

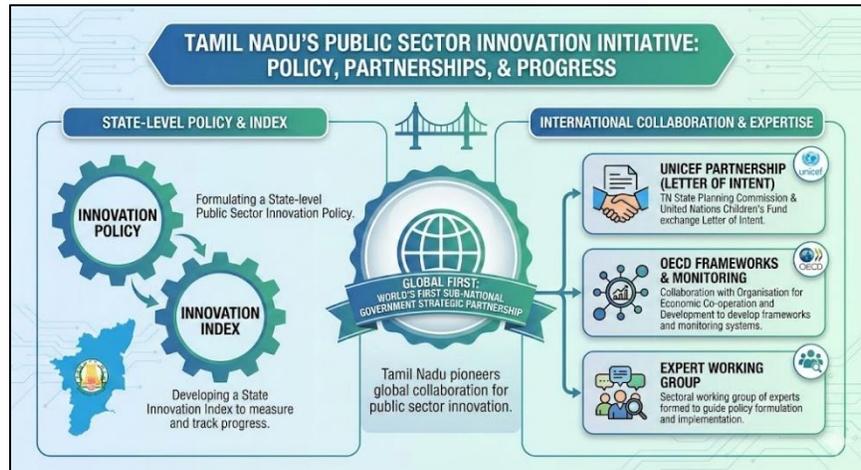
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tirunelveli district police launched a YouTube channel named “Tirunelveli District Police News” to improve transparency in policing, which was first in this kind in this state.
 - The Special posts will be created for students about the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) and safety issues.
- ❖ Mumbai Coastal Road introduced India’s first musical road on the northbound lane from Nariman Point to Worli on the Mumbai Coastal Road.
- ❖ The Delhi Metro Rail’s Magenta Line will become the longest corridor in the Delhi Metro network, stretching about 89 kilometres.
- ❖ World Radio Day was observed globally on 13 February 2026 to highlight the importance of radio as a mass communication medium.
 - The theme for the year 2026 is “Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice.”

TAMIL NADU NEWS

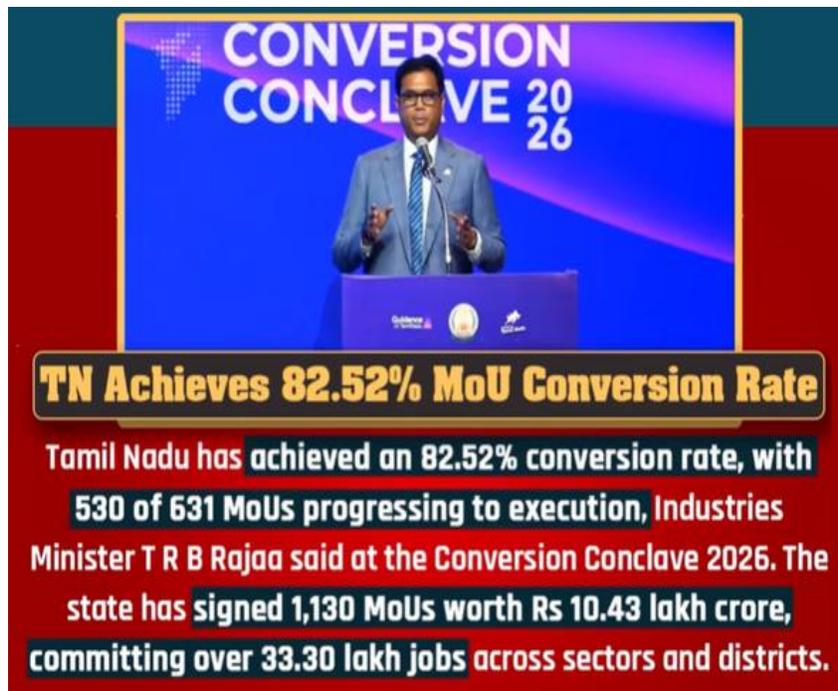
Public Sector Innovation Policy



- ❖ Tamil Nadu has announced that it will formulate a State-level Public Sector Innovation Policy and a State Innovation Index.
- ❖ A delegation from the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission (SPC) visited the UNICEF Office of Innovation and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu became the first sub-national government in the world to enter a strategic partnership with international agencies to promote the public sector innovation.
- ❖ A Letter of Intent was exchanged between the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission and the United Nations Children's Fund.
- ❖ The collaboration also involves the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to develop innovation frameworks and monitoring systems.
- ❖ A sectoral working group of experts has been formed to guide policy formulation and implementation.

Conversion Conclave 2026



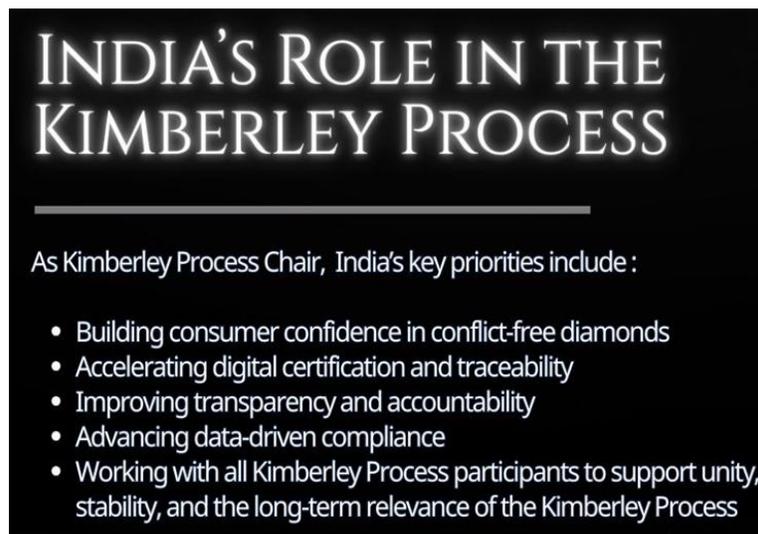
- ❖ During the Conversion Conclave 2026 held in Chennai, The Chief Minister M. K. Stalin has announced that 73.53 % of MoUs signed since mid-2021 have been converted into investment projects.
- ❖ A total of 1,179 MoUs worth ₹12.37 lakh crore were signed in the last five years, with the potential to create 36.52 lakh jobs.
- ❖ Out of these, 867 projects are in advanced stages of implementation, and 35.11 % of the projects are already operational.
- ❖ According to data from the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, about 29.63 lakh jobs were created in the last four years in Tamil Nadu.

- ❖ The State government has organised 18 investment conclaves in Tamil Nadu and abroad, which resulted in 1,130 MoUs worth ₹10.43 lakh crore.
- ❖ New MoUs were signed with the Bharat Biotech for a bio-similar manufacturing project and with Hyundai Motor India Foundation for a skill development centre in Kancheepuram.
- ❖ Dabur India Ltd has also started construction of its first manufacturing plant in South India at Tindivanam.

NATIONAL NEWS

Reform Plan for Kimberley Process

- ❖ India has proposed reforms in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme to improve the regulation of the global diamond trade.
- ❖ The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme is a global system that regulates trade in rough diamonds to prevent conflict diamonds.
- ❖ Only member countries of the Kimberley Process can trade rough diamonds with each other using certification.
- ❖ India is not a diamond-producing country, but imports about 40 % of global rough diamonds for cutting and polishing.
- ❖ Major diamond cutting and polishing centres in India are Surat and Mumbai.



INDIA'S ROLE IN THE KIMBERLEY PROCESS

As Kimberley Process Chair, India's key priorities include :

- Building consumer confidence in conflict-free diamonds
- Accelerating digital certification and traceability
- Improving transparency and accountability
- Advancing data-driven compliance
- Working with all Kimberley Process participants to support unity, stability, and the long-term relevance of the Kimberley Process

Artificial Intelligence Adoption Hub

- ❖ A new report by Zscaler has ranked India second globally in enterprise Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning usage.

- ❖ The Zscaler ThreatLabz 2026 Artificial Intelligence Security Report analysed nearly one trillion Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning transactions in 2025.
- ❖ India has recorded 82.3 billion Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning transactions between June and December 2025.
- ❖ India accounts for 46.2 % of total Artificial Intelligence activity in the Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ The Technology and Communication sector recorded the highest Artificial Intelligence usage, followed by Manufacturing and Finance.



India-AI Impact Summit 2026

- ❖ The Government of India will host the India-AI Impact Summit 2026, focusing on global cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ❖ The summit will be held in New Delhi and will be the first global Artificial Intelligence (AI) summit in the Global South.
- ❖ The summit is based on three Sutras — People, Planet, and Progress.
- ❖ Discussions will be organised around seven Chakras (themes): Human Capital; Inclusion for Social Empowerment; Safe and Trusted AI; Resilience, Innovation and Efficiency; Science; Democratizing AI Resources; Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Economic Growth and Social Good.
- ❖ It is supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India Artificial Intelligence (AI) Mission, Software Technology Parks of India, and the Digital India Initiative.

- ❖ The summit aims to promote responsible AI adoption, strengthen global partnerships, and support inclusive development.



Substantive Motion in Lok Sabha



- ❖ Nishikant Dubey has moved a Substantive Motion against Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha.
- ❖ A Substantive Motion is an independent and self-contained proposal placed before the Lok Sabha to seek a clear and binding decision of the House.
- ❖ It is complete in itself and is not linked to any other business under discussion in Parliament.

- ❖ When adopted, the motion represents the formal opinion or will of the House on a specific matter.
- ❖ Under the Rules of Procedure of the Lok Sabha, the motion can be admitted only with the approval of the Speaker, Om Birla, who has the discretion to accept or reject it.
- ❖ If admitted, the motion is debated in the House, put to a compulsory vote, and in some cases may be referred to a specially constituted committee for examination.
- ❖ Substantive motions are not commonly used in routine political disputes and provide a formal parliamentary mechanism to consider matters involving constitutional posts such as the Leader of the Opposition.

National Song and Anthem Guidelines 2026

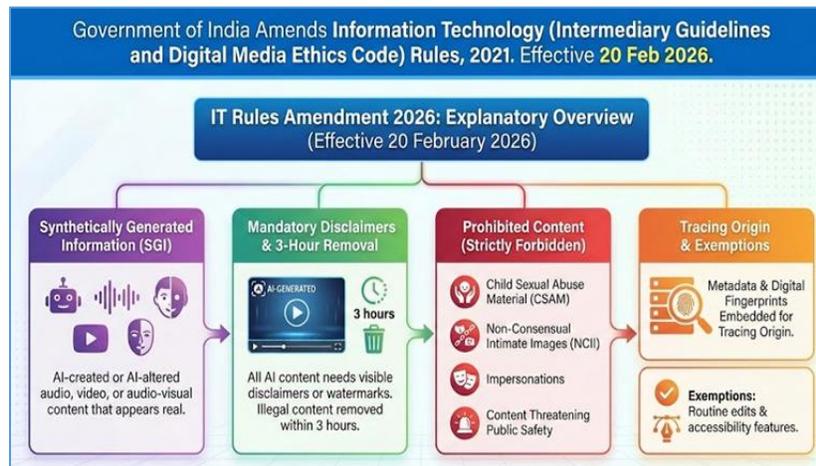


- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued guidelines on the order of singing the National Song and National Anthem.
- ❖ The guidelines state that Vande Mataram must be sung or played before Jana Gana Mana when both are played together.
- ❖ The official version of the National Song is about 3 minutes and 10 seconds long, and the audience must stand at attention when it is played or sung.
- ❖ The song Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.
- ❖ It was adopted as the National Song by the Constituent Assembly on 24 January 1950.

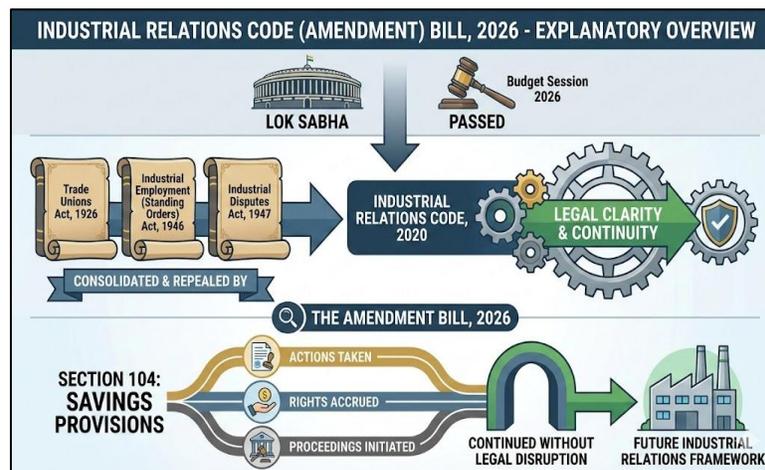
IT Rules Amendment 2026

- ❖ The Indian government amended the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, effective 20 February 2026.

- ❖ Synthetically Generated Information (SGI) includes AI-created or AI-altered audio, video, or audio-visual content that appears real.
- ❖ All AI-generated content must have visible disclaimers or watermarks, and illegal content must be removed within 3 hours.
- ❖ Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), Non-Consensual Intimate Images (NCII), impersonations, and content threatening public safety are prohibited.
- ❖ Metadata and digital fingerprints are embedded for tracing the origin of AI content; routine edits and accessibility features are exempt.



Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026



- ❖ The Lok Sabha has passed the Industrial Relations Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026, during the Budget session of Parliament.
- ❖ The Bill provides legal clarity and continuity for labour laws replaced by the Industrial Relations Code, 2020.

- ❖ The Industrial Relations Code, 2020, consolidated and repealed three major labour laws: the Trade Unions Act, 1926, the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
- ❖ The Amendment contains savings provisions under Section 104 to ensure that actions taken, rights accrued, and proceedings initiated under the repealed laws continue without legal disruption.

ECONOMY NEWS

New GDP, CPI, and IIP Series



- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) announced a revision of the base year for key economic indicators.
- ❖ Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Index of Industrial Production (IIP) will have a new base year of 2022-23, while the Consumer Price Index (CPI) base year is revised to 2024.
- ❖ The updated series are scheduled for release as follows: CPI – 12 February 2026, GDP – 27 February 2026, IIP – 28 May 2026.

- ❖ The revision aims to improve the accuracy, transparency, relevance, and international comparability of India's official statistics.

STATE NEWS

Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana



Delhi Launches 'Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana' Under this Girls to get ₹1 Lakh from birth till graduation.

- ❖ The Delhi government announced the Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana to support girls' education and reduce school dropouts due to financial stress.
- ❖ The scheme will begin on 1 April 2026 and provides financial assistance totalling ₹56,000 during a girl's schooling and higher education, which is expected to grow to around ₹1 lakh with interest.
- ❖ Money will be credited to an Aadhaar-enabled bank account in the girl's name to ensure direct benefit transfer and better tracking.
- ❖ The final amount will be paid when the girl turns 21 years old or completes graduation or diploma, whichever is earlier.
- ❖ Payments are linked to schooling milestones, including at birth, Class 1, Class 6, Class 9, Class 10 and Class 12, with additional funds after graduation or diploma.

- ❖ The scheme is for girls born in Delhi whose families have lived in the city for at least three years and have an annual income of ₹1 lakh or less; benefits are limited to two daughters per family.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Mumbai Mayor - Ritu Tawde

- ❖ Ritu Tawde is becoming the first Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mayor of Mumbai in 44 years.
- ❖ The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is the largest and richest municipal corporation in India.
- ❖ The BMC presented a record budget of about ₹74,427 crore for 2025–26.
- ❖ This budget is larger than the budgets of several smaller Indian States.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism 2026 – February 12

- ❖ The observance aims to raise awareness about violent extremism linked to terrorism and promote international cooperation.
- ❖ It was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2022.

- ❖ The Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism was presented by the UN Secretary-General in 2016.
- ❖ The theme for the year 2026 is “Preventing Violent Extremism in the Age of New and Emerging Technologies”.

