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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Centre to withdraw the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, arguing that it was against the interests of Muslims in the country.
- ❖ The Fishermen leaders from Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu and their counterparts in Sri Lanka's Northern Province held talks after a gap of nine years (2016-2025).
- ❖ Legendary cricketer Syed Kirmani's autobiography was released as 'Stumped: Life Behind and Beyond the Twenty-Two Yards'.
- ❖ The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Member is observed on March 25<sup>th</sup> to mobilize action, demand justice and to strengthen our resolve to protect UN staff and peacekeepers.


## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Second Biodiversity Heritage Site

திண்டுக்கல் மாவட்டம் காசம்பட்டி  
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தலமாக அறிவிப்பு!

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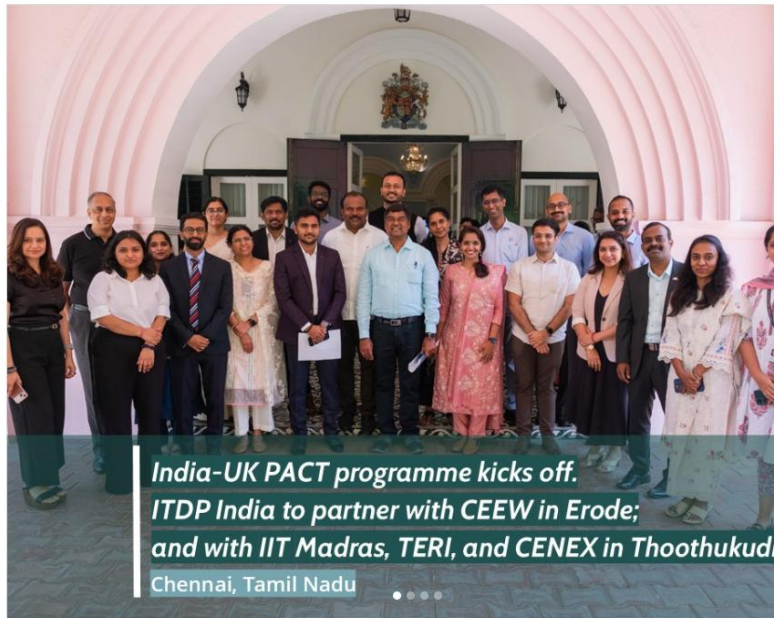
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- ❖ Tamil Nadu declares Kasampatty (Veeran Kovil) Sacred Grove in Dindigul as a Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- ❖ This is the state's second BHS, following Arittapatti in Madurai, designated in 2022.
- ❖ It is spanning around 4.97 hectares near the Alagarmalai Reserve Forest.

- ❖ The grove is home to an array of the biodiversity, including 48 tree species, 22 shrubs, 21 lianas, and 29 herbs.

## **Carbon Neutral Transition**



- ❖ The U.K. government and the Tamil Nadu government have joined hands to launch the UK-TN Partnership for Accelerating Carbon Neutral Transition.
- ❖ This partnership will focus on advancing the urban planning and mobility in the cities of Erode and Thoothukudi to the State's transition towards the carbon neutrality.
- ❖ Two urban mobility projects were unveiled.
- ❖ The first project is "Climate-Resilient, Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Mobility" in Erode.
- ❖ The second project is "PACT-Digi-PULSE" which targets the city of Thoothukudi.
- ❖ The PACT-Digi-PULSE now stands for Partnering for Advancing Carbon-Neutral Transitions using Digital-Twin Based Planning for Urban Living and Sustainable Environment.

## **Puliyangudi - lemon city of India**

- ❖ These lemon farms were safe from animals, and production was also high.
- ❖ In the early 1950s, Puliyangudi farmers decided to take a risk and go in for lemon cultivation.

- ❖ It was this change that transformed Puliyangudi into the 'lemon city of India'.
- ❖ The Puliyangudi lime has a thin aromatic skin, with a very high citrus level and abundant juice.
- ❖ These fruits, known as PKM 1, have higher ascorbic acid content of 34.29 mg per 100g of fruit juice and total soluble solids of 8.0°Brix.
- ❖ The juice content is 52.3% by weight, and it is a high-yielding variety.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board and Melapuliyangudi Farmers' Association applied for the GI tag for the Puliyangudi acid lime.



## NATIONAL NEWS

### Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024

- ❖ The Rajya Sabha passed the Disaster Management Amendment Bill, 2024.
- ❖ It provides the statutory status to existing bodies such as the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) and the High-Level Committee (HLC).
- ❖ It empowers the state governments to constitute a separate authority for state capitals and cities with a municipal corporation.
- ❖ It also empowers the NDMA to specify the number and category of officers and employees, with previous approval of the central government.

- ❖ It adds new functions like periodic review of disaster risks, setting guidelines for minimum relief standards, creating national and state disaster databases, etc.

### **Disaster Management (Amendment Bill), 2024:**

- ▶ The bill seeks to amend the Disaster Management Act, 2005, which was enacted to provide for the effective management of disasters.
- ▶ The bill makes provision for the constitution of “Urban Disaster Management Authority” for State capitals and large cities having municipal corporations, except the union territories of Delhi and Chandigarh.
- ▶ The bill empowers the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the State Disaster Management Authorities to prepare the disaster plan at the national level and state level, respectively, instead of the plans made by the National Executive Committee and the State Executive Committees earlier.

### **World’s Top Milk Producer – India**



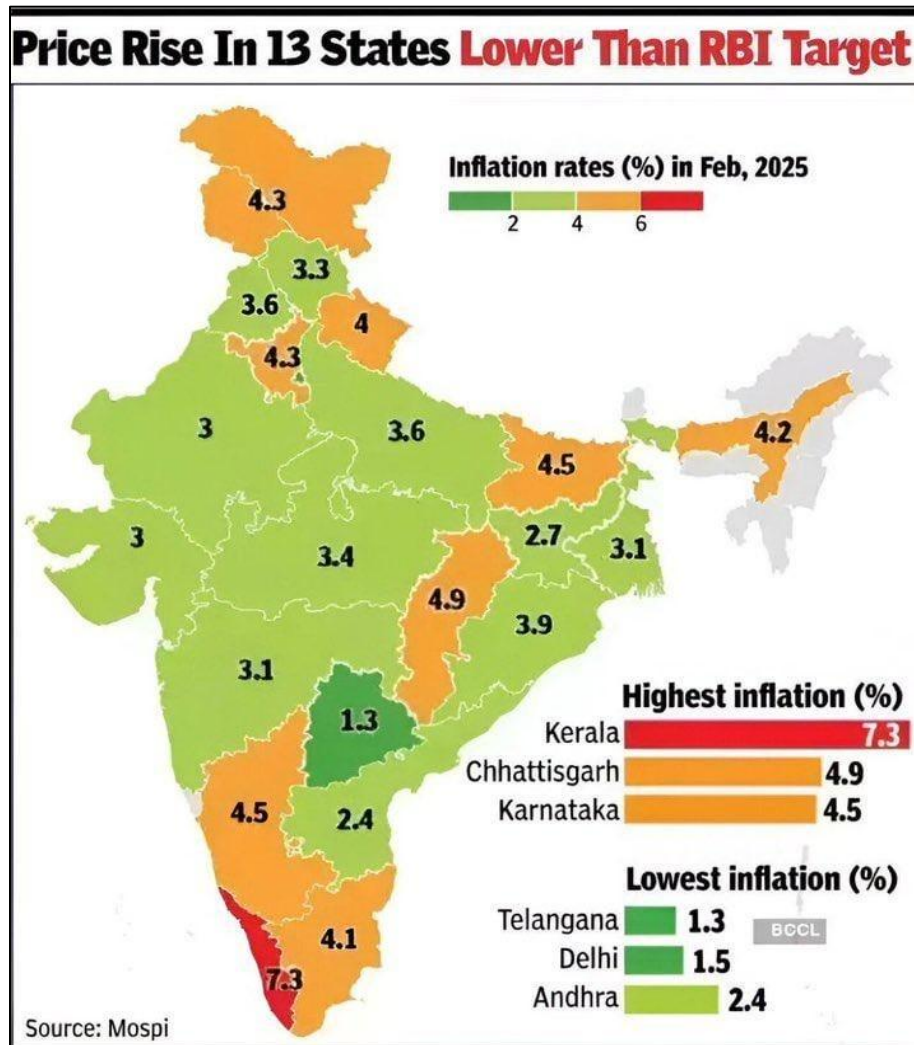
**India top milk producer in the world: Animal Husbandry Minister**

- ❖ India became the top producer of milk in the world.
- ❖ It has set a target of producing 300 million metric tons (MMT) of milk in the next five years from the present 239 MMT.

- ❖ Since 2014, the milk production in the country has increased by 63.5 per cent and the government is hopeful of further increasing it by 15 per cent in next three years.
- ❖ Rashtriya Gokul Mission, launched in 2014, is continued under revised realigned schemes of the Department from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

## ECONOMY NEWS

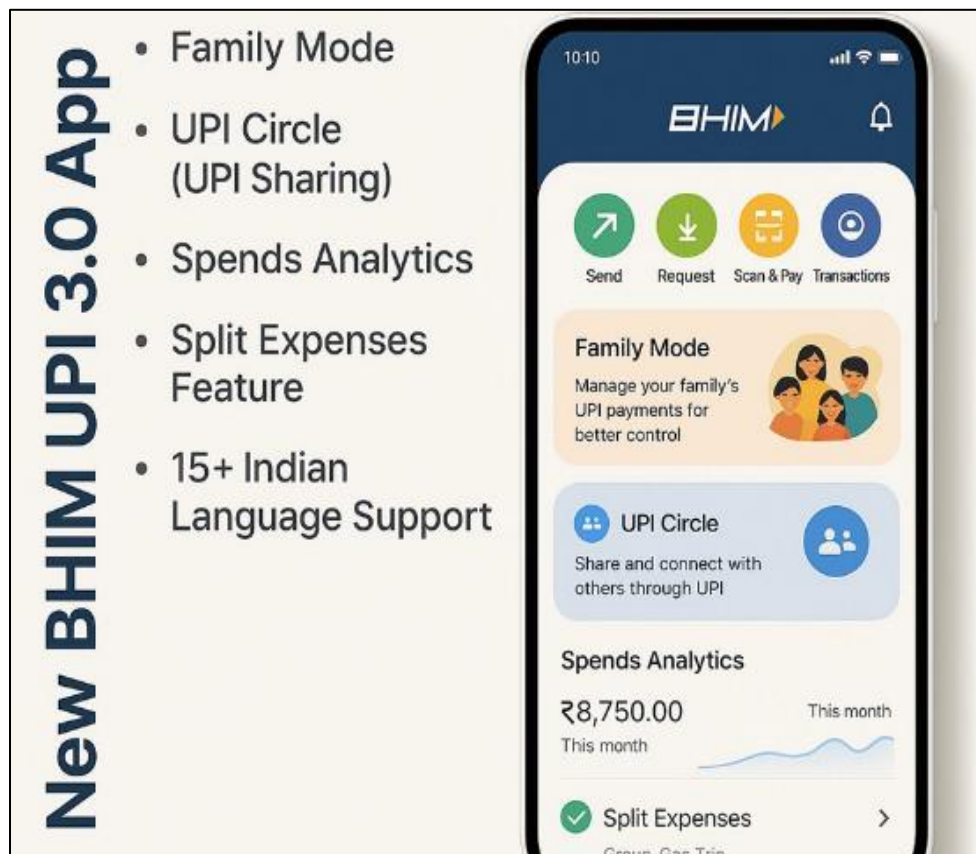
### Effects of Domestic Migration in India



- ❖ The migration of labour from low-income states to high income states is resulting in higher inflation in high income States in the South such as Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The region wise analysis of retail prices shows that southern states display a higher trend in prices for items like vegetables, cereals and most of the pulses.

- ❖ The Northeast and Western regions have had the lowest inflation against higher inflationary trends displayed by Southern and Eastern regions.
- ❖ In the post-pandemic period (FY21 to FY25), inflation declined by 3.4% in the NE areas, while in Southern region it declined by 2.6% only.
- ❖ Among all 35 states/UTs during the period FY13 and FY25 Tamil Nadu inflation is higher than all India inflation for 9 years out of the last 13 years.
- ❖ Gujarat and Punjab have lower inflation than all India inflation for 9 years from the last 13 years
- ❖ The share of sales tax collection by states, Southern states hold the highest share of 30%, followed by Northern region.
- ❖ Among the States, Kerala clocked the highest CPI inflation rate of 7.3% in Feb, followed by Chhattisgarh 4.9%.

### **BHIM 3.0**

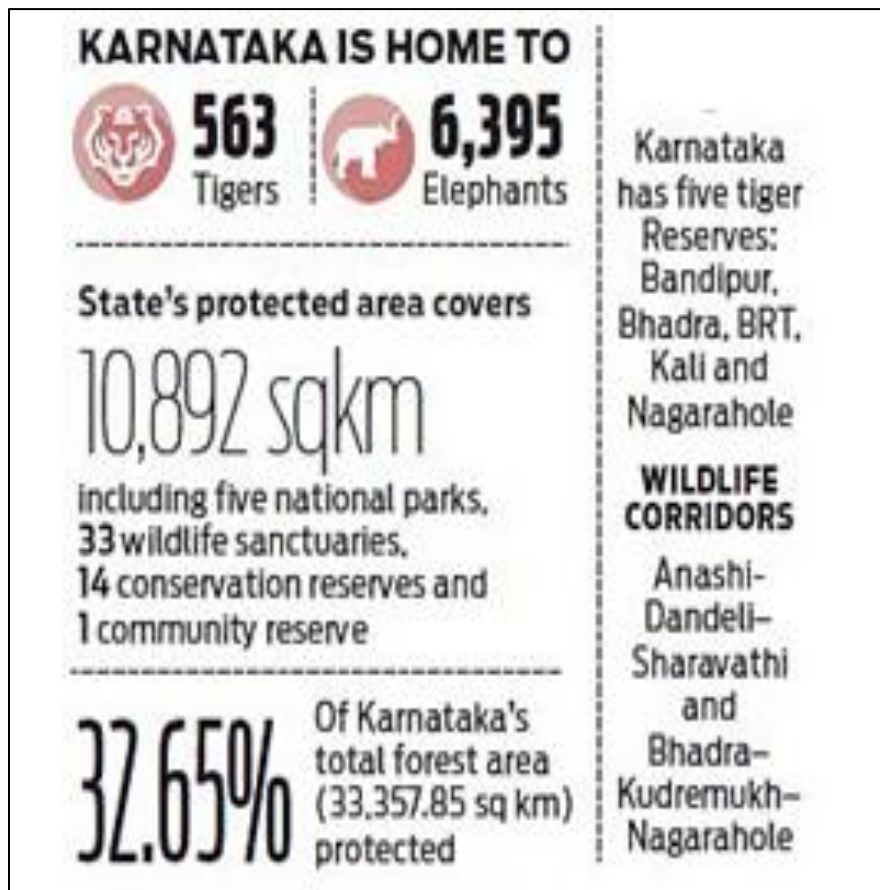


- ❖ The NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL) has launched Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) 3.0.

- ❖ BHIM 3.0 aims to provide a more seamless and user-friendly experience with the improved accessibility, financial management tools, and exclusive offerings for businesses.
- ❖ It is now available in 15+ Indian languages to cater to a wider audience.

## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Status of Tigers, Prey and Other Mammals – 2024

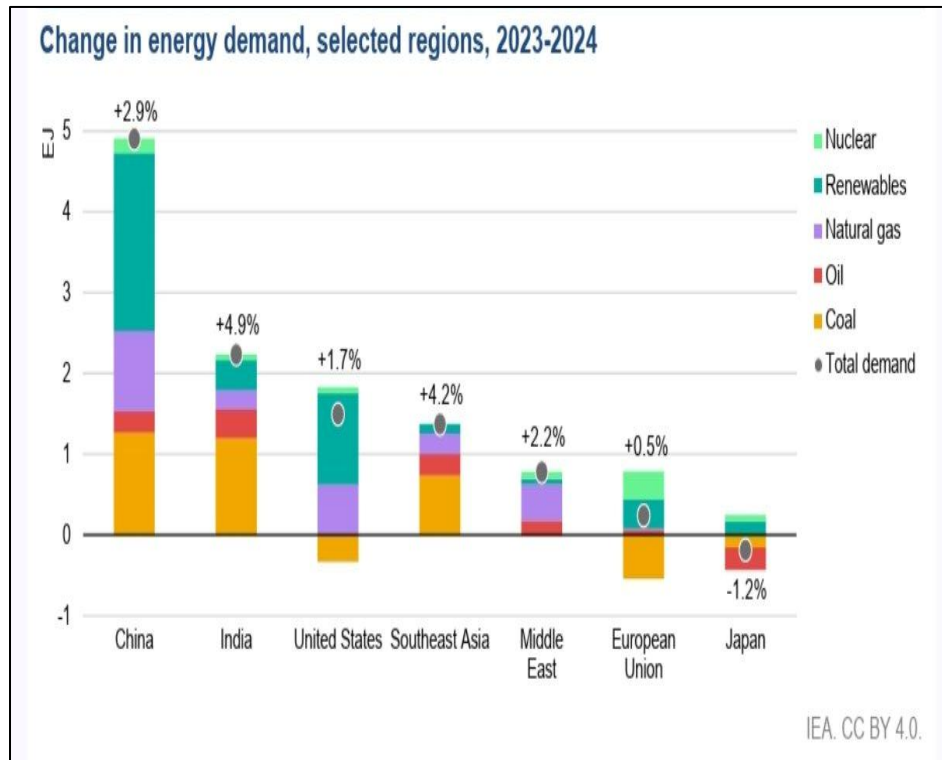


- ❖ The number of big cats in the Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) in the Nallamala forest area in Andhra Pradesh has increased from 74 in 2023 to 76 in 2024.
- ❖ In 2018, the reserves had 47 tigers which has swelled to 76 in the last six years, an increase of 61.7 per cent.
- ❖ There are 393 tigers in the five tiger reserves of the Karnataka State (Bandipur, Nagarahole, Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Bhadra, and Kali tiger reserves) as per the 2024 Phase IV monitoring conducted by the Karnataka.

- ❖ The Karnataka State had 408 tigers in the 2023 exercise, 417 in 2022, while it was 472 in the 2018 exercise.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

### Global Energy Review 2025



- ❖ The report titled Global Energy Review 2025 was released by International Energy Agency.
- ❖ Global electricity demand increased by 4.3 per cent in 2024, a step change from the 2.5 per cent growth seen in 2023.
- ❖ The Extreme temperatures in 2024 – the warmest year recorded, surpassed the previous record set in 2023.
- ❖ Global electricity consumption in buildings increased by more than 600 terawatt-hours (TWh) or five per cent in 2024.
- ❖ The industry sector has made up nearly 40 per cent of total growth in electricity demand in 2024.
- ❖ Electricity use in industry grew by nearly 4 per cent in 2024.
- ❖ In 2024, 80 per cent of the growth in the global electricity generation was provided by renewable sources and nuclear power.



- ❖ Global coal emissions rose by 0.9 per cent (135 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>) in 2024.
- ❖ China remained the largest coal consumer globally, accounting for a record 58 per cent of global coal use.

## STATES' NEWS

### Certification for Eri Silk

- ❖ The North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC) has received the Oeko-Tex certification from Germany for Eri silk.
- ❖ Eri silk is primarily produced in the northeastern states of India, particularly in Assam, Meghalaya, and parts of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Manipur.
- ❖ Assam is especially known for its Eri silk production.
- ❖ It is also known as the "Ahimsa Silk" or "Peace Silk".
- ❖ It is produced without the killing of the silkworms, making it an eco-friendly and the sustainable choice.

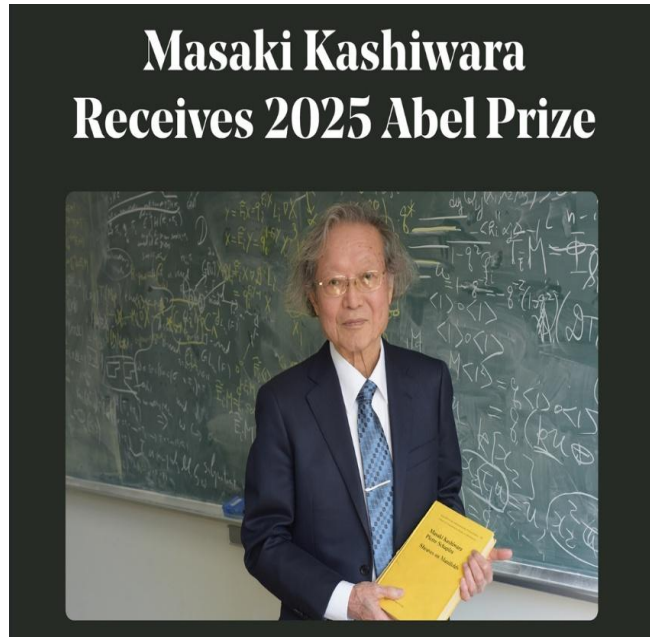


## PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

### Abel Prize 2025

- ❖ The very highly prestigious Abel Prize for mathematics was awarded to Japanese mathematician Masaki Kashiwara.

- ❖ He is a specialist in algebraic analysis, representation theory, and sheaf theory.
- ❖ The Abel Prize was created by Norway's government to compensate for the lack of a Nobel prize in mathematics.
- ❖ It is named after the Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel (1802-1829).



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Theatre Day 2025 - March 27



- ❖ This day highlights the importance of the theatres as a form of entertainment throughout history.
- ❖ The International Theatre Institute (ITI) of UNESCO initiated this day in 1961.

- ❖ On this day in 1962, Theatre of Nations season in Paris was opened.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### Lapis Lazuli - Afghanistan

- ❖ Lapis lazuli is a vividly blue rock, sometimes with streaks of gold and used as a semi-precious gemstone.
- ❖ It gets its colour from the presence of an unusual mineral called lazurite (25-40%).
- ❖ Its blueness depends on the amount and structure of sulphur in this mineral.
- ❖ Lapis lazuli has been found in many countries so far, including Chile, Russia, and the US.
- ❖ But the highest quality of rock comes from Afghanistan's Badakhshan province, where people have been mining it for more than 6,000 years.
- ❖ The rock gets its name from two languages: lapis is the Latin for 'stone' whereas 'lazuli' comes from the Persian word lazward, meaning 'blue'.

