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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Odisha Police and Uttarakhand Police have been awarded the President's Police Colour, the highest honour for police forces in India.
- ❖ Union Defence Minister commissioned the advanced stealth frigate INS Taragiri in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, which is the fourth stealth frigate under Project 17A of the Indian Navy.
- ❖ INS Aridaman, India's 3rd nuclear-powered submarine, has been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- ❖ A painting titled "Yashoda and Krishna" by Raja Ravi Varma became the most expensive artwork ever sold in India after being auctioned in Mumbai for ₹167.20 crore.
- ❖ International Children's Book Day is celebrated every year on April 2 to inspire children to read books and develop a love for reading.
- ❖ International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed every year on April 6 to highlight the role of sports in promoting peace and development.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is "Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers".

NATIONAL NEWS

Domestic Gas Futures



- ❖ National Stock Exchange (NSE) has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch India's first domestic benchmark-based natural gas futures.
- ❖ These futures are linked to GIXI (Gas IndeX of India), created by the Indian Gas Exchange.

- ❖ Gas futures are contracts where buyers and sellers agree on a fixed price of gas for future delivery.
- ❖ It helps reduce “basis risk” (the difference between global gas prices and domestic gas prices in India).
- ❖ It will benefit gas producers, distributors, and industries by giving stable and predictable prices.
- ❖ India aims to increase the share of natural gas to 15% in its energy mix by 2030 from about 7% at present.

INS Sunayna – IOS SAGAR Maritime Mission

- ❖ INS Sunayna has been deployed as the Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) under the SAGAR mission to strengthen maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ The mission was flagged off from Mumbai amid rising tensions in West Asia and disruptions in key global sea routes like the Strait of Hormuz.
- ❖ It aims to promote maritime safety, freedom of navigation, and stability through multilateral cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❖ Personnel from 16 foreign countries are participating, and the ship will visit ports such as Colombo, Singapore, Jakarta, Phuket, Chittagong, Yangon, Male, and Kochi for joint training and engagement.
- ❖ The mission includes capacity-building in navigation, seamanship, firefighting, damage control, and Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations.



STATE NEWS

Women Pilots under Namu Drone Didi Yojana

- ❖ Karnataka has the highest number of women Self-Help Groups (SHGs – Self Help Groups) trained as drone pilots under Namu Drone Didi Yojana.

- ❖ A total of 145 SHG women members in Karnataka have received drone pilot training, which is the highest among all states in India.
- ❖ The scheme aims to provide 15,000 agricultural drones to women SHGs during the period from 2023–24 to 2025–26.
- ❖ Across India, a total of 1,094 SHG members have been trained as drone pilots under this programme.
- ❖ The training helps women use drones for spraying fertilizers and pesticides, which improves farming efficiency and crop production.



**NaMo
Drone Didi**

**Empowering Women Self-Help
Groups with Advanced Agricultural
Technology**

- Government approves 'Namo Drone Didi' Scheme with Rs. 1261 Crores funding
- Aimed at providing drones to 14,500 Women SHGs
- Drones will be offered on rental services to farmers for agriculture (fertilizer/pesticide application)

Implementation period from
2024-2026

The infographic features a woman in a blue cap and orange safety vest operating a drone in a field. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Safe Reuse of Treated Water Policy 2026

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh (UP) cabinet approved the Safe Reuse of Treated Water Policy, 2026, to promote large-scale reuse of wastewater.
- ❖ The policy was supported by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) (Centre for Science and Environment) and aims to shift towards a circular economy in water management.
- ❖ It sets phased targets: 50% reuse by 2030 and 100% reuse in later phases where Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) exist, and gradual targets up to 2045 in non-operational areas.
- ❖ The treated water will be reused in agriculture, industry, construction, and urban landscaping to reduce freshwater use and groundwater extraction.

- ❖ City-Level Reuse Action Plans (CLRAPs) are being prepared; Agra and Prayagraj have started projects worth ₹93 crore and ₹1,625 crore, respectively.



SPORTS NEWS

Khelo India Tribal Games 2026

		MEDAL TALLY			
RANK	STATE				TOTAL
1	KARNATAKA	23	8	7	38
2	ODISHA	21	15	21	57
3	JHARKHAND	16	8	11	35
12	NAGALAND	2	2	3	7

- ❖ Khelo India Tribal Games concluded in Chhattisgarh, where Karnataka emerged as the overall champion in the medal tally.
- ❖ The Games were organised to promote sports among tribal communities and to identify, nurture, and showcase indigenous sporting talent from across India.
- ❖ Karnataka secured the first position with 23 gold, 8 silver, and 7 bronze medals.

- ❖ Odisha ranked second with 21 gold, 15 silver, and 21 bronze medals, while Jharkhand finished third with 16 gold medals.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for Mine Awareness 2026 - April 04

- ❖ The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 and has been observed since 2006.
- ❖ The main aim is to spread awareness about the dangers of landmines and to support their removal to protect people.
- ❖ Mine action includes activities like detecting and removing landmines, helping victims, and making land safe for use.
- ❖ Landmines, UXO (Unexploded Ordnance), and IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) are dangerous and can harm or kill civilians even after wars end.
- ❖ The theme of the year 2026 is “Invest in Peace; Invest in Mine Action”.

