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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India, Japan, the US, and Australia have launched the first-ever 'QUAD at Sea Ship Observer Mission' to strengthen the maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific under the Wilmington Declaration.
- ❖ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a draft notification that amends to mandate the Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) for all two-wheelers manufactured from January 1, 2026.
- ❖ NLC India Limited's thermal power stations received the Environment Excellence Gold Award 2025 for outstanding contributions to environmental protection in the thermal sector.
- ❖ Ladakh is hosting its first-ever Astro Tourism Festival in Leh, organized by the Tourism Department and Indian Institute of Astrophysics.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Department has commenced the pilot project for home-delivery of the essential commodities under the Public Distribution System (PDS) for senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PwDs) in Chennai and nine other districts.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's CM has unveiled the foundation for the construction of the Tamil Knowledge Campus (TKC) being set up by Roja Muthiah Research Library (RMRL) at Taramani in Chennai.
- ❖ The Central Government has sanctioned ₹1,900 crore for establishing a next - generation PM MITRA Textile Park in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The State Bank of India (SBI) has unveiled a new plan to install rooftop solar systems on 4 million homes by 2027.
- ❖ India's first wooden Gurdwara, Sri Nanak Niwas, has been built in Fazilka, Punjab.
  - It was constructed using the Finnish Deodhar wood and was designed by SSP Bhupinder Singh Sidhu.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### **Mission Blue-Green Chengalpattu**

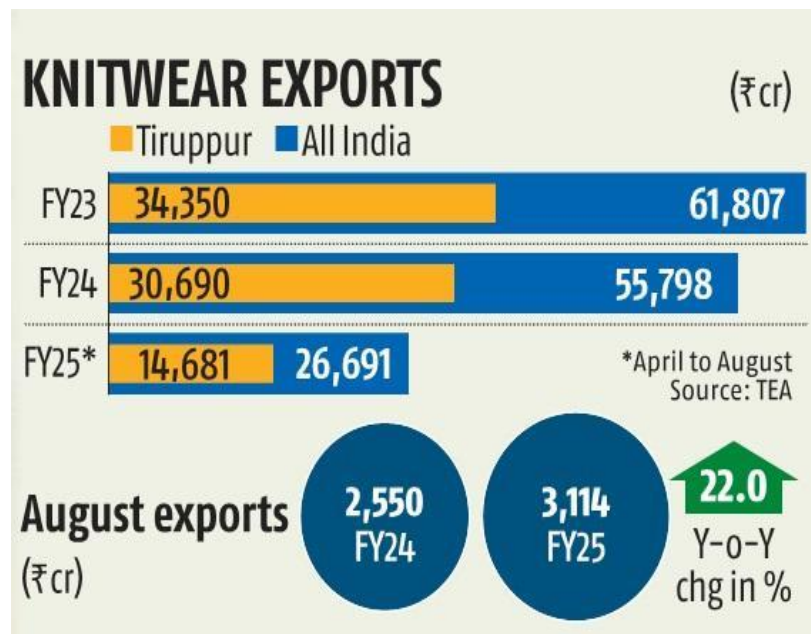
- ❖ The Chengalpattu district now has around 500 minor irrigation tanks, with about 200 tanks being revived under 'Mission Blue-Green Chengalpattu'.
- ❖ The District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) is also inviting the voluntary organisations to rejuvenate 388 more tanks.

- ❖ Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) is a key partner, restoring 100 tanks using sustainable methods.
- ❖ They have used root-zone plant filtration method for wastewater treatment and groundwater recharge.
- ❖ The DRDA aims to complete the most work by early October to enhance water availability before the northeast monsoon.

*Govt Aims To Increase Water Storage By 30%, Recharge Groundwater Table, Mitigate Flooding*



### Annual garment exports 2024/25



- ❖ Annual garment exports from Tiruppur and Coimbatore districts in the 2024-25 financial year touched ₹45,000 crore.

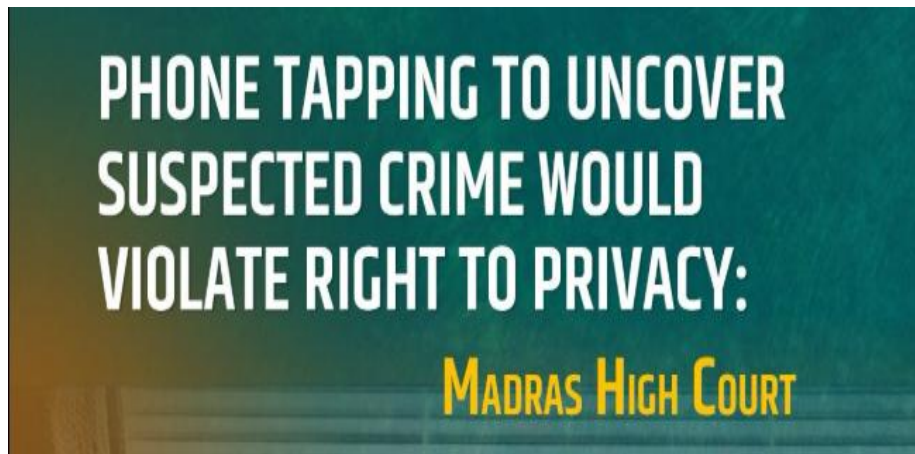


- ❖ The direct garment exports from Tiruppur were almost ₹40,000 crore, and those from Coimbatore district were worth ₹5,000 crore.
- ❖ This was 20% higher than the previous year.
- ❖ Currently, Tiruppur and Coimbatore districts account for 68% of the country's knitted garment exports.

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **HC on Phone Tapping**

- ❖ Phone tapping for crime detection violates fundamental right to privacy.
- ❖ Indian Telegraph Act of 1885 sets a 'Lakshman Rekha' limiting phone tapping.
- ❖ Court's role is only to check if this limit is crossed.
- ❖ Right to privacy was traced back to 1604, recognized under Article 21 by Supreme Court in 1996 PUCL case.
- ❖ The People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) verdict was upheld by Constitution Bench in 2017 K.S. Puttaswamy case.
- ❖ Phone tapping was allowed only in cases of public emergency or public safety.
- ❖ The Court had quashed 2011 phone tapping order in bribery case for lack of legal basis.



### **WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025**

- ❖ The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting launches WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025 under WaveX program.
- ❖ WaveX supports innovation in media, entertainment, and language technology.
- ❖ Over 30 startups pitched at WAVES Summit Mumbai, May 2025.

- ❖ The challenge is titled 'Bhasha Setu' and focuses on the real-time language technology for India.
- ❖ All startups invited to develop AI tools for translation, transliteration, and voice tech in 12 Indian languages.



### Reservation Policy for Supreme Court Staff



- ❖ For the first time, the Supreme Court of India has introduced a formal reservation policy for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) staff.





- ❖ The policy covers the direct appointments and promotions in the court's internal administration.
- ❖ It took effect from June 23, 2025, covering posts like registrars, senior personal assistants, assistant librarians, junior court assistants, and chamber attendants.
- ❖ SC staff will get a 15% reservation quota, and ST staff will get 7.5% in promotions.
- ❖ The move was initiated during the tenure of Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, the second SC CJI.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### FfD4 Conference



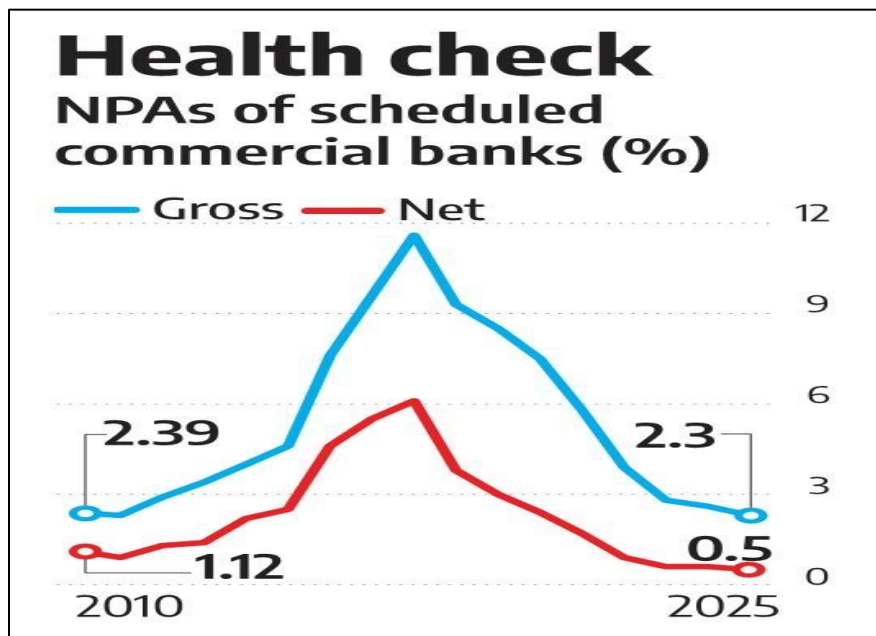
- ❖ The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) was held in Sevilla, Spain.
- ❖ The Countries adopted the Sevilla Commitment to fix global finance rules and close the \$4 trillion gap for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ❖ The FfD process is a United Nations (UN) platform to find the better ways to fund sustainable growth, especially for poorer countries.
- ❖ It started with the Monterrey Consensus in 2002 and has had major meetings in Doha (2008), Addis Ababa (2015), and now Sevilla (2025).
- ❖ All UN members, plus groups like the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Trade Organization (WTO), and civil society, took part.

- ❖ The Finance Minister of India shared a 7-point plan to attract private money for development.
- ❖ The FfD4 aimed to reform global financing rules to remove barriers and support investments needed for SDGs by 2030.

## ECONOMY NEWS

### Bank NPAs status

- ❖ RBI report shows India's banks are financially strong and stable.
- ❖ Gross NPAs of scheduled commercial banks fell to 2.3% by March 2025.
- ❖ Net NPAs declined to just 0.5%, showing major improvement in asset quality.
- ❖ Public sector bank NPAs dropped from 3.7% to 2.8% in one year.
- ❖ Private sector bank NPAs stayed stable at 2.8%.
- ❖ Slippage ratio held steady at 0.7%; provisioning coverage was 76.3%.

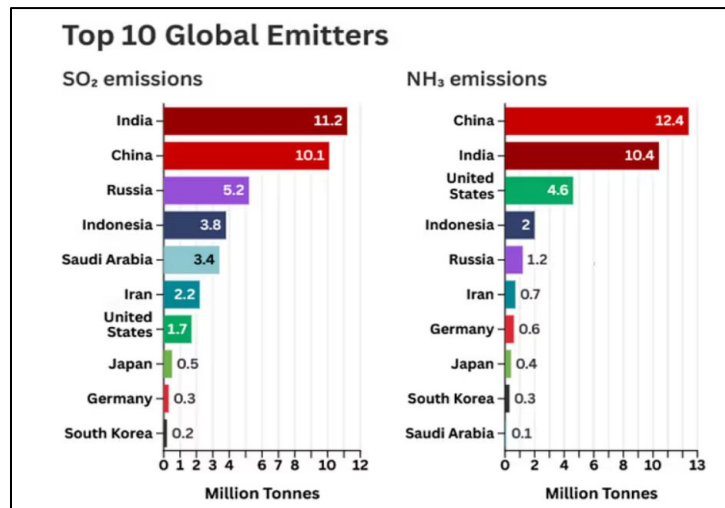


## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Source of India's Air Pollution

- ❖ Ammonium sulphate is a key secondary pollutant in India's PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution.
- ❖ It forms when sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) react in the air.
- ❖ This pollutant makes up around 34% of India's total PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels.

- ❖ Main source of SO<sub>2</sub> is coal-fired thermal power plants.
- ❖ Over 60% of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions in India come from these plants.
- ❖ Only 8% of plants have flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) systems.
- ❖ Pollution is higher near coal plants—2.5 times more within 10 km.
- ❖ Even faraway cities are affected due to pollution spreading through air.
- ❖ 114 out of 130 polluted cities see over 30% PM<sub>2.5</sub> from ammonium sulphate.
- ❖ Ammonium nitrate also adds to PM<sub>2.5</sub>, sometimes up to 50%.



## 50 years of CITES 2025



- ❖ The CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) was originally conceived in 1963.

- ❖ This legally binding treaty entered into force in 1975.
- ❖ It protects over 40,900 species (6,610 species of animals and 34,310 species of plants).
- ❖ India ratified it in 1976.
- ❖ Currently, it has 185 parties (States or regional economic organisations).
- ❖ Secretariat was provided by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) at Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ India hosted its CoP3 in 1981.
- ❖ The species covered by CITES are listed in three Appendices (I, II & III) according to the degree of protection they require.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### India Progress on SDG Goals – 2025



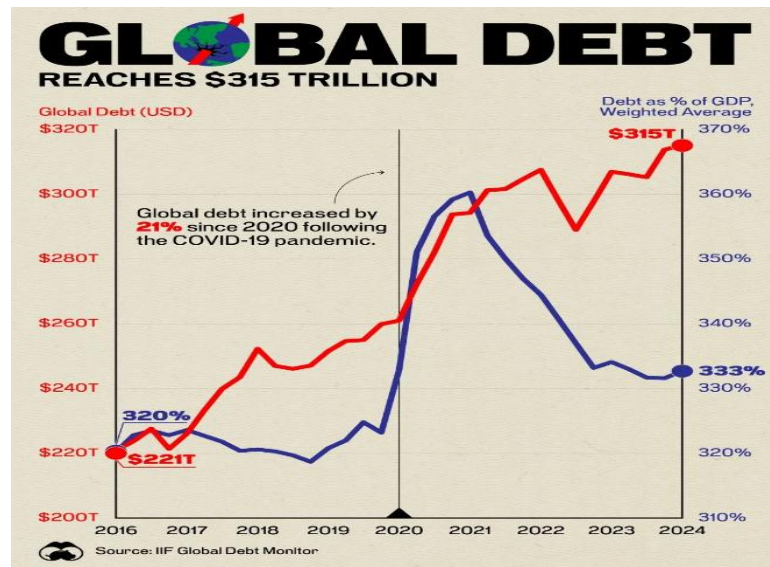
- ❖ India's SDG progress report 2025 was released by the Ministry of Statistics.
- ❖ Social protection coverage rose from 22% in 2016 to 64.3% in 2025.
- ❖ Agriculture income per worker grew from ₹61,247 in 2015-16 to ₹94,110 in 2024-25.
- ❖ Rural access to improved drinking water rose to 99.62% in 2024-25.
- ❖ Renewable energy share in total generation rose from 16.02% to 22.13%.
- ❖ Renewable energy capacity increased from 64.04 to 156.31 watts per capita.
- ❖ Waste recycling plants rose from 829 in 2019-20 to 3,036 in 2024-25.



- ❖ Recognised start-ups increased from 453 in 2016 to 34,293 in 2024.
- ❖ Rural Gini coefficient dropped from 0.283 (2011-12) to 0.237 (2023-24); urban dropped to 0.284.
- ❖ Emission intensity of GDP reduced by 36% from 2005 to 2020.
- ❖ Internet subscriptions rose from 302 million in 2015 to 954 million in 2024.
- ❖ Waste processing improved from 17.97% in 2015-16 to 80.7% in 2024-25.
- ❖ Forest cover increased from 21.34% in 2015 to 21.76% in 2023.

### World of Debt Report 2025

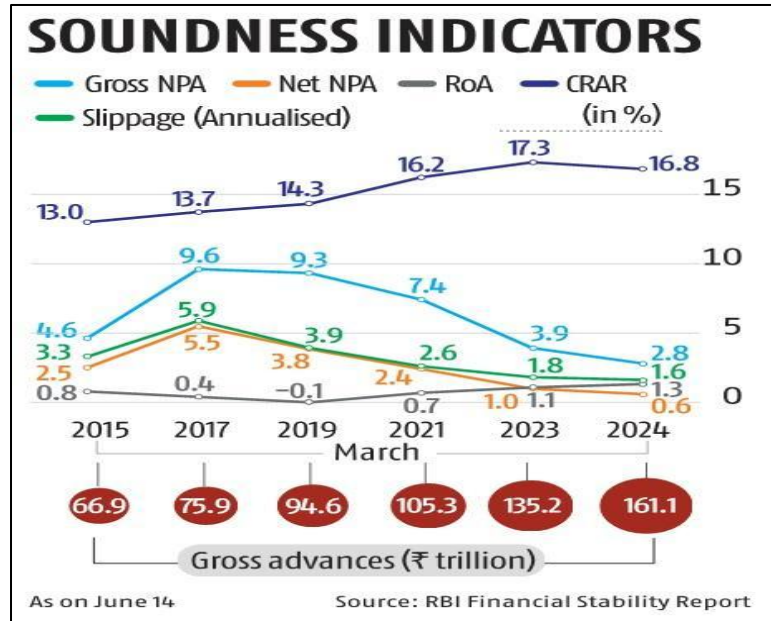
- ❖ The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released the World of Debt Report 2025 highlighting rising global public debt.
- ❖ Global Public Debt (GPD) hit a record \$102 trillion in 2024.
- ❖ If these trends continue, debt could reach 100% of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2030.
- ❖ Developing countries hold \$31 trillion but their debt is growing twice as fast as in developed nations since 2010.
- ❖ Asia and Oceania hold 24% of the global public debt; Latin America and the Caribbean 5%; Africa 2%.



### Financial Stability Report 2025

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the Biannual Financial Stability Report (FSR) for June 2025.

- ❖ Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) stood at 2.3% as of March 2025.
- ❖ GNPA could rise to 2.5% in the baseline scenario.
- ❖ For 46 banks covering 98% of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) assets, GNPA may increase to 2.6% by March 2027.



## STATES' NEWS

### Bihar - e vote 2025

- ❖ Bihar becomes first State to vote using mobile phones during municipal polls.
- ❖ The districts where the polls were held include Patna, Buxar, Rohtas and East Champaran.
- ❖ In addition to the usual method of electronic voting, some voters were able to cast their vote from home through a mobile phone app.
- ❖ The facility was made available for the senior citizens, the disabled and pregnant women who may find it difficult to visit the booths.
- ❖ Mrs. Bibha Kumari cast the country's first e-vote creating new history with e-voting in local body elections.
- ❖ She is a resident of Pakridayal in East Champaran district.
- ❖ Munna Kumar from the same district was the first male voter to cast an e-vote.
- ❖ The Eligible voters could install the E-SECBHR app and link the mobile number added in the voters' list.

- ❖ The app was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- ❖ Only the two registered voters are allowed to log in using one mobile number and verification of each voter is done by entering the voter identity number.
- ❖ The other security measures put in place use features such as the blockchain technology, face-matching and scanning.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### National Doctor's Day 2025 - July 01



- ❖ The day honours doctors in India for their dedication and sacrifice.
- ❖ This day also commemorates the birth and death anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, a physician, freedom fighter, and the former West Bengal Chief Minister.

- ❖ He played an instrumental role in establishing the Indian Medical Association and the Medical Council of India.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?".

### **SBI day 2025 - July 01**

- ❖ State Bank of India (SBI), marks 70 years since its formation on July 1, 1955.
- ❖ In 1806, the Bank of Calcutta was established, later renamed the Bank of Bengal.
- ❖ This was followed by the Bank of Bombay (1840) and Bank of Madras (1843).
- ❖ In 1921, these were merged to form the Imperial Bank of India.
- ❖ On July 1, 1955, the State Bank of India was born under the State Bank of India Act.
- ❖ Over the years, SBI absorbed several other banks including the Bank of Bihar, National Bank of Lahore, Bank of Cochin, State Bank of Saurashtra and State Bank of Indore.



## **MISCELLANEOUS NEWS**

### **Hul Diwas 2025**

- ❖ Hul Diwas is observed every year on June 30 to honor the Santhal Rebellion of 1855.
- ❖ The rebellion was led by tribal leaders Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu against British rule.
- ❖ The Santhals rose up from Bhognadih village in present-day Jharkhand.
- ❖ The uprising had support from Sidhu and Kanhu's brothers and sisters who also sacrificed their lives.



- ❖ The Santhal tribe was promised land by the British in 1832 but faced exploitation by zamindars and moneylenders.
- ❖ Hul Diwas honors the tribal fight against colonial oppression and their role in India's freedom struggle.

