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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Renuka, a transgender from Tirunelveli, was crowned Miss Koovagam at a pageant held in Villupuram in connection with the annual Koothandavar festival.
- ❖ Former defence secretary Ajay Kumar is the newly appointed chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ❖ The Indian government has removed Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, chairman and managing director of the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), just a month ahead of his term's end.
- ❖ Bhuwan Ribhu has become the first Indian lawyer to receive the very prestigious 'Medal of Honour' from the World Jurist Association (WJA), awarded at the World Law Congress held in the Dominican Republic.
- ❖ Elon Musk's Starlink has received Letter of Intent (LoI) from the Department of Telecom (DoT) to operate its satellite internet services in India.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Women Welfare schemes in Tamilnadu

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Women Policy 2024 was launched, paving the way for women's rights.
- ❖ The 'Magalir Vidiyal Payanam Thittam' was among the first five orders issued by the Chief Minister.
- ❖ Due to this scheme, women were able to save up to ₹888 per month.
- ❖ So far, 1.15 crore women have been receiving ₹1,000 per month directly into their bank accounts under the 'Kalaigarn Magalir Urimai Thogai'.
- ❖ To help girls studying in Classes 6 to 12 in the government and government-aided schools, a monthly aid of 1000 Rs is being provided to them under the 'Pudhumai Penn Thittam'.
- ❖ Due to this scheme, the number of girls transitioning from school to college has increased by 34%.
- ❖ As of now, 13 'Thozhi Viduthigal Thittam' for Working Women with 1,303 beds were operational.
- ❖ Other initiatives undertaken by the State government:
  - Increased loan limit for women in self-help groups,
  - 40% reservation for women in government jobs,

- Increase in maternity leave duration,
- Tamil Nadu Startup Seed Grant Fund, and
- Reservation for women in local bodies.

### விடியல் பயணத் திட்டம்

**மாநிலத் திட்டக்குழு ஆய்வறிக்கை**

- சராசரியாக ஒவ்வொரு பெண் பயணியும் மாதத்திற்கு ரூ.888 செலவிடக்கூடியவர்கள்
- மனித சாமான்கள் & காய்கறிகள், குழந்தைகளின் கல்விச் செலவு, அரிவாறு சிவிண்டர், மருத்துவ செலவு

### கலைஞர் மகளிர் உரிமைத் திட்டம்

கமர் 1.14 கோடி குடும்பத் தலைவிகளுக்கு மாதந்தோறும் ரூ. 1000/- வழங்கப்படுகிறது

### தோழி விடுதிகள்

- 13 தோழி விடுதிகள் 1303 படுக்கை வசதிகளுடன் செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது
- மேலும், 14 இடங்களில் விடுதிகள் அமைக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன

WiFi, CCTV, 24/7 தண்ணீர் வசதி, ஆரோக்கியமான உணவு, காத்தாரமான கழிவறை, வாகிப்பு அறை, மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான அறை, பகல் நேர குழந்தைகள் பராமரிப்பு

### சுய உதவிக் குழு வங்கிக் கடன் இணைப்பு

**கடன் தொகை**

காலகட்டம்	கடன் தொகை (ரூ. லட்சம்)
2016-17 to 2019-20	39,468.88
2021-22 to 2024-25	1,12,299.16

**ஆண்டு குழுக்கள்**

ஆண்டு	குழுக்கள்
2021-22	4,08,740
2022-23	4,49,209
2023-24	4,79,350
2024-25	4,84,659

## Pollachi Sexual Assault Case

- ❖ The Mahila Court in Coimbatore convicted all nine accused in the 2019 Pollachi sexual assault case and awarded them life imprisonment.
- ❖ All 9 were sentenced to "life imprisonment till death" and ordered compensation of Rs 85 lakh to the eight victims.
- ❖ The court also awarded the individuals different prison terms ranging between 3-10 years.
- ❖ Each has been charged under stringent provisions of the Indian Penal Code, including Section 376D (gangrape) and 376(2)(n) (repeated rape of the same woman).
- ❖ The CBI also invoked sections 120 (B), 342, 354, 354 (B), 366, 376 (D), and 376 (2) (n) of the IPC against all the nine accused.
- ❖ Both of which carry a minimum sentence of 20 years, potentially extending to life imprisonment.
- ❖ The case was first transferred to CB-CID and later to CBI in March 2019.

- ❖ Life imprisonment implies a jail term for the convict's entire life, the Supreme Court has held, clearing a misconception on this sentence.
- ❖ Under remission, the appropriate government cannot reduce the period of the sentence less than 14 years for a life convict.
- ❖ The special court, also called as the Magalir Neethimandram, was constituted in 2002.
- ❖ It aims to speedy trial and disposal of cases of offences committed against women and also cases under other social laws for the protection of women.
- ❖ The court is presided over by a female judge, and the staff consists of female lawyers, clerks, and police officers.



## NATIONAL NEWS

### New Security Doctrine of India

- ❖ The Prime Minister declared that Operation Sindoor has defined a “new normal” in India’s national security doctrine.
- ❖ Operation Sindoor has carved out a new benchmark in our fight against terrorism and has set up a new parameter and new normal.
- ❖ If there is a terrorist attack on India, it will take strict action at every place from where the roots of terrorism emerge.
- ❖ India will strike precisely and decisively at the terrorist hideouts developing under the cover of nuclear blackmail.



- ❖ Thirdly, India will not differentiate between the government sponsoring terrorism and the masterminds of terrorism.



## 52<sup>nd</sup> CJI



- ❖ Justice Bhushan Ramakrishnan Gavai was sworn in as the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- ❖ He is the first practising Buddhist to be CJI and only the 2nd judge from the Scheduled Castes to ascend to this office.

- ❖ He will serve as the Chief Justice until his retirement on November 23, 2025.
- ❖ Justice Gavai is the son of R S Gavai, a noted politician, who was the Governor of multiple states.

### 2025 SC verdict on NEP

- ❖ The Supreme Court has dismissed a plea seeking directions to the governments of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal to implement the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, including its three-language formula.
- ❖ It was also stating that it cannot compel states to adopt a particular policy.
- ❖ The Supreme Court, through Article 32 of the Constitution, can issue directives to ensure that the fundamental rights of citizens are protected.

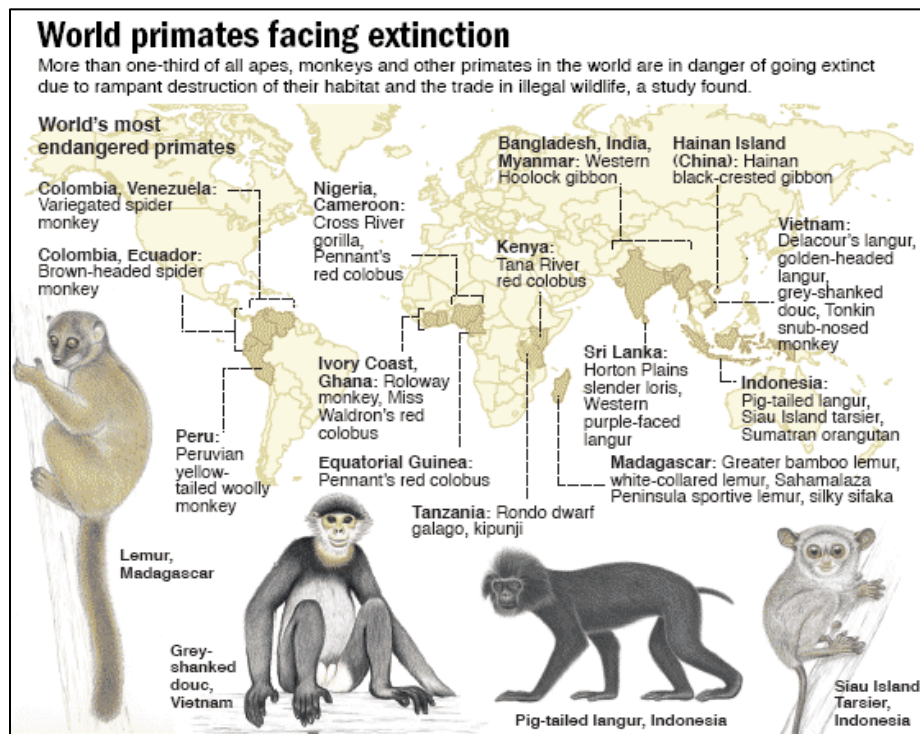


## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### 25 most endangered primates

- ❖ The report named 'Primates in Peril: The World's 25 Most Endangered Primates 2023-2025' was released recently.
- ❖ It was published by institutions like the IUCN, Bristol Zoological Society, and the Conservation International.
- ❖ The world's 25 most endangered primates have six species from Africa, four from Madagascar, nine from Asia, and six from the Neotropics (South America).

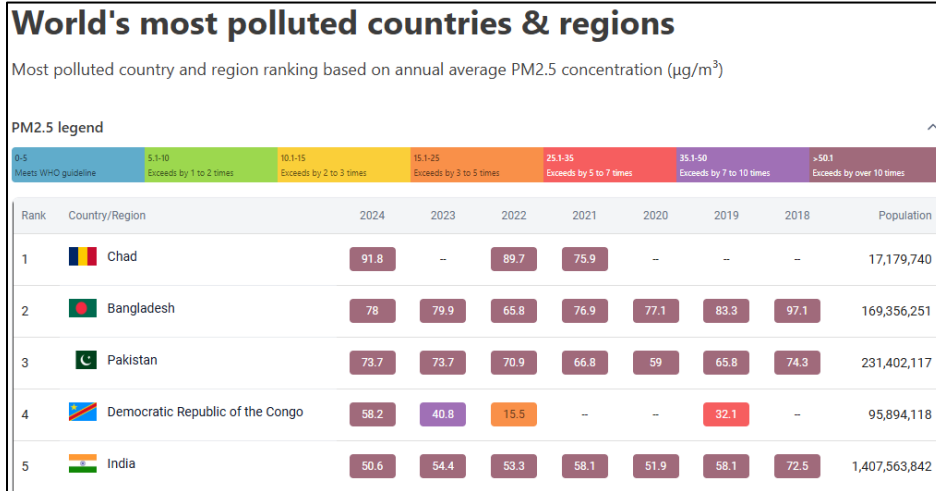
- ❖ Among these 25, Indonesia and Madagascar both have four, China, Nigeria and Vietnam have three, Brazil, Malaysia, and Tanzania have two.
- ❖ Benin, Bolivia, Brunei, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Laos PDR, Myanmar, Panama, Peru, Singapore, Togo and Venezuela each have one.
- ❖ Two primates found in Northeast India and Bangladesh (Phayre's Langur and the Western Hoolock Gibbon) were among species considered for the final list.
- ❖ The Phayre's Langur (*Trachypithecus phayrei*), is one of the least-studied Asian colobines or leaf-eating monkeys.
- ❖ Its distribution was recently restricted to eastern Bangladesh, northeastern India, and western Myanmar.
- ❖ The Western Hoolock Gibbon (*Hoolock hoolock*), is one of 20 species of gibbons and is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.



### World's most polluted countries in 2024-25

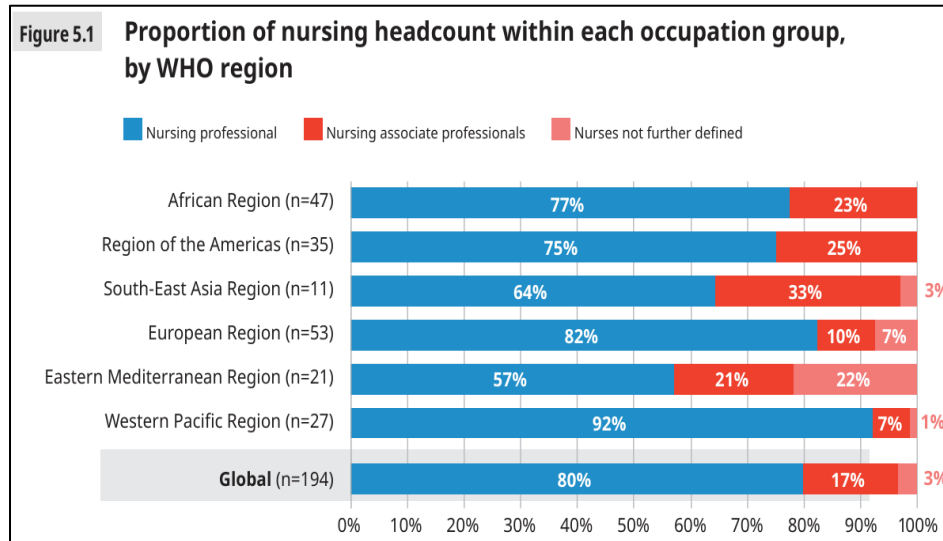
- ❖ According to the 2024-25 IQAir report, South Asia continues to dominate the list of the world's most polluted countries.
- ❖ Chad topped in the list and Bangladesh ranks second, Pakistan third, and India fifth.

- ❖ Nordic countries – including Iceland, Finland, and Sweden – feature prominently among the cleanest.
- ❖ The Bahamas topped the list of least polluted countries in 2024.
- ❖ In the Southern Hemisphere, New Zealand and Australia also rank among the least polluted countries.



## REPORTS AND INDICES

### State of Global Nursing Workforce in 2025



- ❖ The 2025 edition of WHO's State of the world's nursing provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of the nursing workforce.
- ❖ The global nursing workforce grew from 27.9 million in 2018 to 29.8 million in 2023.





- ❖ But 78% of nurses are concentrated in countries representing just 49% of the global population.
- ❖ The global nurse-to-population ratio is 37.1 per 10,000, with Europe having five times more nurses than Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean.
- ❖ High-income countries are having 10 times more than low-income countries.
- ❖ 1 in 7 nurses globally are foreign-born.
- ❖ India has only 1.9 nurses per 1,000 people, far below the WHO's recommended ratio of 3 nurses per 1,000.
- ❖ India has over 3.3 million nurses registered with the Indian Nursing Council (INC).

## STATES' NEWS

### Mission D3 - Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ The D3 Mission movement started in Bhil and Bhilala tribe dominated Jhabua and Ali Rajpur districts of western Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ It aims to save the poor tribal families from falling in the debt trap of private money lenders for financing the 3Ds — dahej (dowry), daroo (liquor) and DJ music in marriages.
- ❖ Earlier, even the poorest of families had to spend between `1 lakh and `5 lakh for dowry, liquor and DJ music.
- ❖ Unable to meet the high expenses, they fell in the trap of local money lenders.

#### Mission D3

A grassroots social campaign led by Bhil and Bhilala tribal youths to cleanse tribal marriages of 3Ds: Dahej (Dowry), Daroo (Liquor), and DJ music.

#### Aim:

To promote simple, debt-free weddings and prevent financial exploitation of poor tribal families.

To curb the cycle of debt and migration post-marriage.

#### Key Features:

- **Community-driven:** Initiated by activist Nitesh Alawa and supported by local leaders, police, and MLAs.
- **Rapid adoption:** Spread across Jhabua and Alirajpur with visible support from elected officials and traditional musicians
- **Social impact:** Families now save ₹1-5 lakh otherwise spent on unnecessary customs, preventing reliance on moneylenders

