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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Neeraj Chopra has won the Paris Diamond League 2025 with an 88.16m long throw, by defeating Julian Weber.
- ❖ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) received the Digital Payments Award 2024-25 from the Department of Financial Services for its role in expanding digital payments and financial inclusion.
- ❖ The Union Education Ministry has constituted a panel, headed by the Higher Education Secretary Vineet Joshi, to suggest measures to reduce the dependency of students on the coaching centres and assess the effectiveness and fairness of the competitive entrance examinations.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh has topped in public procurement through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), clocking the orders worth Rs 65,227.68 crore over five years, from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25.
- ❖ Lenacapavir, marketed as Sunlenca, has been approved by the U.S.A Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of HIV.
- ❖ Desi Oon, an animation film by Suresh Eriyat, has won the Jury Award for the Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 in France.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board (TNSAMB) has sought Geographical Indication (GI) tag for five agricultural products.
 - They are Nallur Varagu (Cuddalore); Vedaranyam Mullai poo (Nagapattinam); Natham Puli (Dindigul); Ayakudi Koyya fruit (Dindigul), and Kappalpatti Karumbu Murungai (Dindigul).
- ❖ NTPC has launched India's first fleet of hydrogen fuel cell buses in Leh, Ladakh.
 - This project is the world's highest-altitude hydrogen mobility pilot at 3,650 meters.
- ❖ The Karnataka government has increased housing reservation for the religious minorities from 10% to 15%.
 - The revised quota applies to all urban and rural housing schemes under the state's Housing Department.

TAMIL NADU

133-year-old Madras High Court building

- ❖ The Madras High Court is all set to complete 163 years since its establishment on June 26, 1862.
- ❖ It was inaugurated on July 12, 1892.

- ❖ Now a dedicated committee has been formed under Justices R. Subramanian, R. Suresh Kumar, P.T. Asha, and N. Mala to renovate some parts.
- ❖ Madras High Court in Chennai is the second-largest judicial structure in the world, after the one in London.

COURT STORY

- Madras high court established on **June 26, 1862**
- Heritage building opened on **August 15, 1892**
- Spread over **107 acres**, it's one of the largest court compounds in the world
- In **2004**, the Madurai bench of the court was established
- In **2017**, the state government passed a resolution in the assembly to urging the Centre to rename the court High Court of Tamil Nadu

Three-wheeler EV adoption



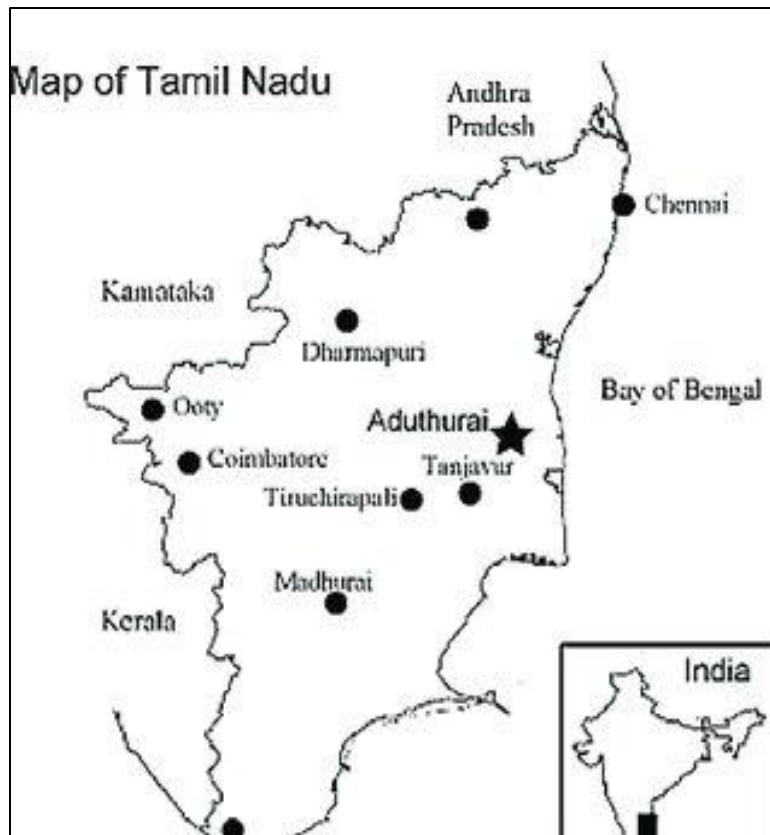
The Future is Electric:
Three-Wheeler EV Adoption Soars in Tamil Nadu!



- ❖ The Three-wheeler electric vehicle (EV) penetration in Tamil Nadu so far in the calendar year 2025 has already surpassed the numbers for 2024.

- ❖ Total of 2,802 electric three-wheelers have been registered in 2025 till May.
- ❖ The EV adoption which measured in terms of EV sales as a percentage of the total vehicle sales stood at 16.07% in 2025.
- ❖ It was 3.92% for the entire 2024.

TPS 5 rice variety



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Rice Research Institute (TRRI), Aduthurai in Thanjavur District, have urged farmers to plan ahead for samba and Thaladi seasons using region-specific, low-input paddy varieties.
- ❖ TPS 5, a commonly used variety in delta, matures in 100 days elsewhere, it takes 125 days in the delta.
- ❖ It was causing delayed harvests, higher pest incidence, and increased costs.
- ❖ TRRI recommended kuruvai varieties such as ADT 53, 55, 56, and 57.
- ❖ ADT 57 is suitable for direct sowing and ADT 55 offers Bacterial Leaf Blight (BLB) tolerance.
- ❖ ADT 53 is a good alternative to ADT 43 for parboiled rice, and ADT 59 is preferred for idly rice.

- ❖ For saline and coastal tail-end areas, TRY (Tiruchi Rice) varieties 1 to 5 are ideal.
- ❖ For flood-prone delta areas, he recommended CR1009 Sub 1.

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Yoga Sangam & Yoga Bandhan

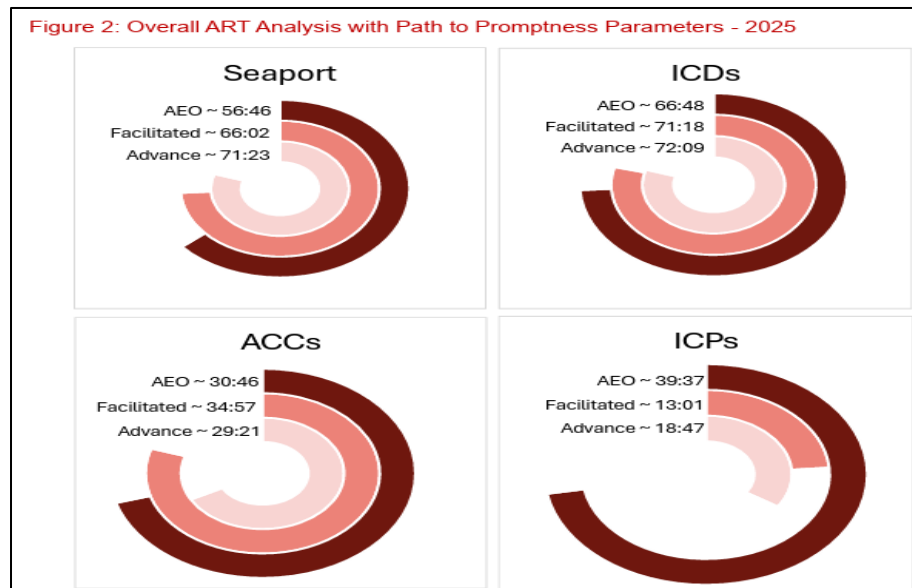
- ❖ The 11th International Yoga Day was observed in June 21, with the theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health'.
- ❖ It has featured 'Yoga Sangam' a mass yoga demonstration over 1,00,000 locations across India.
- ❖ The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) under the Ministry of External Affairs organised various yoga events and programmes in 191 countries.
- ❖ Additionally, the ICCR is hosted 'Yoga Bandhan'.
- ❖ It is a flagship international program under the Ministry of Ayush.



Fifth Edition of National Time Release Study (NTRS)

- ❖ Centre has released the fifth edition of the National Time Release Study (NTRS).
- ❖ The Time Release Study (TRS) measures the time taken for cargo release to assess clearance process efficiency.
- ❖ It analyses the time taken in the seaports, Air Cargo Complexes (ACCs), Inland Container Depots (ICDs), and Integrated Check Posts (ICPs).

- ❖ The Average Release Time (ART) in imports declined between 2023 and 2025 at the seaports (~6 hours), ACCs (~5 hours), and ICPs (~18 hours).
- ❖ But Integrated Check Posts saw a ~12-hour increase.
- ❖ 93.33% of import cargo at ICPs met the 48-hour NTFAP 3.0 target.



One Nation, One Time



- ❖ The government has proposed some new rules to standardize the timekeeping by mandating exclusive use of Indian Standard Time (IST).

- ❖ The Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2024 draft aims to create a legal framework for consistent time practices.
- ❖ The IST will be the sole recognized time reference for the legal, administrative, commercial, and official documents.
- ❖ The proposal supports the very precise timekeeping in critical infrastructure like telecommunications, banking, defense, 5G, and AI.
- ❖ Exceptions will be allowed for astronomy, navigation, and scientific research with the prior government approval.

ECONOMY

Indian Funds in Swiss Banks in 2024

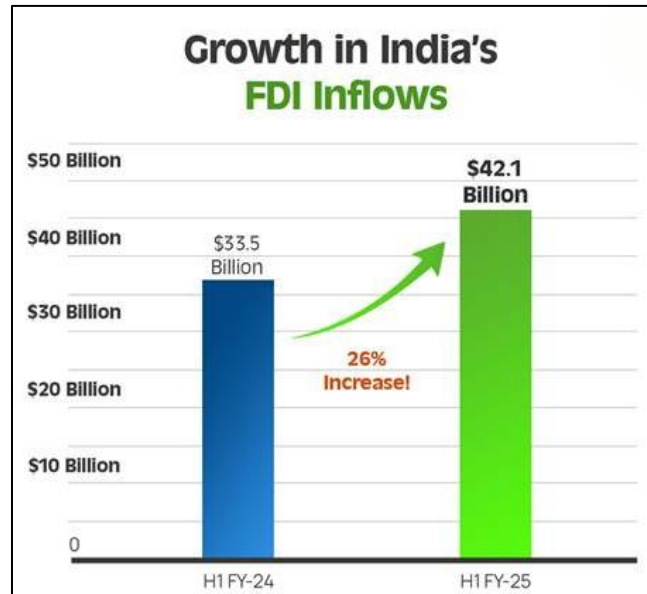


- ❖ Indian funds in Swiss banks surged over threefold to CHF 3.5 billion (Rs 37,600 crore) in 2024.
- ❖ Most of the increase came from funds held through bank channels and other financial entities, not individual customer accounts.
- ❖ This is the highest since 2021, when the total Indian money in Swiss banks had hit a 14-year-high of CHF 3.83 billion.
- ❖ India has rose to the 48th spot globally in terms of funds in Swiss banks, up from 67th last year.

Foreign Direct Investment Decline – 2024

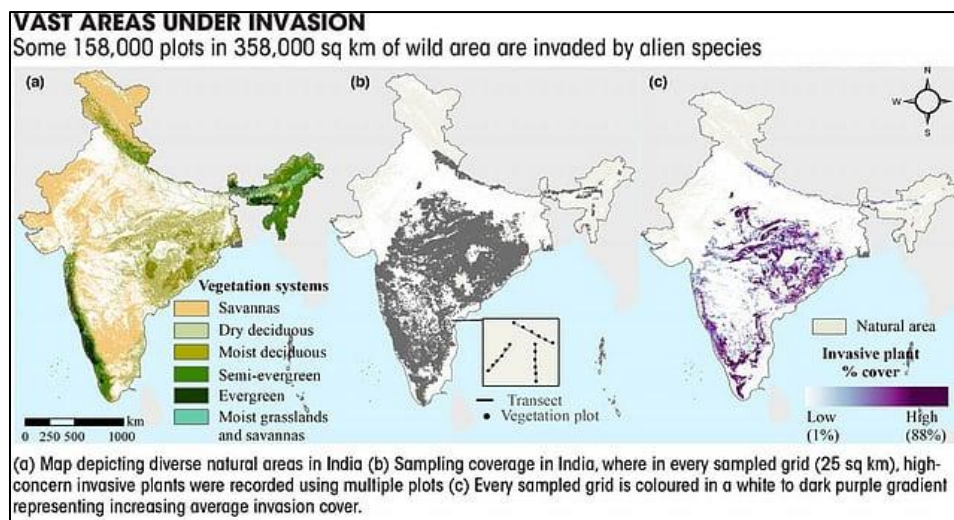
- ❖ The World Investment Report 2025 was released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

- ❖ Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows was making up 2.3% of all the capital formation in India in 2024.
- ❖ India attracted \$27.6 billion of FDI inflows in 2024, down 1.8% from 2023.
- ❖ It was also less than half the amount seen in 2020.
- ❖ In South Asia, India accounting for nearly 80% of the region's FDI inflows.



ENVIRONMENT

Alien species in India



- ❖ A 2022 study found that India has lost \$127.3 billion (Rs 830 crore) to invasive alien species over the last 60 years.

- ❖ It was rendering the country the second-most financially affected by an invasive alien species in the world, after the U.S.
- ❖ But this data only stems from the calculated costs of 10 invasive alien species from the 2,000+ alien species known in India.
- ❖ The most conservative estimates report 173 invasive plants and 157 invasive animals.
- ❖ In India, the declaration of alien species as invasive is managed under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (amended in 2022).

STATES

Reintroduction of king cobras - Madhya Pradesh




- ❖ One of the two King Cobras brought to Madhya Pradesh from Mangalore Zoo died at the Van Vihar National Park's snake enclosure.
- ❖ The King Cobra is not a species endemic to the state.
- ❖ The king cobra, the world's longest venomous snake, can grow to 15 feet in the length.
- ❖ It prefers humid, dark forests with thick undergrowth, cool swamps, and bamboo patches across diverse habitats.
- ❖ They spread across from the highland evergreen and semi-evergreen forests to estuarine mangroves with high rainfall.
- ❖ In India, the king cobra's range includes the Western Ghats, the North Indian terai belt, Northeast India, coastlines of West Bengal and Odisha, Andaman and Nicobar, and parts of the Eastern Ghats.

- ❖ King cobras are known for their unique nesting behaviour.
- ❖ However, they do not breed well in captivity.

MISCELLANEOUS

First Indian Epigraphical Reference to Halley's Comet

'RARE EPIGRAPH SPOTTED IN AP'



Sanskrit copper plate dated 1456 CE found in Srisailam

- Phrase 'Prakasyaya mahotpata sant-yartham dattavan vibhuh' appears in inscription
- It refers to an act of donation made to avert the feared effects of "illuminating comets & meteoric shower"
- Such celestial event was believed to pose a threat to the king & his kingdom

- ❖ The earliest Indian epigraphical mention of Halley's Comet was discovered in the Srisailam Copper Plate Charter dated 1456 CE in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The inscription was in Sanskrit and Nagari script.
- ❖ It belongs to the reign of Vijayanagara king Mallikarjuna.
- ❖ It records the appearance of Halley's Comet and a resulting meteor shower.
- ❖ The charter states that on Monday, June 28, 1456 CE, a religious grant was made to pacify calamity caused by the comet and meteor shower.
- ❖ The inscription reflects traditional beliefs linking comet sightings to impending misfortune and calamities.