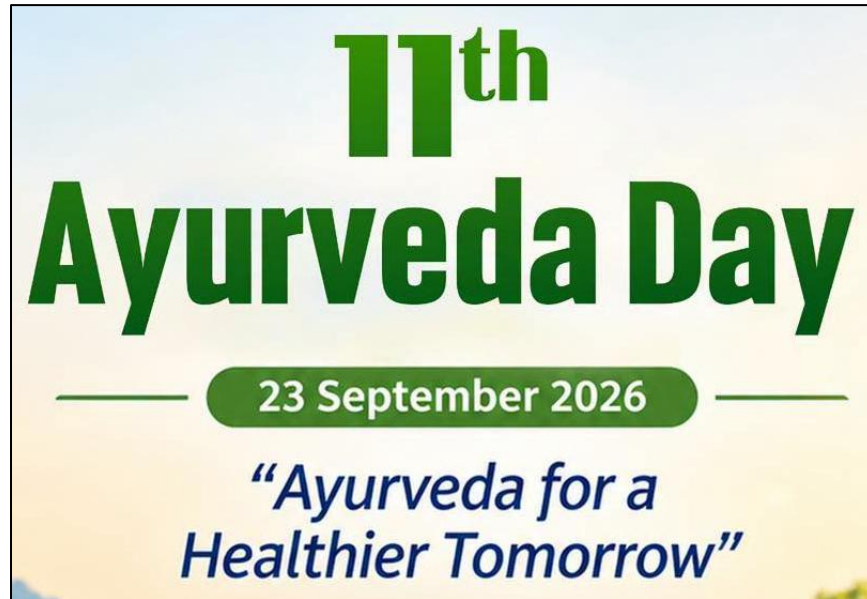


NATIONAL NEWS

11th Ayurveda Day 2026

- ❖ The 11th Ayurveda Day was observed on 23 September 2026 to promote awareness of Ayurveda and its role in health and wellness.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2026 is "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow".
- ❖ Ayurveda Day was first observed in 2016.
- ❖ From 2026, Ayurveda Day is observed every year on 23 September, after the Government fixed the date through a Gazette notification in 2025.
- ❖ The 2026 celebration was the first Ayurveda Day on the fixed date; earlier, it was observed on Dhanteras (Dhanwantari Jayanti), so the date changed each year.

- ❖ The Ministry of Ayush promotes Ayurveda through healthcare services, research institutions, education, quality standards and international cooperation.



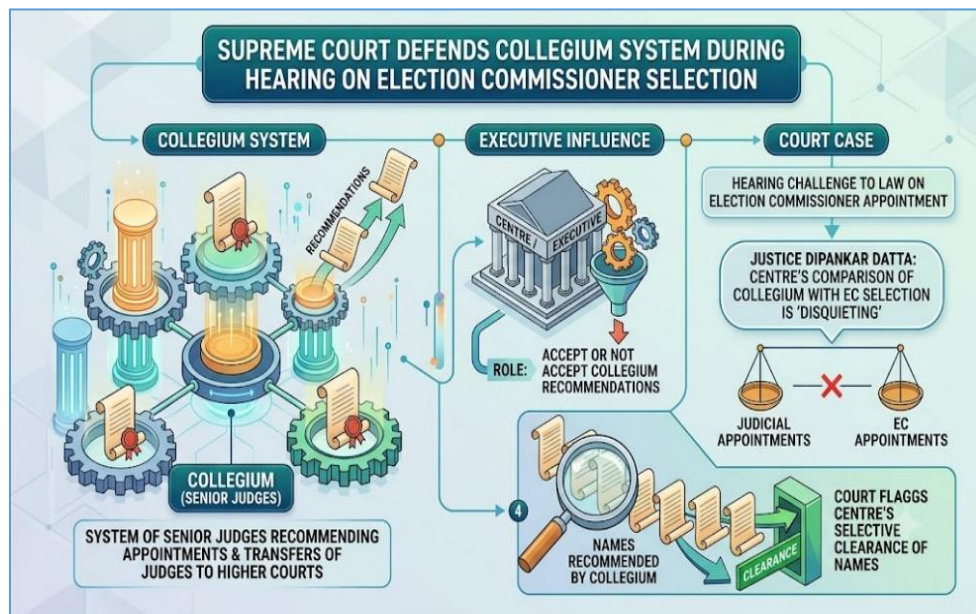
Constitution Bench on EC



- ❖ The Supreme Court referred the challenge to the law governing the appointment of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) to a larger Constitution Bench.

- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023 is being challenged over its appointment process.
- ❖ The selection committee under the 2023 law has the Prime Minister, a Union Cabinet Minister and the Leader of Opposition, giving the government a 2:1 majority.
- ❖ The law replaced an earlier Supreme Court arrangement involving the Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India (CJI) and Leader of Opposition.
- ❖ The two-judge bench gave a split verdict on the referral but later agreed that a Constitution Bench should decide the issue.
- ❖ The Supreme Court noted that the case has been pending since 2015 and concerns the appointment and independence of the Election Commission.

Supreme Court on Collegium



- ❖ The Supreme Court defended the Collegium system while hearing the challenge to the law on the appointment of Election Commissioners.
- ❖ Justice Dipankar Datta said the Centre's comparison of the Collegium with the Election Commissioner selection process was "disquieting".
- ❖ He noted that the executive has a role in judicial appointments and can accept or not accept Collegium recommendations.
- ❖ The court also flagged the Centre's selective clearance of names recommended by the Collegium.

- ❖ The Collegium is the system through which senior judges recommend appointments and transfers of judges to higher courts.

Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0

- ❖ The fifth edition of Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar was conducted from September 12–19, 2026, with coastal clean-up activities at 231 locations across 13 States and Union Territories.
- ❖ Around 15 lakh people took the Ocean Conservation Pledge during the campaign.
- ❖ It focused on coastal cleanliness and ocean conservation through nationwide clean-up activities.
- ❖ The campaign was reviewed during the Monthly Review Meeting of Scientific Ministries and Departments in New Delhi.
- ❖ The proposed Digital Library of Scientific Achievements is being developed with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research–National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) as the nodal institution.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

L.69 Group and UNSC Reform

- ❖ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar co-chaired the L.69 Consultative Ministerial Interaction on United Nations Security Council (UNSC) reform with Saint Lucia's Foreign Minister Alva Baptiste in New York.
- ❖ The L.69 Group is a cross-regional coalition of over 30 developing countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific, including Small Island Developing States.

- ❖ It works for comprehensive and urgent reform of the UNSC to make the Council more representative and effective.
- ❖ The C-10 (Committee of Ten) is an African Union group of 10 countries that promotes the Common African Position on UNSC reform.
- ❖ India said that the UNSC's inability to address ongoing conflicts and threats to international peace and security highlights the need for reform.
- ❖ India, L.69 and C-10 continue to coordinate their efforts on UNSC reform; India also works with the G4 (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan) on the issue.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Pharmacovigilance Week 2026- September 17/23



- ❖ The 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week (NPW) will be observed from 17–23 September 2026 to promote the safe and rational use of medicines.

- ❖ It is hosted by the National Coordination Centre for Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (NCC-PvPI) in Ghaziabad and aligns with World Patient Safety Day (17 September).
- ❖ The 2026 theme is “Promoting Rational Use of Medicines through Pharmacovigilance – A Step Towards Safer Healthcare.”
- ❖ Pharmacovigilance focuses on detecting and reporting Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and other adverse events linked to medical products.
- ❖ The campaign has been a regular national initiative under the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) since 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

NIRF 2025 SDG Ranking

- ❖ The latest official National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) ranking places Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras first, followed by Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI).
- ❖ The SDG category was introduced in NIRF 2025, increasing the total ranking categories from 16 to 17.
- ❖ It evaluates energy efficiency, water management, waste disposal, SDG-related research, community outreach, and social inclusion.
- ❖ The ranking covers institutions' contributions to all 17 SDGs under the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

