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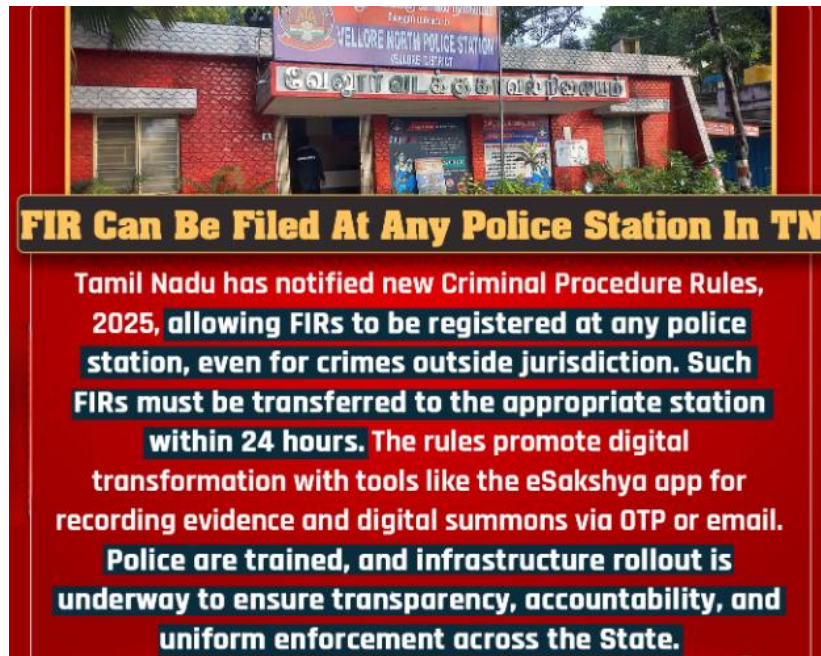
- ❖ Senegal has been declared free of trachoma by the WHO, and became the 25th country worldwide and the 9th in Africa to eliminate trachoma.
- ❖ Ukraine has become the 125th State Party and the 20th State from the Eastern European group to the Rome Statute, the International Criminal Court's founding treaty of 2002.
- ❖ Recently, the European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the INVICTUS research program in collaboration with the UK-based Frazer-Nash Consultancy to develop a hypersonic space plane
- ❖ India's largest bank, the SBI, was adjudged the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance magazine.
 - The award will be presented to SBI Chairman, C.S. Setty at the annual event titled World's Best Bank in Washington, USA.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

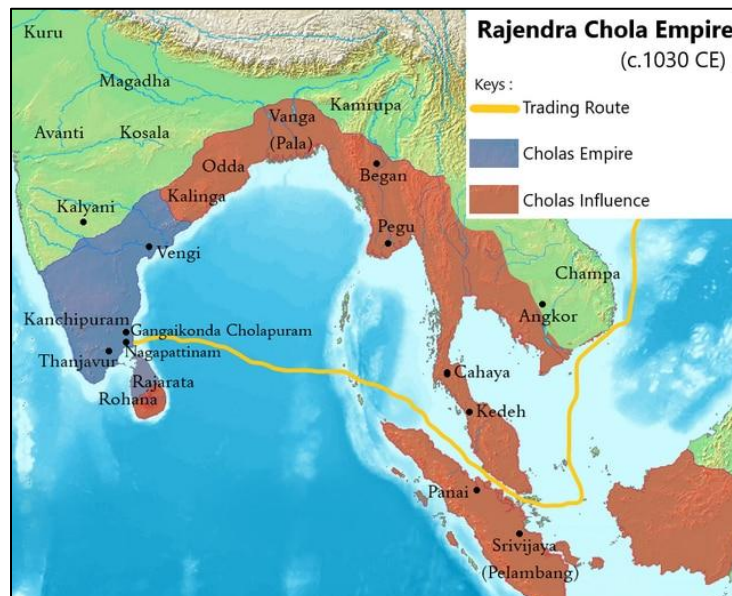
Tamil Nadu Criminal Procedure Rules, 2025

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Criminal Procedure Rules came into effect in July 2025.
- ❖ These were notified by the Tamil Nadu Government to align the state's procedural framework with the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) (New Criminal Procedure Code)
- ❖ A police station can now register the FIRs (First Information Report) for cognisable offences committed outside its jurisdiction.
- ❖ Such FIRs must be transferred electronically and physically to the competent police station within 24 hours.
- ❖ It would pave the way for courts to serve summons through authenticated email, OTP-verified mobile numbers, or standard messaging platforms.
- ❖ The Summons service is also digitally logged and tracked, and due service can be established through reply messages or automated links.
- ❖ As per the rules, the eSakshya Mobile Application is now mandated for recording audio-visual evidence, uploading photographs of the crime scenes or witnesses, and generating the immutable SID packets (secure, geo-tagged, time-stamped evidence with hash verification).

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Police has ensured testing of digital platforms such as CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Networking System)-II, the eSakshya, and the e-summons has been completed.



1000th anniversary of Rajendra Chola I's Expedition



- ❖ King Rajendra Chola's military expedition to the Gangetic plains had inspired the building of Gangaikonda Cholapuram.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is commemorating the 1000th anniversary of Rajendra Chola I's northern expedition.



- ❖ The king celebrated the victory by assuming the title 'Gangaikonda Cholan'.
- ❖ He also built Gangaikonda Cholapuram in the present-day Ariyalur district.
- ❖ It was along with the Gangaikonda Cholisvaram, the Shiva temple, an UNESCO-listed architectural.
- ❖ It is listed as one of the three great living Chola temples by UNESCO.
- ❖ It is more famously known as the Brihadisvara Temple.
- ❖ Gangaikonda Cholapuram remained the capital from 1025 CE till the fall of the Chola dynasty in 1279 CE.
- ❖ The city controlled the affairs of the entire South India, from the Tungabhadra in the north to Ceylon in the south.
- ❖ It was the second largest and important city in the 11th-12th Centuries and the centre of political, commercial and cultural activities, like Madurai in the Pandya nadu and Karur in Chera nadu.
- ❖ Yet, there is no inscription of Rajendra Chola I in the Gangaikonda Chola puram temple.
- ❖ It is from an inscription of his son, Vira Rajendra that it is known that his father had built the temple.
- ❖ The inscription of Vira Rajendra, the third son of Rajendra, refers to the palace at Gangaikonda Cholapuram as Chola-Keralan Thirumaaligai.
- ❖ Earlier Thanjavur had been the Chola capital ever since it had been captured from the Muttaraiya chieftains by Vijayalaya.
- ❖ Within a few years of his [Raja Raja I] passing, his son, Rajendra, had shifted his capital to Gangaikonda Cholapuram.
- ❖ The city, its temple, and its massive lake called Chola Gangam remain the very embodiment of the signal achievements of Rajendra Chola I (regnal years 1012-1044 CE).
- ❖ The Tiruvalangadu, Esalam, and Karanthai Copper Plates, several inscriptions, and literary works celebrate his victory.
- ❖ During the expedition to the Gangetic plains, Rajendra Chola I defeated several kings and chieftains, including the Kalinga ruler and the Pala ruler Mahipala of Bengal.
- ❖ According to the Tiruvalangadu Copper Plates, the vanquished kings were made to carry the Ganga water on their heads to Gangaikonda Cholapuram.
- ❖ The water was poured into the Chola Gangam, now known as Ponneri.
- ❖ Rajendra erected a 'liquid pillar of victory' (ganga-jalamayam jayastambham) in his capital with the waters of the Ganga in the form of the tank Cholaganga.
- ❖ An elaborate description of the citadel comes from Muvar Ula of Ottakuttar.

- ❖ Rajaraja Cholan Ula gives an account of almost all the important places of the city.
- ❖ The city is referred to as Gangapuri in Kalingattuparani, composed by poet Jayan kondar.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Group of Friends (GoF) - UN Headquarters

- ❖ India co-chairs the UN group advocating accountability for crimes against peace keepers.
- ❖ The GoF was launched in December 2022 during India's UN Security Council presidency, following Resolution No 2589.
- ❖ It called for action against crimes targeting UN peacekeepers.
- ❖ India is the largest contributor of troops to UN missions.

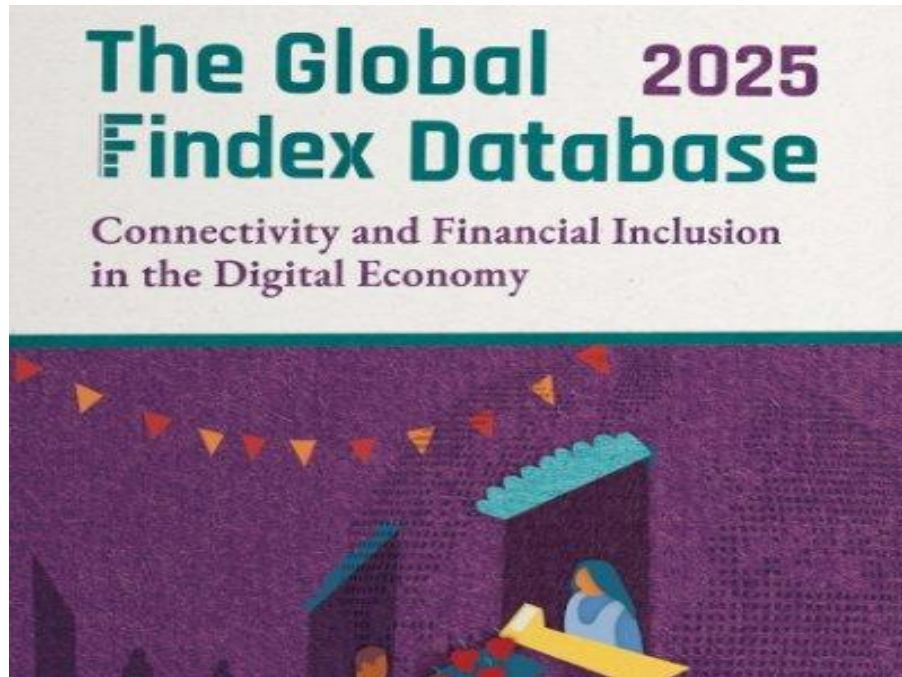


REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Findex 2025

- ❖ The World Bank report was titled 'Global Findex 2025'.
- ❖ It was reflecting achievements in digital and financial inclusion in India.
- ❖ India has account ownership at or close to 90 percent.
- ❖ Over a third of bank account holders in India were no longer using the banking facilities and had inactive accounts.
- ❖ It cited Jan Dhan Yojana accounts as one of the likely reasons for the country's high share of account inactivity.

- ❖ 35% of Indian bank account holders had inactive accounts in 2021.
- ❖ This is 7 times higher than the average 5% inactivity rate in the other developing economies.
- ❖ 16 percent of account owners do not have an active account.
- ❖ The average for all other low- and middle-income economies is 4 percent.



STATES' NEWS

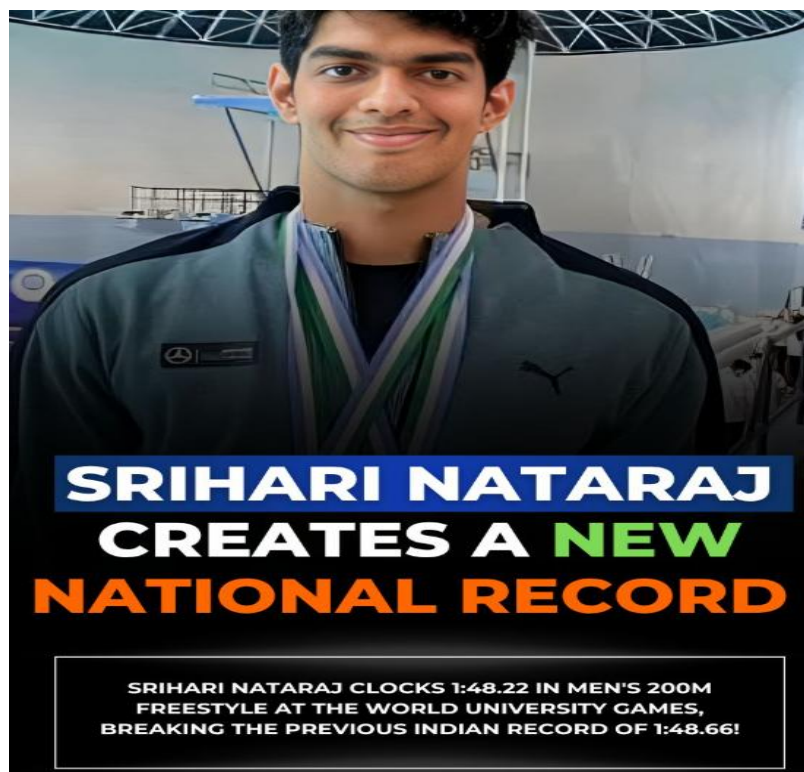
Lungphun Ropui menhirs – Mizoram



- ❖ Lungphun Ropui in Lianpui village, Champhai district, has been officially declared a Monument of the National Importance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ❖ The formal notification was issued by the Ministry of Culture.
- ❖ These antiquarian artefacts also include around 114 intricately carved memorial stones, anthropic holes, petroglyphs, Y-shaped wooden posts and a very ancient pathways.
- ❖ It was only the second megalithic site in Mizoram to receive this designation.
- ❖ The first was Kawtchhuah Ropui or Great Entranceway in Vangchhia village.
- ❖ It hosts over 170 engraved menhirs.

SPORTS NEWS

Srihari Nataraj and B. Benediction Rohit



- ❖ Srihari Nataraj of Karnataka broke his own 'Best Indian Performance' timing in the men's 200m freestyle swimming.
- ❖ B. Benediction Rohit from Tamil Nadu became the first Indian man to swim 50m butterfly under 24 seconds.
- ❖ It was during the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

26 new sites in 2025 - UNESCO

- ❖ New additions to UNESCO's World Heritage Sites have been announced for 2025 – with 26 properties.
- ❖ Of 32 nominations this year, 21 cultural, four natural and one mixed property were granted World Heritage status.
- ❖ Unesco's World Heritage Committee met for its 47th meeting in July 2025 in Paris, France.
- ❖ The UNESCO World Heritage Convention was established in 1972.
- ❖ By 2025, India will proudly have 44 World Heritage Sites.
- ❖ It includes 35 cultural, 7 natural and 1 mixed.
- ❖ Maratha Military Landscapes was the 44th one.
- ❖ As of July 2025, a total of 1,248 World Heritage Sites exist across 170 countries
- ❖ With 61 selected areas, Italy is the country with the most sites, followed by China with 60 and Germany with 55, and France with 54.
- ❖ Only one UN member state, Liechtenstein, has not ratified the World Heritage Convention.
- ❖ With a total of 44 World Heritage Sites, India now ranks 6th globally and 2nd in Asia-Pacific, just behind China.

