

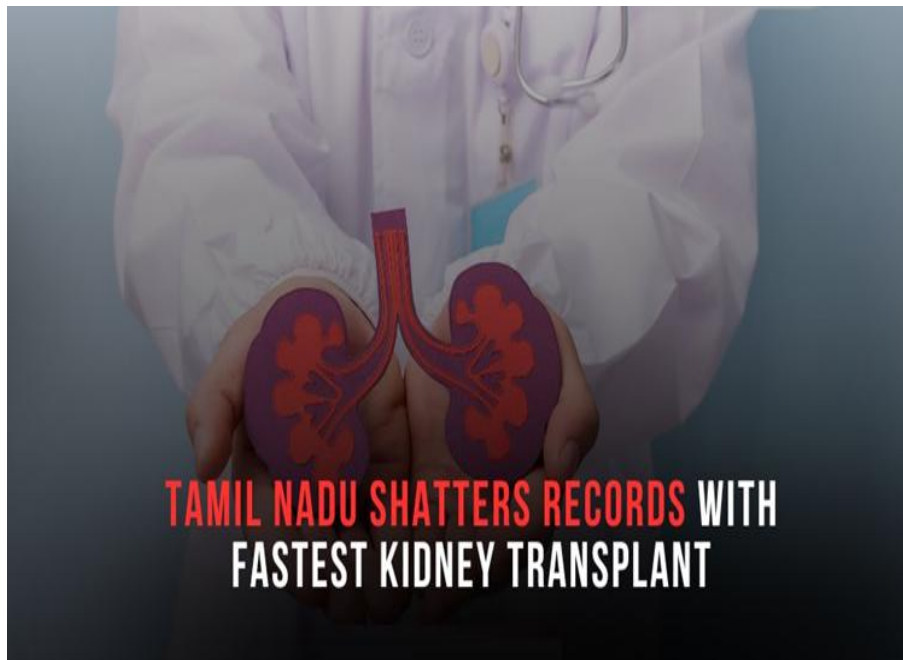
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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ S Bharath, a tribal student from the Pachamalai hills near Trichy became the first tribal student from the region to clear the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) and secure admission to the National Law University in Trichy.
- ❖ India's first Variable Speed Pumped Storage Plant (PSP) has started commercial operations at Tehri in Uttarakhand.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Waiting time for Kidney transplant




- ❖ Kidney transplant in Tamil Nadu sets record for shortest wait time.
- ❖ The Patient had undergone successful transplantation just nine days after being registered on the State's organ transplantation wait-list.
- ❖ The procedure is facilitated through the Indian Organ Transplant Associates (iORTA).

### Kuruvai coverage 2025

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has set an enhanced target of over 5 lakh acres in the delta for the ongoing Kuruvai cultivation season.

- ❖ Last year, the achievement was around 3.88 lakh acres, which was about 1.7 lakh acres short of what was covered during 2023-24.
- ❖ Since the current situation is better, the government has decided to open the Mettur dam on June 12.
- ❖ This time, the achievement in Kuruvai coverage can be as high as 5.6 lakh acres.
- ❖ The government has also decided to continue with a special Kuruvai package with an allocation of ₹58 crore for farmers in the delta.
- ❖ The scheme contains the provision of subsidies for the mechanised paddy trans plantation, certified quality seeds, bio-fertilizers, and micronutrient mixtures.

**Crop cover**  
Coverage of foodgrains in Tamil Nadu during 2024-25\*



Crop	Area coverage 2023-2024	2024-25*				
		Target (L. Ha)	Area coverage (L. Ha)	Increase/decrease over last year (ha)	% of increase/decrease over last year	Achievement against target (in %)
Paddy	20.936	20.2	21.317	38,154	1.8	105.5
Millets	9.554	9.95	9.777	22,312	2.3	98.3
Pulses	7.491	10	7.517	2,646	0.3	75.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.981</b>	<b>40.15</b>	<b>38.611</b>	<b>63,112</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>96.3</b>

## NATIONAL NEWS

### UMEED Central Portal

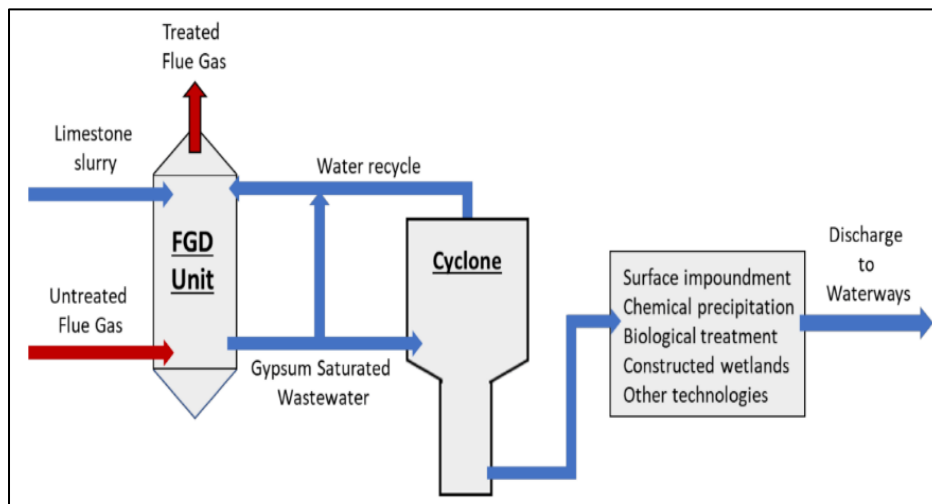
- ❖ The union government launched the UMEED portal that would create a digital inventory after geo-tagging of all Waqf properties.
- ❖ The UMEED central portal is short for Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995.
- ❖ It will serve as a centralised digital platform for real-time uploading, verification, and monitoring of Waqf properties.

- ❖ It also includes an online grievance redressal system for a better responsiveness and transparent leasing and usage tracking.
- ❖ The portal also involves the integration with GIS mapping and other e-governance tools and public access to verified records and reports.

**Centre to Launch 'UMEED' Portal on June 6 for Waqf Properties Registration**

The central government will launch the UMEED portal (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development) on June 6. The initiative is part of the recently amended Waqf Act and aims to streamline the registration of Waqf properties across India. Registration on the portal must be completed within six months.

### Flu Gas Desulphurization Policy 2025



- ❖ The Principal Scientific Adviser's Office recommended rolling back the mandate requiring Indian coal-fired plants to install the Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) systems.

- ❖ Ministry of Environment (MoEFCC) in 2015 mandated all of India's 537 coal-fired plants to install FGD systems to reduce sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions.
- ❖ The FGD units are designed to reduce sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from coal-fired power plants.
- ❖ These units have been mandated for installation in all TPPs to meet air quality standards.
- ❖ However, only 8% of India's 600 TPPs have complied with this requirement.
- ❖ Also, the cities near plants with FGD units do not show differences in SO<sub>2</sub> levels compared to those without.

### **SEZ rules 2025 - Semiconductor and electronics**



- ❖ The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Rules 2025 notified by the government on June 3 give greater autonomy to manufacturers to move or sell finished goods.
- ❖ The government has allowed the manufacturers of semiconductors and electronic components to set up factories on smaller land parcels in special economic zones (SEZs).
- ❖ SEZs exclusively meant for making semiconductors or electronic components, companies, including startups.
- ❖ They will now be able to set up factories 10 hectares of land against the earlier 50 hectares.
- ❖ In multi-product SEZs, the minimum land requirement has been lowered to four hectares from 20.



- ❖ India's semiconductor market was valued at \$45 billion in 2023 and is expected to cross \$100 billion by 2030.

### **Clean Plant Program**



The infographic for the Clean Plant Program (CPP) is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled 'Clean Plant Program(CPP)' and '→ What is the Clean Plant Program?', lists four key points: 1. A national initiative to provide farmers with certified disease-free planting materials. 2. Will establish state-of-the-art Clean Plant Centres across India. 3. Works with private nurseries to multiply and distribute healthy planting stock. 4. Coordinated by NHB, with strong support from ICAR. The right section features three logos: the Government of India emblem, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) logo with the text 'राष्ट्रीय बागवानी बोर्ड' and 'National Horticulture Board', and the ICAR logo with the text 'भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद्' and 'ICAR'.

- ❖ The Union Government launched the 'Clean Plant Programme' during India's first international Agri Hackathon held in Pune.
- ❖ This program aims to address critical issues in horticulture by providing access to high-quality, virus free planting material.
- ❖ It will provide disease-free horticultural plants to farmers across India.
- ❖ A total of 9 Clean Plant Programmes (CPC) will be initiated across the country.

### **Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag**

- ❖ Union Home Minister inaugurated the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA / Indian Languages Section, in New Delhi.
- ❖ It will provide a strong and organized platform to all languages, incorporating the linguistic diversity of India.
- ❖ It aims for reducing the dominance of foreign languages, especially English, in India's administrative functioning.

- ❖ It also promotes the use of mother tongues in decision-making and the official communication.

**Unity Through Language**

Launched on Friday, the section reflects linguistic inclusivity by giving every Indian language an organised platform. Shah stressed that thinking in one's mother tongue boosts national potential and connects all languages in the cultural stream of Indian identity.



**AMIT SHAH LAUNCHES 'INDIAN LANGUAGES SECTION' TO FREE GOVERNANCE FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPENDENCE**

## India's Next Census



**CENSUS**

**India's census to start in March 2027 in two phases, caste data to be included**

The 2027 census, when it is held, will be the first in 16 years.

- ❖ India will count its population by March 1, 2027, in a census to be held after an unprecedented 16-year gap.
- ❖ The Office of the Registrar General of India under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs conducts the census.

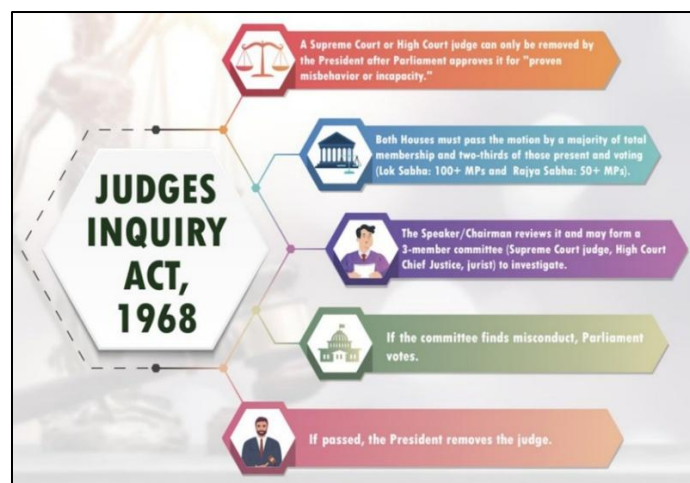


- ❖ It will be India's first digital Census and will include an enumeration of castes for the first time in Independent India.
- ❖ Only two categories, the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) tables, has been counted so far.
- ❖ The census will be conducted in two phases by February 28, 2027 and the data will have a reference date of 12 a.m. on March 1, 2027.
- ❖ For the Union Territory of Ladakh and the non-synchronous snow-bound areas of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and the States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date for the population count will be 12 a.m. on October 1, 2026.
- ❖ The last census was held in 2011.
- ❖ The subsequent exercise scheduled to take place in 2021 was delayed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ As per the constitutional mandate, the first census after 2026 can be used as the basis to redraw Lok Sabha constituencies.
- ❖ India's census is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990.
- ❖ It will be completed in two phases: first, the house listing and housing schedule; and then, the population enumeration.
- ❖ There was no announcement on updating the National Population Register (NPR).
- ❖ The population register was to be updated during the first phase of the planned 2021 census.
- ❖ According to the Citizenship Rules 2003, the NPR is the first step towards the compilation of a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC/NRC).
- ❖ The National Population Register (NPR) was last updated in 2015.
- ❖ The first NPR was created in 2010, and the data was subsequently updated in 2015 through a door-to-door survey.
- ❖ It has a database of 119 crore residents.

### **Justice Varma impeachment**

- ❖ The Union government will bring a motion of impeachment against Justice Yashwant Varma of the Allahabad High Court during the upcoming Session.
- ❖ The impeachment motion follows his indictment by a three-member committee constituted by the then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna.
- ❖ He was transferred to the Allahabad High Court during the controversy.

- ❖ While Justice Varma maintained his innocence over the recovery of the cash, the committee indicted him.
- ❖ Justice Varma was nudged to resign but he refused.
- ❖ It was prompting Chief Justice to write to the President and the PM to take measures for his removal.
- ❖ The inquiry committee's report had recommended Justice Varma's removal and the Union Law Minister will move the motion based on the report.
- ❖ According to the Judges (Inquiry) Act of 1968, a motion to remove a judge is admitted in any of the Houses.
- ❖ Then the speaker or the chairman will constitute a three-member committee to investigate the grounds on which the removal (or, in popular term, impeachment) has been sought.
- ❖ For the motion of impeachment to be moved, the resolution requires the support of 50 MPs if it is to be moved in the Rajya Sabha and 100 MPs if moved in the Lok Sabha.
- ❖ The motion of impeachment can be moved in either House.
- ❖ The constitutionally laid down procedure for the impeachment of a judge when a motion is admitted in either House usually requires the constitution of a three-member committee.
- ❖ But in the Justice Varma's case, this will likely not be required as the inquiry committee constituted by Chief Justice Khanna has already sifted through the evidence.



### Monsoon Session 2025

- ❖ The Monsoon Session of Parliament in 2025 is likely to be held from July 21 to August 12.



- ❖ The Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju informed this to the media.
- ❖ The Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has recommended the dates.
- ❖ It had sent a recommendation to President that Parliament be summoned on the dates cleared by the committee.
- ❖ Normally the dates for a Parliament session are announced a few days in advance.
- ❖ Never have the dates been declared 47 days before a session is due.
- ❖ The government had in the past 11 years often called the monsoon session on two to three weeks' notice.
- ❖ And this was the first time that they have announced it a month-and-a-half before hand.



## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **BRICS Parliamentary Forum 2025**

- ❖ The 11<sup>th</sup> BRICS Parliamentary Forum concluded in Brasilia, Brazil, recently with participating parliaments from all 10 BRICS member countries.
- ❖ The expanded BRICS parliamentary forum now includes India, Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Iran, the UAE, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Indonesia.

- ❖ During the forum India assume the chairmanship of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, to be hosted next year.



## ECONOMY NEWS

### Monetary Policy update 2025

Particulars	Apr-25 (%)	Jun-25 (%)	Change
Repo Rate	6.00	5.50	↓
Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDF)	5.75	5.25	↓
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	6.25	5.75	↓
Bank Rate	6.25	5.75	↓
Reverse Repo	3.35	3.35	↔
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.00	3.00*	↓
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.00	18.00	↔

- ❖ RBI has announced its latest Monetary Policy updates after its 55th meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee.
- ❖ Policy repo rate is being reduced by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.50 per cent with immediate effect.



- ❖ The inflation outlook for FY26 has been revised to 3.7 per cent, from the earlier 4 per cent.
- ❖ The real GDP growth for 2025-26 is projected at 6.5 per cent.
- ❖ For the financial year 2024-25, the growth rate stood at 6.5 per cent, which was a four-year low.
- ❖ The SDF rate revised to 5.25% and the MSF/Bank Rate to 5.75%.
- ❖ It decided to cut Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by a huge 1%.
- ❖ It will unlock ₹2.5 lakh crore liquidity to the banking system.
- ❖ With the reduction in four equal tranches, the CRR would come down to 3% of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL).

## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Rising black carbon

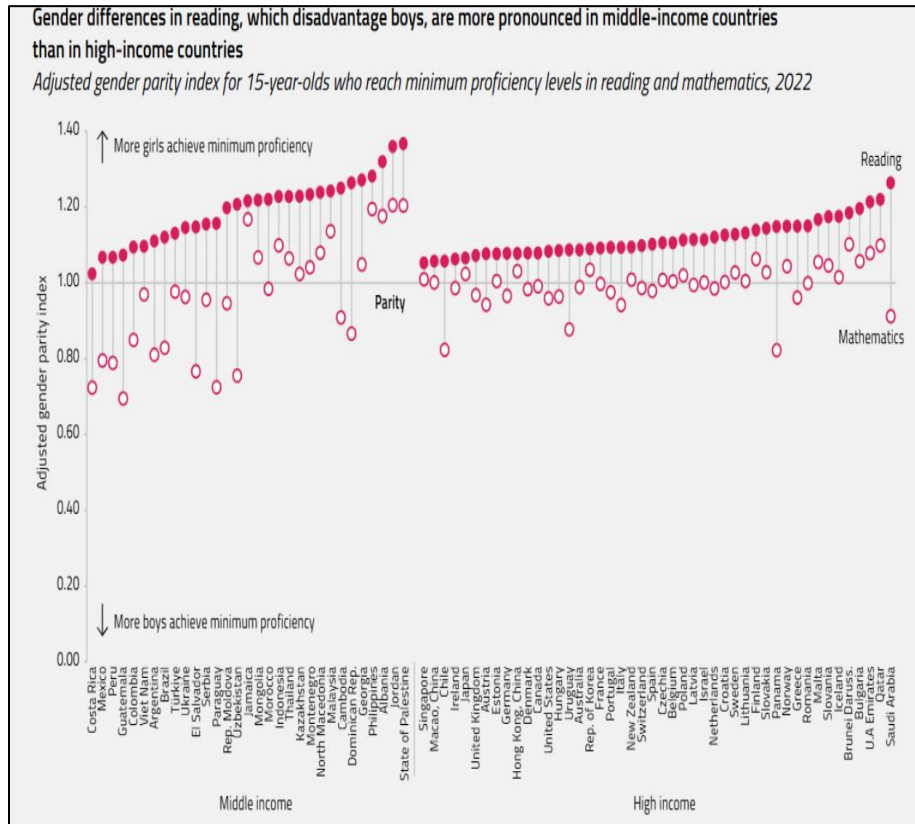
\* When black carbon, or soot, lands on snow and ice, it dramatically speeds up melting. Dark snow and ice, by absorbing more energy, melts far faster than heat-reflecting white snow, creating a vicious circle of faster warming.

- ❖ A recent study stated that Levels of black carbon-ultra-fine particles of carbon in the Himalayas have been rising.
- ❖ Eastern Himalaya records warmest snow surfaces, followed by the central and western Himalayas.
- ❖ The average snow-surface temperature has increased from -11.27°C from 2000–2009 to -7.13°C during 2020–2023.
- ❖ Black carbon generally absorbs sunlight and if it settles on the surface can thus heat the ground.

- ❖ The major generators of the black carbon include biomass combustion, fossil fuel use, and open burning, particularly in the Indo-Gangetic plain, which acts as a hotspot for emissions.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### UNESCO GEM Report 2024–25



- ❖ The UNESCO Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report 2024-25 has raised the serious concerns over gender inequalities.
- ❖ The Boys are consistently falling behind girls in reading proficiency, especially in middle-income countries.
- ❖ Only 87 boys attain the minimum proficiency level for every 100 girls.
- ❖ The gap is even wider in middle-income countries, where only 72 boys meet the reading standards per 100 girls.
- ❖ After Covid, the Girls in countries such as Brazil, Chile, England, Italy, and New Zealand have shown notable setbacks in performance compared to boys.
- ❖ In India, only 5% of women held top positions such as the vice-chancellors or the directors in 189 national institutions in 2021.

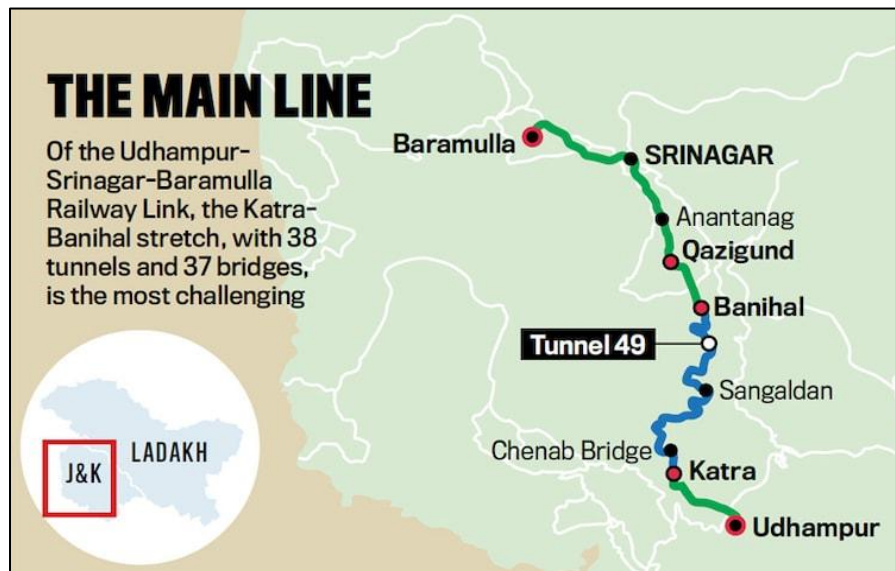


- ❖ Only 63 per cent of countries globally have open and competitive school leader recruitment processes.

## STATES' NEWS

### Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link

- ❖ The Prime Minister inaugurated the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link in Kashmir.
- ❖ It is a 272-km project connecting the Kashmir valley to the rest of the country.
- ❖ In 1884 Maharaja Pratap Singh of the Jammu and Kashmir state proposed this project to his Prime Minister, Diwan Anant Ram.
- ❖ Former prime minister Indira Gandhi laid the foundation stone for the Jammu-Udhampur-Srinagar railway line in 1983.
- ❖ It was declared a national project in 2002.
- ❖ The 119-km Baramulla-Srinagar-Anantnag-Qazigund section was completed and made operational in 2009.



### Ladakh Land and Job Regulations of 2025

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu notified the Union Territory of Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025
- ❖ It amends the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 in Ladakh's context.
- ❖ The total percentage of reservation shall in no case exceed 85%, excluding the reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

- ❖ The total reservation for government jobs in the UT now stands at 95%, one of the highest in the country.
- ❖ Meghalaya has 85% reservation for Scheduled Castes and Tribes (SCs/STs) and Arunachal Pradesh has an 80% quota for ST.

## Policy progress

Key events in the ongoing negotiations regarding Ladakh from 2023 to 2025

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Jan. 3, 2023:</b> Committee forms to address Ladakh concerns</li> <li>■ <b>Nov. 30:</b> Committee is reconstituted with new members</li> <li>■ <b>March 4, 2024:</b> Talks between govt. and Ladakh leaders collapse</li> <li>■ <b>Oct. 6:</b> Activist Sonam Wangchuk begins fast</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Oct. 21:</b> Govt. agrees to resume talks, fast ends</li> <li>■ <b>Dec. 3:</b> Committee meets with Leh and Kargil leaders</li> <li>■ <b>Jan. 15, 2025:</b> Follow-up meeting takes place in Delhi</li> <li>■ <b>May 27:</b> Domicile and reservation policy is hammered out</li> </ul>
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**Major demand:** Protests demanding Statehood for Ladakh have been continuing for the past few years. ANI

- ❖ Following Three other Regulations were also notified by President:
  - The Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025;
  - The Ladakh Civil Services Decentralisation and Recruitment (Amendment) Regulation, 2025; and
  - The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (Amendment) Regulation, 2025.
- ❖ “English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi” shall be the official languages of Ladakh.
- ❖ Special efforts for the promotion and development of other native languages of Ladakh: Shina (Dardic), Brokskat (Dardic), Balti and Ladakhi.
- ❖ For other residents — including children of Central government officials — are to be considered “domiciles”.
- ❖ Its rules, also notified by the MHA, specified the criteria to qualify as a “domicile” to apply for government jobs.
- ❖ But they will have to show 15 years of the continuous residence in the UT from October 31, 2019, Ladakh’s foundation day.
- ❖ In a first, a third of the seats in hill councils have been reserved for women on a rotational basis.

- ❖ The regulation is to amend the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997.
- ❖ After initial jubilation in 2019, the protests began in 2020 at Ladakh with four specific demands:
  - Statehood for Ladakh,
  - Inclusion of Ladakh in the sixth schedule of the constitution thus giving it a tribal status,
  - Job reservation for locals, and
  - A Parliamentary seat each for Leh and Kargil.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Magnus Carlsen - Norway Chess 2025



- ❖ Carlsen claimed the Norway Chess title for the seventh time in his career.
- ❖ During the event, Gukesh has beat Magnus Carlsen and registering his first-ever Classical win over the World No.1.
- ❖ For the first time in history, four Indians are in the top 10 chess rankings end of the event.
- ❖ Alongside D Gukesh (5<sup>th</sup>), Arjun Erigaisi (4<sup>th</sup>), and R Praggnanandhaa (6<sup>th</sup>), Aravindh Chidambaram (9<sup>th</sup>) has climbed to this.

