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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ National Award-winning actor Keerthy Suresh has been appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate to support initiatives on child rights and mental health awareness.
- ❖ The eighth edition of the India–UK joint military exercise Ajeya Warrior-25 began in Rajasthan to strengthening cooperation between the Indian and British armies.
- ❖ International Students' Day is observed on November 17 to mark the historic courage of Czech students who resisted Nazi oppression on November 17, 1939.
 - The 2025's theme is "Empowering Students to be Agents of Change".

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Metro Rail project proposals



The Union Govt has **rejected the Metro Rail project proposals for Coimbatore & Madurai**, citing their 2011 census populations, Coimbatore at 15.84 lakh & Madurai at 15 lakh, do not meet the 2-million threshold mandated by the Metro Rail Policy, 2017.

On Nov 14, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs **returned the detailed project reports & suggested cost-effective transport options** Like a Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) & a robust bus network, advising the State to consider these alternatives instead of costly metro projects.

- ❖ The Union government has rejected the Metro Rail project proposals for Coimbatore and Madurai.
- ❖ The Metro Rail Policy, 2017, states that the population of a city should be 2 million or more to plan a Metro Rail project.



- ❖ The population of Coimbatore city is 15.84 lakh and that of Madurai is 15 lakhs according to the 2011 census.

First Green Tug of Chennai Port

- ❖ Chennai Port Authority has initiated the process to procure its first green tug as part of emission-reduction measures.
- ❖ The port currently operates three diesel-powered tugs used for manoeuvring ships and handling marine operations.
- ❖ The Green Tug Transition Programme aims to replace diesel tugs with those powered by ammonia, hydrogen, or methanol.
- ❖ The proposed green tug will have a pulling power of 60 tonnes and is expected to be delivered within two years of awarding the contract.
- ❖ E-tugs reduce nitrogen and carbon emissions by 100%, while hybrid tugs achieve a reduction of about 25% to 35%.

Chennai Port To Procure Green Tug

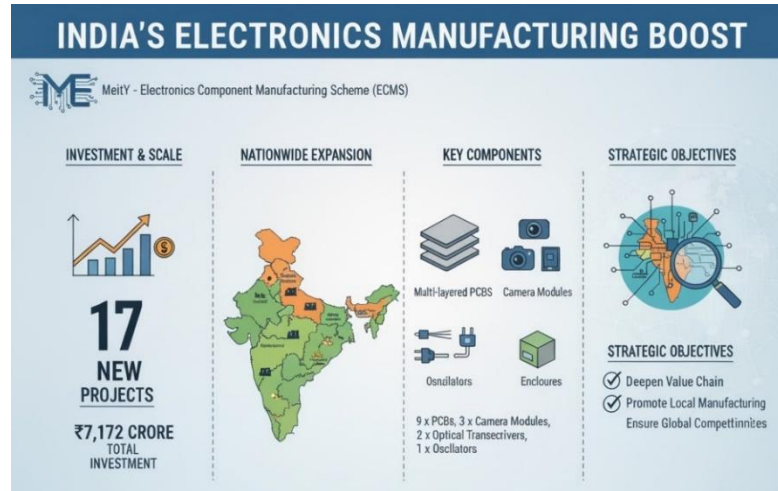
The Chennai Port Authority has begun the process to procure its first green tug as part of efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions and operational pollution. The port, which currently operates three diesel tugs, has floated bids to acquire a 60-tonne pulling-capacity green tug that will be supplied and operated for 15 years. The firm will be finalised in six months and delivery is expected in two years. Other major ports nationwide have already initiated similar green-tug purchases.

NATIONAL NEWS

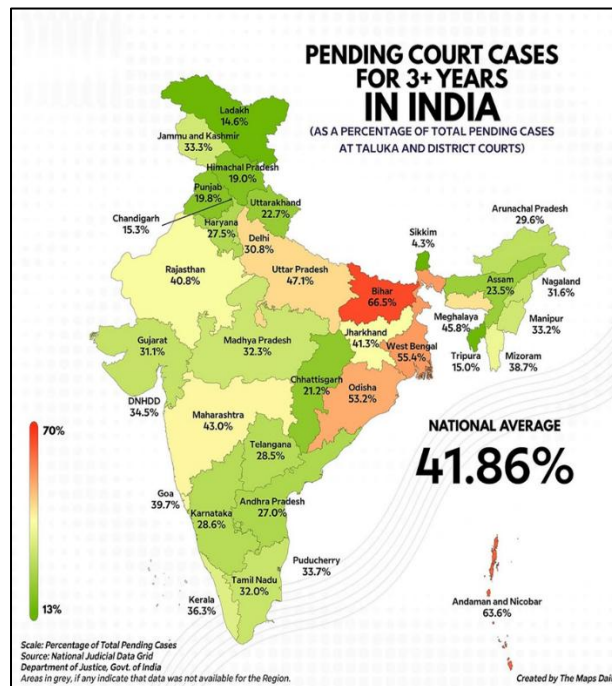
Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme

- ❖ The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) approved 17 new projects under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) with a total investment of ₹7,172 crore.
- ❖ Projects are spread across 9 states, including Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Goa, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Madhya Pradesh.

- ❖ Components are to be manufactured include 9 projects for multi-layered PCBs (Printed Circuit Boards), 3 for camera modules, 2 for optical transceivers, and 1 each for connectors, oscillators, and enclosures.
- ❖ The objective is to deepen India's electronics value chain, promote local manufacturing, and ensure sustainable competitiveness in the global electronics market.



Pending cases in district courts



- ❖ According to the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), district courts have 4.69 crore pending cases.

- ❖ A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India linked subordinate judicial stagnation to prolonged litigation and rising pendency.
- ❖ Another Bench of the Supreme Court directed judges in Delhi to undergo training due to a lack of basic knowledge.
- ❖ Subordinate judges spend long hours on clerical work such as issuing summons and calling daily case lists, reducing time for case disposal.
- ❖ Mandatory pre-suit mediation under section 12(a) of the Commercial Courts Act and other procedural requirements have contributed to delays.
- ❖ Complex provisions in the Code of Civil Procedure and lengthy execution steps continue to slow down the completion of civil cases.

E-Jagriti User Growth in 2025



- ❖ The government's digital platform e-Jagriti was launched on January 1, 2025, to simplify consumer grievance filing.
- ❖ The platform has gained over 2.7 lakh registered users in 2025, including 1,388 non-resident Indians (NRIs).
- ❖ e-Jagriti aims to reduce the paperwork, minimise travel, and remove physical documentation for consumer complaints.
- ❖ The platform allows OTP-based registration, digital payments, virtual hearings, online document exchange, and real-time case tracking.

SC Guidelines on Human–Wildlife Conflict

- ❖ The Supreme Court issued new directions in 2025 to curb rising Human–Wildlife Conflicts caused by habitat degradation, unregulated tourism, and fragmented corridors.



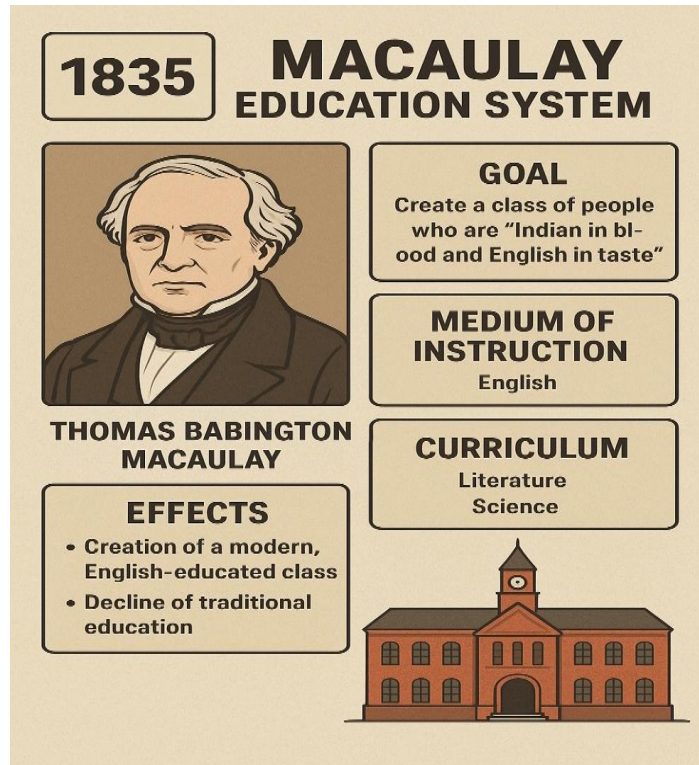
- ❖ The Court allowed tiger safaris only in non-forest or degraded forest land within buffer zones and prohibited safaris in core areas and tiger corridors.
- ❖ Night tourism was banned in all core and critical tiger habitats to reduce disturbance to wildlife.
- ❖ Activities such as commercial mining, polluting industries, major hydro projects, exotic species introduction, low-flying aircraft, and commercial firewood extraction were barred in buffer and fringe areas.
- ❖ The Court directed that Eco-Sensitive Zones for all tiger reserves must be notified by the Union Environment Ministry as per the 2018 guidelines of the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
- ❖ States were instructed to prepare or revise Tiger Conservation Plans on time and to notify core and buffer areas within 6 months.
- ❖ The Court ordered states to treat Human-human-wildlife conflicts as a natural disaster to enable rapid relief measures.
- ❖ A uniform compensation of ₹10 lakh was mandated for human deaths arising from Human-Wildlife Conflicts.
- ❖ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was directed to draft Human-Wildlife Conflict mitigation guidelines within 6 months and ensure nationwide implementation.

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To Victims**

PM on Macaulay's 1835 Education Policy

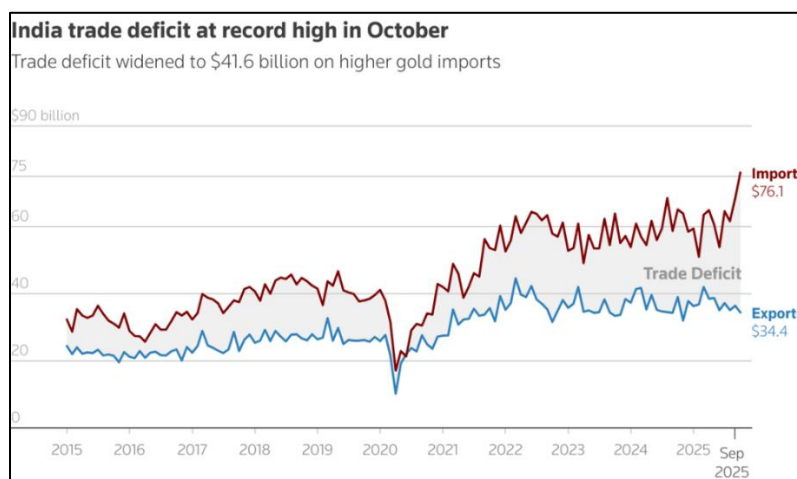
- ❖ At the Sixth Ramnath Goenka Lecture in 2025, the Prime Minister spoke about the impact of Thomas Macaulay's Minute of 1835 on India's education system.
- ❖ This policy introduced English education and shifted funds fully towards European literature and science.
- ❖ The policy ordered the closure of Oriental colleges and ended government support for traditional Indian learning.

- ❖ Macaulay's "Downward Filtration Theory" aimed to educate only a small elite who would pass knowledge to the masses.
- ❖ PM stated that this approach weakened India's native knowledge traditions and shaped colonial education for many decades.



ECONOMY NEWS

Gold Import in October



- ❖ India recorded an all-time high in gold imports in October 2025.

- ❖ Gold purchases tripled to USD 14.72 billion, driven by festival and wedding season demand.
- ❖ This was a rise from USD 4.92 billion in October 2024.
- ❖ India recorded a trade deficit of USD 41.68 billion in October 2025.
- ❖ Switzerland supplied 40% of India's gold imports in the month.
- ❖ Gold imports formed over 5% of India's total imports in October 2025.

16th Finance Commission Submits Report for 2026–31



- ❖ The 16th Finance Commission, chaired by economist Arvind Panagariya, has submitted its report to the President of India.
- ❖ The Finance Commission recommends the basis for distributing taxes between the Union government and the states.
- ❖ The report covers the 5 years from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2031.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the terms of reference for the 16th Finance Commission on November 29, 2024.
- ❖ The Commission was expected to submit its report by October 31, 2025, as per the approved schedule.

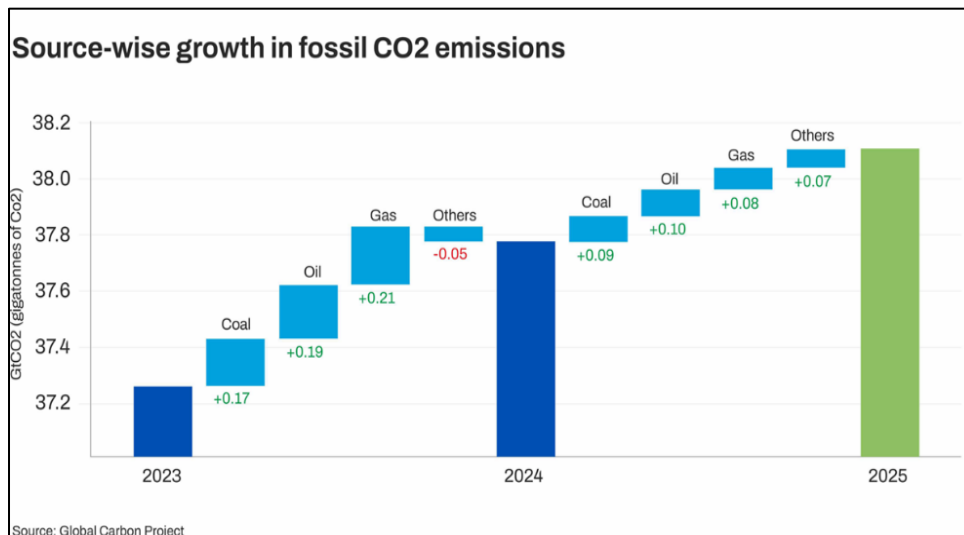


- ❖ The Commission was also tasked with suggesting principles for grants-in-aid and measures to strengthen financial resources for panchayats and municipalities.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Global Carbon Budget Warning

- ❖ Global fossil fuel carbon dioxide emissions are projected to rise by 1.1% in 2025, reaching a record 38.1 billion tonnes.
- ❖ Total CO₂ emissions (fossil fuels plus land-use change) are slightly lower this year because land-use change emissions dropped to 4.1 billion tonnes.
- ❖ The land carbon sink recovered to pre-El Niño levels after the end of the 2023–24 El Niño pattern.
- ❖ Climate change has weakened land and ocean carbon sinks, contributing 8% of the rise in atmospheric CO₂ since 1960.
- ❖ The remaining carbon budget for limiting warming to 1.5°C is 170 billion tonnes, equivalent to four years at the 2025 emission rate.
- ❖ China's emissions are projected to grow by 0.4%, India's by 1.4%, the USAs by 1.9% and the European Union's by 0.4%.
- ❖ Japan's emissions are projected to fall by 2.2%.



Systematic Observation Impact Bond

- ❖ The Systematic Observation Impact Bond was launched as the world's first climate-finance bond focused on strengthening global weather and climate data.

- ❖ The bond aims to mobilise about US\$200 million by end-2026 through the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF).
- ❖ It supports 30 Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States to meet Global Basic Observing Network (GBON) standards.
- ❖ The initiative targets a five-fold increase in internationally shared weather and climate observations, with results independently verified by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- ❖ Closing observational gaps is estimated to deliver US\$5 billion in direct annual benefits.
- ❖ It can unlock up to US \$160 billion in wider economic gains.
- ❖ It will be led by the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF), a UN fund established by UNEP, WMO, and UNDP.

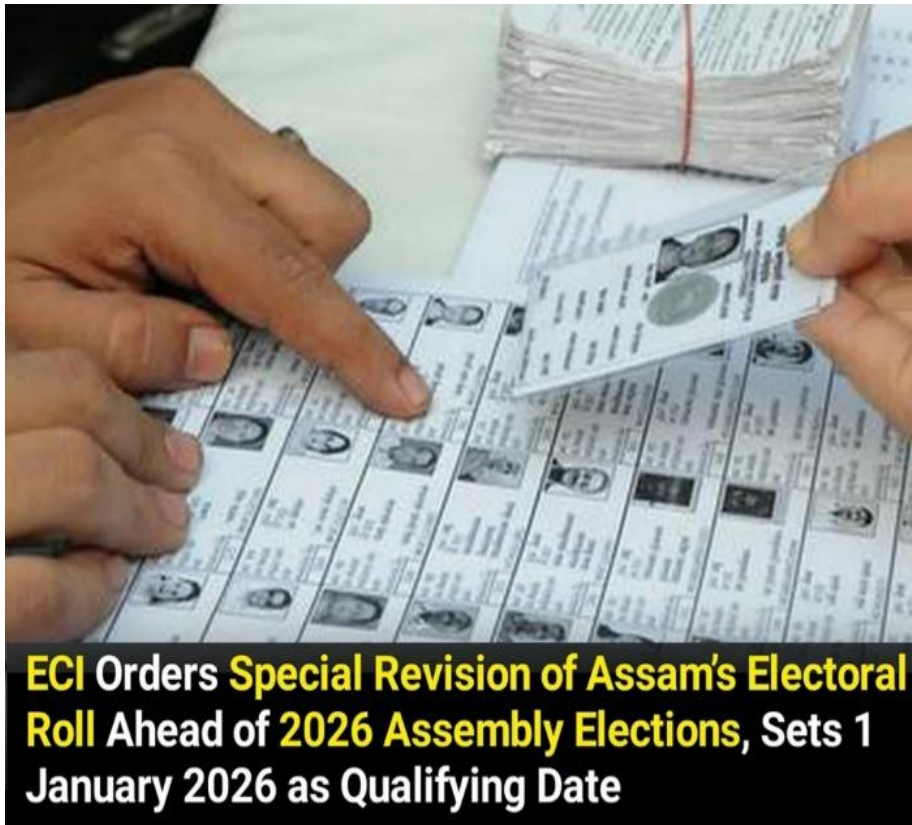


STATES' NEWS

Special Revision of Assam Voter List

- ❖ The Election Commission of India ordered a special revision of electoral rolls in Assam.
- ❖ The exercise is separate from the special intensive revision because the National Register of Citizens status in the State is still pending.
- ❖ The 2019 National Register of Citizens excluded 19.6 lakh applicants out of 3.3 crore, and the final notification is yet to be issued.

- ❖ The Booth Level Officers will conduct house-to-house verification using three statements without requiring voters to fill out enumeration forms.
- ❖ Details of D voters (doubtful voters) will remain unchanged unless modified through an order of the Foreigners Tribunal or a court.
- ❖ The verification will run from November 22 to December 20, with the draft roll on December 27 and the final roll-on February 10, 2026.



Leopard Birth Control Program - Maharashtra

- ❖ The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) approved a leopard birth-control (sterilisation) project in Maharashtra.
- ❖ It will be India's first leopard birth control programme.
- ❖ The pilot will be carried out in Junnar forest division (Pune district) on five female leopards using an immuno-contraceptive method.
- ❖ The sterilisation will use dart-administered immuno-contraception to temporarily control fertility.
- ❖ The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) reviewed the proposal and supported a controlled, scientifically monitored trial.

- ❖ The programme aims to reduce human-leopard conflict in sugarcane belt areas like Junnar and Shirur.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

International Ayurveda Conference 2025



- ❖ The 3rd International Ayurveda Conference was held in São Paulo, Brazil.
- ❖ The event was jointly organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre and Conayur under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

- ❖ The conference marked 40 years of Ayurveda in Brazil and highlighted India–Brazil collaboration in traditional medicine.

SPORTS NEWS

Asian Archery Championships 2025



MEDAL TALLY

RANK	COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOTAL
1	 IND	6	3	1	10
2	 KOR	2	3	4	9
3	 TPE	1	1	0	2
4	 KAZ	1	0	0	1
5	 BAN	0	1	1	2
	 UZB	0	1	1	2

- ❖ India topped the 2025 Asian Archery Championships held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ❖ India won 10 medals, including 6 gold medals, 3 silver medals, and 1 bronze medal.
- ❖ Ankita Bhakat won the women's recurve gold medal.
- ❖ Dhiraj Bommadevara won the men's recurve gold medal.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Kepang La Day 2025 – November 17

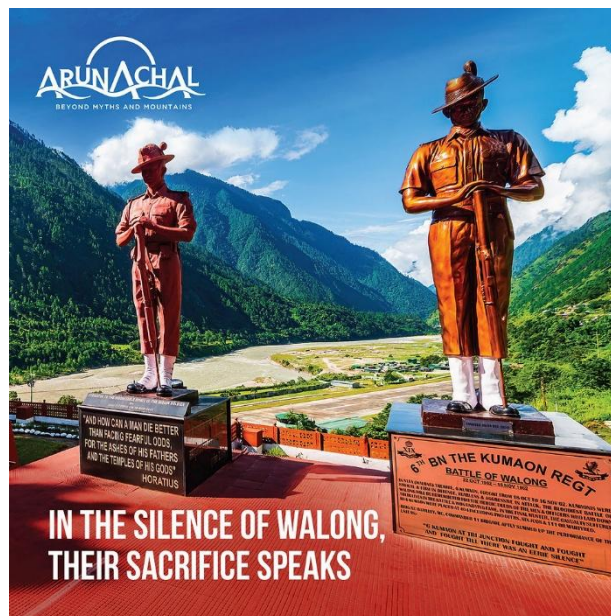
- ❖ This day remembers the defence of the Kepang La frontier pass during the 1962 India–China conflict.
- ❖ The pass in Upper Siang witnessed strong resistance by Indian soldiers and local villagers against advancing Chinese troops in 1962.

- ❖ Annual commemorations in Tuting are led by the Indian Army's Spear Corps with community participation.
- ❖ The observance preserves the record of military and local resilience associated with the Kepang La pass during the 1962 conflict.

Indian Army marks **Kepang La day in Arunachal**, Honours fallen heroes

Kepang La Day, observed annually on 17 November, honours the courage of soldiers and local villagers who defended the strategic mountain pass during the 1962 conflict.

Walong Day 2025 – November 16



- ❖ This day marks the defence of Walong during the 1962 India–China conflict.
- ❖ The 63rd observance in 2025 included commemorative events held in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ The Battle of Walong saw 388 Indian soldiers make the supreme sacrifice while holding their positions for 27 days.

