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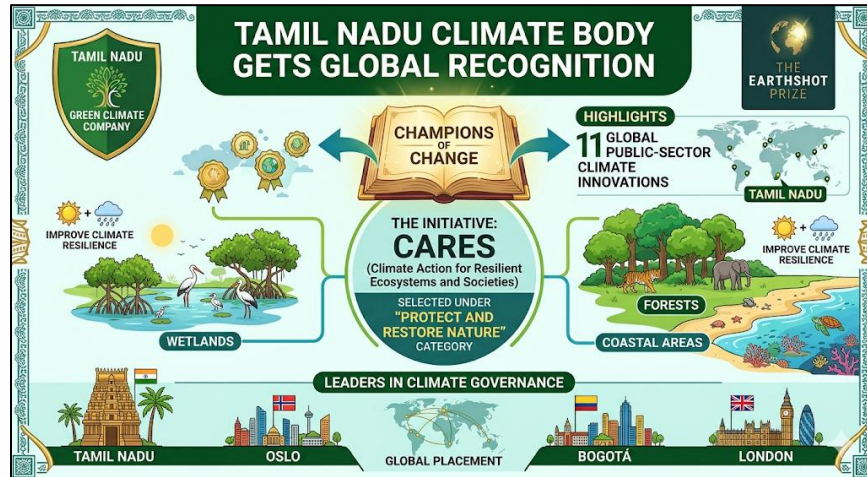
- ❖ India approved Qdenga (TAK-003), a tetravalent dengue vaccine that protects against all four dengue virus types, for people aged 4 to 60 years.
- ❖ Income Tax Department launched 'Kar Saathi', an Artificial Intelligence based chatbot platform to help with tax filing, compliance, e-verification, and grievance support.
- ❖ Min Aung Hlaing has been elected as the President of Myanmar by Parliament.
- ❖ Sudarshan Pattnaik has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador for India Census 2027 by the Government of India.
- ❖ Three Panchayats of Tripura won top honours in Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Nanaji Deshmukh Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar 2025, with Sepahijala (best District Panchayat), Kanchabari (Health-Friendly category – 1st), and Baikunthapur (Women-Friendly category – 3rd).
- ❖ Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released "Tides of Time" by Sudha Murty, explaining 58 murals in Samvidhan Sadan as India's civilisational symbols.
- ❖ NATO Day is observed on April 4 annually, marking the founding of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization through the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty on April 4, 1949.
- ❖ National Maritime Day is celebrated on April 5, 2026, to mark India's maritime heritage and progress.
 - The theme for 2026 is "Maritime India – Empowering Progress".
- ❖ International Day of Conscience is observed on April 5 every year to promote peace and ethical values.
 - The theme for 2026 is "Together for Peace: From Conscience to Collective Action".

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Tamil Nadu Climate Body

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company has been recognised in a global report by The Earthshot Prize.
- ❖ The report titled "Champions of Change" highlights 11 global public-sector climate innovations.

- ❖ The company’s initiative CARES (Climate Action for Resilient Ecosystems and Societies) was selected under the “Protect and Restore Nature” category.
- ❖ The initiative focuses on ecosystems like wetlands, forests, and coastal areas to improve climate resilience.
- ❖ This recognition places Tamil Nadu among leading global regions like Oslo, Bogotá, and London in climate governance.



NATIONAL NEWS

India Defence Exports 2025-26

INDIA'S DEFENCE EXPORTS

REACH RECORD HIGH OF
₹38,424 CRORE IN FY 2025-26

OVER 62% GROWTH COMPARED TO LAST YEAR

Rajnath Singh
Indian Defence Minister

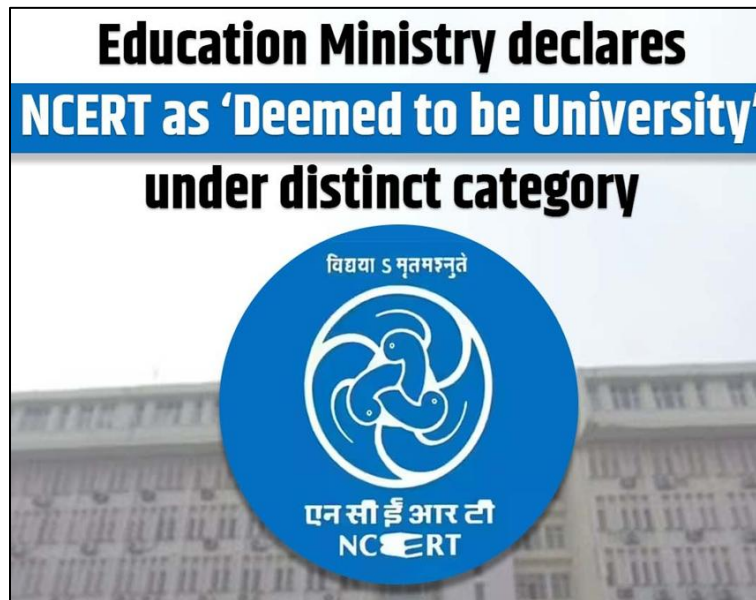
- Strong Global Demand for Indian Defence Equipment
- 'Make in India' Boosting Indigenous Production
- Growing Private Sector Participation
- Exports of Missiles, Artillery, Radar & Protective Gear

- ❖ Ministry of Defence reported record defence exports of ₹38,424 crore in FY (Financial Year) 2025–26.

- ❖ This is a 62.66% increase from ₹23,622 crore in the previous year, showing strong growth.
- ❖ Defence Public Sector Undertakings contributed 54.84%, while the private sector contributed 45.16% to total exports.
- ❖ DPSUs (Defence Public Sector Undertakings) exports increased by 151%, while private sector exports grew by 14%.

Deemed University Status - NCERT

- ❖ The National Council of Educational Research and Training has been declared a “Deemed to be University” under a distinct category by the Ministry of Education.
- ❖ The status was granted based on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission Expert Committee.
- ❖ NCERT can now start research programmes, doctoral (PhD) courses, and innovative academic programmes.
- ❖ NCERT is an autonomous body established in 1961 to improve school education in India.
- ❖ It develops textbooks, research, and policies for both the Central and State governments.



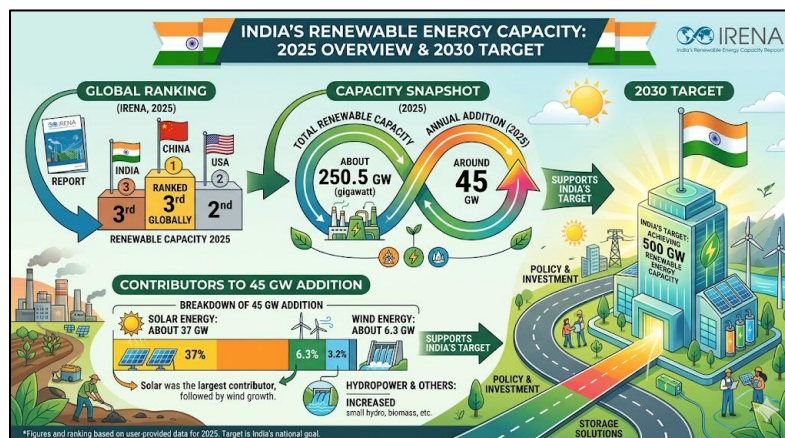
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Amendment Bill 2026

- ❖ The Parliament of India passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Amendment Bill, 2026.

- ❖ The Bill amends the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 to reduce delays and improve resolution processes.
- ❖ It aims to strengthen the insolvency framework to revive stressed companies and preserve business value.
- ❖ A key change increases the look-back period for transactions to two years before insolvency filing.
- ❖ The Committee of Creditors must now record reasons for selecting resolution applicants to improve transparency.



India's Renewable Energy Capacity

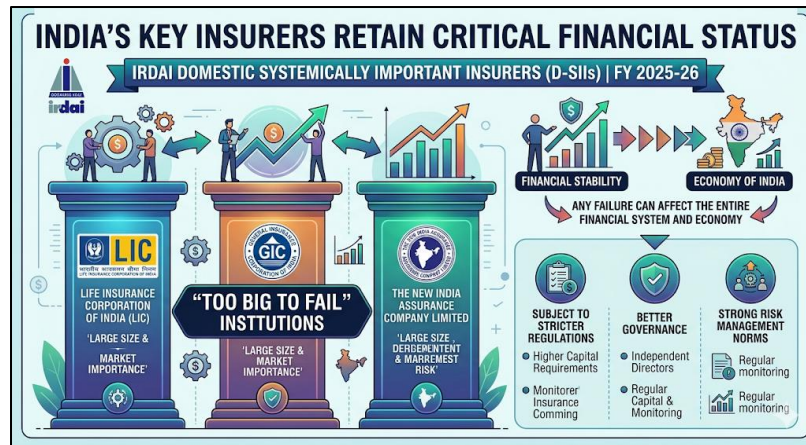


- ❖ The International Renewable Energy Agency reported that India is ranked 3rd globally in renewable energy capacity in 2025.
- ❖ India reached about 250.5 GW (gigawatt) renewable capacity with an addition of around 45 GW in one year.

- ❖ Solar energy was the largest contributor with about 37 GW addition, followed by wind energy growth.
- ❖ Wind energy added about 6.3 GW, while hydropower capacity also increased.
- ❖ It supports India’s target of achieving 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

ECONOMY NEWS

Critical Financial Status



- ❖ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) retained LIC, GIC Re and New India Assurance as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SII) for FY 2025–26.
- ❖ Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation of India and New India Assurance Company Limited are considered critical for financial stability.
- ❖ These insurers are called “Too Big To Fail” institutions due to their large size and market importance.
- ❖ Any failure of these companies can affect the entire financial system and economy.
- ❖ They are subject to stricter regulations, better governance, and strong risk management norms.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Mission MITRA

- ❖ ISRO has launched Mission MITRA to test astronauts for the Gaganyaan mission.

- ❖ Mission MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits and Response Assessment) is being conducted in Leh from April 2 to 9, 2026.
- ❖ Four astronauts will be tested for physical, mental, and behavioural performance under extreme conditions.
- ❖ The mission studies teamwork, decision-making, stress handling, and communication abilities.
- ❖ It is conducted by ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre with the Indian Air Force Institute of Aerospace Medicine.
- ❖ Ladakh is chosen due to its high altitude, low oxygen, and extreme climate, similar to space conditions.



STATE NEWS

Right to Promotion Consideration - Fundamental Right

- ❖ The Punjab and Haryana High Court ruled that the right to be considered for promotion is a fundamental right in public employment.
- ❖ The case involved a junior engineer who was excluded from the Departmental Promotion Committee meeting due to an administrative error.
- ❖ The Court stated that eligible employees must be fairly considered for promotion under Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution.
- ❖ It clarified that while promotion itself is not guaranteed, fair consideration for promotion is a protected right.
- ❖ The Court granted notional promotion with retrospective effect and ordered regular meetings of promotion committees.

- ❖ This principle follows earlier rulings of the Supreme Court of India, reinforcing equality in government jobs.

