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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ PM of India addressed the International Arya Maha sammelan 2025 at New Delhi, marking the 150th anniversary of the Arya Samaj and the ongoing bicentenary celebrations of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati.
- ❖ China successfully has launched the Shenzhou-21 mission to its Tiangong space station, carrying a three-member crew that includes the country's youngest-ever astronaut (32) and four laboratory mice, marking China's first in-orbit biological experiment involving rodents.
- ❖ Maharashtra has declared leprosy a notifiable disease, mandating all healthcare providers to report cases within two weeks to curb its spread.
 - This move aims to achieve a "leprosy-free Maharashtra by 2027".
- ❖ Kerala has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first state in India to eradicate extreme poverty.
 - CM announced the achievement in the state Assembly on November 1, 2025, coinciding with Kerala's Formation Day (Kerala Piravi).

TAMIL NADU NEWS

1,040th Sathaya Vizha - Raja Raja Chola



- ❖ The two-day festival marking the 1,040th Sathaya Vizha or birth anniversary of emperor Raja Raja Chola I (947 CE-1014 CE) was held at Peruvudayar temple in Thanjavur.



- ❖ The birth anniversary of Raja Raja I falls on the Sathayam star of 'Aippasi' month which is celebrated as Sathaya Vizha.
- ❖ He ruled from 985 to 1014 CE and was marked by military prowess.
- ❖ He ruled over a sizable portion of northern Sri Lanka, the Chera country, and the Pandya country.
- ❖ Also, he bought Lakshadweep, the Thiladhunmadulu atoll, and a portion of the Maldives' northernmost islands in the Indian Ocean.
- ❖ In 1010 CE, Rajaraja Chola I built the grand Brihadeshwara temple (Rajarajeshwaram temple) at Thanjavur.

NATIONAL NEWS

Top 10 dirtiest cities 2025

- ❖ Madurai ranked first among the dirtiest cities in India.
- ❖ It is followed by Ludhiana, Chennai, Ranchi, and Bengaluru
- ❖ Other cities performing poorly in the cleanliness rankings include Dhanbad (6th), Faridabad (7th), Greater Mumbai (8th), Srinagar (9th), and Delhi (10th).

Rank	City	Score
1.	Madurai	4823
2.	Ludhiana	5272
3.	Chennai	6822
4.	Ranchi	6835
5.	Bengaluru	6842
6.	Dhanbad	7196
7.	Faridabad	7329
8.	Greater Mumbai	7419
9.	Srinagar	7488
10.	Delhi	7920

K.S. Shivappa vs K. Neelamma Case 2025

- ❖ Supreme Court has ruled that minors can challenge any property sale or transfer done by their parents or guardians without a lawsuit, after turning 18.
- ❖ The court also said adults can cancel such transfers by taking clear actions, like selling or transferring the property themselves.
- ❖ The verdict came in K S Shivappa vs Smt K Neelamma case.

- ❖ As per the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956, Natural guardians must act for the minor's benefit.
- ❖ Guardians cannot sell, mortgage, or lease a minor's immovable property without court permission.
- ❖ Limitation Act, 1963 also grants a person 3 years after attaining majority to challenge or set aside such a property transfer.
- ❖ The ruling reaffirming the precedent set in Abdul Rahman v. Sukhdayal Singh Case, 1905.

K.S. Shivappa v. Smt. K. Neelamma (2025)

- Sale of property by guardian without court approval not void, but voidable
- Adult can repudiate sale transaction
- Repudiation need not be through a lawsuit; clear and unequivocal conduct suffices
- Decision important to deter unauthorized guardian sales and protect interests of adult

3rd National Conference on NeVA



- ❖ The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organized the 3rd National Conference on the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in New Delhi.
- ❖ NeVA is one of the 44 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under the Digital India Programme.
- ❖ It aims to make all State Legislatures paperless and integrated under the vision of "One Nation, One Application."

- ❖ The conference reviewed NeVA's progress, shared best practices, and discussed solutions for faster implementation.
- ❖ The initiative supports Digital India and promotes Good Governance through fully digital legislative systems.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

7th Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue



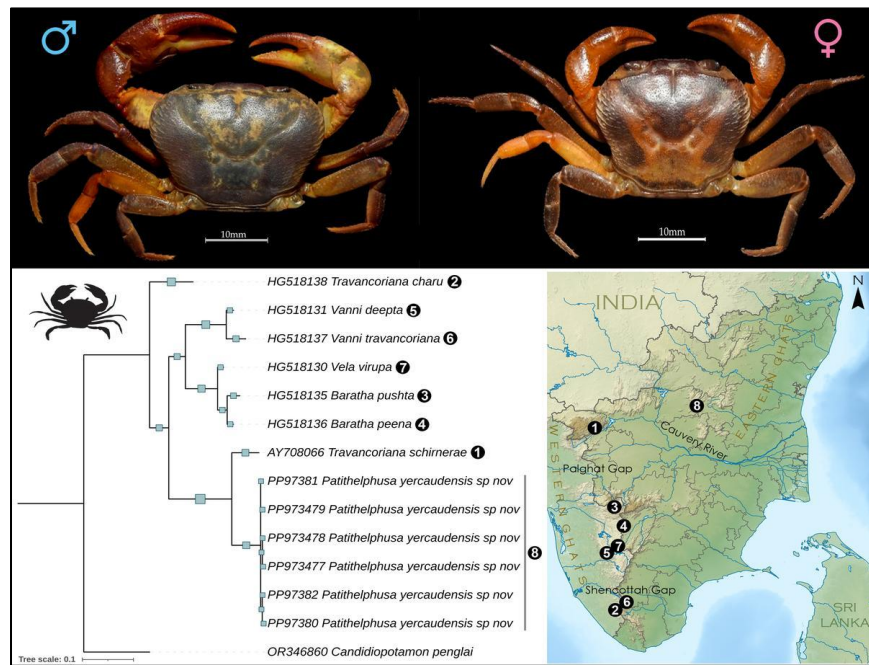
- ❖ The Indian Navy hosted the 7th Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❖ The theme of the event is 'Promoting Holistic Maritime Security and Growth: Regional Capacity-Building and Capability-Enhancement'.
- ❖ The event is being organised in partnership with the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) as the Navy's Knowledge Partner.
- ❖ The IPRD 2025 was held under the overarching maritime vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).
- ❖ IPRD 2025 aims to strengthen multilateral cooperation, promote regional stability, and advance the shared vision of a resilient and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Patithelphusa - New freshwater crab genus

- ❖ Scientists have identified a new genus and species of freshwater crab from the Shevaroy Hills in Yercaud, Salem district.

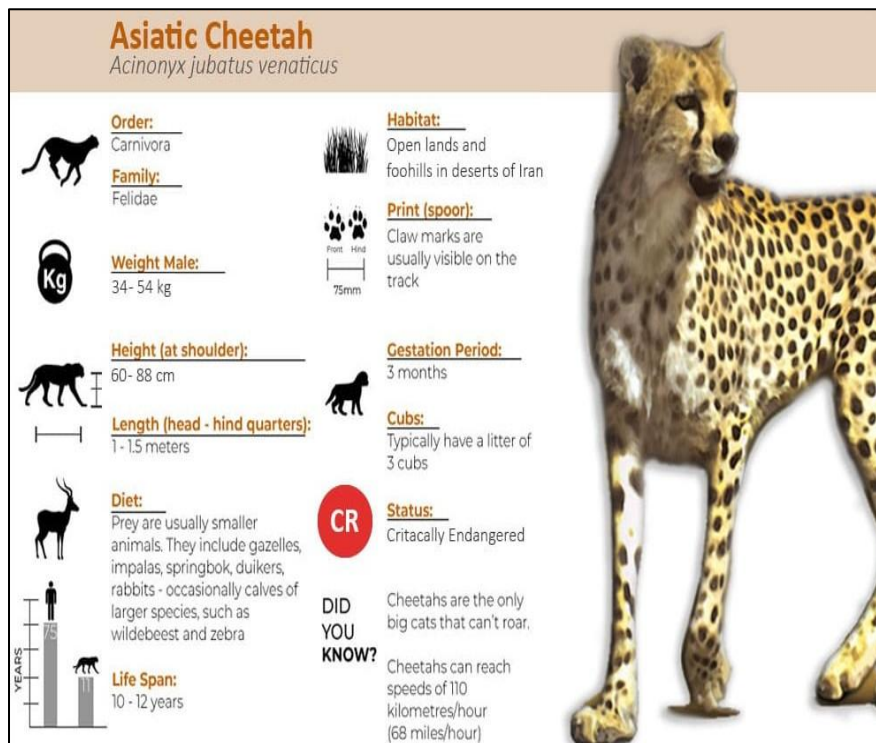
- ❖ The newly described genus, *Patithelphusa*, and its species, *Patithelphusa yercaudensis*
- ❖ The genus has been named in honour of Sameer Kumar Pati, a noted Indian taxonomist who has made significant contributions to the study of freshwater crabs.
- ❖ *Patithelphusa yercaudensis* shows a genetic divergence of 9.66% from *Travancoriana schirnerae*, a species found in southern India.
- ❖ The crab's evolution may have been shaped by the topographical isolation of the Shevaroy Hills, separated from nearby ranges by deep valleys and the Cauvery River system.
- ❖ These natural barriers likely restricted gene flow, allowing crab populations to evolve independently over time.
- ❖ With this discovery, the number of freshwater crab species recorded from India rises to 112, belonging to 31 genera under the family Gecarcinucidae.
- ❖ India accounts for nearly 10% of the world's known freshwater crab species, many of which are restricted to small, localised habitats.



Cheetah reintroduction in Nauradehi sanctuary

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh's Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary will become the third home for cheetahs in the state after Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary.
- ❖ Cheetahs sourced from Namibia will be released in Nauradehi.

- ❖ Nauradehi's selection follows functional populations and ongoing management at Kuno and Gandhi Sagar.
- ❖ This move will diversify habitats, reduce pressure on Kuno, and build a metapopulation across the Chambal–Vindhyan landscape.
- ❖ Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary is one of India's largest sanctuaries, spread over 1,197 sq. km.
- ❖ The sanctuary situated between the Yamuna and Narmada River basins and major rivers like Bamner, Kopra, and Bearma flow through it.
- ❖ Asiatic cheetah became extinct in India in 1952 due to hunting and habitat loss.
- ❖ Government of India launched Project Cheetah, reintroducing African cheetahs from Namibia at Kuno National Park (2022) and later at Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary (2024).
- ❖ Nauradehi will now serve as the third site, ensuring species expansion, genetic diversification, and ecosystem restoration in central India.



REPORTS AND INDICES

UNEP's 2025 Adaptation Gap Report

- ❖ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has released its Adaptation Gap Report (AGR) 2025, titled "Running on Empty".



- ❖ The report updates the cost of adaptation finance needed in developing countries, putting it at US\$310 billion per year in 2035, when based on modelled costs.
- ❖ The needs expressed in Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans, figure rises to US\$365 billion a year.
- ❖ But, international public adaptation finance flows to developing countries were US\$26 billion in 2023, down from US\$28 billion the previous year.
- ❖ This makes adaptation financing needs in developing countries 12-14 times as much as current flows.
- ❖ If current finance trends continue, the Glasgow Climate Pact goal of doubling international public adaptation finance from 2019 levels by 2025 will not be achieved.
- ❖ The private sector could do more – with potential to provide around US\$50 billion per year if backed by targeted policy action and blended finance solutions.



Climate adaptation pays off - for people and the planet.
Invest now.

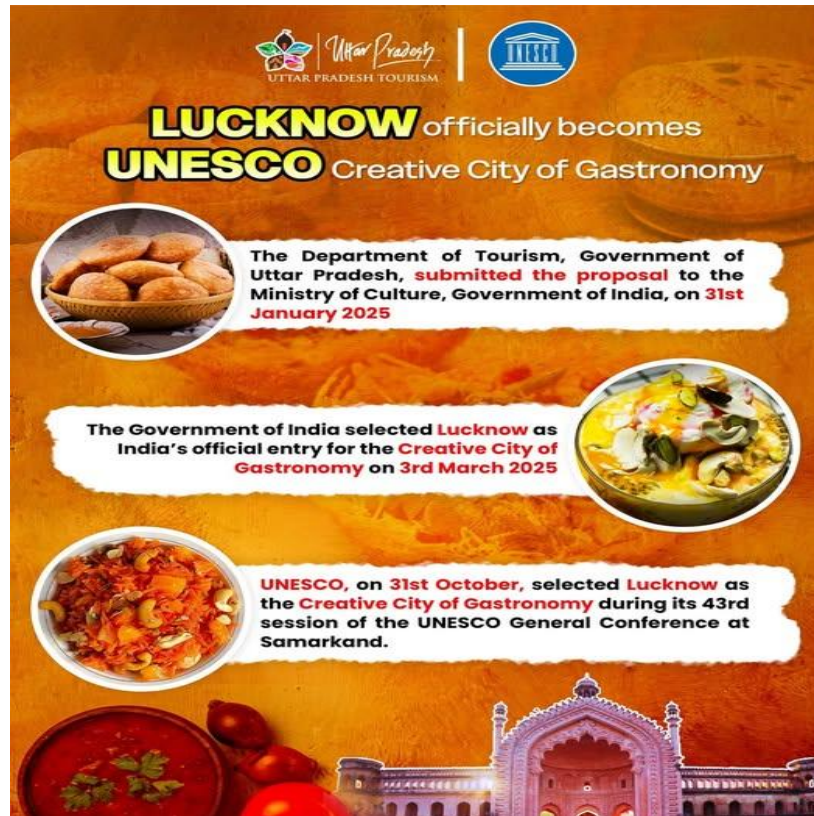
Developing countries need **US\$310-365 billion a year by 2035** to adapt to climate change.

STATE NEWS

‘City of Gastronomy’ - Lucknow

- ❖ On the occasion of World Cities Day, the 43rd Session of the UNESCO General Conference held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- ❖ UNESCO declared Lucknow as a ‘Creative City of Gastronomy’ at the event
- ❖ The global recognition celebrates the city’s centuries-old Awadhi cuisine, living food traditions, and inclusive cultural heritage.
- ❖ This recognition will promote sustainable tourism, preserve traditional recipes, and support local artisans and chefs, aligning with India’s efforts to showcase its soft power through culture and cuisine.

- ❖ With Lucknow's inclusion in 2025, the total rises to nine Indian cities in the network.
- ❖ Lucknow earned its place among the 70 Creative Cities of Gastronomy worldwide, joining the likes of Hyderabad, Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah (Saudi Arabia), Kelowna (Canada), Quanzhou (China), and Zaragoza (Spain).



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak award 2025

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has announced the names of 1,466 personnel, who are being conferred with the 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' for the year 2025.
- ❖ It is conferred on members of the Police and other armed Forces, Security Organization, and Forensic Science (Central / State / Union Territories) throughout the Indian Union.
- ❖ It has been instituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2024.
- ❖ The award aims to encourage professional standards and boost the morale of officers and officials across the country.
- ❖ It was created by merging the 4 previously existing MHA awards –

- The Special Operation Medal,
- The Medal for Excellence in Investigation,
- The Exceptional Intelligence Efficiency Medal, and
- The Union Home Minister's Award for Meritorious Service.



KENDRIYA GRIHMANTRI DAKSHATA PADAK

SPORTS NEWS

Rohan Bopanna retirement



- ❖ Two-time Grand Slam champion Rohan Bopanna, India's most accomplished tennis players, announced his retirement recently.
- ❖ In 2017, he won his first Grand Slam title, playing with Canadian Gabriela Dabrowski in the French Open mixed doubles.

- ❖ In all, Bopanna boasts of 26 titles on the ATP Tour, including six Masters 1000 wins.
- ❖ He also achieved the men's doubles World No. 1 ranking in 2024.

2025 FIDE World Chess Cup



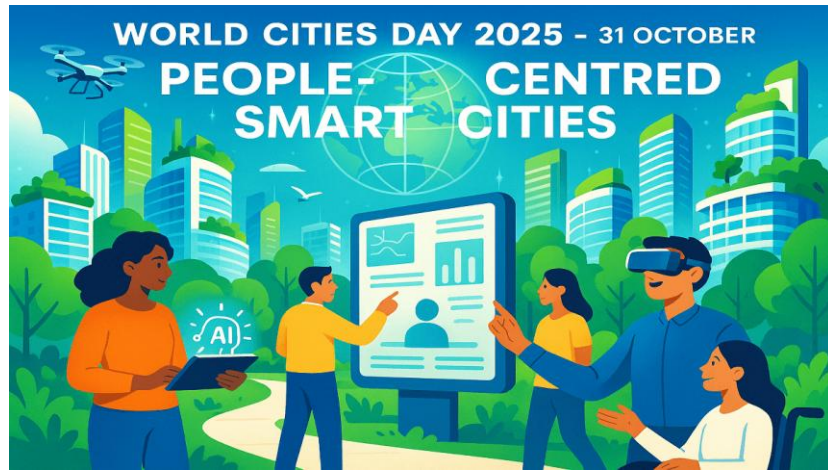
- ❖ The 2025 FIDE World Chess Cup commenced in Goa.
- ❖ It unveiled the Viswanathan Anand Trophy, named after the five-time world champion and India's first Grandmaster.
- ❖ The trophy was described as a “symbol of India's chess revolution,” featuring a peacock design (National Bird of India).
- ❖ This is the first time since 2002 that India is hosting the FIDE World Cup.
- ❖ During the last event in Hyderabad, Anand won against Rustam Kasimdzhanov.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Cities Day 2025 - October 31

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about global urbanization challenges and promote sustainable urban development.
- ❖ The day also marks the conclusion of Urban October, a month-long initiative led by UN-Habitat to engage the international community in addressing urban issues and achieving the New Urban Agenda.
- ❖ The observance highlights the need for inclusive, resilient, and sustainable cities where everyone can live in harmony and prosperity.

- ❖ The theme for 2025 is “People-Centred Smart Cities.”
- ❖ This year’s observance was hosted in Bogotá, Colombia.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Word of the Year for 2025 – 67



- ❖ Dictionary.com names “67” the 2025 Word of the Year, citing its viral slang use, absurd internet culture, and rising youth popularity.
- ❖ The term is pronounced “six-seven” — never “sixty-seven” — and has no single clear meaning.
- ❖ But its viral spread across social platforms and gaming spaces has made it a shorthand for an emotion, a vibe, or a punchline.



- ❖ Dictionary.com called it a “linguistic time capsule” of 2025.
- ❖ It was mentioned Mentions of “67” surged in digital media, increasing sixfold in October 2025 compared to all of 2024.
- ❖ First time a Word of the Year is more interjection than word — used to shout a feeling, not define a concept.

