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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Spear Corps of Eastern Command, Indian Army, conducted Exercise Drone Kavach in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh, focusing on next-generation drone warfare and counter-drone technologies to showcase combat preparedness.
- ❖ R. Arthur James, Professor and Chair of Marine Science at Bharathidasan University, received the 2022 Tamil Nadu Government Scientist Award in Environmental Science from the State Council for Science and Technology.
- ❖ Jiya Rai a 17-year-old para swimmer with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) became the first autistic female to swim across the 34 km Catalina Channel in the US in 15 hours.
- ❖ India was conferred the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025 for outstanding achievement in social security at the World Social Security Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has introduced a new definition of pandemic emergency in the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR).
 - A pandemic emergency is a global health crisis from a communicable disease that spreads across countries, overwhelms health systems, and requires rapid international action.
- ❖ Elon Musk reached a net worth of \$500 billion, becoming the first person ever to hit this milestone, according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires tracker.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Right to Education funds - Tamilnadu

- ❖ The Union government has released ₹538.39 crore under the Right to Education (Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act) entitlements through the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (Integrated School Education Programme).
- ❖ The amount includes ₹362 crore for 2024-25 and ₹175.59 crore as the first instalment for 2025-26.
- ❖ 25% of seats in entry-level classes in private schools must be reserved for children from marginalised groups under the Right to Education Act.
- ❖ Earlier this year, the Madras High Court directed the Union government to consider delinking RTE reimbursements from the Samagra Shiksha scheme.

- ❖ After this, the Tamilnadu State government filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court, seeking a binding direction to the Union government to release its share of funds.

At a glance The fund allocation and disbursement by the Union government, and the State's share of funding under the Samagra Shiksha scheme	Year	Proposed allocation	Actual disbursement	State's share
	2018-19	1,497.50	1,474.44	9,48.34
	2019-20	1,801.73	1,769.12	1,114.48
	2020-21	1,649.96	1,621.54	1,099.97
	2021-22	1,649.96	1,598.82	1,099.97
	2022-23	2,117.59	2,107.23	1,316.11
	2023-24	2,090.76	1,871.96	1,393.84
	2024-25	2,151.59	-	1,434.39
	Note: Unused funds for the year gets carried over			Source: RTI reply, PAB minutes

PE-VC investments in Q3

Rise and fall			ANGEL INVESTMENTS IN COMPANIES BASED IN TAMIL NADU	
A look at the PE-VC and angel investments and deals secured by Tamil Nadu from 2023			Quarter	Number of Deals
Quarter	Number of Deals	Amount (\$M)	Q3 2025	6
Q3 2025	11	126	Q2 2025	11
Q2 2025	19	104	Q1 2025	9
Q1 2025	14	1,534	Q4 2024	10
Q4 2024	14	106	Q3 2024	11
Q3 2024	11	728	Q2 2024	13
Q2 2024	22	2,548	Q1 2024	12
Q1 2024	9	53	Q4 2023	9
Q4 2023	17	349	Q3 2023	16
Q3 2023	14	351	Q2 2023	23
Q2 2023	22	500	Q1 2023	28
Q1 2023	25	386	Source: Venture Intelligence	

- ❖ Private Equity and Venture Capital investments (PE-VC investments) in Tamil Nadu dropped sharply in the third quarter of 2025.

- ❖ Investments fell to \$126 million across 11 deals in Q3 2025, from \$728 million across 11 deals in Q3 2024.
- ❖ Westbridge Capital's \$72 million funding of Kovai Pazhamudir Nilayam was the largest deal of the quarter.
- ❖ Only six angel investments were recorded between July and September 2025, down from eleven the previous year.

NATIONAL NEWS

100th year of UPSC

- ❖ The Union Public Service Commission celebrates 100 years of its establishment with events from 1 October 2025 to 1 October 2026.
- ❖ The Commission was first set up on 1 October 1926 under the Government of India Act 1919 and recommendations of the Lee Commission.
- ❖ It became the Federal Public Service Commission in 1937, as per the 1935 Government of India Act.
- ❖ It was renamed the Union Public Service Commission on 26 January 1950.
- ❖ Articles 315–323 of the Constitution made it the Union Public Service Commission with constitutional autonomy for impartial selection.



Swachhta Hi Sewa - 2025 Campaign

- ❖ The Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, concluded the Swachhta Hi Sewa-2025 campaign on October 2, 2025.

- ❖ The campaign ran from September 17, 2025, and included cleanliness drives, awareness campaigns, tree plantation, cultural activities, and walkathons across offices and PSUs nationwide.
- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi's 156th birth anniversary was observed on October 2, 2025, which is also celebrated as Swachh Bharat Diwas.



Digital Radio Broadcast Policy



- ❖ The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released recommendations on formulating a digital radio broadcast policy for private radio broadcasters.
- ❖ The policy covers four 'A+' category cities—Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai—and nine 'A' category cities including Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad.

- ❖ Digital radio services will operate in simulcast mode, allowing one analog, three digital, and one data channel on a single frequency.
- ❖ The government will select a single digital radio technology for India and assign frequencies through auction under the Telecommunication Act, 2023.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

South-South and Triangular Cooperation



- ❖ South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) is observed annually by the United Nations on September 12, 2025.
- ❖ SSTC was established under the 1978 Buenos Aires Plan of Action to promote technical cooperation among developing countries.
- ❖ India participates in SSTC through the India-United Nations Development Partnership Fund and the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme.
- ❖ Over 47 governments have contributed to SSTC projects, benefiting populations in 155 countries.
- ❖ India has funded 75 development projects across 56 developing countries under SSTC.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Report on registered cases 2023

- ❖ National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2023 shows an 8% rise in registered cases compared to 2022, and an 11% increase over three years.



- ❖ Delhi reported 13,366 crimes against women, 7,731 crimes against children, and 1,361 crimes against senior citizens—the highest among 19 metropolitan cities.
- ❖ Kidnapping and abduction cases in Delhi totalled 5,681, also the highest nationally.
- ❖ The NCT of Delhi recorded 6,284 missing children in 2023.
- ❖ The cumulative number of untraced children raised to 12,324, though 6,972 were recovered during the year.
- ❖ The city ranked 10th in cybercrime cases and fourth in economic offences with 4,580 cases, while foreigner-related crimes numbered 130, and human trafficking cases were 117.
- ❖ Minors were involved in 2,278 cases in Delhi, followed by Chennai with 523 and Bengaluru with 427 cases.
- ❖ Rajasthan recorded the highest number of rape and economic offence cases in the country.
- ❖ A total of 5,194 rape cases were reported in Rajasthan in 2023.
- ❖ Rajasthan also registered 27,765 cases of economic offences, followed by Telangana (26,881) and Uttar Pradesh (23,428).
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra followed Rajasthan in total crimes against women, with 66,381 and 47,101 cases, respectively.

STATE-WISE CRIME DATA	
RAPE	
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Uttar Pradesh	3,556
Madhya Pradesh	2,979
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Rajasthan	45,450

Crimes Against SCs And STs 2023

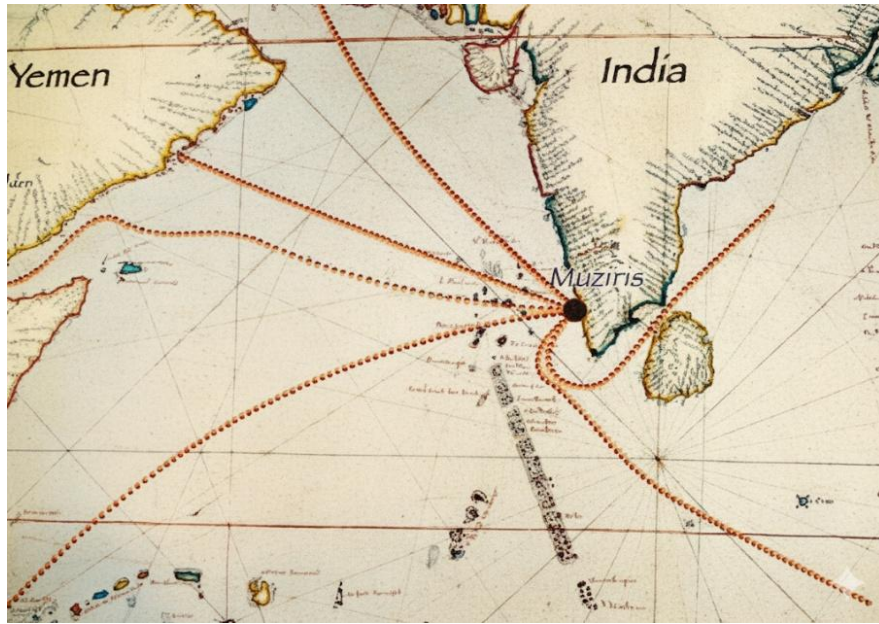


- ❖ The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released the 'Crime in India 2023' report showing sharp rises in caste-based crimes in metropolitan cities.
- ❖ Jaipur reported a 35% increase in crimes against Scheduled Castes (SCs) from 361 in 2021 to 489 in 2023, and a 47% rise against Scheduled Tribes (STs) from 155 to 228.
- ❖ Bengaluru recorded 285 crimes against SCs in 2023, up from 166 in 2021, and 15 crimes against STs, ranking fifth among metros.
- ❖ Jaipur had the second-highest SC cases and the highest ST cases among metropolitan cities in 2023.
- ❖ Lucknow recorded 517 crimes against SCs in 2023, a 93% rise since 2021.
- ❖ Also, Jaipur (1,231), Lucknow (1,205), Kanpur (804), and Bengaluru (682) having the highest cumulative cases over three years.

STATES' NEWS

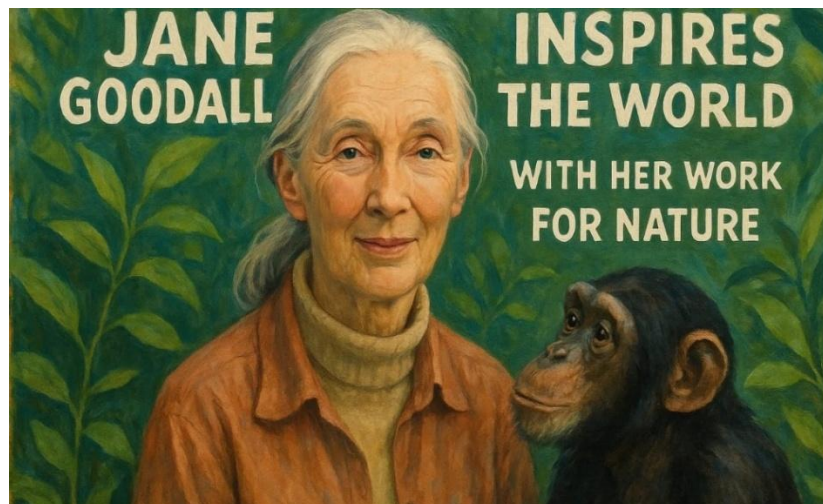
Spice Route Tourism Circuits – Kerala

- ❖ Kerala state is going to develop as many as 10 unique Spice Route-based tourism circuits.
- ❖ These spices and port-based trails will be created by stringing together the ancient ports and important heritage locations in Kerala.
- ❖ A traditional knowledge museum will also be set up.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Jane Goodall demise



- ❖ Jane Goodall, a pioneering primatologist and wildlife advocate, died recently.
- ❖ She was born in London and died at Los Angeles of USA.
- ❖ She revolutionized the study of chimpanzees by observing their personalities, social behavior, and tool use.
- ❖ Goodall founded the Jane Goodall Institute in 1977 to support conservation, research, and education worldwide.



- ❖ She received numerous honors, including the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2025, for her contributions to science and the environment.

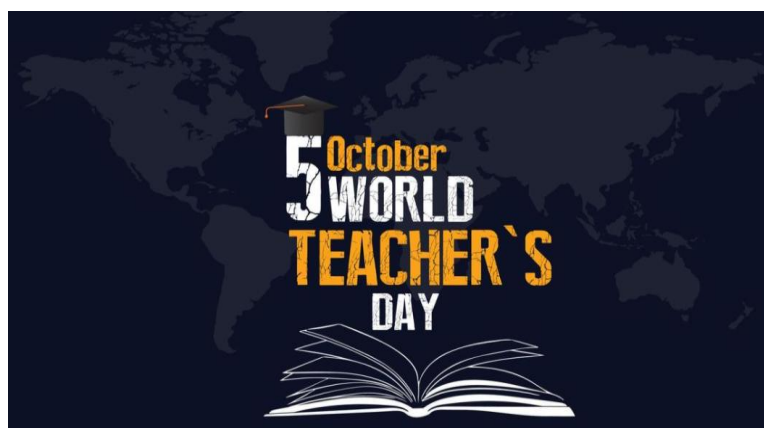
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Animal Welfare Day 2025 - October 04



- ❖ It marks the centenary of celebrations that began in 1925, focusing on animal protection and conservation.
- ❖ The day was officially established on October 4 in 1931 to raise awareness about animal protection and conservation.
- ❖ It aims to inspire global action against cruelty, promote responsible pet ownership, and protect biodiversity and ecosystems.
- ❖ The 2025's theme is "Save Animals, Save the Planet" highlighting the link between animal welfare and environmental sustainability.

World Teachers' Day 2025 - October 05





- ❖ It was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1994.
- ❖ The day marks the anniversary of the 1966 adoption of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
- ❖ It aims to appreciate teachers, raise awareness of their rights, and support quality education for all.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is "Recasting Teaching as a Collaborative Profession".

