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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister inaugurated Semmozhi Poonga in Coimbatore.
- ❖ Justice Vikram Nath was appointed as Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- ❖ The National Commission for Women has introduced a new Toll-Free Helpline Number 14490 to provide immediate assistance and support to women in distress.
- ❖ The 11th BACSA International Conference – CULTUSERI 2025 was held in Georgia to promote global collaboration in sericulture research, innovation, and sustainable silk industry development.
- ❖ U.S. President Donald Trump has designated Saudi Arabia as a major non-NATO ally and approved future deliveries of F-35 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia.
 - Saudi Arabia will become the 20th country to receive this status
- ❖ The 7th NSA-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave was held in New Delhi to strengthen cooperation among member countries for regional security in the Indian Ocean Region.
 - The meeting reviewed progress under five areas: maritime safety, counter-terrorism, anti-trafficking, cyber security, and disaster relief.
- ❖ India has reaffirmed its commitment to disaster and climate risk reduction at the 10th APDIM Session held in New Delhi.
 - The Session aims to strengthen inclusive and reliable disaster-risk data governance in the Asia-Pacific for better risk assessment and early warning.
- ❖ National Cashew Day is celebrated on 23rd November to highlight that cashews are rich in antioxidants, healthy fats, and minerals like copper, magnesium, and manganese.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

MTC Bus First Campaign

- ❖ The Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) in Chennai launched the 'Bus First' campaign.
- ❖ The campaign aims to create awareness among motorists to give priority to MTC buses on the roads.

- ❖ It is supported by ITDP (Institute for Transportation and Development Policy) and the Greater Chennai Traffic Police.
- ❖ The campaign promotes respect for public transport and encourages a shift from private vehicles to buses.
- ❖ Cricketer Thirush Kamini has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the campaign.



NATIONAL NEWS

IMD Colour-Coded Weather Alerts

Green No warning, no action	Orange Alert, be prepared Issued in the likelihood of very heavy rain (between 115.6 mm and 204.4 mm) in a 24-hour period.
Yellow Watch, be aware Issued in the likelihood of heavy rain (between 64.5 mm and 115.5 mm) in a 24-hour period between 8.30 am that day to 8.30 am the next day.	Red Warning, take action Issued in the likelihood of extremely heavy rainfall (204.4 mm of rain and above).

- ❖ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issues green, yellow, orange, and red alerts for different weather conditions.
- ❖ Alerts are used for rain, thunderstorms, snowfall, hailstorms, dust storms, heatwaves, and cold waves.
- ❖ A green alert means light rain and no advisory; a yellow alert means be aware.

- ❖ An orange alert means be prepared for severe weather, and a red alert means take action for extremely dangerous weather.
- ❖ Rainfall alerts are based on 24-hour rain: green (<64 mm), yellow (64.5–115.5 mm), orange (115.6–204.4 mm), and red (>204.5 mm).
- ❖ India Meteorological Department (IMD) is an Indian agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gaza Peace Plan 2025



- ❖ The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) endorsed President Trump's Gaza peace plan through a resolution drafted by the United States.
- ❖ The resolution passed in the 15-member Council with 13 votes in favour, none against, and abstentions by China and Russia.
- ❖ The resolution approved the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict.
- ❖ It includes a ceasefire, hostage-prisoner exchange, and partial withdrawal of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF).
- ❖ It outlined steps for demilitarization, transitional governance, reconstruction, and the creation of a special economic zone in Gaza.
- ❖ The resolution established the Board of Peace (BoP) as a temporary governing body for Gaza until December 2027.

- ❖ It authorized an International Stabilization Force (ISF) to secure borders, protect civilians, and support the disarmament of armed groups.

Ukraine Peace Plan 2025

- ❖ Europe's E3 (Britain, France, Germany) issued a counter-proposal to the U.S. 28-point Ukraine peace plan.
- ❖ It confirms Ukraine's sovereignty and calls for a non-aggression deal between Russia, Ukraine, and NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization).
- ❖ The plan gives security guarantees to Ukraine, caps its military at 800,000, and bars NATO troops from being based in Ukraine in peacetime.
- ❖ It supports a major redevelopment package for Ukraine and allows phased sanction relief and possible G8 return for Russia.
- ❖ A ceasefire would begin after an agreement, monitored under a Board of Peace, with territory talks starting from the Line of Contact.



G20 Summit 2025 - Joint Declaration

- ❖ G20 leaders at the Johannesburg summit adopted a 122-point joint declaration, despite a boycott by the United States.
- ❖ The declaration was unusually adopted at the start of the summit, rather than at the end.
- ❖ It strongly condemned terrorism “in all its forms and manifestations.”

- ❖ The document reaffirmed that no country should use force or threats to change internationally recognised borders, aligning with UN principles.
- ❖ It emphasized solidarity, equality, and sustainability, calling for multilateral cooperation, climate action, disaster resilience, and debt sustainability.



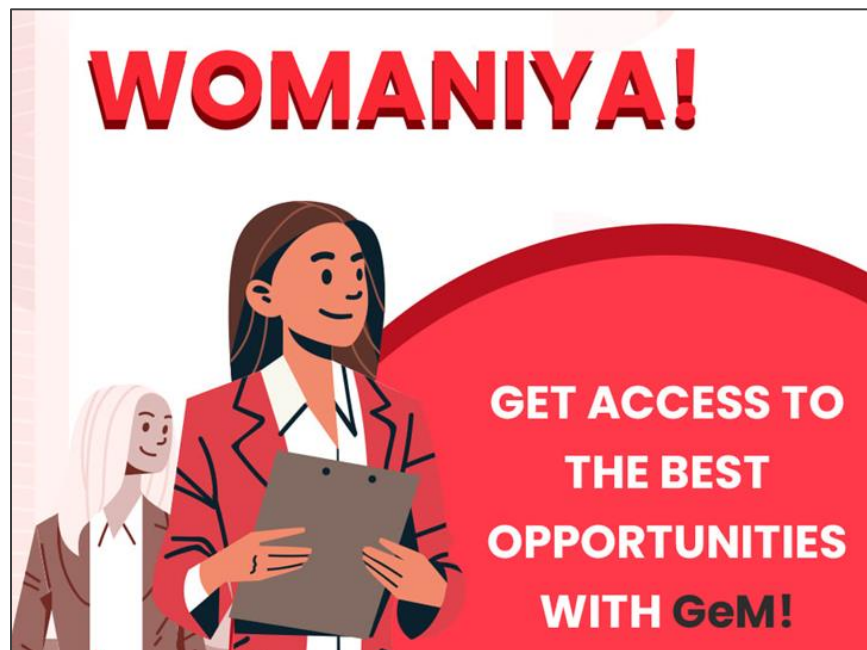
Six Global Initiatives at G20

India calls for 6 initiatives	
GLOBAL TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY	Platform to document and share traditional wisdom demonstrating sustainable living models. India's Knowledge Systems initiative will form the base.
AFRICA SKILLS MULTIPLIER INITIATIVE	Train-the-trainers model supported by G20 partners to create one million certified trainers in Africa over the next decade, who will skill millions of young people.
INITIATIVE ON COUNTERING DRUG-TERROR NEXUS	Dedicated initiative to unify financial, governance and security tools to disrupt trafficking networks, choke illicit financial flows and weaken terrorist funding. Focus on synthetic drugs like fentanyl.
GLOBAL HEALTHCARE RESPONSE TEAM	To comprise trained medical experts from G20 countries and be prepared for rapid deployment in the event of any global health crisis or natural disaster.
OPEN SATELLITE DATA PARTNERSHIP	G20 space agencies' satellite data will be made available to developing countries for agriculture, fisheries, disaster management and other activities.
CRITICAL MINERALS CIRCULARITY INITIATIVE	Foster recycling, urban mining, second-life battery projects and innovation to strengthen supply chain security and develop cleaner development pathways.
 INDIA	

- ❖ The Indian Prime Minister has announced six new global initiatives at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg.

- ❖ These initiatives focus on global development, health readiness, data sharing, and resource security.
- ❖ The Global Traditional Knowledge Repository will serve as a shared international platform for traditional knowledge.
- ❖ The Africa Skills Multiplier Program will train one million certified trainers to support youth skilling in Africa.
- ❖ The G20 Global Healthcare Response Team will include health experts from all G20 nations who can be deployed during global health emergencies.
- ❖ The Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus will enable coordinated action to disrupt links between drug trafficking and terrorism.
- ❖ The Open Satellite Data Partnership will make satellite data from G20 space agencies available to developing countries.
- ❖ The Critical Minerals Circularity Initiative will promote recycling, urban mining, and circular use of critical minerals.

Womaniya Initiative 2025



- ❖ The India's Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and UN Women signed an MoU.
- ❖ The MoU aims to enhance the participation of women entrepreneurs from the informal sector in public procurement under GeM's Womaniya initiative.
- ❖ GeM allows women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to directly supply products to Central and State Government ministries, departments, PSUs, and autonomous bodies.

- ❖ UN Women will provide training, global best practices, success stories, validation criteria, and mobilise women trainers.
- ❖ The collaboration supports gender-responsive procurement, strengthens hyper-local market linkages.

Bangladesh – Extradition Request to India

- ❖ Bangladesh's interim government has sent a formal letter to India seeking the extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- ❖ The request follows the International Crimes Tribunal's verdict sentencing Hasina and former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to death.
- ❖ Sheikh Hasina has been living in India since fleeing Bangladesh on August 5, 2024, during mass protests.
- ❖ India's Ministry of External Affairs has acknowledged the verdict but has not yet responded to the extradition request.
- ❖ The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has scheduled a new hearing to examine Hasina's alleged role in enforced disappearances during her tenure.



IBSA Leaders' Meeting 2025

- ❖ The IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa) Leaders' Meeting was held in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the G20 Summit 2025.

- ❖ The three countries have discussed the shared development priorities as major democracies and emerging economies of the Global South.
- ❖ The leaders highlighted that UN Security Council reform is essential, calling for permanent representation for Africa, Latin America, and Asia.
- ❖ The meeting reaffirmed IBSA's role as a trilateral forum promoting cooperation in governance, development, and multilateral reforms.

IBSA is a vital platform that connects
**three continents, three
major democratic powers,
and three significant
economies**

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Belém Package 2025



- ❖ The Belém Package is a group of 29 climate decisions adopted at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

- ❖ It focuses on moving from talks to action under the Paris Agreement (2015).
- ❖ The package includes steps for the stronger climate finance, just transition, and better adaptation planning.
- ❖ It has launched tools like the Global Implementation Tracker to check if countries follow their climate promises.
- ❖ The package also supports gender inclusion, health protection, and cooperation among countries.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Commitment to Development Index 2025

Country	Overall Rank	FINANCE	EXCHANGE			GLOBAL PUBLIC GOODS				Income-adjusted rank
		Finance	Investment	Migration	Trade	Environment	Health	Security	Technology	
Sweden	1	2	6	5	9	1	4	6	19	3
Germany	2	10	4	1	3	9	7	22	11	1
Norway	3	3	1	6	31	17	2	12	13	28
Finland	4	11	13	14	7	18	1	1	27	6
United Kingdom	5	9	5	22	4	10	12	8	12	5
Austria	6	20	15	7	14	12	14	5	5	9
France	7	14	2	23	15	7	10	20	9	4
Canada	8	17	3	8	12	34	13	16	4	10
Switzerland	9	12	12	16	24	13	8	15	7	29
Luxembourg	10	1	35	3	17	19	17	21	6	25
Netherlands	11	6	27	11	1	14	11	7	24	16
China	34	37	30	35	28	20	37	32	18	33
Indonesia	35	26	31	38	35	31	33	37	22	31
India	36	38	33	36	38	8	26	33	31	30
Mexico	37	35	34	32	34	30	30	29	38	35
Argentina	38	33	36	27	37	32	38	34	21	36

- ❖ India is ranked 36th overall in the Commitment to Development Index (CDI) 2025.
- ❖ The index is published by the Centre for Global Development (CGD), a non-profit think tank based in Washington, DC, and London.
- ❖ India's best performance is in Environment (8th) due to low per capita emissions.
- ❖ India's weakest areas are Trade (38th) and Development Finance (38th).
- ❖ Other low ranks include Investment (31st), Migration (36th), and Security (31st).
- ❖ India's income-adjusted rank is 29th, reflecting better performance relative to its economic size.

STATES' NEWS

Sangai Festival 2025

- ❖ The Sangai Festival is an annual cultural festival of Manipur.

- ❖ The festival was named after the Sangai deer, which is Manipur's state animal and symbolises the cultural identity of the state.
- ❖ A major attraction of the festival is the Ras Leela, Manipur's classical dance form, which is performed to emphasise the state's spiritual and cultural depth.
- ❖ The festival also aims to draw attention to the conservation needs of the endangered Sangai deer, which is found only in the Keibul Lamjao National Park located on the floating phumdis of Loktak Lake.
- ❖ It is listed as Critically Endangered by IUCN and listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.



Mathura Zari Poshak and Meerut Bugle

- ❖ Uttar Pradesh added two new GI-tagged products: Mathura Zari Poshak and Meerut Bugle.
- ❖ This brings the total GI goods in the state to 79, making it the highest in India.
- ❖ Mathura Zari Poshak is a traditional zari attire linked to Lord Krishna.

- ❖ The Meerut Bugle is a musical instrument used during the 1857 Indian freedom struggle.
- ❖ Kashi region in Uttar Pradesh has 32 GI-tagged products, leading in handicrafts.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day 2025 - November 24

**GURU TEGH BAHADUR
MARTYRDOM DAY 2025**
— NOVEMBER 24 —

- Remembers sacrifice on Nov. 24, 1675.
- 9th Sikh Guru, born Apr. 1, 1621, Amritsar
- Executed in Delhi by Aurangzeb's order.
- Defended religious rights of Kashmiri Pandits
- Composed 115 hymns in Guru Granth Sahib.

HIND DI CHADAR
Shield of India - Protector of Faith

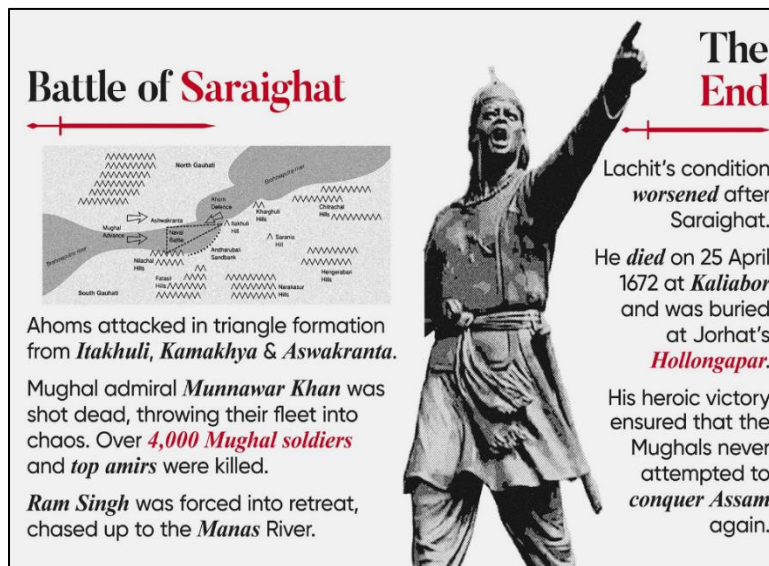
Succeeded by his son,
GURU GOBIND SINGH
(10th Guru)

- ❖ Guru Tegh Bahadur was the ninth Sikh Guru, born on 1 April 1621 in Amritsar.

- ❖ He was executed in Delhi on the orders of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb for defending the religious rights of Kashmiri Pandits in 1675.
- ❖ 2025 was his 350th Martyrdom Day.
- ❖ He is honoured with the title “Hind Di Chadar” (Shield of India) for protecting freedom of faith.
- ❖ He composed 115 hymns included in the Guru Granth Sahib.
- ❖ His son Guru Gobind Singh succeeded him as the tenth Sikh Guru.

Lachit Divas 2025 - November 24

- ❖ The day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan.
- ❖ It is mainly celebrated in Assam to honour his heroism and leadership.
- ❖ Lachit Borphukan was a commander of the Ahom Kingdom and led the army in the Battle of Saraighat (1671).
- ❖ In this battle, the Ahom forces defeated the Mughal army led by Ram Singh on the banks of the Brahmaputra River.
- ❖ The Lachit Borphukan Gold Medal has been awarded by the National Defence Academy (NDA) since 1999 to the best passing-out cadet.



International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women 2025 - November 25

- ❖ This day marks the start of the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence from November 25 to December 10.



- ❖ On 25 November 1960, the Mirabal sisters were tragically assassinated for their fight against injustice under Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo.
- ❖ Their legacy inspired global action, leading the UN in 1993 to define gender-based violence and establishment of this day in 1999.
- ❖ For 2025, the global theme is “UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls”.

