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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Kush Maini, racer from Bangalore, has created a history by securing a Formula 2 victory at Monaco Grand Prix.
- ❖ The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has made a Guinness World Records title for selling the most life insurance policies (588,107) in 24 hours.
- ❖ The Gujarat state has become the 24th State/Union Territory to achieve 100% electrification of rail tracks.
- ❖ The Prime Minister chaired the tenth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has revealed that India plans to build 51.24 GW of pumped storage hydropower capacity by 2032 with the help of the Greenko, Adani Green, and JSW Energy.
- ❖ The 9th BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting was held in Brasília, Brazil, under the theme "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance."
- ❖ The World Hydrogen Summit 2025 was held in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- ❖ India in collaboration with France and Costa Rica hosted the Second Blue Talks in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) is being scheduled in Nice, France in June 2025.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

K. Umadevi Vs Government of Tamil Nadu case

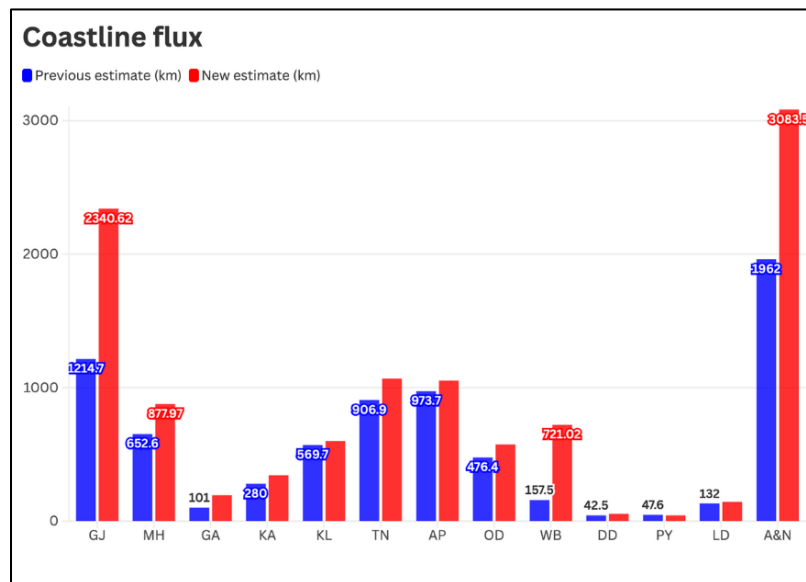
- ❖ The Supreme Court has recently ruled that maternity leave is a component of a woman's reproductive rights and is integral to maternity benefit.
- ❖ The maternity benefits were denied as per the Tamil Nadu's service Fundamental Rule 101(a), which restricts maternity benefits to the first two surviving children.
- ❖ The Supreme Court held that Article 21 of the Constitution includes the right to reproductive autonomy, and that maternity leave is a facet of this right.
- ❖ Article 42 provides for just and humane conditions of work and maternity relief, and Article 51(c), which obliges the State to respect international law and treaty obligations.

- ❖ The Maternity Leave Policy in India is defined under the Maternity Benefit Act of 1961 (revised in 2017).



NATIONAL NEWS

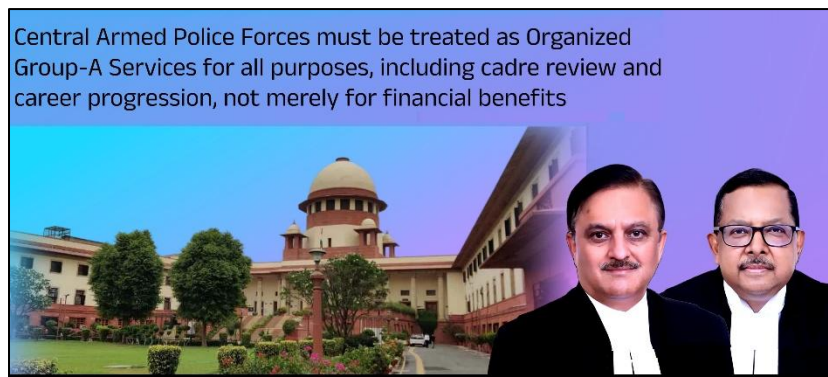
India's coastline length



- ❖ India's coastline had increased from 7,516.6 km to 11,098.8 km, and that the length is also currently under review by the Home Ministry.
- ❖ The 7,516.6 km figure was first recorded in the 1970s based on measurement techniques available at the time.

- ❖ India has 11 coastal States and two large island groups.
- ❖ The last coastal State to join the Union of India was Goa in 1961 and the only other State that joined after — Sikkim in 1975 — is landlocked.
- ❖ The previous estimate from the 1970s banked on maps that displayed India's coastline at a 1:4,500,000 resolution.
- ❖ The more recent updated measurement was performed by National Hydrographic Office (NHO) and the Survey of India.
- ❖ It used electronic navigation charts at a much finer scale of 1:250,000.

Cadre review in all CAPF



- ❖ The Supreme Court has directed cadre review in all the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), including ITBP, BSF, CRPF, CISF and SSB, within six months.
- ❖ The review was originally scheduled for 2021 but has been delayed.
- ❖ The SC has directed that the deputation of IPS officers up to the inspector general rank in the CAPFs should be "progressively reduced" over two years to give more opportunities to cadre officers.
- ❖ CAPFs have been treated as OGAS for cadre issues and all other related matters.
- ❖ Presently, 50% of posts at the IG level in these forces are reserved for IPS officers.
- ❖ About 15 per cent of deputy inspector general (DIG)-rank posts are kept for officers in deputation from the all-India service apart from those from the Army (5%).

Mobile Deposit Facility for voters

- ❖ The Election Commission has issued two more comprehensive instructions for providing mobile deposit facility for voters just outside the polling stations and rationalising norms for canvassing.

- ❖ The instructions are in line with the relevant provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.
- ❖ Only mobile phones shall be allowed within 100 meters of the polling station and that too in switched-off mode.
- ❖ The Rule no 49M of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, which ensures secrecy of voting within the polling station, will continue to be strictly enforced.



ECONOMY NEWS

Payments Regulatory Board

**#RBI NOTIFIES NEW
#PAYMENTS REGULATORY
BOARD, ADDS GOVT
NOMINEES TO PANEL**



**FOR SMOOTH
PAYMENTS**

Payments Regulatory Board will replace Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems

Board to be set up on the recommendations of Ratan Watal committee and CMs' panel for digital payments

It will have the RBI governor as chairman

Two RBI officials, including deputy governor in charge of payments, and three government nominees will be members

It will look at payments, innovation, cyber security, customer grievance and redressal

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has officially notified the formation of a new six-member Payments Regulatory Board (PRB).

- ❖ It aims to regulate and supervise payment systems in the country.
- ❖ It is replacing the existing Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS).
- ❖ The new PRB will be headed by the RBI Governor and will for the first time include three nominees from the central government.
- ❖ The Governor, Deputy Governor, and the nominated RBI official will serve as ex officio members.
- ❖ The other members will be the
 - Deputy Governor in charge of Payment and Settlement Systems,
 - One RBI official nominated by the Central Board, and
 - Three government nominees.

New RBI norms for gold loans 2025



தங்கத்துக்கு கட்டுப்பாடு

வெள்ளிக்கு அனுமதி

- தங்க நகையின் மதிப்பில் 75% தொகை மட்டுமே கடன் வழங்கப்படும்.
- அடமானம் வைக்கப்படும் நகைகளுக்கு உரிய ஆவணங்களை சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டும்.
- வங்கிகள்(அ) வங்கியல்லா நிதி நிறுவனங்கள் தங்கத்திற்கான தூய்மை சான்றிதழை வழங்க வேண்டும்.
- தங்க ஆபரணங்கள் மற்றும் வங்கிகளில் வாங்கிய தங்க நாணயங்களுக்கு மட்டுமே கடன் பெற முடியும்.
- வெள்ளிப் பொருட்களுக்கும் கடன் வழங்க ரிசர்வ் வங்கி அனுமதி.
- ஒரு கிலோவுக்கு குறைவாக உள்ள நகைகளுக்கு மட்டுமே கடன் வழங்க அனுமதி.
- அடகு வைக்கப்படும் நகைகள் 22 காரட் தங்கத்தின் விலையில் மட்டுமே மதிப்பிடப்படும்.
- கடன் ஒப்பந்தத்தில் முழுமையான விவரங்கள் இருக்க வேண்டும்.

அடகு வைக்கப்பட்ட தங்கத்திற்கான முழு தொகையையும் வாடிக்கையாளர்கள் செலுத்திய 7 நாட்களுக்குள் நகைகளை திருப்பித் தரவேண்டும். தாமதம் ஆகும் ஒவ்வொரு நாட்க்கும் வாடிக்கையாளர்களுக்கு கடன் வழங்குபவர்கள் 5 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் செலுத்த வேண்டும்.

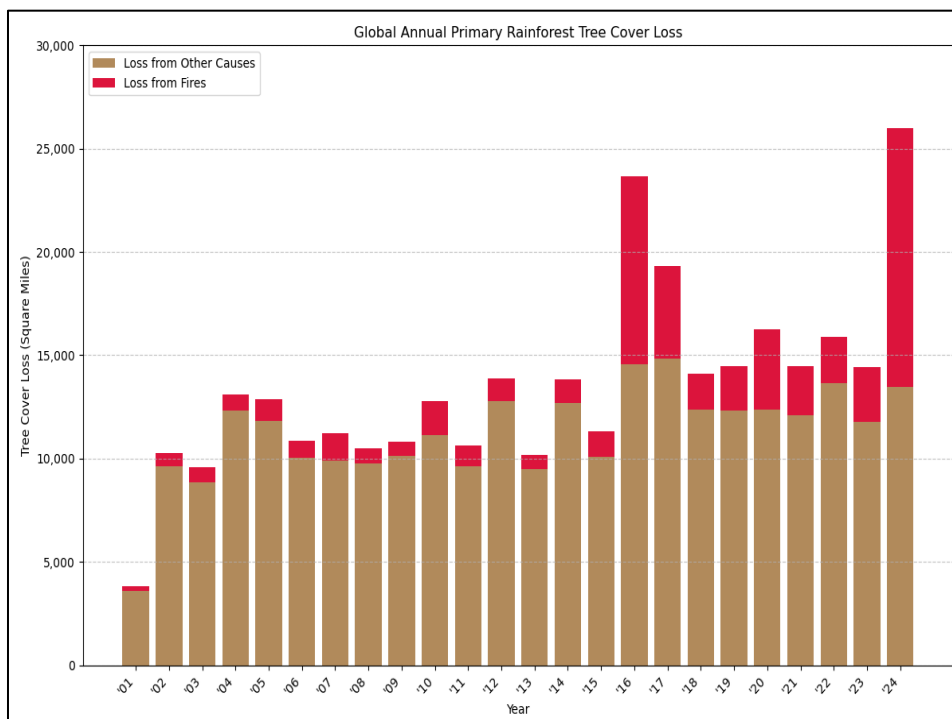
- ❖ RBI has issued draft guidelines to streamline and standardize the procedures for issuing gold loans by banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).
- ❖ The draft caps the LTV ratio at 75% from current 80% for all gold loans.



- ❖ Borrowers must provide ownership proof or a declaration if purchase receipts are unavailable.
- ❖ Lenders must issue a certificate detailing the purity, weight, deductions, image, and value of gold.
- ❖ Loans will be allowed only against gold jewellery, ornaments, and bank-sold coins with 22-carat or higher purity.
- ❖ The Loans can be taken against silver jewellery, ornaments, and bank-sold silver coins with a minimum 925 purity.
- ❖ The draft proposes a limit of 1 kg of gold ornaments and 50 grams of gold coins per borrower.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Tropical Rainforest Loss in 2024



- ❖ The world lost about 25,870 square miles (67,000 square kilometers) of primary rainforest in 2024.
- ❖ That is almost double the amount was lost in 2023.
- ❖ Last year, for the first time ever, fires were the biggest cause of forest loss.
- ❖ The second biggest cause of forest loss was clearing land for farming, including growing crops and raising animals.

- ❖ The amount of land cleared for farming shot up by 14% last year.
- ❖ That's the biggest increase in 10 years.
- ❖ Brazil was responsible for 42% of the world's total loss of primary forest, while Bolivia ranked at second.

Caliphaea Sinuofurcata

- ❖ The Scientists have identified a new species of damselfly, *Caliphaea Sinuofurcata*, from Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The species is commonly named the "Bearded Bronzeback".
- ❖ This discovery marks only the second species of the genus *Caliphaea* recorded in India.
- ❖ The other species *Caliphaea confuse* was described over 165 years ago.



Kakapo Recovery

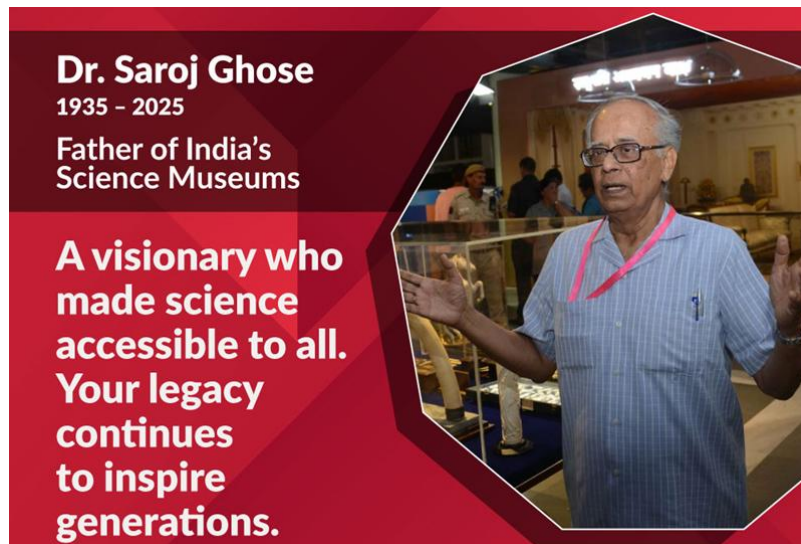
- ❖ Researchers have successfully implemented artificial insemination (AI) to help breed the critically endangered Kakapo.
- ❖ The Kakapo is the largest flightless parrot in the world, native to New Zealand.
- ❖ This nocturnal herbivorous are listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

- ❖ The Kakapo reproduces infrequently, only breeding in years when certain native fruits, such as rimu berries, are abundant.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Father of India's science museum movement



- ❖ Saroj Ghose, the founding Director General of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), passed away.
- ❖ Ghose served as the Director General of the NCSM from 1979 to 1997.



- ❖ He is fondly remembered as the architect of India's network of science centres and museums.
- ❖ Headquartered at Kolkata, the NCSM was formed in 1978 as an autonomous society under the Union Ministry of Culture.
- ❖ It administers 26 science centres and museums across the north, south, east, northeast, and west zones, including seven centres at the national level.

SPORTS NEWS

Khelo India Beach Games 2025

- ❖ Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu had hosted the first Khelo India Beach Games.
- ❖ Mallakhamb, tug-of-war, was played as the non-medal demonstration sports.
- ❖ This is the first Beach Games conducted under the Khelo India banner.
- ❖ Manipur topped in the medal Tally and followed by Maharashtra in second place and Nagaland in third.

KHELO INDIA BEACH GAMES 2025 MEDAL TALLY					
Rank	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Manipur	5	6	3	14
2	Maharashtra	5	5	10	20
3	Nagaland	5	3	5	13
4	Haryana	5	1	3	9
4	Jammu and Kashmir	5	1	3	9
6	Delhi	4	2	4	10
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	4	0	5	9
8	Tamil Nadu	2	2	3	7
9	Madhya Pradesh	2	2	2	6
10	Kerala	2	0	3	5

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

NLCIL 69th year celebration

- ❖ Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) celebrated its 69th foundation Day.

- ❖ A new mascot, a lion named as Neyon, was unveiled to serve as the brand ambassador for NLCIL, symbolising power and progress.
- ❖ A book titled 'The Guiding Light – NLCIL Ethics Book' was released to inspire employees to make decisions rooted in ethics and integrity.

