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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The union home minister chaired the 25th meeting of the Central Zonal Council in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The four-day-long Beej Utsav (Seed Festival) 2025 held in the tribal tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat.
- ❖ Iran has launched Operation Bashayer Al-Fath, targeting the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar.
- ❖ The International Paris Air Show, the largest gathering of aerospace professionals from 48 countries, was held in France.

## TAMIL NADU

### Revamped Valluvar Kottam

- ❖ TN CM inaugurated the newly renovated Valluvar Kottam recently.
- ❖ Valluvar Kottam is dedicated to the classical Tamil poet philosopher Valluvar.
- ❖ It was inaugurated in April 1976 by the then President of India Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.
- ❖ It was designed by South Indian traditional architect V. Ganapati Sthapati.



### New varieties of pulses seeds

- ❖ The Department of Seed Certification and Organic Certification has mend the new varieties of pulses seeds procured from Kanpur research institute.

- ❖ It aims to encourage farmers to take up green gram and black gram cultivation, without the fear of yellow mosaic virus attacks.
- ❖ The green gram variety, LGG 600, has come up well and reached the flowering stage on the 28th day with uniform growth.
- ❖ A black gram variety, Kota 5, was found disease-resistant.



## NATIONAL

### Training of Trainers (ToT) program 2025



- ❖ The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has now launched the Training of Trainers (ToT) programme under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ❖ It focuses on enhancing Panchayats' capacity to generate Own Source Revenue (OSR).
- ❖ This program was implemented under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
- ❖ It will be conducted in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad.

- ❖ It aims to strengthen the grassroots governance through financial empowerment of Panchayats.

### **e-Rakt Kosh**

- ❖ The Central Health Ministry plans to integrate the Rare Donor Registry of India (RDRI) with e-Rakt Kosh, the national blood bank management platform.
- ❖ The e-Rakt Kosh is developed under the National Health Mission (NHM).
- ❖ It offers real-time information on blood banks, availability, and donation camps.
- ❖ It aims to benefit the people with rare blood types like Bombay, Rh-null, and P-Null by easing access to compatible donors.
- ❖ The RDRI was created by ICMR–National Institute of Immunohematology (NIIH) and four partnering institutes.



**e-Raktkosh**  
**Connecting, Digitising & Streamlining the Workflow of Blood Banks**

An Online System to Find & Manage:

- **BLOOD AVAILABILITY:** Get status of available blood stock in blood banks
- **CAMP SCHEDULE:** View and register for Blood Donation camps
- **NEARBY BLOOD BANKS:** Get contact and navigation details of blood banks
- **MY DONATIONS:** Register, track and maintain your profile

**GIVE BLOOD**

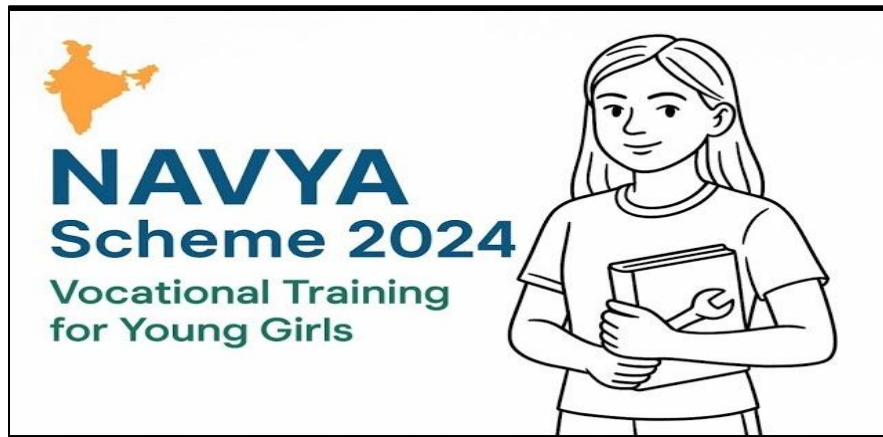
### **Special PhD Admission Drive for SC/ST Candidates**

- ❖ IIT-Delhi has started its first-ever special admission drive for the PhD candidates from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories.
- ❖ This initiative aims to address the ongoing shortfall in seat occupancy for SC/ST students at the doctoral level.
- ❖ According to the government reservation rules, IITs must reserve 15% seats for SC and 7.5% for ST in higher education admissions.
- ❖ However, IIT-Delhi's data shows actual SC/ST intake at the PhD level has been below these targets.

- ❖ From 2015-16 to 2024-25, SC enrolment increased slightly from 8.88% to 9.69%, while ST enrolment rose from 0.97% to 3.28%.



### **NAVYA Scheme**



- ❖ The central government has launched the NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ It aims to provide the vocational training to girls aged 16 to 18 years who have completed at least Class 10.
- ❖ The focus is on training girls in non-traditional job roles to open up new career opportunities.
- ❖ NAVYA supports the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 by promoting the women-led development.
- ❖ It is a joint pilot initiative by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

- ❖ The scheme will cover 27 districts across the 19 states, including the Aspirational Districts and areas in the North-Eastern region.

## **ECONOMY**

### **Digital Payment Intelligence Platform (DPIP)**

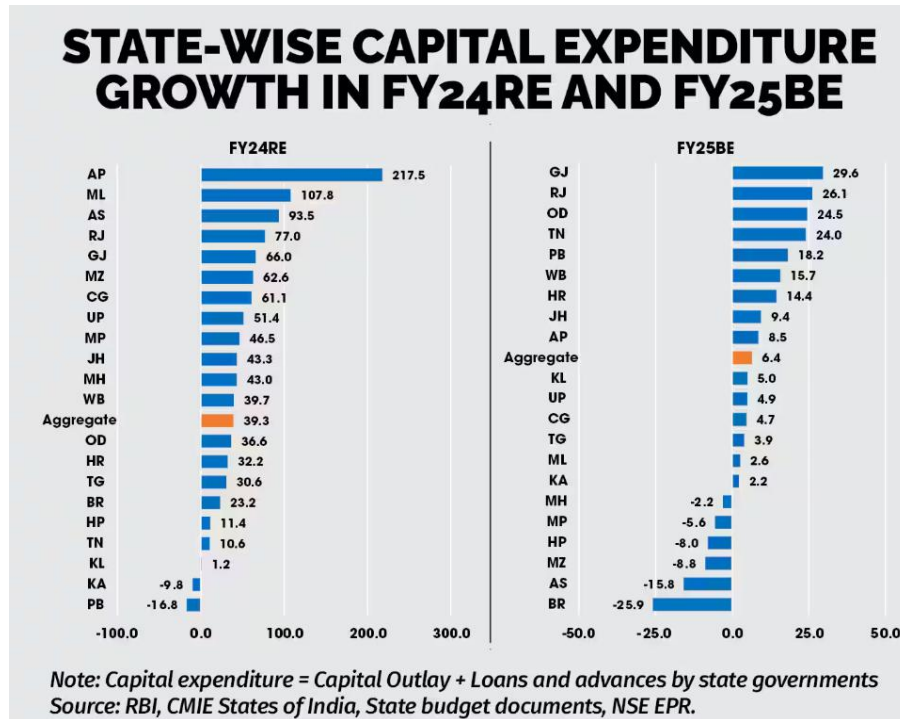
- ❖ Major Indian banks are teaming up with the RBI to develop the Digital Payment Intelligence Platform (DPIP).
- ❖ The goal is to reduce the digital payment frauds through the real-time intelligence sharing.
- ❖ DPIP will act as a Digital Public Infrastructure for safer transactions.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) is building the prototype in the very collaboration with 5–10 banks.
- ❖ The platform will use advanced technologies like AI and analytics to detect and prevent fraud.
- ❖ In FY25, the total amount involved in bank frauds rose to Rs 36,014 crore, nearly three times the Rs 12,230 crore reported in FY24.



### **States' Capital Spending to Rise**

- ❖ Capital expenditure (capex) by 26 Indian states will increase to ₹10.2 trillion in FY26 from ₹8.7 trillion in FY25.
- ❖ Just over five states will contribute nearly 50% of this total capex.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh alone will account for 16.3% of total capital spending.

- ❖ In FY25, the top five capex contributors were Uttar Pradesh (16.9%), Maharashtra (10.9%), Gujarat (8.1%), Madhya Pradesh (7.5%), and Odisha (6.4%).
- ❖ Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim together will make up only 0.4% of the FY26 capital spending.
- ❖ Aggregate receipts across the 26 states are forecast at ₹69.4 trillion in FY26.
- ❖ It is a 10.6% increase over FY25.
- ❖ Revenue receipts are expected to grow by 12.3%.
- ❖ Capital receipts are projected to rise by 6.6%.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Rajasthan are each projected to contribute 5.9%.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu, a top contributor in FY25, is not among the top five in FY26.

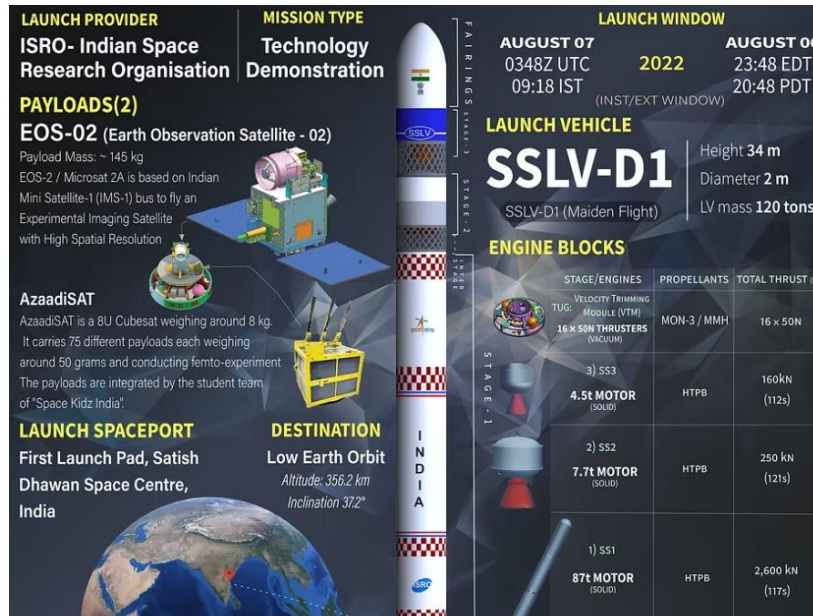


## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### SSLV Technology Transfer from ISRO

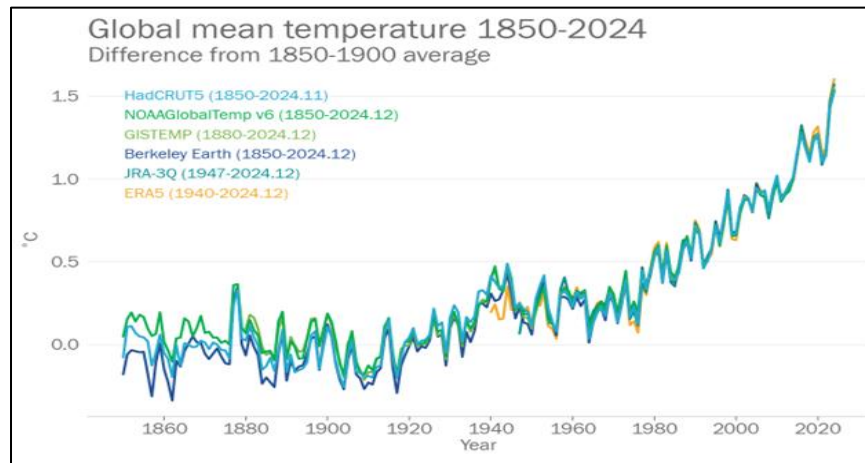
- ❖ The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) wins the bid for SSLV technology transfer from ISRO.
- ❖ It becomes the sole manufacturer of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).
- ❖ The full technology transfer process will take around two years.
- ❖ SSLV is a compact and cost-effective rocket developed by ISRO.

- ❖ It is designed to launch small satellites quickly into Low Earth Orbit.
- ❖ The SSLV helps meet urgent satellite launch needs, especially for defence use.



## REPORTS AND INDICES

### WMO's State of the Climate in Asia 2024 Report

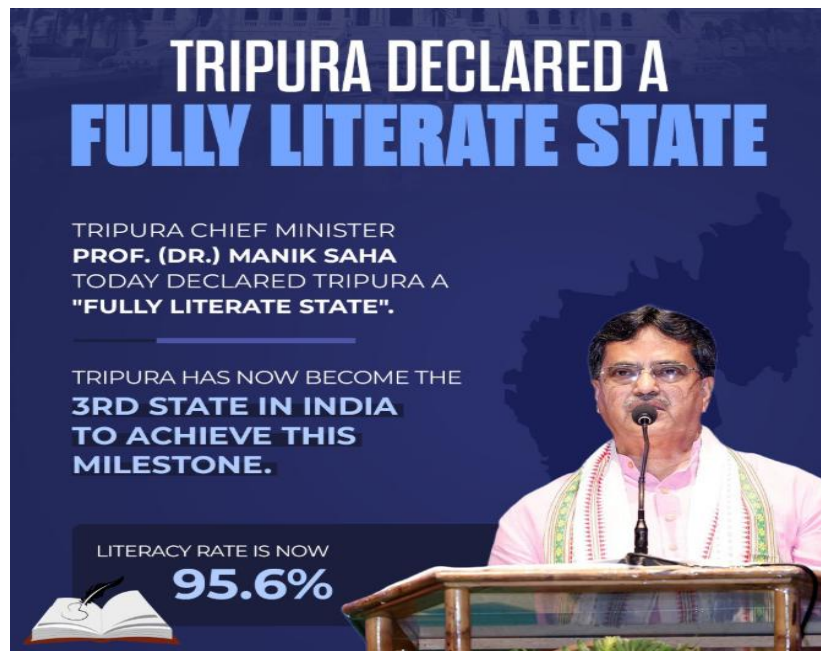


- ❖ 2024 was the warmest year on record in Asia with widespread and the prolonged heat waves.
- ❖ Global mean temperature in 2024 was the highest from 1850–2024.
- ❖ It was surpassing 1.45 °C set in 2023.
- ❖ Sea surface temperatures in Asia reached record highs, warming nearly twice as fast as the global average.

- ❖ Sea level rise on Asia's Pacific and the Indian Ocean coasts exceeded the global average.
- ❖ 23 out of 24 monitored glaciers in the Himalayas and Tian Shan have lost mass, increasing glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) and landslide risks.
- ❖ Marine heatwaves of strong to extreme intensity affected most Asian ocean areas in 2024.
- ❖ UAE saw 259.5 mm rainfall in 24 hours — among the most extreme events since 1949.
- ❖ Lightning strikes across India in 2024 killed about 1,300 people; 72 died on July 10.
- ❖ Drought in China affected 4.8 million people and caused Chinese yuan (CNY) 2.89 billion in direct losses.

## STATES

### Tripura - Fully Literate

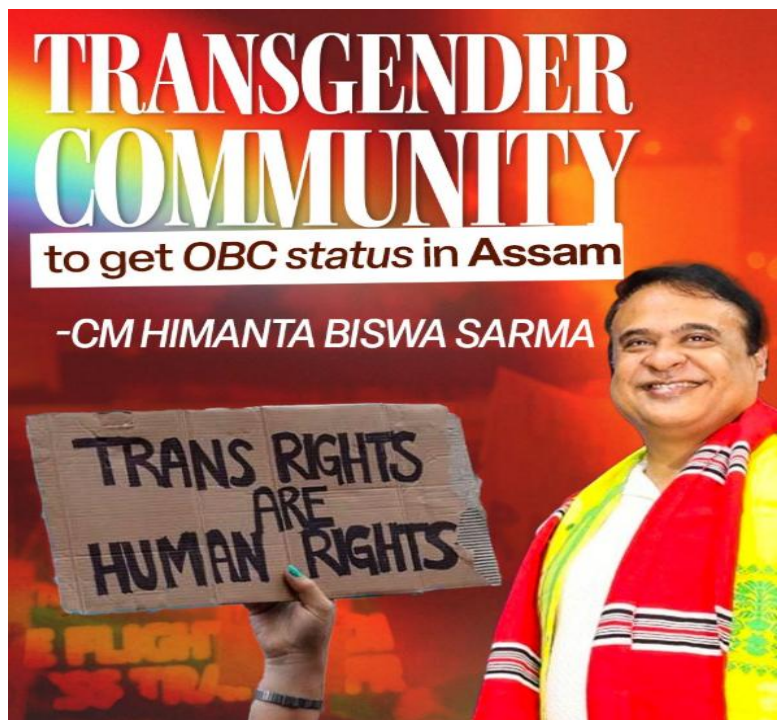


- ❖ Tripura has now been declared as fully literate under the ULLAS – the Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.
- ❖ It is the third state in India to achieve full literacy, after Mizoram and Goa.
- ❖ The state's literacy rate has reached 95.6%, up from just 20.24% in 1961.
- ❖ ULLAS is a centrally sponsored scheme, launched in 2022 and running till 2027.
- ❖ The programme aims to empower non-literate youth and adults (15+ years).

- ❖ It focuses on foundational literacy, numeracy, and critical life skills.

### **OBC Status to Transgender Community**

- ❖ Assam has announced that the transgender community in the state will be given Other Backward Class (OBC) status.
- ❖ This move aims to improve their access to education, jobs, and welfare benefits.
- ❖ Additionally, 50% of supervisor-level posts in the Women and Child Development Department will be reserved for Anganwadi workers.
- ❖ These supervisor roles are the part of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme and offer a promotion from the current grassroots-level positions.



## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **End of JCB Literary Award**

- ❖ The JCB Prize for Literature has been discontinued after the seven years, with no future editions planned.
- ❖ The prize was known for promoting the linguistic diversity and recognising the translations.
- ❖ It was launched in 2018.

- ❖ The prize was sponsored by the JCB India and managed by the JCB Literature Foundation, a not-for-profit body.
- ❖ It honoured fiction written in English or Indian language works translated into English.
- ❖ Out of the seven winners from 2018 to 2024, five were translated works from languages like Malayalam, Tamil, and Urdu.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Ambubachi Mela 2025



- ❖ Ambubachi Mela, a religious festival, was held at Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam.



- ❖ “Ambubachi” translates to “water flowing,” linking the event to the monsoon rains and agricultural renewal.
- ❖ This festival was celebrated in June; it is a central ritual in Tantrik Shaktism.

