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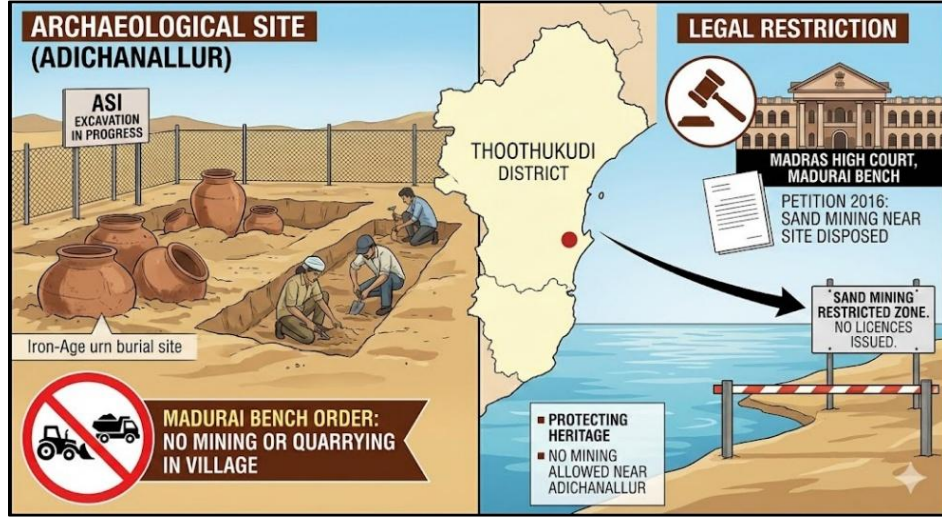
TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India secured their first-ever bronze medal at the 2025 FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup, held in Chennai.
 - Germany defeats Spain to win this Hockey World Cup.
- ❖ DBS Bank was awarded Global Bank of the Year 2025 by The Banker, a Financial Times Group publication.
- ❖ The Oscar Academy Awards will, for the first time in 2026, introduce a dedicated casting category to recognise the role of casting directors in selecting talent and shaping film performances.
- ❖ TIME Magazine selected the "Architects of AI" as its 2025 Person of the Year, recognising leaders who developed and accelerated artificial intelligence.
- ❖ Majuli in Assam is hosting the Charaichung Festival, to revive Asia's first protected Royal Bird Sanctuary, Charaichung.
 - It was established in 1633 AD by Ahom King Swargadeu Pratap Singha.
- ❖ A 70-foot iron statue of footballer Lionel Messi has been unveiled at Lake Town, Kolkata.
- ❖ UNESCO has officially inscribed Italy's culinary tradition as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, making it the first national cuisine in the world to earn this honour.
- ❖ Bihar will develop India's first power museum at the decommissioned Karbigahiya Thermal Power Station in Patna.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Sand Mining restriction in Adichanallur

- ❖ The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court ruled that sand mining is not allowed near the Adichanallur archaeological site or within the village.
- ❖ A Division Bench passed the order while disposing of a petition filed in 2016.
- ❖ The petition related to alleged sand mining near the Adichanallur Iron-Age urn burial site in the Thoothukudi district.
- ❖ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is carrying out excavations at the fenced archaeological site.
- ❖ No sand mining or quarrying licence has been issued in Adichanallur village.



Kalaighar Magalir Urimai Thittam – Phase 2



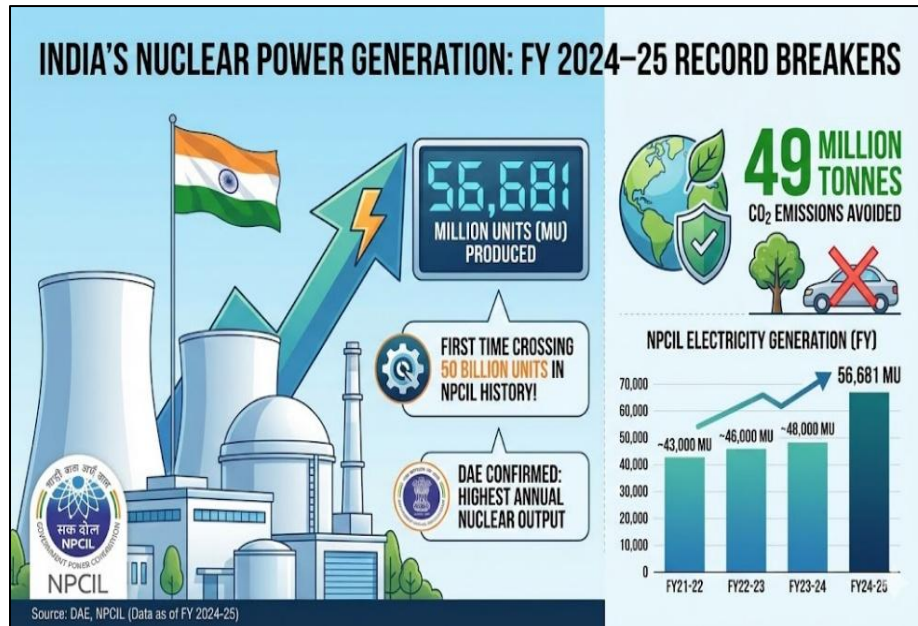
- ❖ The second phase of the Kalaighar Magalir Urimai Thittam began in the Coimbatore district.
- ❖ ATM cards were distributed to beneficiaries at an official ceremony in Coimbatore.
- ❖ A total of 50,648 women were found eligible for benefits in the second phase after field verification.
- ❖ Each eligible woman will receive ₹1,000 per month through direct bank transfer.
- ❖ With both phases combined, Coimbatore district has 4,76,353 beneficiaries under the scheme.

- ❖ The total annual expenditure for both phases in the district is ₹571,62,36,000.

NATIONAL NEWS

India's Nuclear Power Generation

- ❖ The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) produced 56,681 million units of electricity during FY 2024–25.
- ❖ This was the first time NPCIL crossed 50 billion units of power generation in its history.
- ❖ The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) confirmed this as the highest annual nuclear power output so far.
- ❖ The nuclear power generation helped avoid about 49 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.



Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2025

- ❖ Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav 2025 was held in New Delhi on Mahakavi Subramania Bharati's birth anniversary.
- ❖ The theme of the event was "Many Languages, One Emotion".
- ❖ Adi Vaani, India's first AI-powered tribal language translator, was demonstrated, covering Santali, Kui, Bhili, Mundari, Gondi, and Garo.
- ❖ The festival promoted linguistic inclusion, documentation, and technology-driven preservation of endangered languages.



BHARATIYA BHASHA UTSAV 2025

MANY LANGUAGES, ONE EMOTION

CELEBRATING INDIA'S LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

Preservation & Promotion of Tribal Languages
Showcasing Primers | Books | Dictionaries | Poetry
&
Live Demo of Adi Vaani App
India's First AI Translator for Tribal Languages



 **11th DECEMBER 2025**

 **NATIONAL BAL BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

Supreme Court Rules on Narco Tests



- ❖ The Supreme Court set aside the Patna High Court order allowing involuntary narco tests in *Amlesh Kumar v. State of Bihar* (2025).
- ❖ Narco tests involve sedating an accused using drugs such as Sodium Pentothal to extract information, similar to polygraphs or brain mapping.


- ❖ The Forced narco tests violate Article 20(3) of the Constitution, which protects individuals against self-incrimination.
- ❖ Conducting narco tests without consent also breaches Article 21 (Right to Life and Personal Liberty) and the Right to Privacy, forming part of the constitutional “Golden Triangle” with Articles 14 and 19.
- ❖ The Courts have held that narco test results cannot confirm guilt and must be corroborated with other evidence.
- ❖ Narco tests may only be conducted voluntarily, with informed consent recorded before a magistrate and with medical, legal, and procedural safeguards in place.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bangladesh Election and Referendum

13TH NATIONAL ELECTION

<p>Nomination filing deadline 29 Dec 2025</p> <p>Scrutiny of nomination papers 30 Dec 2025 - 04 Jan 2026</p> <p>Last date for nomination withdrawal 20 Jan 2026</p> <p>Time for campaigning 22 Jan 2026 - 10 Feb 2026 (till 7:30 am)</p>	<p>Polling hours 7.30am - 4.30pm</p> <p>12.76 crore Total voters</p> <p>56 Registered political parties *Awami League's activities banned</p> <p>42,766 Vote centres 300 Seats</p>
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63 days - longest gap between schedule announcement and polling day since 1991 election

2026 Referendum (12 Feb 2026)

On 4 proposals of July Charter implementation

PREVIOUS REFERENDUMS IN BANGLADESH			VOTER TURNOUT	OFFICIAL RESULT
During Martial Law Regime	1977	On approval for Ziaur Rahman's rule, policy, and programmes	88.05%	✓Yes: 98.88%
	1985	On approval for Ershad's rule, policy, and programmes	72.44%	✓Yes: 94.11%
	1991	On approval for parliamentary democracy	35.2%	✓Yes: 84.38%

- ❖ Bangladesh will hold its 13th general election on February 12, 2026.
- ❖ A national referendum on the July National Charter will take place on the same day.
- ❖ The July National Charter proposes amendments to the 1972 Constitution of Bangladesh.

- ❖ The charter was adopted in October 2025 and signed by the National Consensus Commission and more than 25 political parties.

ECONOMY NEWS

Digital Payments Fraud Detection Platform

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) to set up a digital payment fraud detection platform.
- ❖ The platform will be established through a new entity named Indian Digital Payment Intelligence Corporation (IDPIC).
- ❖ IDPIC will be registered as a Section 8 company under the Companies Act, 2013.
- ❖ The platform aims to monitor and detect fraud in digital payment transactions across public sector banks.
- ❖ The Department of Financial Services (DFS) granted SBI and BoB an exemption from shareholding limits until October 16, 2026.



India's Corporate Bond Market

- ❖ NITI Aayog released the report "Deepening the Corporate Bond Market in India" in New Delhi.
- ❖ The report aims to expand market access, improve liquidity, and enhance investor participation in India's corporate bond market.

- ❖ A strong bond market is seen as essential for long-term financing and achieving Viksit Bharat @2047.
- ❖ Current challenges include limited market depth, concentrated investors, and weak secondary-market activity.
- ❖ Recommendations include regulatory reforms, diversified bond products, sustainability-linked instruments, and digital innovations.
- ❖ The report highlights opportunities for financing infrastructure, MSMEs, and green transition projects.



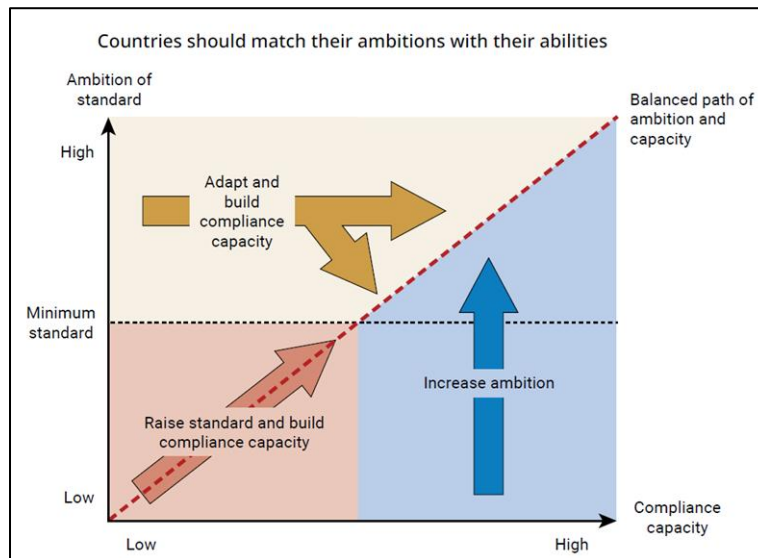
REPORTS AND INDICES

World Inequality Report 2026



- ❖ The World Inequality Report 2026 was released by the World Inequality Lab.
- ❖ The report states that the top 10% of earners in India receive 58% of the national income, while the bottom 50% receive 15%.
- ❖ The richest 10% in India hold 65% of total wealth, and the top 1% own 40% of the wealth.
- ❖ At the global level, the top 10% own 75% of the world's wealth, while the bottom 50% own only 2%.
- ❖ Female labour force participation in India is reported at 15.7%, showing low workforce involvement.
- ❖ The poorest 50% contribute 3% of carbon emissions, while the top 10% account for 77%.

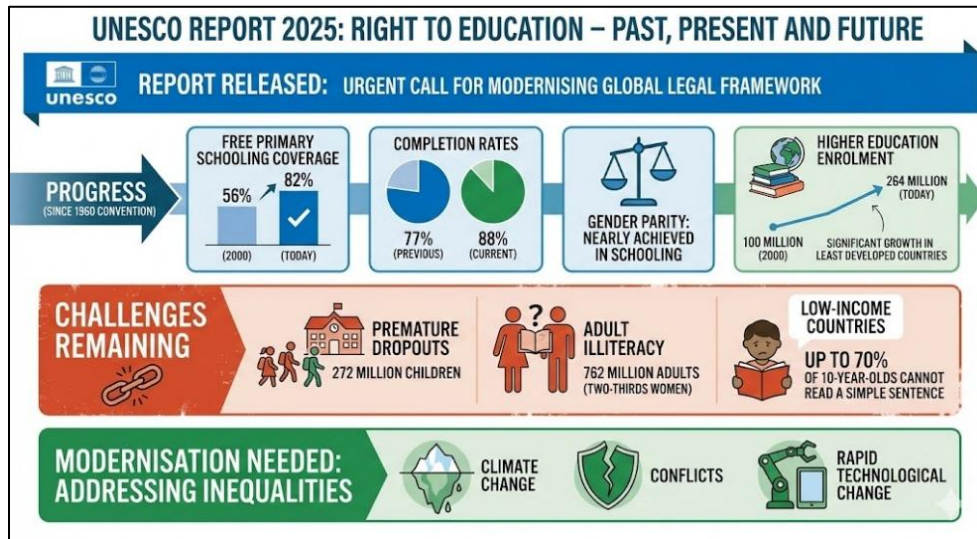
World Development Report 2025



- ❖ The World Bank released the “World Development Report 2025: Standards for Development” report.
- ❖ The report highlights that international standards benefit wealthy nations and multinational companies while leaving many developing countries behind.
- ❖ Standards are shared rules that ensure consistency, compatibility, and quality in systems, processes, and products.
- ❖ They support economic development by boosting trade, reducing transaction costs, promoting innovation, and enabling industrial scaling.
- ❖ Standards enhance national security, improve social outcomes such as healthcare and education, and strengthen governance by reducing corruption.

- ❖ Challenges include their use in trade wars as non-tariff measures and the low representation of developing countries in technical committees that set global standards.

UNESCO Report on Education 2025



- ❖ UNESCO released the report “Right to Education: Past, Present and Future”.
- ❖ The report urges modernising the global legal framework for the right to education.
- ❖ Modernisation is needed to address inequalities caused by climate change, conflicts, and rapid technological change.
- ❖ Since the 1960 Convention against Discrimination in Education, free primary schooling coverage rose from 56% in 2000 to 82% in countries today.
- ❖ Completion rates increased from 77% to 88%.
- ❖ Gender parity in schooling is nearly achieved. Higher education enrolment grew from 100 million students in 2000 to 264 million, including significant growth in the least developed countries.
- ❖ Despite progress, 272 million children drop out prematurely.
- ❖ 762 million adults remain illiterate (two-thirds are women), and in some low-income countries, up to 70% of ten-year-olds cannot read a simple sentence.
- ❖ Lifelong learning is essential for adults and older workers, with countries like France, Singapore, Australia, and Morocco implementing vocational and skills-development programs.

STATES' NEWS

Watershed Mahotsav 2025



- ❖ The State-Level Watershed Mahotsav 2025 was inaugurated in Kohima, Nagaland, along with the launch of Mission Watershed Punarutthan.
- ❖ The mission aims to rejuvenate traditional water bodies, restore degraded land, and enhance water-harvesting systems through active community participation.
- ❖ Its goals include ensuring water security, promoting rural sustainability, restoring ecological balance, and reviving springs and watershed structures.
- ❖ Under the PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), fourteen watershed projects have been approved in Nagaland.
- ❖ North Eastern States receive 90% central assistance for implementing watershed and water-security schemes.

Pagdi Rules Reforms

- ❖ Maharashtra has introduced a new law to dismantle the century-old Pagdi system in Mumbai.
- ❖ The Pagdi system, dating before India's Independence, allowed tenants to pay a one-time premium for near-permanent occupancy at very low rents.

- ❖ Over time, the system caused building deterioration, stalled redevelopment, and led to legal disputes.
- ❖ The new framework provides tenants with clearer rights or ownership stakes in redeveloped properties.
- ❖ Landlords may receive fair compensation, revised rents, and redevelopment benefits to make projects viable.
- ❖ The law aims to reduce litigation, bring transparency, and accelerate the redevelopment of ageing Pagdi buildings.



Parakh Survey - Arunachal Pradesh

- ❖ Arunachal Pradesh secured the 17th rank in the Parakh Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024.
- ❖ The survey assessed learning outcomes of students in Grades 3, 6, and 9 across India.
- ❖ The state ranked 12th in Grade 9, 14th in Grade 6, and 24th in Grade 3.
- ❖ Language subject scores in Grades 6 and 9 were above the national average.
- ❖ Parakh Rashtriya Sarvekshan is conducted under the National Education Policy (NEP) framework.



PARAKH

Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024

OVERALL RANK
17th OUT OF 36

Arunachal Pradesh

12th Rank
in Grade 9

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in Grade 6

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in Grade 3

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Neutrality 2025 - December 12



- ❖ The day aims to promote peaceful relations, diplomacy, and conflict prevention among nations.
- ❖ It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 2 February 2017.
- ❖ The day is based on the UNGA Resolution, which was proposed by Turkmenistan, a permanently neutral country since 12 December 1995.
- ❖ Neutrality means a country does not take sides in wars and remains impartial in conflicts.

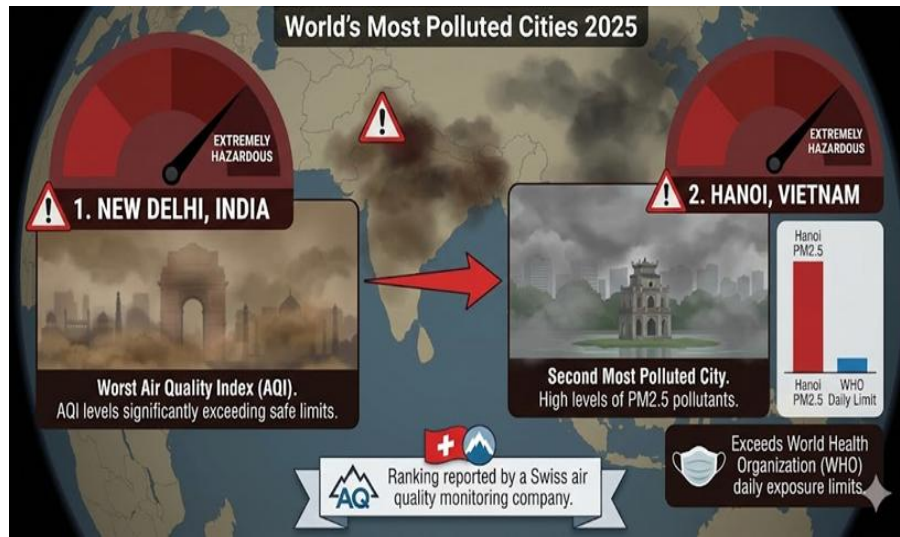
International Universal Health Coverage Day 2025 - December 12

- ❖ The day was officially declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2017 through a Resolution.
- ❖ The day aims to ensure accessible, affordable, and quality health services for all without financial hardship.
- ❖ Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is included under Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.8 for good health and well-being.
- ❖ Theme for 2025 is “Unaffordable health costs? We’re sick of it!”



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

World's Most Polluted Cities 2025



- ❖ New Delhi, India, holds the first rank for the worst air quality index (AQI).
- ❖ Hanoi, Vietnam, was ranked the second most polluted city in the world in 2025.
- ❖ High levels of PM2.5 pollutants in Hanoi exceed World Health Organization (WHO) daily exposure limits.
- ❖ The ranking was reported by a Swiss air quality monitoring company.

