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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Arundhati Roy authored his personal memoir as '*Mother Mary Comes to Me*'.
- ❖ 'Anokhi Duniya', the world's first park made entirely from ceramic waste, will open in Khurja, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Indian Army conducted the large-scale relief mission under Operation Rahat in flood-affected Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir, involving evacuation, medical aid, and infrastructure restoration.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

80th year of Tamil Valarchi Kazhagam



- ❖ Tamil Valarchi Kazhagam was established in 1946 by former Education Minister T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar under the Registration of Societies Act.
- ❖ It was functioning from the Chepauk campus of the University of Madras, enters its 80th year in September 2025.
- ❖ Former Union Minister for Home Affairs and Finance P. Chidambaram is the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Kazhagam.
- ❖ The Academy has launched a project to convert scanned Tamil content on the internet into searchable text using optical character recognition (OCR).

- ❖ It has partnered with Wikipedia and the Central Institute of Classical Tamil for this digitisation initiative.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister presented ₹2.15 crore to support the its activities.
- ❖ It has published 10 volumes of Tamil encyclopaedia, 10 volumes of children's literature, 13 volumes on medicine, and 7 volumes on Siddha medicine.
- ❖ The Academy is also executing six other projects, including a Tamil-Tamil-English student dictionary and a universal Tamil book catalogue.
- ❖ Other ongoing projects include an encyclopedia of Tamil dramaturgy, an encyclopedia of thoughts in Tamil, Tamil word coinage, and a Tamilogy article archive.
- ❖ The dictionary project is aimed at Tamil diaspora children and is expected to take one year for completion.

Marine Resources Foundation and Restoration Council

கடல்சார் வள அறக்கட்டளை உருவாக்கம்!
அலையாத்திக் காடுகள் பாதுகாப்பு, நவீன மீன்பிடி
நடைமுறைகள் அறிமுகம் போன்ற முக்கியப்
பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ளும் வகையில், ரூ.50 கோடி
மதிப்பீட்டில் கடல்சார் வள அறக்கட்டளை (Marine
Resource Foundation) உருவாக்கப்படும்.
- நீதிநிலை அறிக்கையில் அறிவிப்பு!

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government launched the Tamil Nadu Marine Resources Foundation (TNMRF) to protect and restore marine biodiversity.
- ❖ TNMRF will safeguard endangered species and rehabilitate coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass ecosystems.
- ❖ The foundation will promote eco-tourism, environmental education, biodiversity mapping, and research in marine geographic information systems.
- ❖ It will support sustainable livelihoods by training fisherfolk in eco-friendly practices such as aquaculture, seaweed farming, and coastal crafts.
- ❖ The Manali Ennore Restoration and Rejuvenation Council (MERRC) was launched to restore the environmentally sensitive Manali-Ennore region.
- ❖ MERRC was established after the December 2023 oil spill and will focus on green projects, waterbody restoration, and pollution control.

- ❖ A modern emergency response centre has been set up at Tondiarpet to respond to floods, cyclones, and industrial accidents.

NATIONAL NEWS

15th Vice President of India



- ❖ CP Radhakrishnan was elected as the 15th Vice President of India on September 09.
- ❖ He defeated the opposition INDIA bloc's candidate, Justice B. Sudershan Reddy, by securing 452 first preference votes.
- ❖ The Vice President's post has been vacant since July 21 after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned due to health reasons.
- ❖ He served as Governor of Maharashtra from July 2024 and previously held governorships of Jharkhand, Telangana (additional charge), and Puducherry (additional charge).
- ❖ Radhakrishnan was a two-time MP from Coimbatore and began his political career with the RSS and Bharatiya Jana Sangh.
- ❖ He served as the BJP's Tamil Nadu state president and chaired the Parliamentary Standing Committee.
- ❖ From 2016 to 2020, he chaired the Coir Board under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- ❖ Between 2020 and 2022, he was the BJP's in-charge for Kerala and led international delegations to Asia, Europe, and North America.

Bihar Voter Roll Revision

SC issues notice, allows EC to continue with electoral roll revision in Bihar

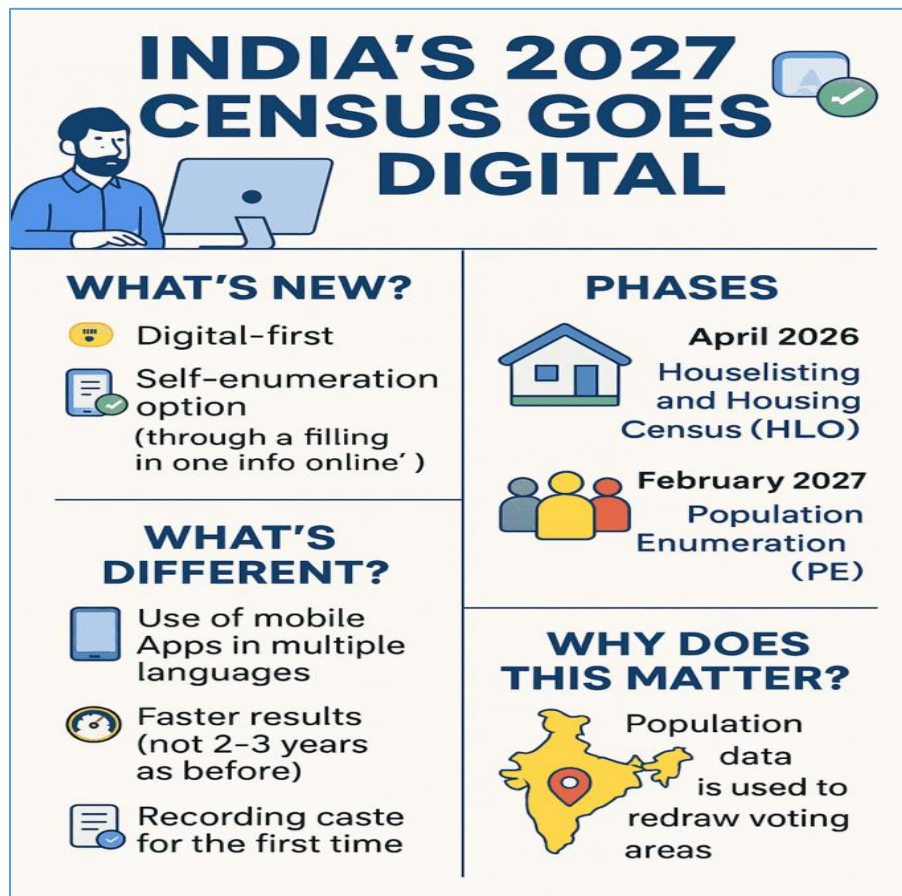


- ❖ The Supreme Court on September 8, 2025, directed the ECI to treat Aadhaar as the 12th accepted document for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.
- ❖ A Bench of Justices clarified that Aadhaar can be submitted only as proof of identity or residence, not as proof of Indian citizenship.
- ❖ The ECI must instruct all electoral officers, including Electoral Registration Officers and Booth Level Officers (BLOs), to accept Aadhaar for filing claims or objections.
- ❖ The Court noted that Aadhaar's authenticity can be verified by officials, similar to other documents like a ration card or birth certificate.
- ❖ Around 65 lakh voters were excluded from the draft roll published on August 1 out of 7.89 crore total voters in Bihar.
- ❖ Although the deadline for claims and objections was September 1, the ECI later clarified that submissions would be accepted beyond that date.
- ❖ The Supreme Court asked the ECI to give wide publicity to the order to ensure voters are aware of their right to submit Aadhaar.

Digital Census in 2027

- ❖ Census 2027 will be India's first fully digital census.
- ❖ Around 34 lakh enumerators will use their own smartphones to collect data.

- ❖ Dedicated mobile apps in English and regional languages will be used for data collection.
- ❖ Enumerators will upload data directly to a central server through the apps.
- ❖ This will be the first time census data is digitised at the enumerator level.
- ❖ The housing listing phase will run from April to September 2026.
- ❖ Population enumeration will begin in February 2027 across most of the country.
- ❖ In hilly regions like Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh, enumeration will occur in September 2026.
- ❖ All buildings will be geo-tagged using Digital Layout Mapping and GIS technology.
- ❖ A real-time monitoring website and a Rs 14,618.95 crore budget have been planned by the Registrar General of India.



India's Literacy Rate in 2023-24

- ❖ India's literacy rate has increased from 74 per cent in 2011 to 80.9 per cent in 2023-24, according to the Ministry of Education.

- ❖ Over 3 crore learners and 42 lakh volunteers have enrolled under the ULLAS–Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.
- ❖ Nearly 1.83 crore learners have taken foundational literacy and numeracy assessments, with a 90 per cent success rate.
- ❖ The programme provides learning material in 26 Indian languages to promote inclusive literacy.
- ❖ Ladakh was declared the first Union Territory to achieve full literacy on June 24, 2024.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh has become the fourth state to achieve full functional literacy, joining Tripura, Mizoram, and Goa.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France Political Crisis

- ❖ French Prime Minister François Bayrou was ousted on September 8, 2025, after losing a parliamentary confidence vote just nine months into office.

- ❖ The vote saw 364 deputies opposing and 194 supporting the government, forcing Bayrou to submit his resignation under Article 50 of the French Constitution.
- ❖ Bayrou became the first modern French prime minister removed by a confidence vote, not a no-confidence vote, over a controversial €44 billion austerity budget.
- ❖ Bayrou's exit marks the fifth change in prime minister since 2022 and sixth overall under Macron's presidency, which began in 2017.



Nepal political crisis

Nepal is in turmoil. What started as anger over a social media ban has spiraled into the largest youth-led protests in decades, forcing Prime Minister K.P. Oli to resign and shaking the political establishment.

The Trigger

1. Govt banned Facebook, X, YouTube & TikTok, calling them "unregistered."
2. Youth saw this as a direct attack on freedom of expression - thousands took to the streets.



The Deeper Reasons

1. **Corruption & Nepotism:** Anger at "nepo kids" flaunting luxury lifestyles.
2. **Unemployment Crisis:** Youth unemployment above 20%, leaving Gen Z hopeless.
3. **Democratic Disillusionment:** Political leaders seen as self-serving while ordinary citizens struggle with inflation & poor governance.



- ❖ Nepal Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli resigned on September 10, 2025, after 22 people died in violent anti-corruption protests.



- ❖ The protests were triggered by a now-withdrawn ban on 26 social media platforms, including WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook.
- ❖ Thousands of Gen Z-led demonstrators clashed with police, set fire to parliament, and attacked politicians' homes across Nepal.

STATES' NEWS

Aerial survey in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh

Then, PM will conduct an **aerial survey** of the flood-affected areas in Punjab around 3 pm.

He will arrive at Gurdaspur around 4:15 pm, where he will hold discussions with senior officials and chair a review meeting on the ground situation.

He will also **interact with flood-affected persons** as well as NDRF, SDRF and Aapda Mitra Team in Gurdaspur.

PM's direct review is **aimed at closely monitoring relief and rehabilitation efforts** to support the people of the two states during this difficult time.

- ❖ Prime Minister conducted an aerial survey of flood, landslide, and rain-affected areas in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab.
- ❖ He held review meetings with both state governments to assess the damage and announced financial aid packages.
- ❖ For Himachal Pradesh, ₹1,500 crore was announced for relief and rehabilitation, along with ₹2 lakh ex gratia for families of the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured.
- ❖ In Punjab, the PM announced ₹1,600 crore in additional aid, over and above ₹12,000 crore already allocated to the state.
- ❖ Advance release of the second instalment of the State Disaster Relief Fund and PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi was also announced for Punjab.
- ❖ In Punjab, over 2,097 villages and more than 3.88 lakh people have been affected, with 52 confirmed deaths and widespread crop and livestock loss.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Bhupen Hazarika Birth Centenary



- ❖ Year-long national celebrations of Bhupen Hazarika's 100th birth anniversary was launched on September 8, 2025, in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ The RBI will release a ₹100 commemorative coin in his honour.
- ❖ Hazarika was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2019.
- ❖ He is widely known as the 'Bard of Brahmaputra', for his deep connection with Assam's riverine culture.
- ❖ His iconic songs like Manuhe Manuhor Babe, Bistirno Parore, and Ganga Behti Ho Kyun carried themes of humanity, justice, and social unity.
- ❖ A poet, lyricist, singer, composer, filmmaker, and politician, Hazarika's works transcended regional boundaries and connected Assam to national and global audiences.
- ❖ His memorial in Jalukbari has been renamed Bhupen Hazarika Samannay Tirtha.
- ❖ A new museum will be built at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra to preserve his legacy.
- ❖ A biography written by Anuradha Sarma Pujari will be translated into major Indian languages and distributed to libraries across the country.
- ❖ The centenary celebrations will culminate on September 8, 2026, with a ceremonial event in New Delhi, attended by the President of India.

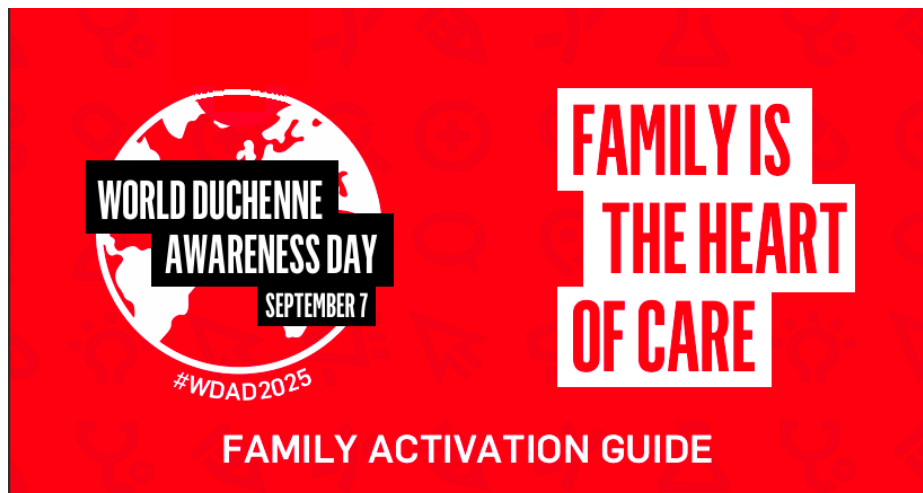
IMPORTANT DAYS

Vulture Awareness Day 2025 - September 06

- ❖ It commemorated every year on the first Saturday of September.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about vulture conservation.
- ❖ Vulture populations worldwide are experiencing catastrophic declines due to various threats.
- ❖ The widespread use of veterinary drugs like diclofenac, ketoprofen, and aceclofenac has had devastating consequences for vulture populations.
- ❖ India is home to 9 species of Vulture.



World Duchenne Awareness Day 2025 - September 07



- ❖ It aims to raising awareness and promoting action around Duchenne muscular dystrophy

- ❖ Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a rare progressive disorder.
- ❖ People with DMD are missing muscle-protecting protein.
- ❖ This is due to a fault in the gene producing dystrophin.
- ❖ Muscles to become weaker over time until it affects the whole body.
- ❖ It is caused by a mutation on the X-chromosome, that is why mainly males are affected.
- ❖ Theme of this year is 'Family: the heart of care'.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Sunrise Festival 2025



- ❖ A five-day Sunrise Festival will be held in Dong village, Anjaw district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ Dong is located at the easternmost tip of India, bordering China's Tibet, and is the first place in India to receive sunlight each day.
- ❖ The festival will take place from December 29, 2025, to January 2, 2026, offering a unique view of the first sunrise of the New Year.
- ❖ Dong is situated at an altitude of 1,240 metres above mean sea level, at the tri-junction of India, China, and Myanmar.

