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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India hosted the QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission 2026, with Indian Coast Guard Ship Shaunak sailing from Chennai to Perth, Australia.
 - QUAD comprises India, Australia, Japan and the United States.
- ❖ The U.S. Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration's expanded Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to be used for checking the citizenship status of registered voters.
 - The modified SAVE system uses Social Security numbers and federal records and allows states to conduct bulk voter-status checks.
- ❖ The United States and China agreed in Washington, D.C., to establish an Artificial Intelligence (AI) incident communication channel and a U.S.-China Super Intelligence Dialogue.
 - The AI incident channel will provide direct communication between the two countries during AI-related safety or security incidents.
- ❖ International Translation Day is observed annually on 30 September to recognise the role of language professionals in connecting nations, promoting dialogue and strengthening international cooperation.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is "Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights".
- ❖ World Tourism Day is observed annually on 27 September to promote the importance of tourism in connecting cultures, supporting development and highlighting its economic and social benefits.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is "Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism."

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched the Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam at Government Rajaji Hospital (GRH), Madurai, on 28 September 2026.
- ❖ The scheme gives a one-gram, 22-carat, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)-hallmarked gold ring to newborn babies delivered in Tamil Nadu government hospitals.
- ❖ It covers eligible babies born on or after 22 June 2026 to mothers who are residents of Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The scheme has an annual allocation of ₹755.83 crore and is designed to cover about 4.4 lakh government-institution births annually.
- ❖ Eligibility includes Tamil Nadu residents delivering in government institutions, with the mother registered under the Pregnancy and Infant Cohort Monitoring Evaluation (PICME) system with a Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) ID.

**தாய்மாமன்
தங்க மோதிரம் திட்டம்**

- தாய்மாமன் தங்க மோதிரம் திட்டத்தை இன்று மதுரையில் தொடங்கி வைக்கிறார் முதலமைச்சர் விஜய்
- பாலின வேறுபாடின்றி அரசு மருத்துவமனைகளில் பிறக்கும் அனைத்து குழந்தைகளுக்கும் **1 கிராம் தங்க மோதிரம்**
- கடந்த ஜூன் 22 முதல் பிறந்த குழந்தைகளுக்கு திட்டத்தின் கீழ் மோதிரம் வழங்கப்படும்
- பிரசவம் முடிந்து தாய் வீடு திரும்பும்போதே குழந்தைகளுக்கான தங்க மோதிரம் நேரடியாக வழங்கப்படும்
- ஒவ்வொரு மோதிரமும் தனித்துவமான வரிசை எண், கள்ளத்தனமாக திறக்க முடியாத பாதுகாப்பான பேக்கேஜிங் வசதியுடன் வழங்க ஏற்பாடு

Tirupattur MLA Election Case

- ❖ The Madras High Court rejected an election petition challenging Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) MLA R. Seenivasa Sethupathy's one-vote victory in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly election from Tirupattur constituency in Sivaganga district.
- ❖ Justice G.K. Ilanthiraiyan rejected the petition filed by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) candidate and former Minister K.R. Periakaruppan.
- ❖ The petition alleged that a postal ballot meant for Tirupattur constituency No. 185 in Sivaganga district was wrongly sent to constituency No. 50 in Tirupattur district.
- ❖ The court noted that the constituency number, along with details in Form 13C, is used to identify and transport postal ballots.
- ❖ Postal ballots are first deposited at facilitation centres under Rule 18A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 before being transported by election officials.

- ❖ The court found no supporting material proving that a postal ballot was wrongly received or that any such irregularity materially affected the election result.

Madras High Court rejects DMK leader's election petition against TVK MLA's one-vote victory

Madurai Museum Renovation

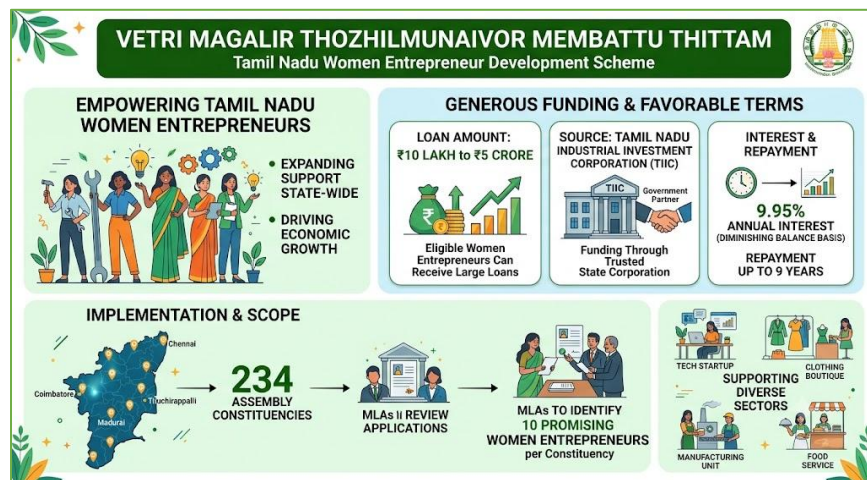


- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the renovated Gandhi Memorial Museum in Madurai.
- ❖ The renovation was completed at a total cost of ₹10.25 crore by the Heritage Wing of the Public Works Department (PWD).
- ❖ The building was originally Rani Mangammal's summer palace and later served as the Collector's Bungalow and Judges' Residence during British rule.
- ❖ In 1955, the Tamil Nadu government gifted the palace to the All India Gandhi Smarak Nidhi.
- ❖ The palace was converted into a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi and inaugurated in 1959.

- ❖ The museum houses 14 belongings of Mahatma Gandhi, including his blood-stained cloth.

Vetri Magalir Thozhilmunaivor Membattu Thittam

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government is expanding support for women entrepreneurs through the Vetri Magalir Thozhilmunaivor Membattu Thittam across the State.
- ❖ Eligible women entrepreneurs can get loans of ₹10 lakh to ₹5 crore through the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC).
- ❖ Loans are offered at 9.95% annual interest on a diminishing-balance basis, with repayment up to 9 years.
- ❖ The scheme is being implemented across all 234 Assembly constituencies of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ MLAs have been asked to identify 10 promising women entrepreneurs from each constituency.



NATIONAL NEWS

Digital Connectivity Rating (DCR) Platform

- ❖ The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched the Digital Connectivity Rating (DCR) Platform and mobile app to assess indoor digital connectivity across properties in India.
- ❖ The platform is administered by TRAI under the Ministry of Communications and follows the TRAI (Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity) Regulations, 2024, amended in May 2026.
- ❖ It assesses fibre readiness, 4G/5G coverage, Wi-Fi and in-building connectivity in areas such as common spaces, lifts and basements.

- ❖ Registered Digital Connectivity Rating Agencies (DCRAs) use a mobile app to conduct on-site signal-strength and internet-speed tests.
- ❖ Aadhaar-based eSign verifies assessment reports, while QR-coded certificates allow public verification.
- ❖ It aims to make indoor digital connectivity a measurable property feature and encourage developers to include Digital Connectivity Infrastructure (DCI) in buildings.

**Launch of
Digital Connectivity
Rating Platform**

The launch of the Digital Connectivity Rating Platform today marks an important step towards making digital connectivity within properties more measurable, transparent, and accessible.

It will support better planning, improve coordination among stakeholders, and provide consumers with credible information about the connectivity infrastructure and performance of these properties.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN Shipping Safety Group



- ❖ India and Liberia jointly launched the Group of Friends on Safety and Security of Shipping and Seafarers (GoF on S4) during the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in New York.

- ❖ India and Liberia are the co-chairs of the group, which includes 25 member countries.
- ❖ Liberia has the world's largest open ship registry, while India is the second-largest supplier of seafarers, with around 2.5 lakh active Indian seafarers.
- ❖ The group aims to protect seafarers, improve maritime security and coordinate responses to piracy and attacks on ships.
- ❖ It promotes the safe evacuation, medical treatment and repatriation of seafarers trapped in conflict zones.
- ❖ Over 80% of global trade by volume is transported by sea, making safe Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs) important for international trade.

UN Cybercrime Convention 2026

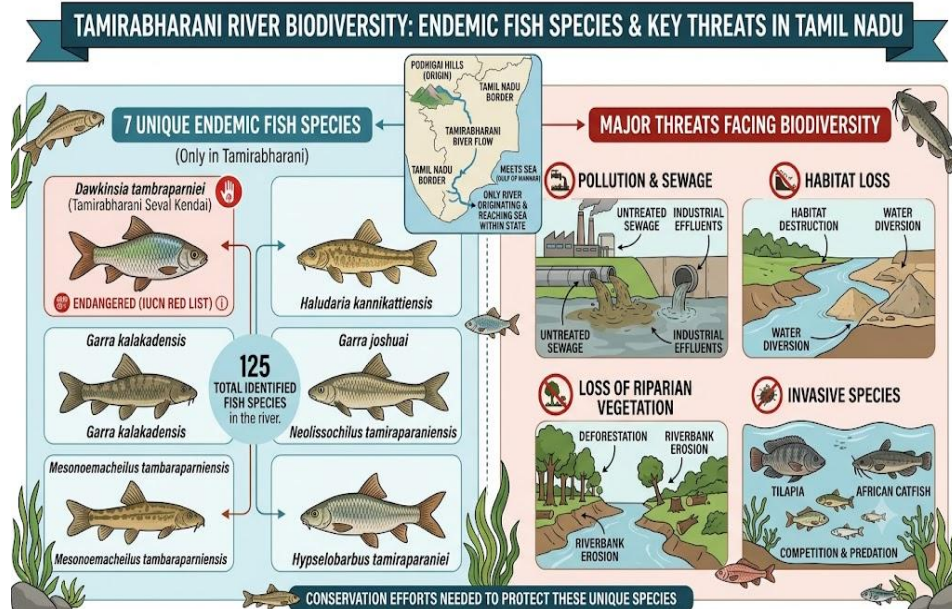


- ❖ India's External Affairs Minister signed the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime, strengthening India's participation in global efforts to combat cybercrime.
- ❖ It is the first comprehensive global treaty on cybercrime, aimed at strengthening international cooperation against cyber offences.

- ❖ The Convention supports cross-border investigations, sharing of electronic evidence and prosecution of cybercrime.
- ❖ It helps countries investigate crimes involving Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).
- ❖ It addresses both technical and legal challenges created by transnational cybercrime.
- ❖ It also supports the recovery of criminal proceeds linked to cybercrime.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Tamirabharani River Biodiversity



- ❖ Seven endemic fish species of the Tamirabharani River, Tamil Nadu, are facing threats from pollution, habitat loss and invasive species.
- ❖ The river has 125 identified fish species, including seven species found only in the Tamirabharani.
- ❖ *Dawkinsia tambraparniei* (Tamirabharani Seval Kendai) is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
- ❖ Other endemic species include *Haludaria kannikattiensis*, *Garra kalakadensis*, *Garra joshuai*, *Neolissochilus tamiraparaniensis*, *Mesonoemacheilus tambaraparniensis* and *Hypselobarbus tamiraparaniei*.
- ❖ Major threats include pollution, untreated sewage, habitat destruction, loss of riparian vegetation and invasive fish such as tilapia and African catfish.

- ❖ The Tamirabharani is the only river in Tamil Nadu that both originates and reaches the sea within the State.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Cities Index 2026

- ❖ Delhi ranked 268th among 1,000 cities in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index (GCI) 2026.
- ❖ The Global Cities Index is an annual report by Oxford Economics that evaluates cities on Economics, Human Capital, Quality of Life, Environment and Governance.
- ❖ New York topped the index, followed by London, Paris, Seattle and San Francisco.
- ❖ Among Indian cities, Delhi (268) ranked highest, followed by Bengaluru (311), Mumbai (330), Chennai (381), Hyderabad (421) and Pune (427).
- ❖ Around 100 Indian cities were included, with 55 Indian cities among the world's 100 fastest-growing city economies.
- ❖ Bengaluru improved by 20 places and was listed as a "City to Watch", while Delhi ranked 13th globally in Human Capital.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Heart Day 2026 - September 29

- ❖ The day aims to raise awareness about cardiovascular health and encourage prevention of heart disease.
- ❖ The campaign highlights three areas: see the signs, protect your heart and demand action.

- ❖ The day is led by the World Heart Federation (WHF).
- ❖ Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), including heart attacks and strokes, are among the leading causes of death worldwide.
- ❖ Major risk factors include high blood pressure, tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, high cholesterol and obesity.
- ❖ The campaign theme for the year 2026 is “Don’t Miss a Beat”.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Typhoon Dujuan



- ❖ Typhoon Dujuan battered Tokyo and eastern Japan, causing record rainfall, strong winds and landslides, including 832 mm of rain in 48 hours on Izu Oshima Island, Tokyo, Japan.



- ❖ Izu Oshima is a volcanic island in the Izu Islands of Tokyo, Japan, in the Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ Dujuan formed over the North western Pacific Ocean and became Japan's 25th named storm of the season.
- ❖ Warm ocean waters and rising moist air helped strengthen the tropical cyclone, while the Coriolis effect caused its rotation.
- ❖ Interaction with Japan's autumn rain front (Akisame zensen) intensified rainfall, flooding and landslides.

