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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs launched Operation Kagar, to eradicate Naxals and dismantling the political ideology of Maoism in Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ Mexican woman Fatima Bosch was crowned Miss Universe 2025 in Nonthaburi, Thailand, 2025.
- ❖ COP31 (Conference of the Parties 31) is expected to be hosted by Turkey in 2026.
- ❖ Azim Premji has received the ISB Research Catalyst Award for his contribution to strengthening India's research and knowledge ecosystem.
- ❖ The dao, a traditional handcrafted blade from Arunachal Pradesh, has received the GI tag.
- ❖ India won the inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup by defeating Nepal in the final at Colombo, Srilanka.
- ❖ Indian women's kabaddi team won their second successive World Cup title in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- ❖ World Television Day is observed on November 21 to highlight the role of television in information, education, communication and global understanding.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Cauvery Delta Region Expansion

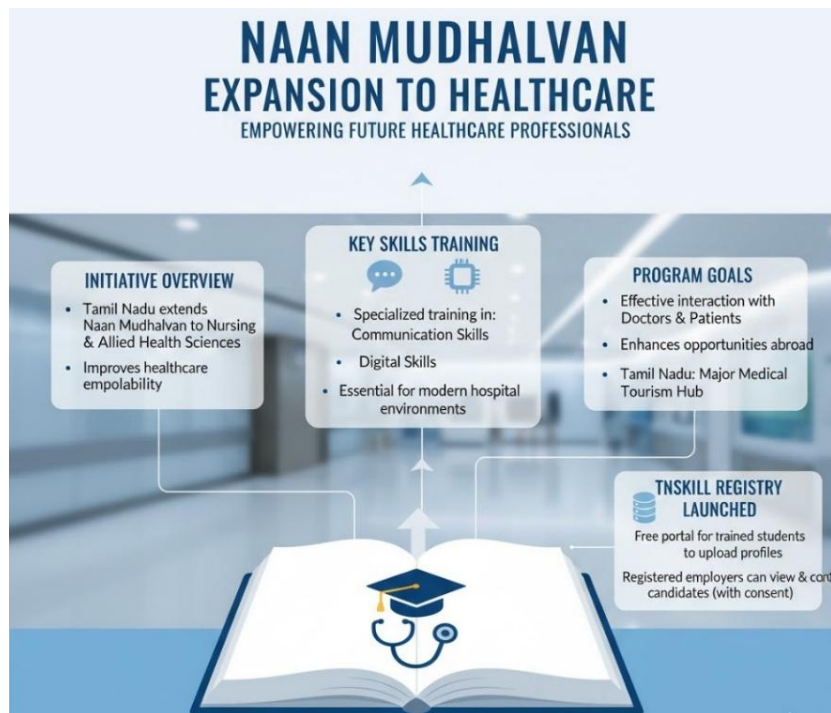


Srimushnam Farmers Added To Cauvery Delta

More than 18,000 farmers in 38 panchayats of Srimushnam taluk, Cuddalore, have received a major boost as the Tamil Nadu government officially brought their 10,550 hectares into the Cauvery delta's protected farm zone. With the order, they now qualify for kuruvai and samba packages, assured Cauvery water supply, and priority irrigation upgrades. Officials say the move aligns their soil and cropping patterns with the delta, promising stronger groundwater levels and more secure farming seasons ahead.

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has added 38 revenue villages to the Srimushnam taluk in the Cauvery delta region.
- ❖ These villages were earlier part of Kattumannarkoil taluk, which was later divided into separate administrative units.
- ❖ This expansion was first announced by the Chief Minister in July 2025.
- ❖ A Government Order (G.O.) from the Water Resources Department confirmed the inclusion.
- ❖ With this move, the Cauvery delta region now covers more villages for better administration, irrigation support, and development planning.
- ❖ The newly added villages include Anandhakudi, Kokkarasanpettai, Mathakalirmanickam, Sri Sathamangalam, Gunamangalam, and 32 others.

Naan Mudhalvan Expansion to Healthcare




- ❖ Tamil Nadu has extended the Naan Mudhalvan programme to Nursing and Allied Health Sciences to improve healthcare employability.
- ❖ Under the new initiative, students will receive specialised training in communication skills and digital skills, which are essential in modern hospital environments.
- ❖ The program aims to help students interact effectively with doctors and patients, and also enhance opportunities abroad, as Tamil Nadu is a major medical tourism hub.

- ❖ TNSDC also launched TN Skill Registry, a free portal where trained students can upload profiles; registered employers can view them and contact candidates with their consent.

TN Student Welfare Schemes 2024–25

- ❖ Over 4.13 lakh girl students benefited from the Pudhumai Penn Scheme (₹1,000 monthly support for girls pursuing higher education).
- ❖ Over 3.28 lakh boy students benefited from the Tamil Puthalvan Scheme (₹1,000 monthly support for Tamil-medium students in Classes VI–X).
- ❖ The Chief Minister’s Breakfast Programme was expanded to State-aided rural schools in 2024–25.
- ❖ About 7.97 lakh students from Classes I–V benefited from Illam Thedi Kalvi (home-based learning support) centres.
- ❖ Around 25.08 lakh students in Classes I–V benefited through Ennum Ezhuthum (foundational literacy and numeracy).
- ❖ Over 8,200 high-tech labs were set up in government schools, and funds of ₹745 crore for upgrades and ₹200 crore for maintenance were allocated in 2024–25.



“Pudhumai Penn Scheme”
Transforming Education
and Empowering Girls in
Tamil Nadu

The Pudhumai Penn Scheme
(Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme)
has significantly boosted college and diploma enrollments among girls in Tamil Nadu.
An additional 13,681 students enrolled between 2022 and 2023, marking
a 6.9% increase. By 2023, **2,30,820 Students** had benefited.

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<p>The scheme provides ₹1,000 monthly financial aid to girls from government schools (Classes VI–XII) pursuing undergraduate, diploma, or ITI courses.</p>	<p>Beneficiaries are predominantly from Scheduled Castes (38.6%) and Most Backward Classes (34.4%) with rural students benefiting the most.</p>	<p>The aid helps cover tuition and transport costs, enabling skill development and delaying early marriages in districts with higher teenage pregnancies.</p>	<p>A survey across eight districts showed the scheme's success in empowering students and enhancing job prospects.</p>

NATIONAL NEWS

53rd Chief Justice of India

- ❖ Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI).

- ❖ It was administered by the President of India.
- ❖ He was the youngest Advocate General of Haryana on July 7, 2000.
- ❖ In a first, chief justices and judges from Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal and Sri Lanka were also present at the swearing-in ceremony.
- ❖ Kant was appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh in October, 2018.



National Framework on Traceability in Fisheries and Aquaculture 2025



- ❖ The framework aims to create a national digital traceability system for fisheries and aquaculture.
- ❖ It will track seafood products in real time from “farm to plate” and “catch to consumer.”

- ❖ It brings together different traceability practices into one unified system across India.
- ❖ The system will use digital tools like QR codes, GPS, IoT devices and blockchain.
- ❖ It helps ensure food safety, sustainability, and better access to global markets.
- ❖ The framework also includes support so that small fishers and farmers can easily take part.

131st Constitutional Amendment Bill 2025

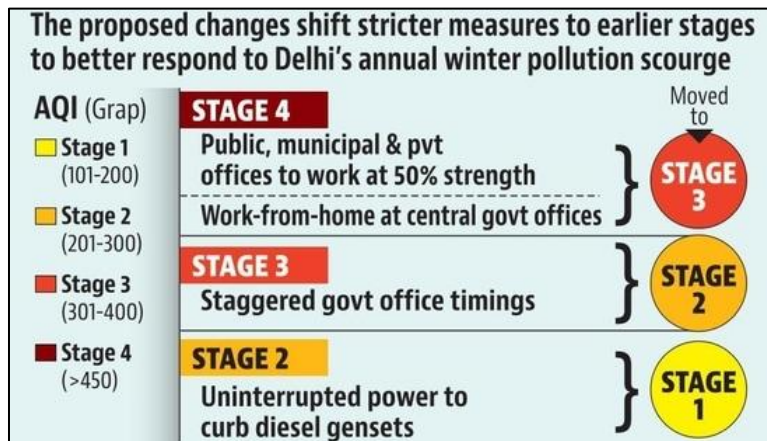
- ❖ The 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2025, proposes to bring Chandigarh under Article 240 of the Constitution.
- ❖ Article 240 allows the President of India to issue regulations for Union Territories (UTs) that do not have their own legislatures.
- ❖ If passed, the Bill will permit the President to make rules directly for Chandigarh, similar to UTs like Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- ❖ Chandigarh is currently the shared capital of Punjab and Haryana.
- ❖ The central government stated that the proposal aims to streamline rule-making and does not change Chandigarh's existing administrative setup.
- ❖ The Bill is still in the proposal stage and has not been introduced in Parliament.



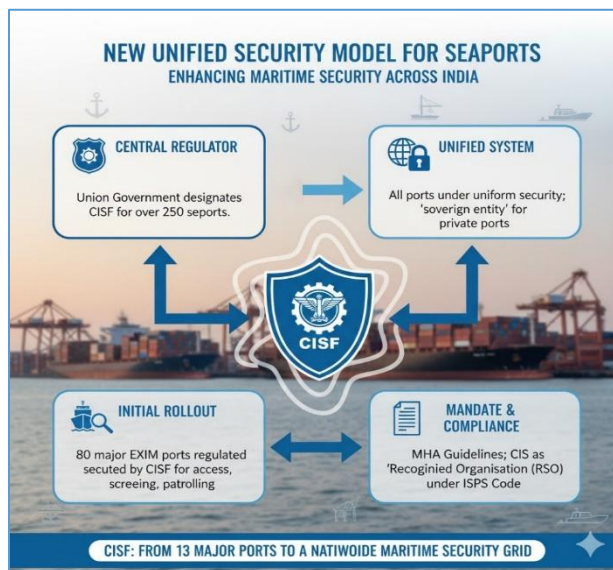
Revision of GRAP Stages

- ❖ The Commission for Air Quality Management revised the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) for the entire NCR.

- ❖ Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) stayed around 360, which is in the 'very poor' category.
- ❖ Measures from GRAP Stage IV were shifted to Stage III so stricter rules can start earlier.
- ❖ Measures from Stage II were moved to Stage I, including steps like avoiding diesel generators and adding more public transport.
- ❖ Under revised GRAP II, NCR offices will use staggered timings to reduce traffic congestion.
- ❖ GRAP is triggered based on Delhi's average AQI and pollution forecasts.



New Unified Security Model for Seaports



- ❖ The Union Government has designated the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as the security regulator for over 250 seaports in India.

- ❖ A “sovereign entity” will now manage security at private cargo-handling seaports, bringing all ports under a uniform security system.
- ❖ At least 80 major EXIM seaports will initially be regulated by CISF for access control, cargo screening, and seafront patrolling.
- ❖ CISF already secures 13 major seaports, but many others currently rely on private agencies or local police without a unified security template.
- ❖ The move follows guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the CISF’s designation as a Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) under the ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security) Code.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Social Media Ban – Australia

- ❖ Australia will start a social media ban for children under 16.
- ❖ The ban includes platforms like Twitch, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat.
- ❖ Platforms that break the rules can be fined up to 49.5 million Australian dollars (AUD).
- ❖ The ban is part of the Online Safety Act to protect children from harmful online content.



ACITI Technology Partnership

- ❖ India, Australia and Canada announced a new partnership called the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership.

- ❖ The announcement was made during a meeting of the three Prime Ministers at the G20 Summit in Johannesburg.
- ❖ The partnership aims to work together in critical and emerging technologies, such as clean energy and critical minerals.
- ❖ It also focuses on building strong and resilient supply chains among the three countries.
- ❖ The three nations will jointly explore the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve public services.



Nuclear-Resistant Floating Artificial Island



- ❖ China has started building a mobile floating artificial island for deep-sea research, planned to be ready by 2028.

- ❖ The platform is named the Deep-Sea All-Weather Resident Floating Research Facility and weighs about 78,000 tonnes.
- ❖ The island is being built using a special metal lattice material that can absorb strong shocks, making the structure resistant to nuclear blasts.
- ❖ The island is designed under China's 14th Five-Year Plan and can operate in severe sea conditions, including tropical cyclones.

ECONOMY NEWS

India's Forex Reserves - November 2025



- ❖ India's forex reserves reached an all-time high of \$692.57 billion in the week ending 14 November 2025.
- ❖ Gold reserves increased the most, rising by \$5.32 billion to \$106.86 billion.
- ❖ Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) increased by \$152 million to \$562.29 billion.
- ❖ Special Drawing Rights (SDR) went up by \$56 million to \$18.65 billion.
- ❖ India's IMF reserve position increased by \$8 million to \$4.779 billion.

UPI-TIPS Cross-Border Payment Link Announced

- ❖ The RBI announced that UPI will be linked with the TARGET Instant Payment Settlement (TIPS) system of the European Union.
- ❖ This move supports the G20 Roadmap to make cross-border payments cheaper, faster, and more transparent.

- ❖ RBI and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) have worked with the European Central Bank (ECB) to begin the realisation phase of the UPI-TIPS connection.
- ❖ TIPS is the instant payment system operated by the Euro system (central banks of the euro area).
- ❖ The UPI-TIPS link will help enable easy and quick cross-border remittances between India and the European Union.

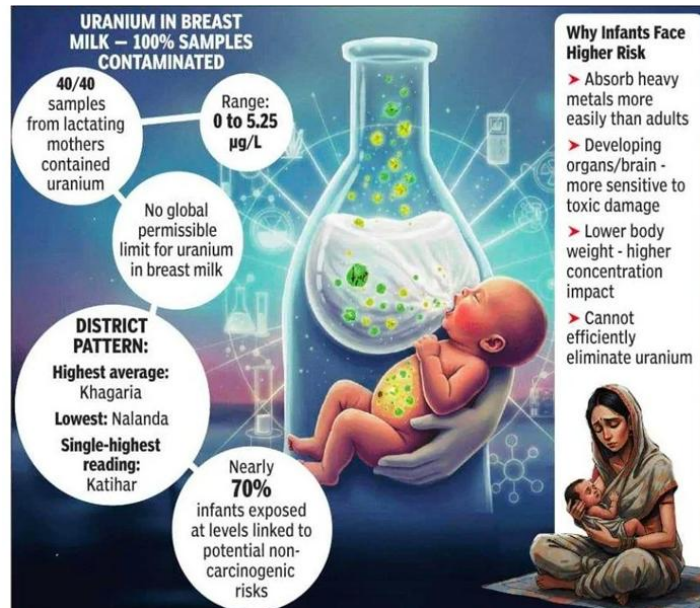


STATES' NEWS

Uranium in Breastmilk

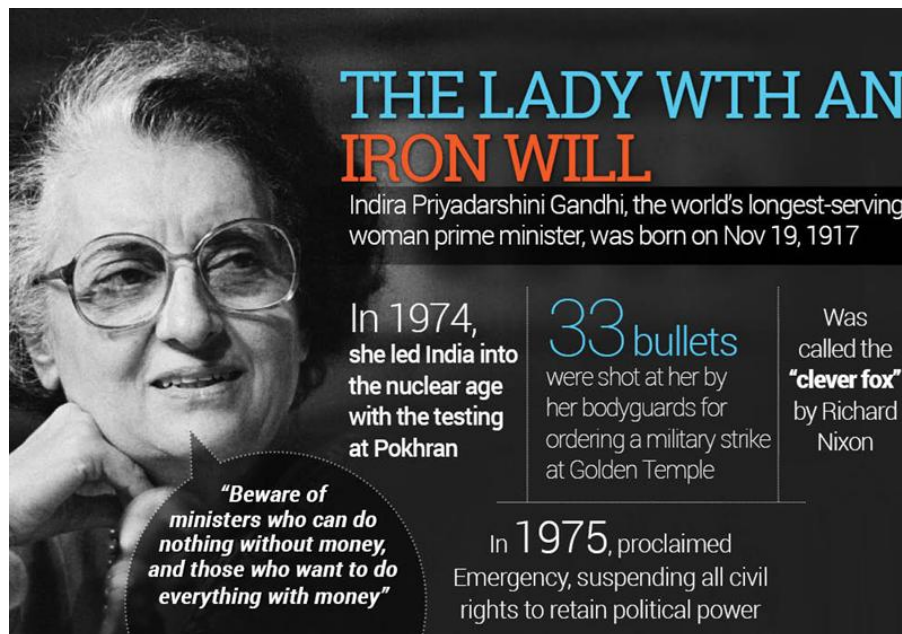
- ❖ A study in six Bihar districts found uranium (U-238) in all breastmilk samples collected from 40 mothers.
- ❖ The uranium levels ranged from 0 to 5.25 micrograms per litre ($\mu\text{g/L}$), with the highest value reported in Katihar.
- ❖ The contamination order of districts was Katihar, Samastipur, Nalanda, Khagaria, Begusarai, and Bhojpur.
- ❖ The study said about 70% of infants showed a hazard quotient (HQ) above 1, which indicates a possible non-carcinogenic risk.
- ❖ The study compared its findings with the World Health Organisation (WHO) drinking water limit of 30 $\mu\text{g/L}$, which is higher than the levels found.

- ❖ The study linked the uranium presence to contaminated groundwater and the local food chain in the surveyed areas.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Integration Day 2025 – November 19



THE LADY WITH AN IRON WILL

Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi, the world's longest-serving woman prime minister, was born on Nov 19, 1917

In 1974, she led India into the nuclear age with the testing at Pokhran

33 bullets were shot at her by her bodyguards for ordering a military strike at Golden Temple

Was called the "clever fox" by Richard Nixon

In 1975, proclaimed Emergency, suspending all civil rights to retain political power

"Beware of ministers who can do nothing without money, and those who want to do everything with money"

- ❖ It marks the birthday of Indira Gandhi, India's first female Prime Minister.
- ❖ The day aims to promote unity, equality, peace, and national integration among all people.

- ❖ Indira Gandhi served as Prime Minister from 1966–1977 and from 1980–1984.
- ❖ In 1971, she passed the 26th Amendment, ending the Privy Purse (payments to former princes) under Articles 291 and 362 of the Constitution.
- ❖ In 1975, she launched the Twenty Point Programme to reduce poverty, improve rural life, and support housing, education, health, irrigation, and the environment.
- ❖ Her slogan “Garibi Hatao” (Remove Poverty) guided welfare schemes and shaped the Fifth Five-Year Plan (1974–1979) to help the poor.

World Heritage Week 2025 – November 19/25

- ❖ It is organized by UNESCO and the ASI (Archaeological Survey of India).
- ❖ The aim is to protect and preserve cultural and natural heritage around the world.
- ❖ India has 42 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including monuments, temples, and natural parks.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is “Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 Years of ICOMOS Actions”.





World Fisheries Day 2025 - November 21

- ❖ The day started in 1997 in New Delhi, where delegates from 18 countries formed the World Fisheries Forum, making India the origin of this observance.
- ❖ India is now the second-largest fish producer in the world after China and a major shrimp exporter.
- ❖ Marine product exports increased by 11.08% between 2024 and 2025.
- ❖ India celebrated the day with the theme “India’s Blue Transformation: Strengthening Value Addition in Seafood Exports.”

India Celebrates **World Fisheries Day 2025**

- › The day highlights **sustainability, livelihoods, and blue economy growth**
- › India is the **second-largest fish-producing country** and one of the **largest shrimp producers** in the World
- › Under **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**, infrastructure creation includes **730 cold storages** and ice plants, **26,348 fish transport facilities**, and **6,410 fish kiosks**, strengthening the sector nationwide

