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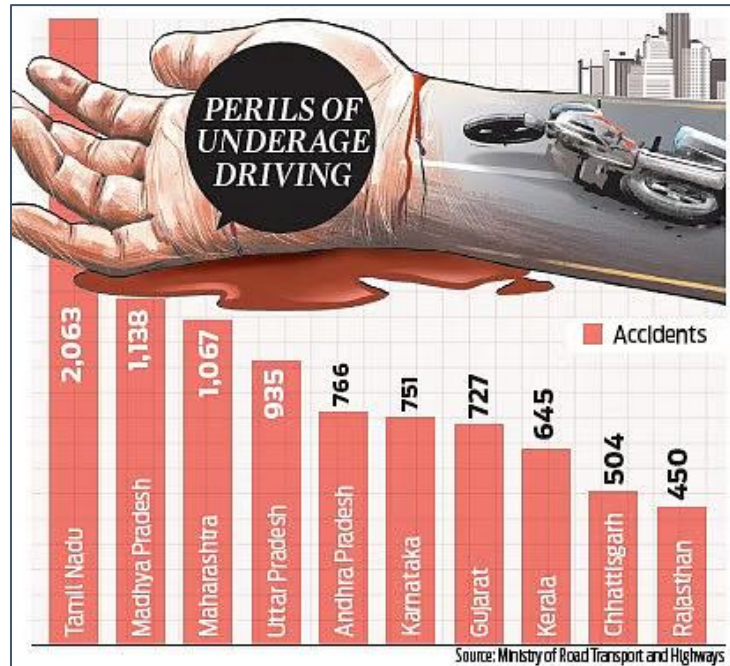
- ❖ Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 was inaugurated at Laipuli in Assam's Tinsukia district to boost coordination between security forces, government departments, and civil institutions.
- ❖ Maharashtra is set to become the world's first region to pilot a hyperloop cargo corridor between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in Navi Mumbai and the Vadhavan Port in Palghar.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Accidents caused by minors

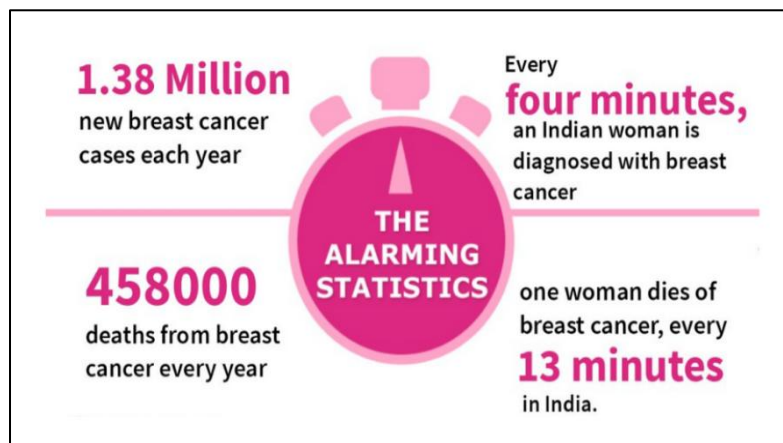
- ❖ State-wise data showed Tamil Nadu with the highest number of accidents caused by minors.
- ❖ TN is reporting 2,063 cases out of a total of 11,890 nationwide for 2023 and 2024.
- ❖ The data was based on the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) system covering 36 States and Union Territories.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh reported 1,138 cases, and Maharashtra reported 1,067 cases according to the same data.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu police, while verifying these claims using the iRAD system, found only 473 accidents caused by minors in the state for 2023 and 2024 combined, with 204 cases in 2023 and 269 cases in 2024.
- ❖ The number of challans issued to guardians and parents of juvenile offenders in Tamil Nadu was 41 in 2023 and 80 in 2024.
- ❖ Bihar recorded the highest number of challans issued to minors at 1,316, collecting ₹44.27 lakh in revenue.
- ❖ Accident and crime data in Tamil Nadu are uploaded to iRAD through the State Crime Record Bureau (SCRB), which is part of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has maintained over 90 per cent efficiency in uploading accident data to iRAD, but cannot verify the data quality from other states.
- ❖ The state recorded a 17 per cent decrease in fatal road accidents during January and February 2025.
- ❖ There were 2,576 fatal accidents and 2,678 deaths in this period.

- ❖ This compares to 3,110 fatal accidents and 3,253 deaths in the same months of 2024.



NATIONAL NEWS

Parliamentary committee on cancer disease



- ❖ A parliamentary committee has recommended declaring cancer a notifiable disease across all states and union territories.
- ❖ Currently, the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) covers only about 18% of India's population.
- ❖ Declaring cancer notifiable would improve real-time reporting, support targeted interventions, and enable evidence-based policymaking.

- ❖ The panel also proposed a high-risk cess or heavy tax on tobacco products to fund cancer research and care.
- ❖ Oral cancer accounts for over 60,000 new cases annually and over five deaths every hour.

New Chairman of the AIBD Executive Board

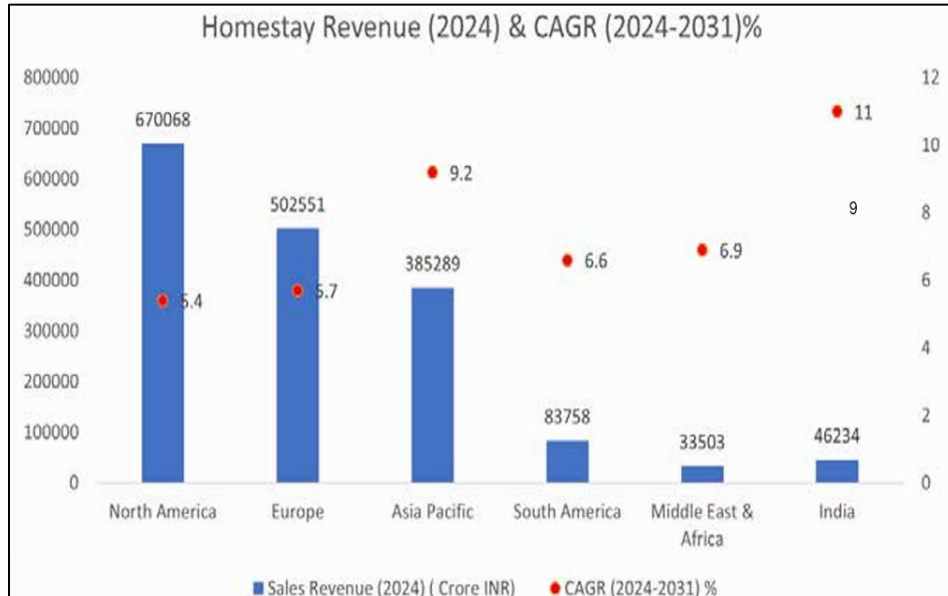


- ❖ India was elected chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) at its 23rd General Conference held in Phuket, Thailand.
- ❖ India has returned to this leadership role since 2016.
- ❖ AIBD is a regional intergovernmental organisation founded in 1977 under the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).
- ❖ It has over 92 member organisations from 45 countries, including government and affiliate members across multiple continents.
- ❖ India is a founding member of AIBD, with Prasar Bharati representing the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ❖ The conference focused on media cooperation under the theme “Media for People, Peace and Prosperity.”

NITI Aayog report on Homestays

- ❖ NITI Aayog launched the report titled “Rethinking Homestays: Navigating Policy Pathways” in collaboration with the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

- ❖ The report offers a strategic roadmap to unlock the potential of homestays and bed-and-breakfasts (BnBs) in India's tourism sector.
- ❖ It emphasises light-touch, transparent regulations to ensure tourist safety, heritage protection, and sustainable economic growth.



Definition of an urban area

- ❖ The Census 2027 will keep the same definition of an urban area as used in Census 2011 to ensure consistent comparison of urbanisation trends.
- ❖ An urban unit or 'census town' is defined as
 - A village with a minimum population of 5,000
 - A population density of 400 persons per square kilometre, and
 - At least 75% of the male working population is engaged in non-agricultural work.
- ❖ In 2011, India had 15,870 urban units and towns, with 31.2% of the population living in urban areas, while 68.8% lived in rural areas.
- ❖ The total number of villages in 2011 was 640,867, with the urban population rising from 17.3% in 1951 to 31.2% in 2011.
- ❖ The Registrar General of India instructed states to prepare updated lists of villages and towns reflecting jurisdictional changes up to December 31, 2025.
- ❖ Statutory towns will be counted as they exist on January 1, 2026.
- ❖ The date when administrative boundaries will be frozen before Census operations begin on April 1, 2026.



- ❖ Villages with populations of 4,000 or more in 2011 will be examined to identify those likely to have reached 5,000 by 2027.
- ❖ Male workers engaged in agriculture, plantations, livestock, forestry, fishing, hunting, and related activities are excluded from the non-agricultural category.
- ❖ District or sub-division headquarters will be classified as census towns only if they meet the demographic criteria and are not statutory towns.
- ❖ Grouping of multiple villages as a single census town is disallowed; each village will be treated as a separate unit.
- ❖ The Census 2027 will begin with house listing and housing census from April 2026, and the population enumeration phase in February 2027.
- ❖ Administrative boundaries must be finalised by December 31, 2025, to be used in the Census process.

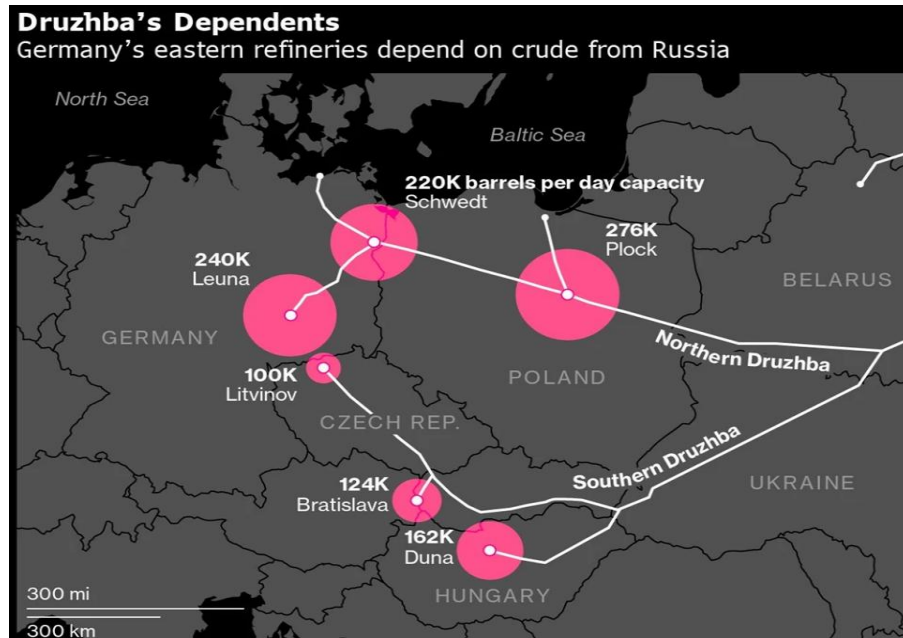
Number of UAs/Towns and OGs in India		
Type of Urban Units	2011 Census	2001 Census
1. Towns:	7,935	5,161
(a) Statutory Towns	4,041	3,799
(b) Census Towns	3,894	1,362
2. Urban Agglomerations	475	384
3. Out Growths (OGs)	981	953

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Druzhba Pipeline

- ❖ Hungary and Slovakia reported supply disruptions after Ukraine's drone and missile strikes on Russia's Druzhba oil pipeline.
- ❖ The Druzhba pipeline transports Russian oil to Hungary and Slovakia and passes near the Russian-Belarusian border.

- ❖ The Druzhba pipeline remains exempt from the European Union's ban on Russian oil imports imposed after 2022.



ECONOMY NEWS

Fiscal Stability Progress under the FRBM Act 2003

Fiscal Indicators - Rolling Targets as a Percentage of GDP		
	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates
	2024-25	2025-26
1. Fiscal Deficit	4.8	4.4
2. Revenue Deficit	1.9	1.5
3. Primary Deficit	1.3	0.8
4. Tax Revenue (Gross)	11.9	12.0
5. Non-Tax Revenue	1.6	1.6
6. Central Government Debt	57.1	56.1

- ❖ The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)'s 2023–24 review of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003 shows India is progressing toward long-term macroeconomic stability.
- ❖ Central government debt declined to 57% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in March 2024, down from 61.38% in the financial year (FY) 2020–21.

- ❖ General Government Debt (GGD) dropped slightly from 83% of GDP in March 2022 to 81.3% in March 2023, still above the 60% target.
- ❖ Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA) considers a stable or falling debt-to-GDP ratio as a sign of sustainable fiscal policy.
- ❖ Unrealised taxes stood at ₹31.11 lakh crore at the end of FY 2023–24, rising by ₹9.81 lakh crore from FY 2022–23.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft

- ❖ India will collaborate with a French company, likely Safran, to co-develop and produce engines for its fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA).
- ❖ Safran is expected to enhance its M88 engine to deliver up to 120 kilonewtons (kN) of thrust with afterburner for the AMCA's twin-engine configuration.
- ❖ Prototypes are expected by 2026–27 with AMCA's first flight targeted for 2028, aligning with India's push for defence self-reliance.
- ❖ Safran also plans to set up a centre of excellence for gas turbine technology in India to strengthen local design and manufacturing capacity.

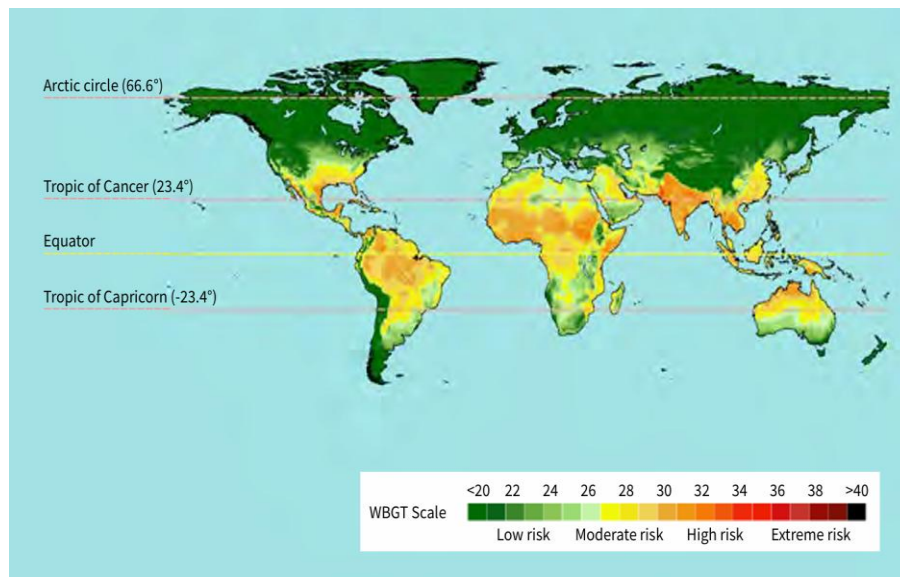


REPORTS AND INDICES

Rising Heat and Work Capacity

- ❖ The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) released a report titled Climate Change and Workplace Heat Stress.

- ❖ The report states that work productivity drops by 2 to 3 per cent for every degree above 20 degrees Celsius.
- ❖ Approximately half of the global population is affected by high temperatures, especially in developing countries like India.
- ❖ Early-day temperature rise in India significantly reduces work capacity in both indoor and outdoor jobs.
- ❖ Heat stress increases health risks such as dehydration, heatstroke, kidney dysfunction, and neurological disorders.
- ❖ Each hourly rise in Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) leads to further productivity loss in heat-exposed occupations.
- ❖ Daily weather fluctuations and seasonal changes create a dual burden of reduced income and higher health costs for workers.



STATES' NEWS

Ran Samwaad

- ❖ The Ministry of Defence will host its first global event, Ran Samwaad, on war and warfare at the Army War College in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The event will focus exclusively on practical aspects of war, warfare, and warfighting.
- ❖ Ran Samwaad aims to become an annual event like the Raisina Dialogue, focusing on active practitioners rather than veterans.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Criminal cases against Chief Ministers

CMs WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DECLARED CRIMINAL CASES				
				
Telangana K Chandrashekar Rao TRS Total Cases: 64/ Serious IPC Counts: 37	Tamil Nadu MK Stalin DMK 47/10	Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy YSRCP 38/35	Maharashtra Eknath Shinde SHS 18/1	Delhi Arvind Kejriwal AAP 13/3

- ❖ Forty per cent of chief ministers face criminal cases, according to an ADR report.
- ❖ Twelve out of thirty Chief Ministers (CMs) in India have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- ❖ Revanth Reddy (Telangana) has the highest number of cases at 89, followed by M.K. Stalin (Tamil Nadu) with 47.
- ❖ Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra Pradesh) has declared 19 cases, Siddaramaiah (Karnataka) 13, and Hemant Soren (Jharkhand) five.
- ❖ Devendra Fadnavis (Maharashtra) and Sukhvinder Singh (Himachal Pradesh) have four cases each, Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala) two, and Bhagwant Mann (Punjab) one.



- ❖ Ten CMs (33%) have declared serious criminal cases like attempt to murder, kidnapping, bribery, and intimidation.
- ❖ The report was released as the Centre introduced bills to remove PMs, CMs, and Ministers arrested for 30 days on serious charges.
- ❖ The Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) said this in an analysis report.

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