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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Indian Prime Minister was conferred with 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados in recognition of his strategic leadership and critical assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Anju Rathi Rana, an Indian Legal Service officer, became the first woman to be appointed as Law secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Market Cess on maize



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has revoked the market cess of 1% being levied on maize.
- ❖ It is made under the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act- 1987.
- ❖ Maize is also cultivated in about 4 lakh hectares across Tamil Nadu and the production is about 29 lakh MT.

### 8th Economic Census 2025-26

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has constituted State and district level committees to facilitate the 8th Economic Census.
- ❖ It is conducted once in five years.

- ❖ The Economic Census is aimed at ascertaining the complete count of all the establishments within the State.
- ❖ Though the nation-wide 7th Economic Census was held in 2019, West Bengal did not take part.
- ❖ According to the All-India Report of the 6th Economic Census (the data collected between 2013-14), Tamil Nadu had 8.60%, the fourth highest in the country in terms of the total number of establishments in the country.
- ❖ TN also accounted for 8.91% of the total employment in the country and is the fourth highest among the States and Union territories in the country.
- ❖ The maximum number of larger establishments in the country was reported in Tamil Nadu (13.81%).
- ❖ The largest share in number of establishments under women entrepreneurship was held by Tamil Nadu (13.51%).
- ❖ It is followed by Kerala (11.35%), Andhra Pradesh (10.56%), the West Bengal (10.33%) and Maharashtra (8.25%).

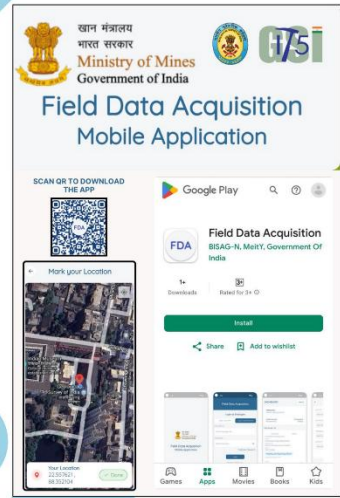


## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **GSI's New Initiatives**

- ❖ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) recently celebrated its 175th Foundation Day.
- ❖ During the event, it launched two significant digital initiatives—the Field Data Acquisition App and the Geo-heritage App 'Bhuvirasat'.

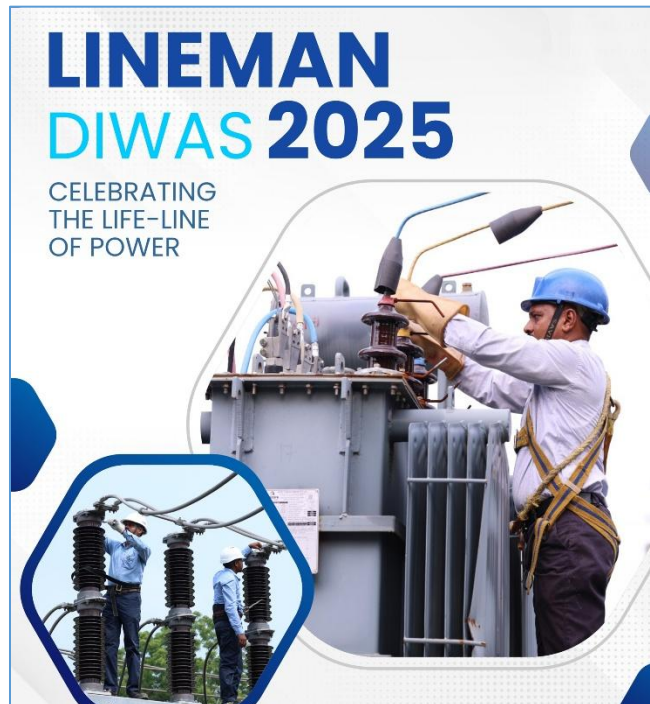
- ❖ These initiatives aim to enhance data collection efficiency and promote awareness of India's rich geo-heritage.



### About the App

- The Field Data Acquisition Mobile Application is developed by BISAG-N for the use by field officers of GSI.
- The app contains a comprehensive tool designed to facilitate on site data collection by field officials.
- The submitted data undergoes verification by reporting officer who assesses whether the information is sufficient and accurate.
- The submitted data is available to be viewed through a portal dashboard.
- The app can also be used in no network area/offline mode.

### 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Lineman Diwas

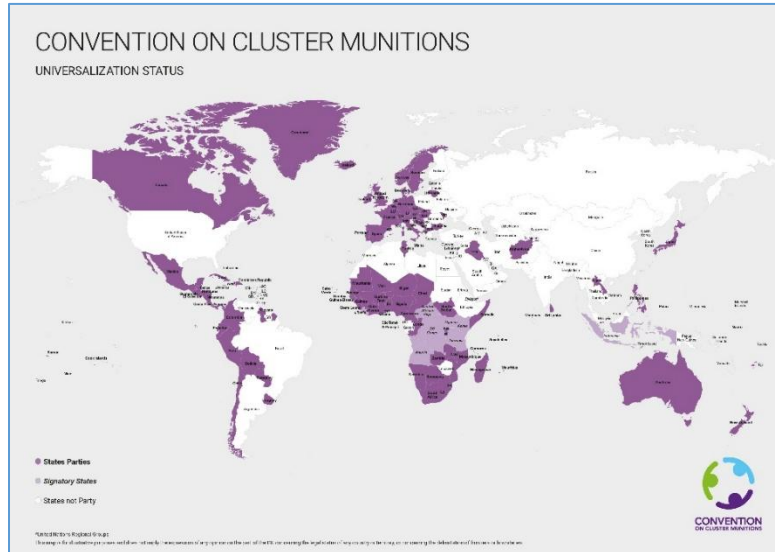


- ❖ The Central Electricity Authority (CEA), in collaboration with Tata Power-DDL, celebrated the 5th edition of Lineman Diwas.
- ❖ This day recognizes the contributions of linemen and ground maintenance staff in India's power sector.

- ❖ The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is a statutory body responsible for power sector planning, development, and regulation in India.
- ❖ It advises the government on electricity policy and technical standards.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Convention on Cluster munitions – Lithuania



- ❖ Lithuania officially withdrew from the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM), citing security concerns due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.
- ❖ Lithuania is the first country to withdraw from the convention.
- ❖ The CCM was adopted in 2008 (entered into force in 2010).
- ❖ It prohibits the use, transfer, production, and stockpiling of cluster bombs.
- ❖ The treaty has 112 state parties and 12 other signatories.
- ❖ India is NOT a signatory to the Convention.
- ❖ Neither Russia nor Ukraine are signatories to the convention.
- ❖ The Cluster bombs are an explosive weapon designed to release multiple smaller bomblets or submunitions over a wide area.

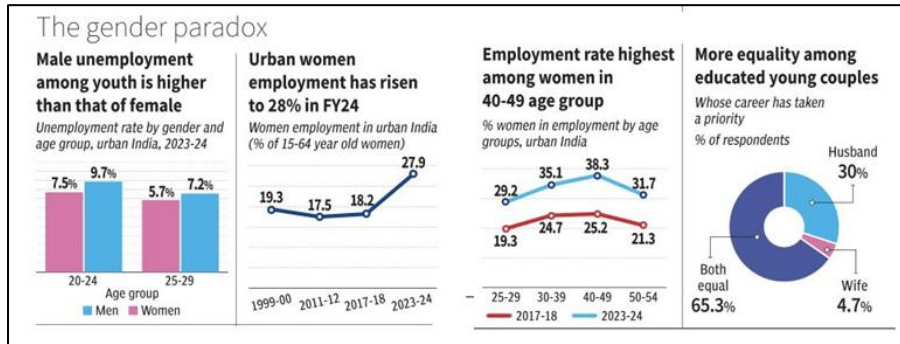
## ECONOMY NEWS

### India's Gender Employment Paradox report

- ❖ The women's employment in urban India is jumping 10% in six years (2017-18 to 2023-24).

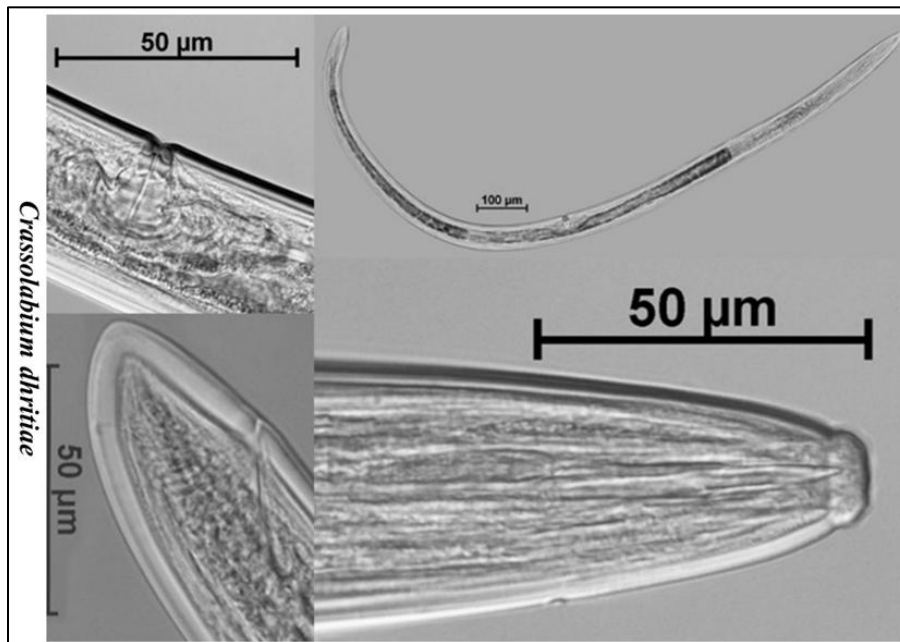


- ❖ But more than 89 million urban Indian women are still out of the labour market in 2023-2024.
- ❖ This 89 million is higher than the population of Germany, France, or the UK, and triple of Australia.
- ❖ Meanwhile, young male unemployment in urban India outpaces women's (10% vs 7.5% for ages 20-24).



## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Crassolabium dhritiae – Odisha

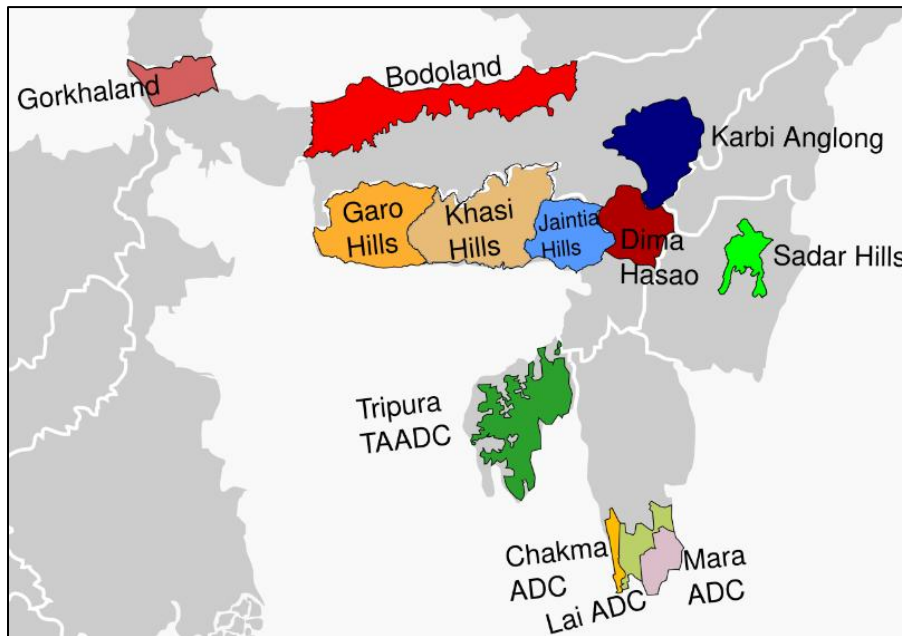


- ❖ The Scientists had discovered a species of soil-dwelling nematode in the Deccan Peninsular biogeographic zone of Odisha's Keonjhar district.
- ❖ The species, *Crassolabium dhritiae*, is named after ZSI chief Dr Dhriti Banerjee in recognition to her contributions to zoology and taxonomic research.

- ❖ This discovery brings the total number of known Crassolabium species worldwide to 39, with nine now recorded in India.
- ❖ These microscopic organisms' aids to the soil health and play a crucial role in nutrient cycling and organic matter decomposition.

## STATES' NEWS

### Assam amendment on autonomous council



- ❖ The Assam Assembly passed amendment Bills related to the seven autonomous councils.
- ❖ It was authorising the governor to take over the functioning of these bodies if holding of elections is found to be "impractical".
- ❖ There is a provision of extending the term of the elected councils running these bodies for a maximum of one year.
- ❖ The normal term of the elected councils is five years.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Table Tennis - Sharath Kamal

- ❖ India's very iconic table tennis star, Achanta Sharath Kamal, has announced his retirement from professional table tennis.

- ❖ Five-time Olympian and India's highest-ranked table tennis player, is holding the world rank of 42 as of 2025.
- ❖ He is a 10-time National Singles Champion, cementing his place among India's most decorated table tennis players.
- ❖ He holds a Record at the Commonwealth Games, with 13 medals from the five editions.
- ❖ He has claimed four medals at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, including three golds and one silver.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

**World Dentist's Day 2025 - March 06**



- ❖ This day serves as a reminder for people to maintain good oral hygiene.

- ❖ The first dentist ever documented was Hesy-Ra, who worked as the Chief of Dentist for Pharaoh Djooser in Ancient Egypt in 2600 BC.
- ❖ The first book that was solely focused on dentistry was released in 1530 in Germany.
- ❖ Lucy Beamen Hobbs was the first licenced dentist in 1866.
- ❖ March 06 is the anniversary of the first modern dental procedure demonstrated by Dr. Horace Wells in 1840.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### NIF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- ❖ The National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India commenced its Silver Jubilee celebration on March 01.
- ❖ NIF is helping hundreds of NIF-supported enterprises and more than 25 grass roots startups, some of which generate over ₹10 crore in sales annually.
- ❖ The NIF was established in 2000 and, with DST's assistance, promotes grassroots inventions and traditional knowledge.



### World's most expensive cattle 2025

- ❖ Viatina-19, An Indian-origin cow, is the world's most expensive cattle.
- ❖ The cow - Viatina-19 - was sold for Rs 40 crore at an auction in Minas Gerais, Brazil in 2023.
- ❖ The cow reportedly weighs around 1,101 kg, twice the average weight of other cows of the same Nellore breed.



- ❖ Viatina-19 belongs to the Nellore breed, also known as the Ongole breed, which was first brought to Brazil in the 1800s
- ❖ Viatina-19 won Miss South America at the "Champion of the World" competition in Fort Worth, Texas.
- ❖ The Nellore breed is well known for its ability to adapt to tropical climates and disease resistance.
- ❖ Brazil is now the world's largest breeder of Nellore cattle.
- ❖ The breed has also been exported to Argentina, Paraguay, Venezuela, Central America, Mexico, the United States, and numerous other nations.
- ❖ At least 80 per cent of cows in Brazil are Zebu cattle, a subspecies that originated in India and is distinguished by its hump and dewlap.



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