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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department received the Global Tourism Award 2025 for its contributions to making the state a top tourist destination in India.
- ❖ World Vegetarian Day is celebrated on October 1 to promote plant-based diets for health, ethics, and the environment.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses



**CABINET APPROVES  
MISSION FOR AATMANIRBHARTA  
IN PULSES**

 **Financial Outlay:**  
**₹11,440 crore**

 **Time Period:**  
**6 years**  
(From 2025-26 to 2030-31)

- ❖ Cabinet approved a six-year mission for self-reliance in pulses with a total outlay of ₹11,440 crore.
- ❖ The target is to produce 350 lakh tonnes of pulses and cover 310 lakh hectares by 2030-31.
- ❖ 100% procurement of tur, urad, and masoor will be done under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).

- ❖ A total of 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds and 88 lakh free seed kits will be distributed to farmers.
- ❖ 1000 post-harvest processing units will be established with a subsidy of up to ₹25 lakh per unit.

### **Virtual Mental Health Series**

- ❖ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) will conduct a Virtual Mental Health Series from October 4 to 10, 2025.
- ❖ The program targets principals, teachers, counsellors, parents, and students in CBSE-affiliated schools to promote mental well-being and reduce stigma.
- ❖ The series aims to build psychological resilience and address academic stress, culminating on World Mental Health Day, October 10.



## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **International Civil Aviation Organization Council**

- ❖ India was re-elected to Part II of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) during its 42nd Assembly in Montreal, Canada.
- ❖ Part II includes countries that contribute significantly to international civil air navigation facilities.

- ❖ India has been a continuous member of the ICAO Council since 1944 and reaffirmed its commitment to global aviation safety, security, and sustainability.



## **ECONOMY NEWS**

### **Payments Regulatory Board**



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) formed the Payments Regulatory Board on May 9, 2025.

- ❖ It was replacing the earlier Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems.
- ❖ The board is headed by the RBI Governor and includes the Deputy Governor and Executive Director in charge of Payment and Settlement Systems.
- ❖ The board is responsible for regulating and supervising all domestic and cross-border, electronic and non-electronic payment systems.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

### **India's Private Helicopter Assembly Line**



- ❖ Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) is set to establish India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line in Vemagal, Karnataka.
- ❖ It will manufacture the Airbus H125 helicopter.
- ❖ This will support the growth of civil and para-public markets while meeting the Indian armed forces' needs for a light multi-role helicopter, especially for operations in the Himalayan region.
- ❖ The facility will also produce a military version, the H125M, with a high degree of indigenous components and technology.
- ❖ The first delivery of the 'Made in India' H125 is expected by early 2027, with plans to export helicopters across South Asia.

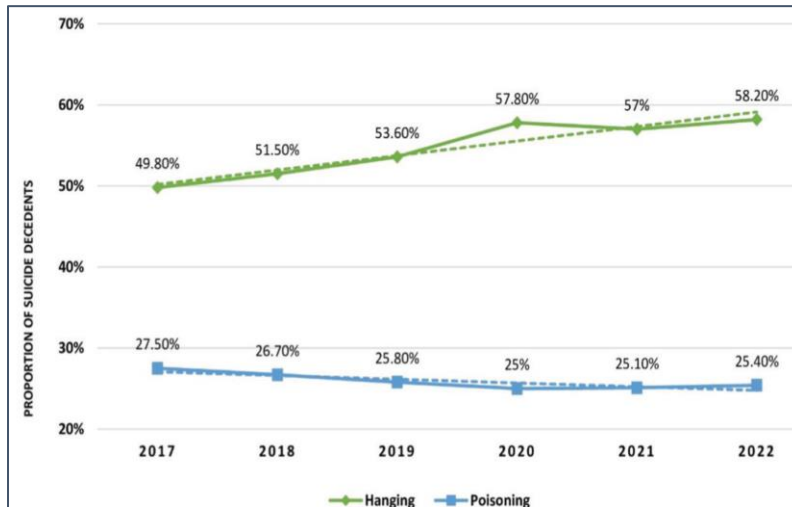




- ❖ This marks TASL as the first private company in India to manufacture helicopters and complements their existing Airbus assembly line for the C295 military aircraft in Gujarat.

## REPORTS AND INDICES

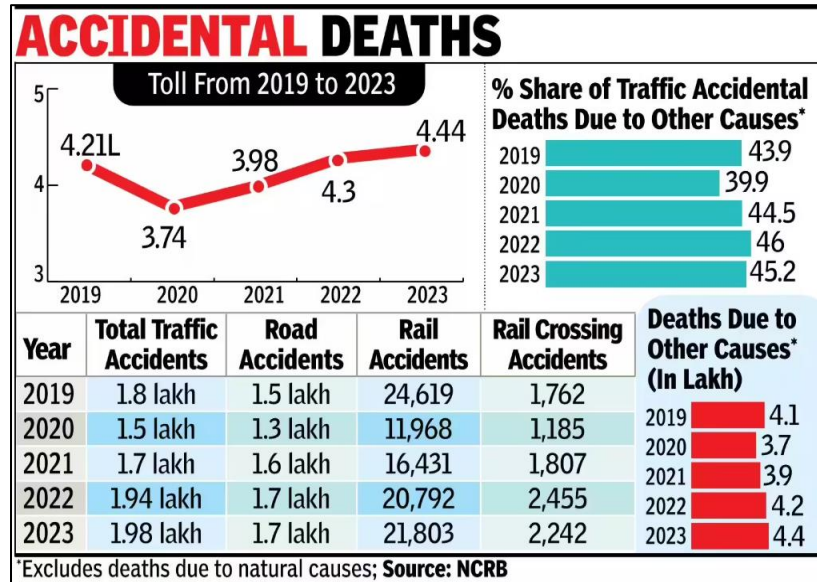
### NCRB report on suicides 2023



- ❖ The 2023 National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report shows a 3.2 percent rise in suicides due to illnesses, increasing from 31,484 in 2022 to 32,503 in 2023.
- ❖ Illness was the second leading cause of suicide in India in 2023.
- ❖ It is accounting for 19 percent of total suicides, after family problems which accounted for 32 percent.
- ❖ Suicides due to mental illness were highest under the illness category at 13,978 cases.
- ❖ Suicides due to cancer rose by 14 percent from 1,251 in 2022 to 1,428 in 2023.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu reported the highest number of suicides due to illness at 21 percent of the national total.
- ❖ It is followed by Maharashtra at 12 percent and Karnataka at 10 percent.
- ❖ A 10 percent rise in heart attack-related sudden deaths was recorded in 2023, increasing from 32,457 in 2022 to 35,715 in 2023.
- ❖ Total sudden deaths rose by 13 percent from 56,450 in 2022 to 63,643 in 2023, with the highest burden among the 45–60 age group (34 percent).
- ❖ Deaths due to abortion increased by 59 percent, rising from 80 in 2022 to 127 in 2023, within a total of 1,131 pregnancy-related deaths.

- ❖ Deaths of women during pregnancy increased by 5.4 percent from 1,073 in 2022 to 1,131 in 2023, as reported by the NCRB.

### NCRB report on Road Deaths 2023



- ❖ A total of 1,73,826 people were killed in 4,64,029 road accidents across India in 2023.
- ❖ The number of fatalities increased by 2,726 from 1,71,100 deaths in 2022.
- ❖ Over-speeding had caused 58.6 percent of the deaths, amounting to 1,01,841 fatalities.
- ❖ Two-wheelers accounted for the highest share of deaths at 79,533, or 45.8 percent.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh reported the most two-wheeler deaths at 11,490 and 8,370.
- ❖ National highways saw 60,127 deaths, forming 34.6 percent of total road accident fatalities.

## STATES' NEWS

### India's child marriage-free district

- ❖ The 'Child Marriage-Free India' campaign was launched on August 27, 2024.
- ❖ Under this campaign Balod district in Chhattisgarh has been declared the first child marriage-free district in the country.

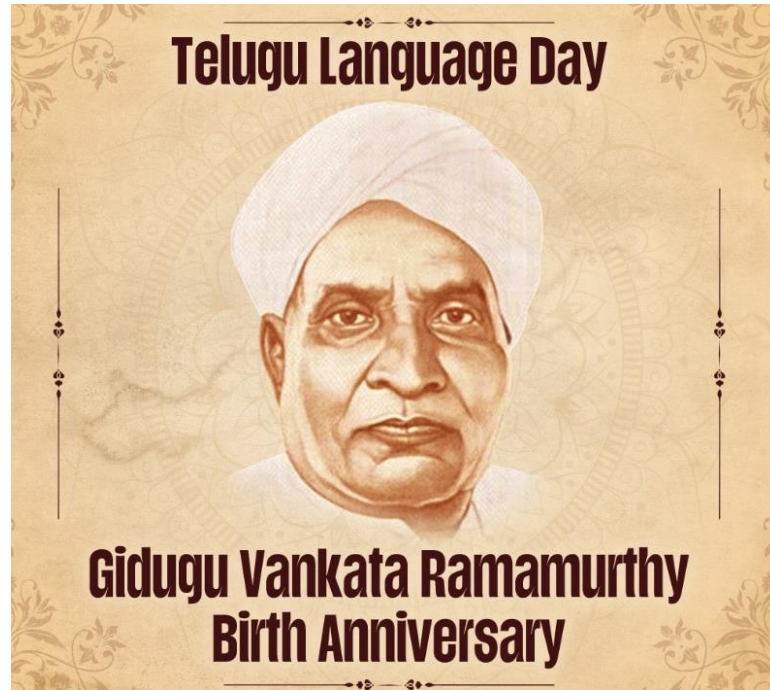
- ❖ No child marriage cases were reported from the district in the past two years, verified through legal and document checks.
- ❖ The Chhattisgarh government aims to declare the entire state child marriage-free by the year 2028–2029.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### **Telugu Language Day 2025 – August 29**

- ❖ The day marks the birth anniversary of Telugu linguist and reformer Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy.
- ❖ Telugu is one of the six classical languages of India with rich literary and historical significance.
- ❖ It is spoken predominantly in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and the union territory of Yanam.
- ❖ The language is often called “The Italian of the East” for its mellifluous sound.
- ❖ Telugu is the largest member of the Dravidian language family with over 75 million speakers.



### **International Coffee Day 2025 - October 01**



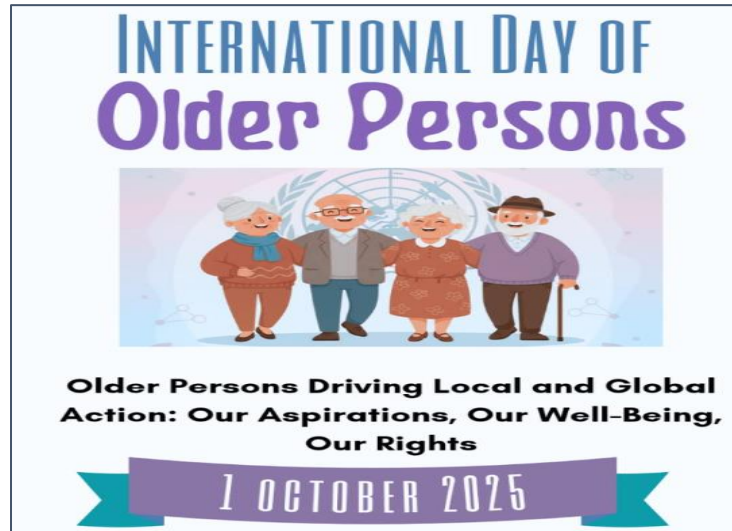
- ❖ It was established by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) in 2014.
- ❖ The first official celebration was held during Expo 2015 in Milan, Italy.
- ❖ The day aims to celebrate coffee culture and raise awareness about the challenges faced by coffee growers.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is “Embrace Collaboration For Collective Action – More Than Ever.”
- ❖ Brazil is the world’s largest coffee producer, followed by Vietnam and Colombia.





- ❖ Arabica and Robusta are the two dominant species used in global coffee production.

### **International Day of Older Persons 2025 - October 01**



- ❖ It aims to honour the contributions of older persons and promote their rights, dignity, and well-being.
- ❖ The day was first proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1990.
- ❖ It was first celebrated on October 1, 1991.
- ❖ The theme of 2025 is “Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-Being and Our Rights.”

### **International Day of Non-Violence 2025 - October 02**





- ❖ October 2 is celebrated as both Gandhi Jayanti in India and the International Day of Non-Violence globally.
- ❖ The United Nations adopted a resolution in 2007 to observe this day.
- ❖ Gandhi's principle of "Ahimsa" (non-violence) continues to inspire the global movements.
- ❖ The day promotes peace, tolerance, and understanding through education and public awareness.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### 100 years of RSS

- ❖ Prime Minister released a ₹100 coin and a commemorative postage stamp at the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) centenary celebration.
- ❖ The ₹100 coin features Bharat Mata in Varad Mudra, a lion, and swayamsevaks paying respect; the national emblem appears on the reverse side.
- ❖ The coin bears the Sangh's guiding motto: "Rashtraya Swaha, Idam Rashtraya, Idam Na Mama."
- ❖ This marks the first-ever depiction of Bharat Mata on Indian currency since independence.
- ❖ The RSS was founded on Vijayadashami day in 1925 by Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar at Nagpur.
- ❖ The RSS's Panch Parivartan (five changes) framework aims to address current challenges like social harmony, environmental protection, and safeguarding national unity.



## Hurun India Rich List 2025



- ❖ Among billionaires, Ambani leads with a wealth of Rs 9.55 lakh crore, followed by Gautam Adani with Rs 8.14 lakh crore.
- ❖ Shah Rukh Khan (59) entered the billionaire club for the first time with a wealth of Rs 12,490 crore.
- ❖ Chennai-born Aravind Srinivas (31), founder of Ai-focused company Perplexity, debuted with Rs 21,190 crore.
- ❖ This was making him the youngest billionaire on the list.
- ❖ Roshni Nadar of the HCL Group is the youngest in the Top 10.
- ❖ The combined wealth of those on the Rich List 2025 stands at Rs 167 lakh crore — nearly half of India's GDP.
- ❖ Mumbai remains the billionaire capital with 451 entrants, followed by Bengaluru (116), Hyderabad (102), Chennai (94) and Pune (66).

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