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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Centre has announced that 8 cheetahs from Botswana will arrive in India next month under Project Cheetah and will be quarantined at Kuno National Park.
- ❖ Zohran Mamdani, the first Indian-origin candidate to win the New York City mayoral post, has defeated former New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo and Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa in the 2025 election.
- ❖ The Khasi community in Meghalaya has celebrated the five-day Shad Nongkrem festival in Shillong to honour Ka Blei Synshar, the goddess of fertility and prosperity, and express gratitude for a good harvest.
- ❖ Chandigarh University, Uttar Pradesh has launched 'Campus Tank', a unique platform to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among youth.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh launched the 'PM Shri Aerial Tourism Helicopter Service' at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal.
 - Thus, MP became the first Indian state to introduce both Air Ambulance and Helicopter Tourism Services under its intra-state air connectivity initiative.

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- ❖ The clarification was issued following allegations that the Governor was delaying assent to Bills passed by the Assembly.

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- ❖ The committees will redesign the curriculum in line with the Tamil Nadu State Education Policy 2025.

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- ❖ Both committees will function for three years to frame reforms in curriculum, teaching, and assessment.

NATIONAL NEWS

Removal of Stray Dogs from Public Institutions

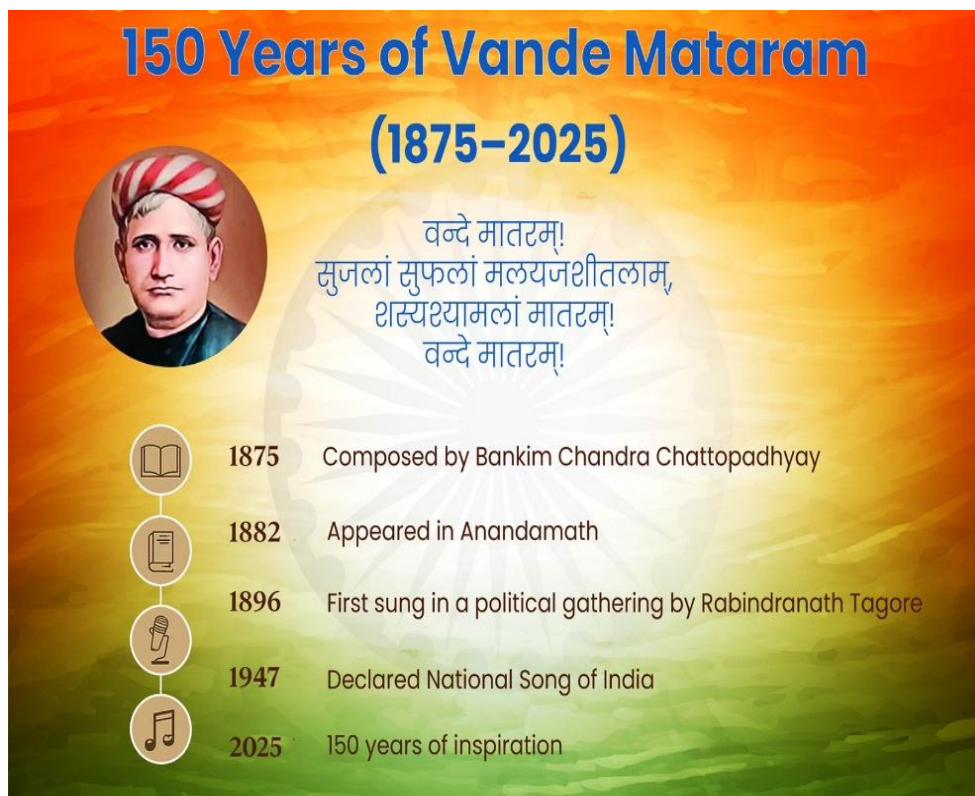
- ❖ The Supreme Court directed all States and Union Territories to remove stray dogs from schools, hospitals, sports complexes, and other public institutions.
- ❖ The dogs must be sterilised and vaccinated under the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules 2023 before relocation to designated shelters.
- ❖ Each institution must appoint a nodal officer for maintenance and surveillance and ensure fenced or secured premises.
- ❖ Local bodies have been ordered to complete the removal and submit compliance reports within 8 weeks.
- ❖ The directions aim to prevent dog-bite incidents and ensure citizens' safety while maintaining animal welfare standards.



150 Years of Vande Mataram

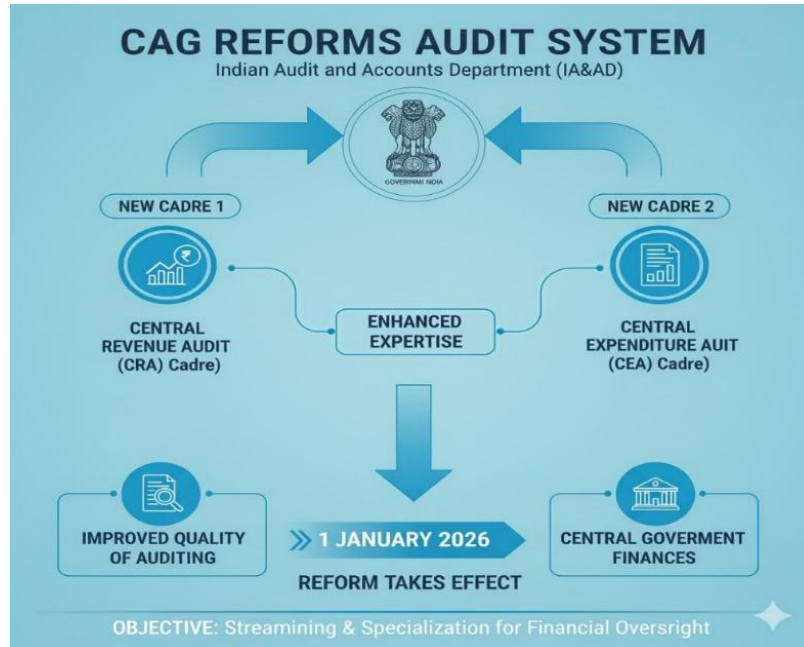
- ❖ The Ministry of Ayush organised a mass singing event at Ayush Bhawan, New Delhi, to mark 150 years of India's national song Vande Mataram.

- ❖ Vande Mataram was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in the 1870s and published in his novel Anandamath in 1882.
- ❖ The song was adopted as the national song of the Republic of India in 1950.
- ❖ It was sung publicly in protests, meetings, and gatherings, often used as a slogan— “Vande Mataram!”—by freedom fighters across the country.
- ❖ In 1896, Rabindranath Tagore sang Vande Mataram at the Indian National Congress session in Calcutta.
- ❖ In 1938, the Hyderabad government had banned singing Vande Mataram in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region.
- ❖ It was sparking the Vande Mataram Movement of Gulbarga.



CAG Reforms Audit System

- ❖ The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has approved the creation of two new cadres within the Indian Audit and Accounts Department (IA&AD).
- ❖ They will be known as the Central Revenue Audit (CRA) Cadre and the Central Expenditure Audit (CEA) Cadre.
- ❖ The reform will take effect from 1 January 2026 to enhance expertise and improve the quality of auditing Central Government finances.



India's Exit from Ayni airbase



- ❖ India has completed its withdrawal from the Ayni airbase in Tajikistan.
- ❖ The exit follows the expiry of a bilateral agreement between India and Tajikistan.
- ❖ The Ayni airbase, located near Dushanbe, was India's only overseas military facility.
- ❖ India had upgraded the base with a strengthened runway, fuel depots, and air traffic control systems.

- ❖ The base was used in 2021 for evacuating Indian nationals from Afghanistan after the Taliban's takeover.
- ❖ Its closure ends India's operational military presence in Central Asia.

International Conference on Critical Metals

- ❖ The international conference on critical metals was held in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.
- ❖ It aims to promote global cooperation and sustainable supply chains.
- ❖ The conference emphasised the need for collaboration and transparent supply chains for mutual development.
- ❖ The conference focused on minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earths, which are vital for electronics, defence, and aerospace industries.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Abraham Accords in Kazakhstan

- ❖ Kazakhstan is going to join the Abraham Accords.
- ❖ It will be the first nation to join since the accords were signed in 2020 by the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Morocco.

- ❖ The Abraham Accords aim to normalize relations between Israel and mainly Muslim nations.



Japan and US on Deep-Sea Mining



- ❖ Japan and the United States announced a partnership to develop deep-sea mining near Minamitorishima Island.
- ❖ It aims to secure rare earth resources vital for the technology and defence sectors.

- ❖ Exploration will begin in January 2026 at depths of 5,000 to 6,000 metres in Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ).
- ❖ China currently produces over 90% of the world's refined rare earths and magnets.
- ❖ The project seeks to diversify global supply chains and reduce dependence on Chinese exports.

India's Livelihood Model - Ethiopia



- ❖ Ethiopia has announced its plans to adopt India's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) model to reduce rural poverty and empower women.
- ❖ DAY-NRLM was launched in 2011 and renamed in 2016.
- ❖ It is India's flagship programme under the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ❖ The mission promotes sustainable livelihoods, financial inclusion, and social mobilisation through Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- ❖ It has mobilised over 10 crore rural women into about 91 lakh SHGs across India's 28 states and 6 union territories.

- ❖ The programme focuses on credit access, skill training, and entrepreneurship to ensure economic self-reliance.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

IUCN Rating for Khangchendzonga

- ❖ Khangchendzonga National Park is the only Indian site rated as “good” by the IUCN.
- ❖ It is also called Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve and was recognised as India’s first “mixed” UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016.
- ❖ The park covers 1,784 square kilometres, from subtropical forests to Mount Khangchendzonga at 8,586 metres, the world’s third-highest peak.
- ❖ It contains 280 glaciers, over 70 glacial lakes, snow leopards, red pandas, Himalayan tahr, and more than 550 bird species.
- ❖ The park is culturally significant for the Lepcha people and Tibetan Buddhists, with ancient monasteries like Tholung preserving spiritual traditions.



White Iberian Lynx

- ❖ World’s First White Iberian Lynx was spotted in Jaen, southern Spain.

- ❖ Experts confirmed the lynx shows leucism, a rare genetic condition causing partial loss of pigmentation.
- ❖ The Iberian lynx population has recovered from near extinction in 2002 to around 2,000 by 2025.



Amazon forest restoration – Google





- ❖ Google has announced its largest carbon removal deal with Brazilian startup Mombak.
- ❖ The project will restore degraded areas of the Amazon rainforest to absorb carbon dioxide.
- ❖ The deal will offset about 200,000 metric tons of carbon emissions, four times the 2024 pilot project.
- ❖ The company aims to balance emissions from energy-intensive data centres used for artificial intelligence (AI).
- ❖ Mombak is Google's only provider of forestry carbon credits under this agreement.

REPORTS AND INDICES

EAT-Lancet Commission report 2025



- ❖ The EAT-Lancet Commission released its 2025 report on healthy, sustainable, and just food systems.
- ❖ The report provides updated scientific evidence linking human nutrition with planetary health.
- ❖ It revises the planetary health diet to balance nutritional needs with ecological sustainability.
- ❖ It assesses how current food production contributes to crossing planetary boundaries such as land use, water, and greenhouse gases.
- ❖ The Commission emphasises food justice, addressing inequality in food access and nutrition.

- ❖ It includes new modelling data to guide governments in reducing malnutrition and environmental harm.
- ❖ The report presents practical policy roadmaps for global, regional, and local implementation.
- ❖ The Commission highlights that sustainable diets can protect both human health and planetary ecosystems.

STATES' NEWS

India's Largest Geothermal Pilot Project



- ❖ The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) approved India's largest Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) pilot project in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Two installations will be set up in Araku Valley and Visakhapatnam under the tourism sector.
- ❖ Geothermal systems use stable underground temperatures for efficient, environmentally friendly heating and cooling.
- ❖ They can reduce electricity use by nearly 50% and lower greenhouse gas emissions.
- ❖ The pilot project aims to enhance tourism infrastructure and create a replicable model for sustainable development across India.

Transgender Reservation in Law Colleges – Kerala

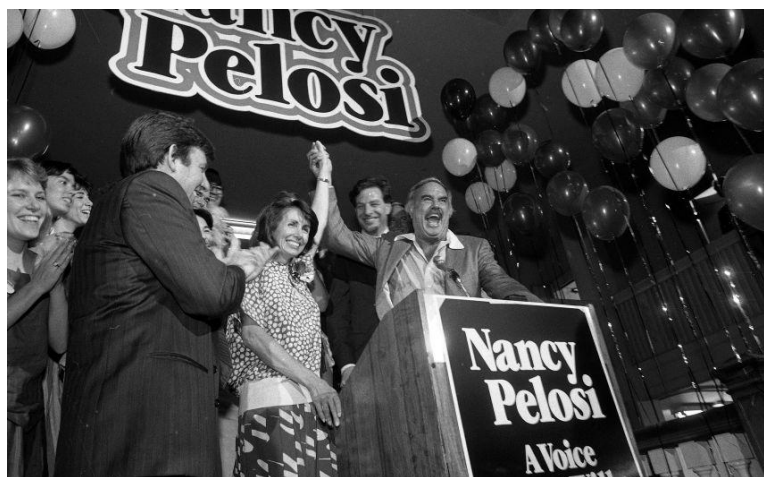
- ❖ The Bar Council of India (BCI) has approved Kerala's proposal to reserve two supernumerary seats for transgender students in all state law colleges.

- ❖ The decision followed a Kerala High Court directive issued on October 24, 2025.
- ❖ The Kerala government had proposed this measure on August 6, 2025, for both three-year and five-year LLB programmes.
- ❖ The case originated from a transgender candidate who qualified in the Kerala Law Entrance Examination (KLEE) 2025 but was denied admission.
- ❖ The approval aligns with the Supreme Court's NALSA judgment (2014) and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Nancy Pelosi Retirement



- ❖ Former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced her retirement from Congress.
- ❖ Pelosi was first elected to Congress in 1987, and made history as the House's first-ever female speaker in 2007.
- ❖ A member of the Democratic Party, she was the first woman to lead a major political party in either chamber of Congress.
- ❖ She's represented San Francisco for nearly 40 years.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Cancer Awareness Day 2025 - November 07



- ❖ The aim of this day is to reduce the burden of cancer through public awareness, early diagnosis, and timely treatment.
- ❖ The date was chosen to commemorate the birth anniversary of Marie Curie and was first celebrated in 2014.
- ❖ In India, about 20 to 25 lakh people live with cancer, and nearly 7 lakh new cases are reported every year.
- ❖ Tobacco use contributes to about 34 percent of total cancers in India.

