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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been appointed as a full-time member of Niti Aayog.
- ❖ Indonesia has announced its decision to join the New Development Bank (NDB), a multilateral financial institution established by the BRICS nations.
- ❖ India has clinched both the Men's and Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 at Wolverhampton in England.
- ❖ Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar secured a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 held in Amman, Jordan.
- ❖ The New Development Bank has re-elected Dilma Vana Rousseff as President of the Bank from July 2025, to July 2030.
- ❖ The International Day for the Right to Truth Concerning the Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed on 24th March annually.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Self-respect marriages since 2018

8 ஆண்டுகளில் 12 ஆயிரம் சுயமரியாதை திருமணங்கள்!

தமிழ்நாட்டில் கடந்த 8 ஆண்டுகளில்
12,114 சுயமரியாதை திருமணங்கள் பதிவு
செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளன. சுயமரியாதை திருமணத்தை
பதிவு செய்வது குறித்து அனைத்து
சார்பதிவாளர்களுக்கும், பதிவுத்துறை பயிற்சி நிலையம்
சார்பில் பயிற்சிகள் அளிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.”

- சட்டப்பேரவையில், அமைச்சர் மூர்த்தி தகவல்!

- ❖ 12,114 self-respect marriages have been registered in Tamil Nadu since 2018.
- ❖ The Self-respect marriages, also called Suyamariyadhai Thirumanam, are generally solemnised in the absence of a priest and without following any of the traditional wedding rituals.



- ❖ The registration of self-respect marriages comes under Section 7(A) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
- ❖ This Section 7(A) was inserted by the Tamil Nadu Amendment Act, 1967.

NATIONAL NEWS

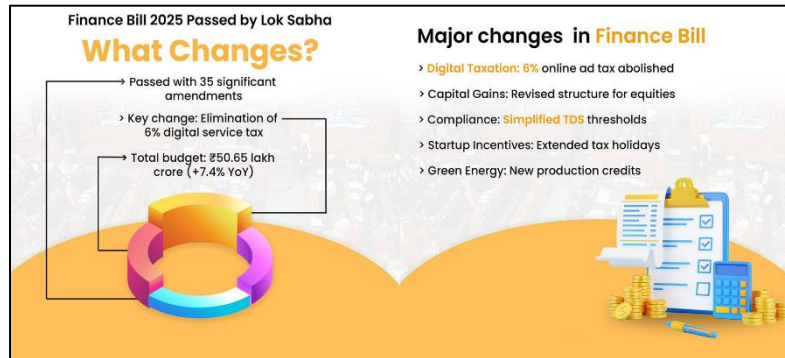
In-House Inquiry Process for Judges in India

JUDGE MUST FACE INQUIRY TOO, FEEL SOME COLLEGIUM MEMBERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SC collegium unanimous on transfer, but some also felt letting off Justice Yashwant Varma easily would erode trust in the judiciary ➤ They say judge must be asked to resign and if he refuses, in-house inquiry held ➤ Under in-house procedure, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on receipt of complaint, CJI to seek judge's response. If not satisfied, CJI can set up in-house inquiry committee ➤ If CJI feels misconduct is of serious nature, he can ask judge to resign. If he declines, CJI can write to govt to initiate removal process in Parliament

- ❖ CJI has constituted an in-house committee to conduct an inquiry into allegations of misconduct against Justice Yashwant Varma.
- ❖ The resolution for in-house procedures for action against judges was adopted in 1999 and made public in 2014.
- ❖ When a complaint is received against a judge of a High Court, the CJI will decide whether the issue is frivolous or warrants an inquiry.
- ❖ If an inquiry is deemed necessary, the judge's initial response along with the comments of the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court are taken on record.
- ❖ The CJI can then form a three-member committee consisting of the two Chief Justices from other High Courts and one High Court judge.
- ❖ The committee after completing the inquiry can provide a recommendation that the misconduct is serious enough to warrant removal or not serious enough.
- ❖ If the recommendation is not for the removal, then the judge would be apprised accordingly.
- ❖ However, if the recommendation is for the judge's removal, he/she will be asked to resign.
- ❖ In the event of the judge unwilling to resign, the President and the PM will be informed of the findings for the Parliament to initiate action for removal as per provisions of the Constitution.

- ❖ Any complaint against the Chief Justice of a High Court, would be inquired by a committee consisting of a Supreme Court judge and two Chief Justices of other High Courts.
- ❖ In case of a complaint against a Supreme Court judge, the committee would consist of three Supreme Court Judges.

Finance Bill 2025

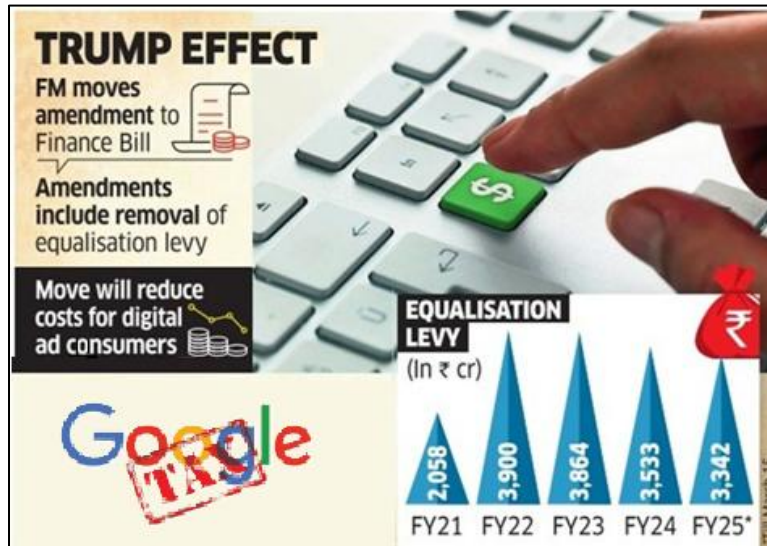


- ❖ The Lok Sabha approved the Finance Bill 2025, which included 35 government amendments.
- ❖ The Union Budget 2025-26 envisages a total expenditure of Rs 50.65 lakh crore, an increase of 7.4 per cent over the current fiscal.
- ❖ The total capital expenditure proposed for the next fiscal is Rs 11.22 lakh crore and an effective capital expenditure of Rs 15.48 lakh crore.
- ❖ It proposes a gross tax revenue collection of Rs 42.70 lakh crore and a gross borrowing of Rs 14.01 lakh crore.
- ❖ The fiscal deficit for FY26 is projected at 4.4 per cent against 4.8 per cent in the current fiscal.
- ❖ Under the new framework of the Finance Bill 2025, the tax officials can access encrypted communications, cloud storage, and the digital asset exchanges if they believe a person has concealed taxable income or cryptocurrency holdings.

Equalization levy on online advertisements

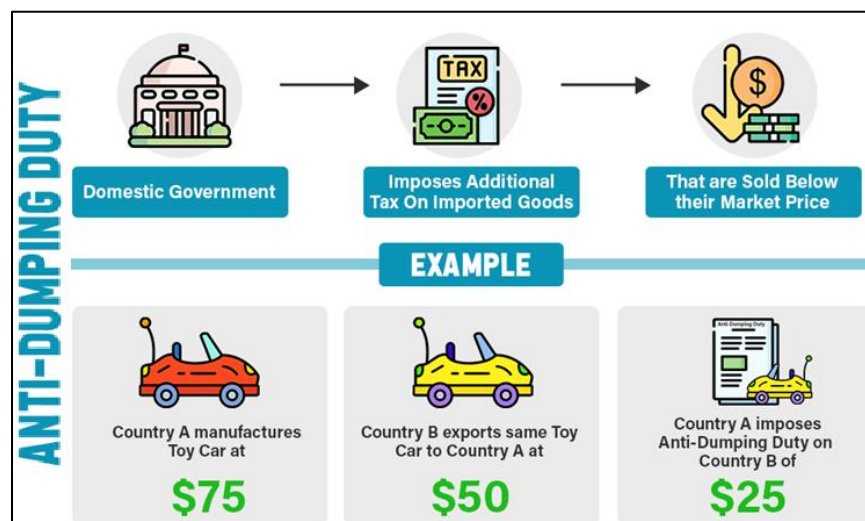
- ❖ The recent Finance Bill 2025, which included of the 35 government amendments, eliminates the 6 percent digital tax on online advertisements.
- ❖ The Central government has proposed to abolish the equalisation levy on online advertisements, a part of amendments to the Finance Bill, 2025.
- ❖ By definition, an equalisation levy is a levy to 'equalise' the tax component of a resident e-commerce company as well as a non-resident e-commerce company.

- ❖ This levy, colloquially called “Google tax,” affects the online advertising services provided by offshore technology firms like Google, Meta and Amazon.
- ❖ The 6 per cent tax has been in force since 2016.
- ❖ In 2020, India had introduced a 2 per cent equalisation levy on e-commerce sites offering digital services in India and later repealed.



ECONOMY NEWS

Anti-Dumping Duty on Chinese Products

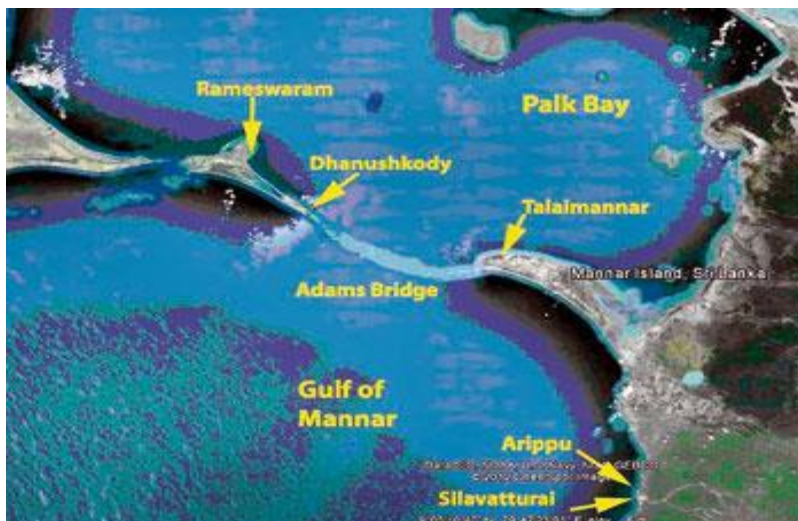


- ❖ India imposed an anti-dumping duty on around five products that were exported to India from China at below-normal prices in March 2025.

- ❖ These anti-dumping duties were imposed on products like the Soft Ferrite Cores, vacuum-insulated flasks, aluminium foil, Trichloro Isocyanuric Acid (acid used for water treatment), and Poly Vinyl Chloride Paste Resin.
- ❖ An anti-dumping duty is imposed to protect the domestic industries from unfair competition caused by the foreign companies selling products at below-market prices, often referred to as “dumping.”
- ❖ This practice can harm local manufacturers by undercutting their prices and market share.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Breeding colonies of six seabirds



- ❖ Group of researchers have found breeding colonies of six species of seabirds on the sandbars between Rameswaram Island and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ They were recorded on these sandbars, 8 km south-east of Arichalmunai, near the Sri Lankan maritime boundary.
- ❖ The closest known breeding colonies of Brown noddies were on Cherbaniani Reef and Pitti island of Lakshadweep, Sri Lanka and Maldives.
- ❖ Sandbars I to VII are largely undisturbed by humans due to restricted access.

STATES' NEWS

Megaliths in Kerala & Buddhist Finds in Odisha

- ❖ A huge number of the megalithic structures have been discovered during a recent archaeological excavation near the Malampuzha dam in Palakkad, Kerala.

- ❖ The ASI discovered ancient inscriptions at Kadapa's Lankkamala Reserve Forest in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ The survey led to the discovery of three rock shelters.
- ❖ One of these contained prehistoric paintings are depicting the animals, geometric patterns, and human figures.
- ❖ The paintings are dating back to the Megalithic (Iron Age) and the early historic periods (2500 BCE-2nd century CE).
- ❖ In Odisha's Ratnagiri, the three colossal Buddha heads, a brick stupa with a crisscross design, a rectangular chaitya complex, and a slew of votive stupas featuring deities like Tara, Chunda, and Manjusri were found.

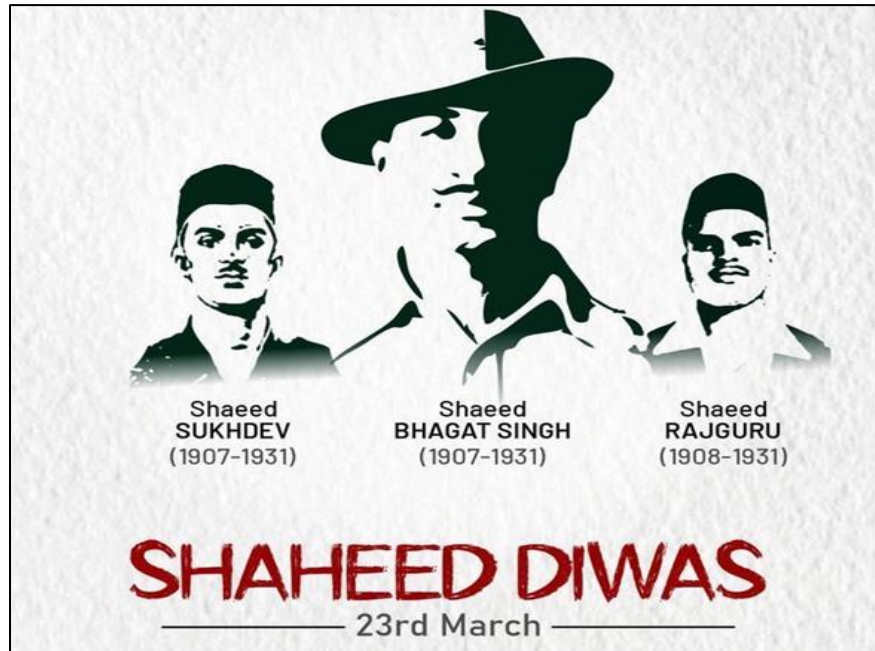


IMPORTANT DAYS

Shaheed Diwas 2025 - March 23

- ❖ It is a tribute to the bravery and devotion of India's freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the nation's independence.
- ❖ On March 23, 1931 – the three revolutionary freedom fighters, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, were hanged in the Lahore jail.
- ❖ The three revolutionaries were part of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) and were influenced by socialist ideals.

- ❖ In the case of mistaken identity, they ended up killing British police officer John Saunders instead of SP James Scott.



World Meteorological Day 2025 - March 23



- ❖ It commemorates the formal establishment of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).
- ❖ On March 23, 1950, the WMO Convention came into force.



- ❖ It became a UN specialised agency in 1951 for meteorology, operation hydrology, and related geophysical sciences.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is "Closing the early warning gap together".

The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2025 - March 25

- ❖ In history, the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans dehumanized more than 15 million men, women and children for more than four centuries.
- ❖ The Abolition of the Slave Trade Act was passed in the United Kingdom on 25 March 1807.
- ❖ The theme of the day is “Acknowledge the past. Repair the present. Build a future of dignity and justice”.



International Unborn Child Day 2025 - March 25



- ❖ The purpose of celebrating this is to raise awareness to protect the rights of children and their lives.

- ❖ It was established by Pope John Paul II.
- ❖ This day is observed on exactly nine months before Christmas, to honour and remember the most vulnerable and smallest members of society.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Vikramashila university



- ❖ The Centre had initially allocated Rs 500 crore for its development in 2015.
- ❖ The state government approves Rs 87.99 crore for the acquisition of land at Antichak village now in Bihar.
- ❖ Nalanda university flourished from the Gupta Period (320-550 AD) to the 12th Century, Vikramashila thrived during the Pala Period.
- ❖ It was founded by Pala king Dharmapala of the Pala dynasty in the late 8th to early 9 Century AD.

