# TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Third International Conference on Indian Languages was held in New Delhi.

- ❖ The 9th Apex-Level Meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD) was held in New Delhi.

- ❖ A book on the life of President Droupadi Murmu was released by Lakshmamma, a woman sanitation worker who cleans the roads at Andhra University, in Visakhapatnam.

  - o This book Titled, 'Agni Sarassulo Vikasinchina Kamalam Droupadi Murmu', is authored by Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad.

- ❖ Chile has formally backed India's aspiration for permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

TAMIL NADU NEWS

TN State Indicator Framework 2.0
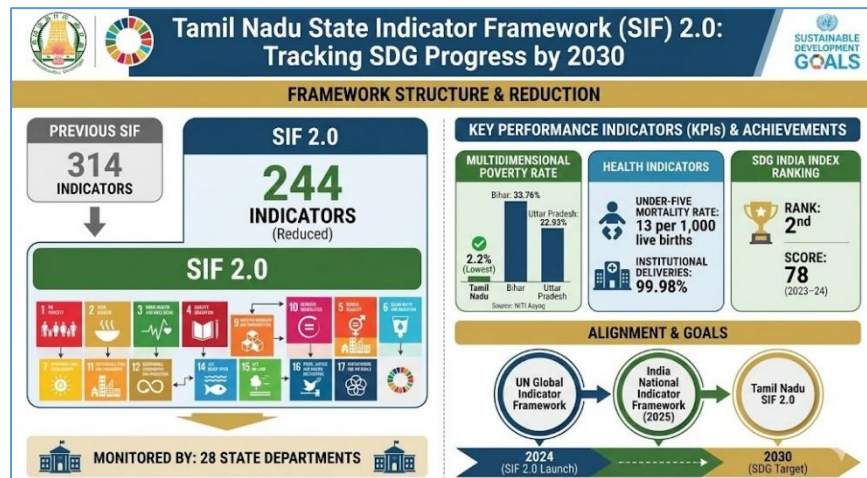
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has released the State Indicator Framework (SIF) 2.0 to track progress on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

- ❖ The framework reduces indicators from 314 to 244 across 17 SDGs and is monitored by 28 State departments.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's multidimensional poverty rate is 2.2%, compared to 33.76% in Bihar and 22.93% in Uttar Pradesh, as per NITI Aayog.

- ❖ The State has an under-five mortality rate of 13 per 1,000 live births and 99.98% institutional deliveries.

- Tamil Nadu ranks second in the SDG India Index 2023–24 with a score of 78.
- SIF 2.0 is aligned with the UN Global Indicator Framework and India's National Indicator Framework (2025).

NATIONAL NEWS

National IED Data Management System (NIDMS)

- The union home minister has inaugurated the National IED Data Management System (NIDMS).
- The NIDMS is a national digital platform for storing and analysing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) data.
- It has been developed by the National Bomb Data Centre of the National Security Guard (NSG).
- The system will support post-blast investigations and forensic analysis.
- It will enable data sharing among the State Police, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), and Central agencies.
- NSG works under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugrated National IED Data Management System

Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign

- The government launched the Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign to reduce child marriage by 10% by 2026 and eliminate it nationwide by 2030.
- The initiative was started in November 2024 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

- ❖ It focuses on eradicating child marriages, especially among girls and marginalized communities.

- ❖ Balod district in Chhattisgarh became the country's first child marriage-free district.

- ❖ Zero child marriages reported across 436 Gram Panchayats and 9 urban local bodies for two consecutive years.

- ❖ Surajpur district, also in Chhattisgarh, declared 75 village panchayats as Child Marriage-Free Panchayats in September 2025.

DLTT Plan

- ❖ The Ministry of Textiles launched the district-Led Textiles Transformation (DLTT) initiative to promote inclusive and sustainable growth in India's textile sector.

- ❖ The plan aims to transform 100 high-potential districts into Global Export Champions and develop 100 Aspirational Districts into self-reliant hubs.

- ❖ Districts were selected using a data-driven scoring methodology based on export performance, MSME ecosystem, and workforce presence.

- ❖ Champion Districts focus on scaling and sophistication through Mega Common Facility Centres (CFCs), Industry 4.0 integration, and direct export market linkages.

❖ The Aspirational Districts focus on foundation-building with basic skilling, raw material banks, and promotion of micro-enterprises via Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and cooperatives.

❖ The initiative emphasizes Purvodaya convergence in eastern and northeastern zones, supporting tribal development, connectivity, and Geographical Indication (GI) tagging of handicrafts.

❖ The program seeks to strengthen textile clusters and replicate successful models across districts through government-industry-academia collaboration.
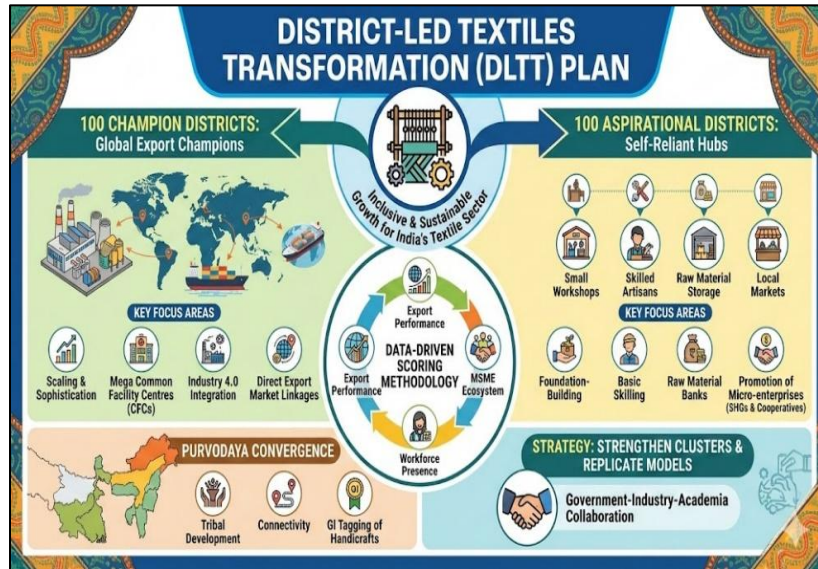
PANKHUDI Portal

- ❖ Union Minister for Women and Child Development launched the PANKHUDI portal to improve ease of living for women and children in India.

- ❖ The portal is an integrated digital platform that enhances coordination, transparency, and stakeholder participation in women and child development initiatives.

- ❖ It covers key areas such as nutrition, health, early childhood care and education, child welfare, and women's safety and empowerment.

- ❖ The portal will strengthen services through over 14 lakh Anganwadi centres, 5,000 child care institutions, and nearly 800 One Stop Centres.

India's Data Centre Capacity Growth in 2025
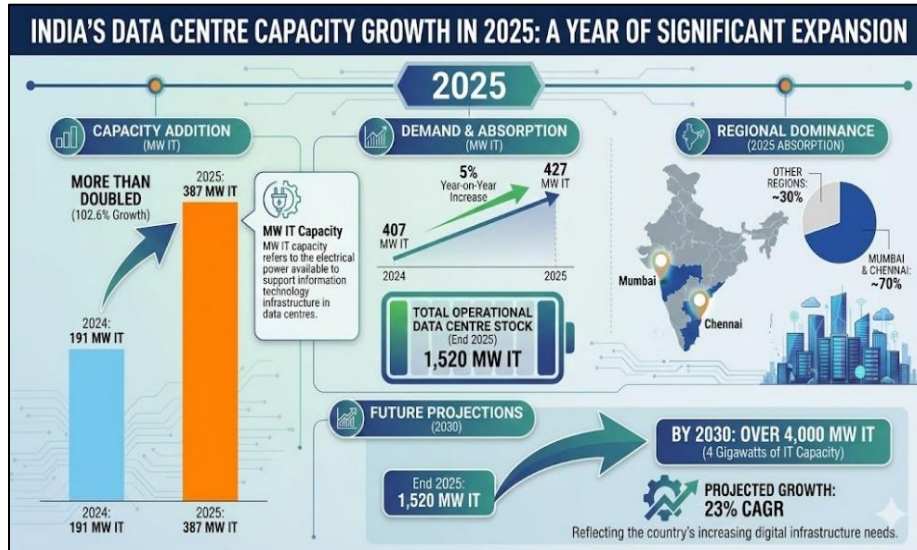
- ❖ India's data centre addition capacity more than doubled in 2025, reaching 387 megawatts (MW) of information technology (IT) capacity, compared to 191 MW of IT in 2024.

- ❖ MW IT capacity refers to the electrical power available to support information technology infrastructure in data centres.

- ❖ Data centre absorption (demand) also grew to 427 MW IT in 2025 from 407 MW IT, marking a 5 % year-on-year increase.

- ❖ Mumbai and Chennai accounted for approximately 70 % of total absorption in 2025.

- ❖ By the end of 2025, India's operational data centre stock reached around 1,520 MW IT.

❖ The report projects that India's data centre capacity will triple to over 4,000 MW IT (4 gigawatts of IT capacity) by 2030, growing at a 23 % compound annual growth rate (CAGR), reflecting the country's increasing digital infrastructure needs.

National Sports Board (NSB)

NATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNANCE ACT, 2025

Establishment of the National Sports Board (NSB)

🏆 Central authority to grant recognition to National Sports Governing Bodies (NSGBs)

✅ Ensure compliance with prescribed standards

⚙ Empowered with flexibility & autonomy in framing guidelines

🎖 Collaborate with National and International Sports Bodies for sports development and athlete welfare

❖ The National Sports Governance Act partially came into effect.

❖ It will set the ball rolling for the institution of an all-powerful National Sports Board (NSB) and a Tribunal to handle sporting disputes.

❖ The provisions being brought into effect relate to the establishment and governance framework of National Sports Bodies, including the

  o National Olympic Committee,

  o National Paralympic Committee,

  o National Sports Federations (NSFs) and

  o Regional Sports Federations.

❖ The NSB is proposed to be a three-member body.

❖ The NSB will have a chairperson and members appointed by the Central Government from among "persons of ability, integrity and standing who possess

special knowledge or practical experience in the field of public administration, sports governance, sports law and other related fields.

❖ It will have the power to not just grant affiliation to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) and monitor their financial operations and penalise them for any wrongdoing once the Act becomes fully operational.

❖ It would be mandatory for the NSFs to take NSB affiliation to be eligible for government funding.

❖ The age cap for all members of the NSB has been fixed at 65 and all members will be eligible for re-appointment for one more term subject to the age limit.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Starless Gas Cloud – Cloud 9

Hubble Spots "Cloud 9," a Rare Dark Matter Cloud With No Stars, 14 Million Light-Years Away.
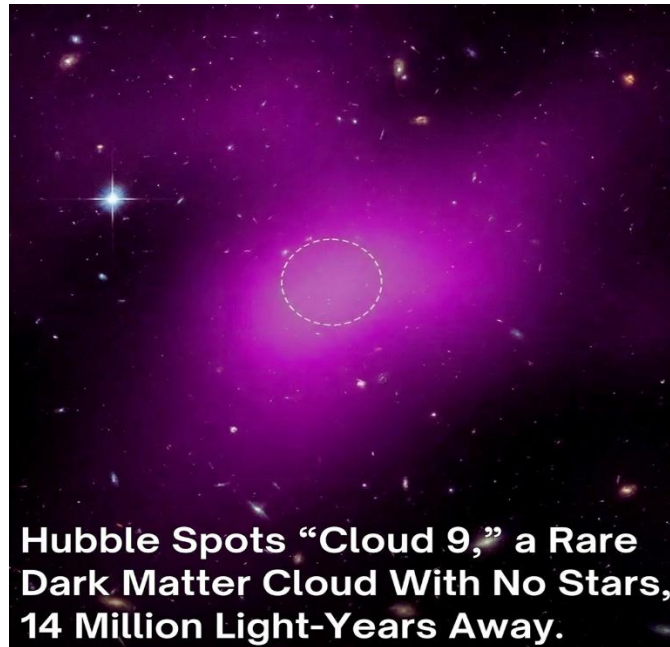
❖ NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has discovered a starless gas cloud called Cloud 9 near the galaxy Messier 94.

❖ Cloud 9 is located about 14 million light-years away from Earth.

❖ It is a Reionisation-Limited HI Cloud (RELHIC), made mainly of neutral hydrogen and dark matter.

❖ The cloud has no stars and is called a "failed galaxy".

❖ It contains hydrogen equal to one million times the Sun's mass and is surrounded by a dark matter halo of about five billion solar masses.

RRI Cold Atom Measurement Technique

❖ Raman Research Institute (RRI) has developed a new technique to measure cold atoms without disturbing them.

❖ The new method is called Raman Driven Spin Noise Spectroscopy (RDSNS).

❖ It measures the density of cold atoms in real time without changing their quantum state.

❖ The technique increases the signal strength by nearly one million times.

❖ It was tested on potassium atoms kept in a Magneto-Optical Trap (MOT).
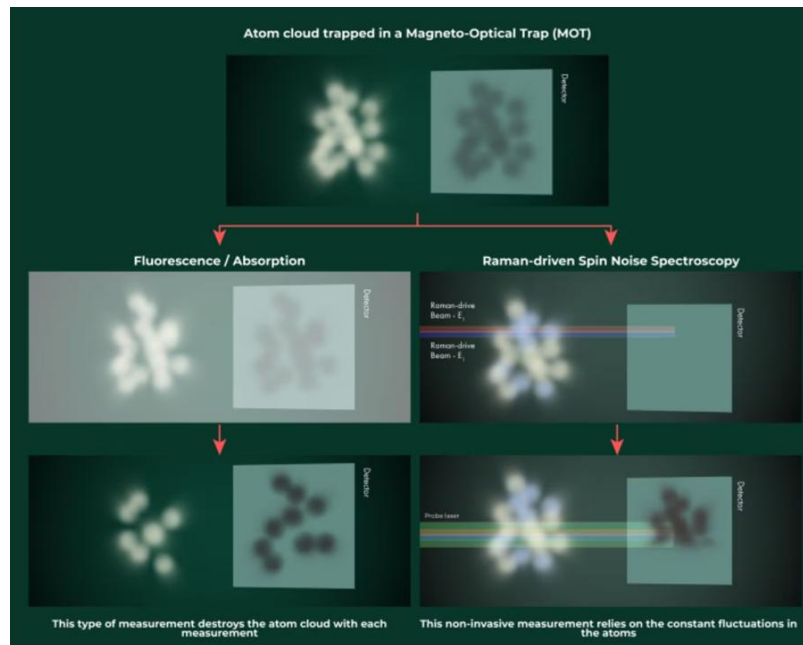
ENVIRONMENT NEWS

MSTrIPES App

❖ The MSTrIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers: Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) app is being used for the All-India Tiger Estimation Survey 2026 in Anamalai Tiger Reserve.

❖ The Forest staff will enter real-time data using GPS-enabled devices instead of manual recording.

❖ The survey will cover tigers, prey animals, vegetation, and transect distance from January 8 to 14, 2026.

❖ Anamalai Tiger Reserve covers 1,108 square kilometres in Coimbatore and Tiruppur districts of Tamil Nadu.

❖ The All-India Tiger Estimation is conducted once every four years.

REPORTS AND INDICES

NITI Aayog Trade Report 2026

- ❖ NITI Aayog released the 5th edition of "Trade Watch Quarterly" for Quarter I of FY 2025–26 (April–June 2025) on January 6, 2026.

- ❖ It highlights technology-intensive exports, services-led growth, and changes in import structure.

- ❖ The thematic focus of this edition is India's automotive exports.

- ❖ The report analyses vehicles, auto components, global demand, and value-chain integration.

- ❖ It suggests policy measures to improve export competitiveness and market share in the global auto sector.

STATES' DAYS

New Naval Base at Haldia, West Bengal

❖ The Indian Navy is set to establish a new base in West Bengal's Haldia, about 100 kilometres from Kolkata.

❖ It aims to strengthen India's maritime presence in the northern Bay of Bengal region amid increasing Chinese naval presence and evolving regional security situations pertaining to Bangladesh and Pakistan.

❖ India's existing naval commands are the Western Naval Command in Mumbai (Maharashtra), the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), and the Southern Naval Command for training in Kochi (Kerala).

❖ It has key base in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

❖ Haldia is located on the Hooghly River near the Haldi River.

Puri's Drinkable Tap Water

❖ Puri in Odisha officially became India's first city where tap water is safe to drink directly, without boiling or filtering.

❖ Puri's achievement complies with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) the highest certifying body on food and water certification under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

❖ The mission is a part of the Centre's Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2015 mission for safe water access.

❖ In 2017, Odisha became the first and only state in India to roll out a pioneering 'Drink from Tap' initiative.

❖ By the end of 2025 Puri, with a population 3 lakhs, was already the first city to provide drinkable tap water that too 24x7.

❖ In 1908, Jersey City of USA became the first city in the world to continuously disinfect its water supply.

Puri becomes India's first city with safe drink from tap water. Water meets all BIS quality standards, officials confirm

IMPORTANT DAYS

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2026

❖ Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is observed every year on 9 January by the Government of India.

❖ It marks the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915.

❖ The day honours the Indian diaspora living in more than 200 countries.

❖ India has the world's largest diaspora, with about 35 million overseas Indians.

❖ The Indian diaspora sends more than USD 120 billion to India every year as remittances.

❖ The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) is given on this day to recognise outstanding overseas Indians.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
9th January 2025

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrates and honors the contributions of the Indian diaspora to their homeland

The event commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's return to India on January 9, 1915

The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations are happening from January 8 to 10, 2025, in Bhubaneswar , Odisha

The theme for this year is the "Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat"

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas strengthens ties and celebrates India's global community

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