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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ India has been elected to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations for the period from 2026-28.
- ❖ The 4th meeting of India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi with the Participation of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- ❖ Every Year, June 6 is observed as World Pest Day, or World Pest Awareness Day to highlight the importance of pest management that affects public health, food safety, and the environment.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### 'No Caste, No Community' Certificates



- ❖ The Madras High Court has called upon the Tamil Nadu government to issue a Government Order (G.O.) empowering the revenue officials to issue 'no caste, no community' certificates to individuals who prefer not to be identified with any religion or caste.
- ❖ Earlier in February 2024, HC refused to direct the Tirupattur Tahsildar to issue 'no caste, no community' certificate to an applicant since the revenue officials had not been empowered to issue such a certificate.

- ❖ Previously the 'no caste, no community' certificates were issued by the Tirupattur Tahsildar on February 5, 2019; Coimbatore Tahsildar on May 27, 2022; and Ambattur Tahsildar on August 18, 2022.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Ayush Nivesh Saarthi portal



- ❖ The Ministry of Ayush under the Government of India has launched the 'Ayush Nivesh Saarthi', a dedicated investor facilitation portal for the Ayush sector.
- ❖ This portal was developed in collaboration with Invest India.
- ❖ It offers a unified interface for domestic and global investors.
- ❖ 100% FDI is permitted through the automatic route for this sector.

### Top performers in adult literacy 2025

- ❖ Delhi, Tripura and Tamil Nadu are among the top performers in dealing with challenges related to adult literacy and education.



- ❖ Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh were lagging behind in certification outcomes.
- ❖ This data was released by the Foundational Literacy Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT).
- ❖ Tamil Nadu recorded a 100 per cent success rate, certifying all 5,09,694 learners who appeared for FLNAT.
- ❖ Previously, two FLNATs were conducted in 2023 - in March and September.



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Government of India

**FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY  
ASSESSMENT TEST**






Govt to conduct Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test as part of Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram tomorrow across 23 states.

### **CROPIC Initiative**

- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare plans to launch CROPIC.
- ❖ It is a study to gather crop information using field photographs and AI-based models.
- ❖ CROPIC stands for Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops.
- ❖ Crops will be photographed four-five times during their cycle, and the pictures will be analysed to assess their health and potential mid-season losses.

- ❖ The ministry also plans to conduct this study for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

### Benefits of CROPIC

-  **Reduced Losses**
-  **Better Yield Predictions**
-  **Optimized Resource Usage**
-  **Environmental Sustainability**
-  **Scalability & Accessibility**


- **Early Detection of Crop Issues:** AI-driven imaging helps identify **diseases, pests, and nutrient deficiencies** at an early stage, allowing farmers to take prompt corrective action and minimize losses.
- **Optimized Resource Utilization:** By providing data on plant health, CROPIC enables precise application of **water, fertilizers, and pesticides**, reducing waste and improving efficiency.
- **Improved Yield Forecasting:** AI analyzes growth patterns and environmental factors to predict **mid-season losses**, helping farmers plan harvests and market strategies more accurately.
- **Enhanced Sustainability:** CROPIC promotes **eco-friendly farming** by minimizing excessive chemical use, preventing soil degradation, and supporting climate-adaptive agricultural practices.
- **Scalability & Accessibility:** The AI-powered system is **adaptable to farms of all sizes**, from small-scale growers to large agricultural enterprises, making advanced crop monitoring more widely available.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### World Bank's updated poverty line

Year	Poverty Line (PPP/day)	Poverty rate (%)	People below poverty line (in million)
2011-12	\$2.15 (2017)	16.22	205.9
2011-12	\$3 (2021)	27.12	344.5
2022-23	\$2.15 (2017)	2.35	33.6
2022-23	\$3 (2021)	5.25	75.2

Source: Govt factsheet



- ❖ The World Bank revised upwards its threshold poverty line to \$3 per day.
- ❖ For lower middle-income countries it's changed from \$3.65 to \$4.20 per day and for upper middle-income countries it went up from \$6.85 to \$8.40.
- ❖ The poverty rate at the lower middle-income country (LMIC) line declined by 33.7 percentage points.
- ❖ India has lifted 171 million people from extreme poverty in the decade between 2011-12 and 2022-23.



- ❖ India's extreme poverty rate declined sharply to 5.3% over a decade from 27.1% in 2011-12.
- ❖ In India, 54,695,832 people lived on less than \$3 per day in 2024.
- ❖ Thus, the poverty rate at \$3 per day (2021 PPP - percentage population) is 5.44% in 2024.
- ❖ The extreme poverty rate decreased from 16.2 to 2.3% between 2011-12 and 2022-23.
- ❖ Rural extreme poverty dropped from 18.4% to 2.8%, and urban from 10.7% to 1.1%.
- ❖ 269 million Indians moved above the extreme poverty line between 2011-12 and 2022-23.

## ECONOMY NEWS

### India's market capitalization June 2025

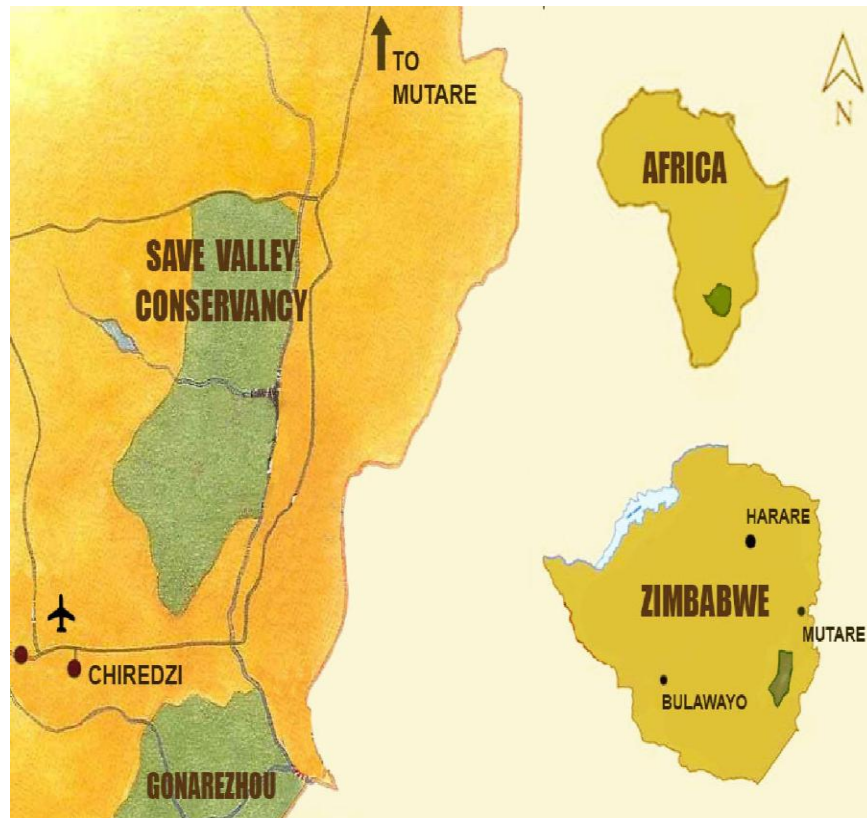


- ❖ India's listed companies have added nearly \$1 trillion in market capitalization in absolute terms to \$5.33 trillion since early March 2025.
- ❖ In percentage terms, m-cap has surged by over 21 percent.

- ❖ This is the highest increase among the world's top 10 equity markets.
- ❖ Globally, Germany has posted the second-largest gain after India, with its m-cap rising nearly 14 percent during this period.
- ❖ India is currently the fifth largest market globally after the US, China, Japan and Hong Kong.

## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Zimbabwe Elephant Culling 2025



- ❖ Zimbabwe has announced plans to cull at least 50 elephants in the Save Valley Conservancy.
- ❖ The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZimParks) currently holds around 2,550 elephants.
- ❖ This count is far exceeding its ecological carrying capacity of 800.
- ❖ The meat from the cull will be distributed to local communities.
- ❖ Zimbabwe is home to one of the world's largest elephant populations — second only to Botswana.



- ❖ This is the second time in recent years that Zimbabwe has resorted to culling elephants.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### CCPI Index 2025

- ❖ 64 countries responsible for over 90% of global GHG emissions.
- ❖ Only 22 are making progress in the Climate Change Performance Index 2025, while 42 are falling behind.
- ❖ This year, the top three positions remain vacant.
- ❖ No single country was ranked at 'very high' on all parameters for climate change mitigation in 2025.
- ❖ Denmark has retained its rank as the top country (#4).
- ❖ It is followed by Netherlands, UK, Philippines, Morocco, Norway and India (10<sup>th</sup>).
- ❖ Contrastingly, countries like China, the United States of America (USA), Canada, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and more have been ranked very low.

Rank 2025	Country	Overall CCPI Score 2025
1	–	–
2	–	–
3	–	–
4	Denmark	78.37
5	Netherlands	69.6
6	United Kingdom	69.29
7	Philippines	68.41
8	Morocco	68.32
9	Norway	68.21
10	India	67.99

### Review of the state of world marine fishery resources — 2025

- ❖ The new report was released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- ❖ Globally 64.5 per cent of all the fishery stocks are exploited within biologically sustainable levels, while 35.5 per cent are overfished.
- ❖ The northeast Pacific and southwest Pacific, exhibit higher sustainability rates.

- ❖ The eastern Indian Ocean is estimated to have around 72.7 per cent of the stocks sustainably exploited.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

**International Day for the Fight against IUU Fishing 2025 - June 05**



- ❖ It aims to protect the world's fisheries, marine biodiversity, and the livelihoods of millions dependent on ocean resources by eliminating illegal and unsustainable fishing practices.





- ❖ This year is the ninth anniversary of the legally binding Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) that came into force on 5 June 2016.
- ❖ This agreement is to specifically target illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

### **World Food Safety Day 2025 - June 07**

7 June

## **Food safety: science in action**



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United Nations



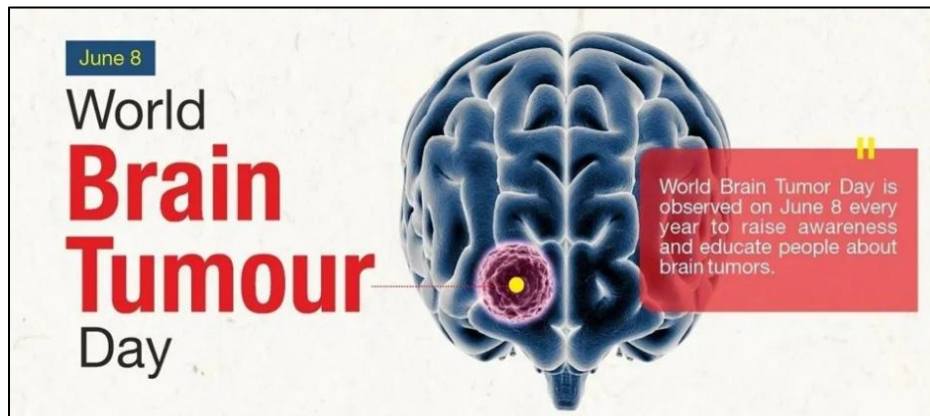
World Health  
Organization

- ❖ It aims to increase public awareness of the risks associated with contaminated food and to encourage initiatives aimed at lowering risks across the food chain.
- ❖ The first worldwide commemoration was held on June 7, 2019.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is "Food safety – science in action".

### **World Brain Tumor Day 2025 - June 08**

- ❖ It aims to educating people about the seriousness, early detection, and prevention of brain tumours.
- ❖ A brain tumour is an unusual growth of the tissue in the brain or its covering (meninges) that may disrupt proper brain function.

- ❖ This day was first initiated by the German Brain Tumor Association in 2000.



### **World Oceans Day 2025 - June 08**

- ❖ This day was first proposed in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
- ❖ It catalyses collective action for a healthy ocean and a stable climate, working in collaboration with govts and organizations.
- ❖ This year's global observance events were hosted in Nice, in France.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is "Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us".



### **Coral Triangle Day 2025 - June 09**

- ❖ The Initiative is a multilateral partnership of the six countries namely Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste.

- ❖ The Coral Triangle, often dubbed as the 'Amazon of the Seas,' is a marine bio diversity hotspot.
- ❖ It houses 15 unique species and boasts the highest diversity of reef fish in the world, with 37% of global reef fish species found here.
- ❖ Despite covering only 1.5% of the Earth's surface, the Coral Triangle contains 30% of the planet's coral reefs.
- ❖ This year's theme is “One Triangle, Infinite Beauty”.



### **International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations 2025 - June 10**



- ❖ This day was proposed by China and co-sponsored by over 80 countries in 2024.
- ❖ This day was underscoring the importance of respecting cultural diversity while highlighting the crucial role of dialogue in fostering global peace.

- ❖ This year's Hehe Civilization Forum will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ❖ Theme of the event for this year is "Harmonious and Coexistence: Promoting the Prosperity and Progress of Civilizations".

### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2025 - June 15**



- ❖ It was created by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization.
- ❖ This day aims to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of the older persons by raising awareness.
- ❖ 2025 Theme was "Addressing Abuse of Older Adults in Long Term Care Facilities: Through Data and Action".

### **International Day of Family remittances (IDFR) 2025 - June 16**

- ❖ This day recognises the financial contributions made by 250 million migrant workers to sustainable international development.
- ❖ Globally, around 3.4% of population are international migrants who contribute approximately 9.4% of global GDP.





- ❖ This year, the IDFR campaign calls for a renewed and the expanded commitment to fully maximise the impact of remittances in achieving the SDGs in Low- and middle-income countries.

