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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu unveils the statue of Rani Velu Nachiyar at the Gandhi Mandapam campus in Chennai.
- ❖ Union Home Minister inaugurated the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in Naranpura, Ahmedabad, which is India's largest and one of the world's most modern sports complexes.
- ❖ Dr Sima Sami Bahous will serve a second term as Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations (UN) Women.
- ❖ Anish Giri won the 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss tournament in Samarkand (Uzbekistan) and secured his place in the 2026 Candidates Tournament.
- ❖ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) dismantled a pan-India syndicate trafficking hydroponic weed in a crackdown named "WeedOut."
- ❖ Puducherry has emerged as the first Union Territory in the country to bring down maternal mortality to zero.
- ❖ The 14<sup>th</sup> Sirarakhong Hathei Chilli Festival was inaugurated at Sirarakhong village in Ukhrul district, Manipur.
  - The festival aims to promote the GI-tagged Sirarakhong Hathei chilli, known for its unique aroma and flavour.

## TAMIL NADU NEWS

### Palmyra Protection Drive

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government will plant 10 saplings for every palmyra tree cut under unavoidable circumstances.
- ❖ Permission to cut palmyra trees must be obtained through the 'Uzhavan' (Farmer) mobile application.
- ❖ The palmyra tree was declared the State tree of Tamil Nadu in June 1988.
- ❖ In 2021, the agriculture minister announced that permission would be mandatory to cut down palmyra trees.
- ❖ According to the Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, there were about five crore palmyra trees in Tamil Nadu as of 2019–2020.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University stated that there are about 10 crore palmyra trees in India.

- ❖ Of the total palmyra trees in India, five crores are located in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has been implementing a mission to protect the State tree for the past three years.



### **Pensions for Freedom Fighters and Descendants**



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has increased the special pension for descendants of eminent freedom fighters.
- ❖ The special pension has been increased by ₹500 from ₹10,500 to ₹11,000.
- ❖ The revised pension amount is effective from August 15, 2025.
- ❖ The beneficiaries include descendants of Marudhu Pandiar Brothers, Veerapandia Kattabomman, Mannar Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathy, and V.O. Chidambaranar.
- ❖ The descendants will continue to receive this pension for their lifetime.
- ❖ The State pension for freedom fighters in Tamil Nadu has been increased by ₹1,000.

- ❖ The revised State pension has been raised from ₹21,000 to ₹22,000 per month.
- ❖ The family pension for dependants of freedom fighters has been increased by ₹500.
- ❖ The new family pension amount is ₹12,000 per month, up from ₹11,500.

### **Equality in Temple Worship**



- ❖ The Madras High Court has stated that the Equality in worship is non-negotiable.
- ❖ The court was hearing two petitions related to caste-based entry denial at Mariamman Temple in Chinna Dharapuram, Karur district.
- ❖ One petition denied caste discrimination; the other alleged that Scheduled Caste devotees were denied entry.
- ❖ Justice B. Pugalendhi recalled key movements like the Vaikom Satyagraha (1924–25), Guruvayur Satyagraha (1931–32), and the Temple Entry Proclamation of 1936.
- ❖ The court referred to the 1939 entry of Scheduled Caste devotees into Meenakshi Amman Temple under the Madras Temple Entry Authorisation and Indemnity Act, 1939.
- ❖ This entry was led by A. Vaidyanatha Iyer and L.N. Gopalaswami, along with P. Kakkan and others.

- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi called it a spiritual triumph and visited the temple with Scheduled Caste devotees in 1946.
- ❖ The court noted that the message from 1939 was that caste had no place in worship.
- ❖ In 2025, Scheduled Caste devotees were denied entry at Mariamman Temple in Karur despite past reforms.
- ❖ The Trust managing of the temple claimed that there was no discrimination and sought to lift a 2018 prohibitory order.
- ❖ Following court orders, Scheduled Caste devotees were allowed to enter and offer prayers.
- ❖ The court observed it was shameful that such an entry happened only through a judicial order.
- ❖ The judge stated that administrative inaction since 2018 had led to prolonged denial of rights.
- ❖ Obstruction during temple entry led to commotion and a criminal case.

### **IPMA Delta Certification for NLCIL**



- ❖ NLC India Limited (NLCIL) has received the IPMA Delta Certification Level 3 from the International Project Management Association.
- ❖ NLCIL is a Navaratna Public Sector Enterprise under the Union Ministry of Coal.



- ❖ It recognizes NLCIL's governance systems in Project, Programme, and Portfolio Management.
- ❖ The IPMA Delta Certification assesses three dimensions: Individuals (competence), Projects (application), and Organisation (governance).

### **ID Cards for Women SHG Members**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister distributed identity cards to women Self-Help Group (SHG) members in Karuppur, Salem district.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is the first State in India to issue identity cards to women SHG members.
- ❖ Over five lakh women's Self-Help Groups are functioning across Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The demand for ID cards was raised by SHG members at a government function in Tiruvarur five months ago.
- ❖ Using these identity cards, SHG members can transport their products up to 100 kilometres in government buses free of cost.
- ❖ Discounts will be provided to ID card holders at Aavin, Co-optex, and Mudhalvar Marunthagam outlets.

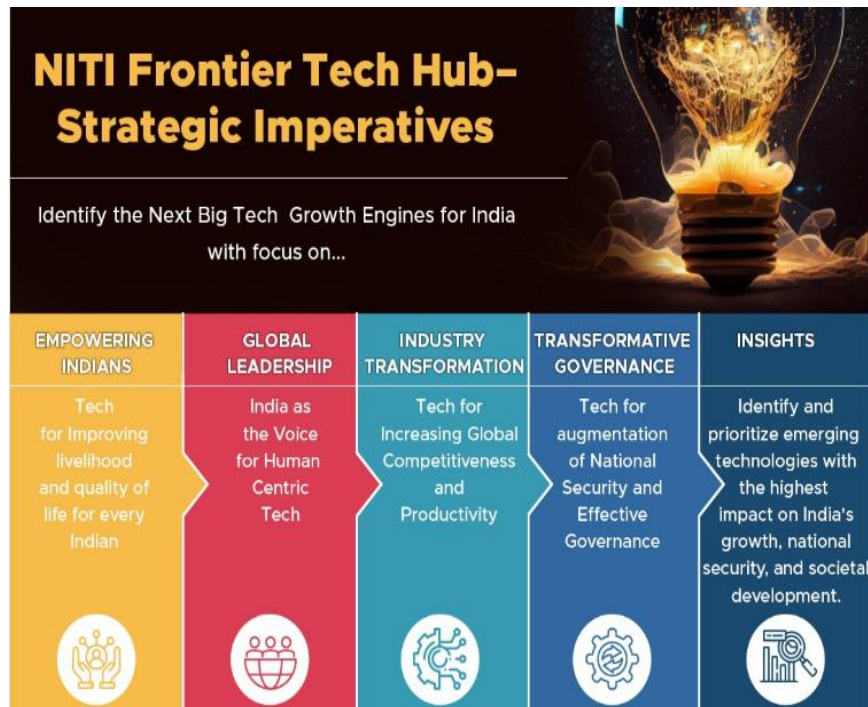


## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Frontier 50 Initiative**

- ❖ The Frontier 50 Initiative was launched by NITI Aayog under its Frontier Tech Hub.

- ❖ It supports 50 Aspirational Districts/Blocks to deploy frontier technologies from the Frontier Tech Repository.
- ❖ The initiative aims to accelerate the saturation of services across the Aspirational District Programme (ADP) and Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) themes.
- ❖ The Frontier Tech Hub anticipates mega technology shifts to prepare India for inclusive growth and resilience.
- ❖ It involves experts from government, industry, and academia to evaluate technologies like AI, quantum computing, and biotechnology.



## Doctrine of Escheat

- ❖ The doctrine of escheat is a legal mechanism where ownership of property reverts to the state when a person dies intestate (without a will) and without legal heirs.
- ❖ It ensures that no property remains without ownership, maintaining legal order and preventing misuse or abandonment of assets.
- ❖ The term “escheat” comes from the Old French word “eschete”, meaning “to fall to”, and has roots in the feudal landholding system.
- ❖ In India, escheat is regulated through Article 296 of the Constitution of India and Section 29 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956.
- ❖ Article 296 states that property without an heir or rightful owner shall vest with the Union or State government, as applicable.



- ❖ Section 29 of the Hindu Succession Act provides that if a Hindu dies intestate and without legal heirs, the property escheats to the government.
- ❖ The Supreme Court recently clarified that the doctrine of escheat cannot be invoked if a valid will has been executed and granted probate by a competent court.
- ❖ The Court emphasized that the state's right under Section 29 arises only as a last resort when all legal heirs are absent, and no valid testament exists.
- ❖ The doctrine serves to protect public interest by ensuring that property is not left in legal limbo or subject to unlawful possession.
- ❖ Escheat also applies to unclaimed or abandoned properties after due legal process, especially in banking and financial sectors under separate regulatory frameworks.
- ❖ In India, unclaimed financial assets are also regulated by entities like the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and RBI.
- ❖ The principle of escheat upholds the rule of law by ensuring every property has a lawful owner and is not left neglected or exploited.

**Hindu Succession Act**  
**State Cannot**  
**Invoke Doctrine Of Escheat**  
**To Challenge A Will**  
**Which Is Granted Probate :**  
**Supreme Court**

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

### **GLP-1 Drugs**

- ❖ The WHO has added GLP-1 receptor agonists to its 24th Model List of Essential Medicines (EML) for type 2 diabetes.
- ❖ The addition includes semaglutide, dulaglutide, liraglutide, and tirzepatide.
- ❖ These drugs are indicated for adults with type 2 diabetes and associated cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, or obesity.
- ❖ Globally, over 800 million people live with diabetes, with nearly half untreated.
- ❖ More than one billion people worldwide suffer from obesity, with rising rates in low- and middle-income countries.

- ❖ GLP-1 receptor agonists help lower blood glucose and support weight reduction.
- ❖ Listing on the EML aims to improve the affordability and accessibility of these medicines.
- ❖ The WHO updates the Model List of Essential Medicines every two years to address new health challenges and improve drug access.



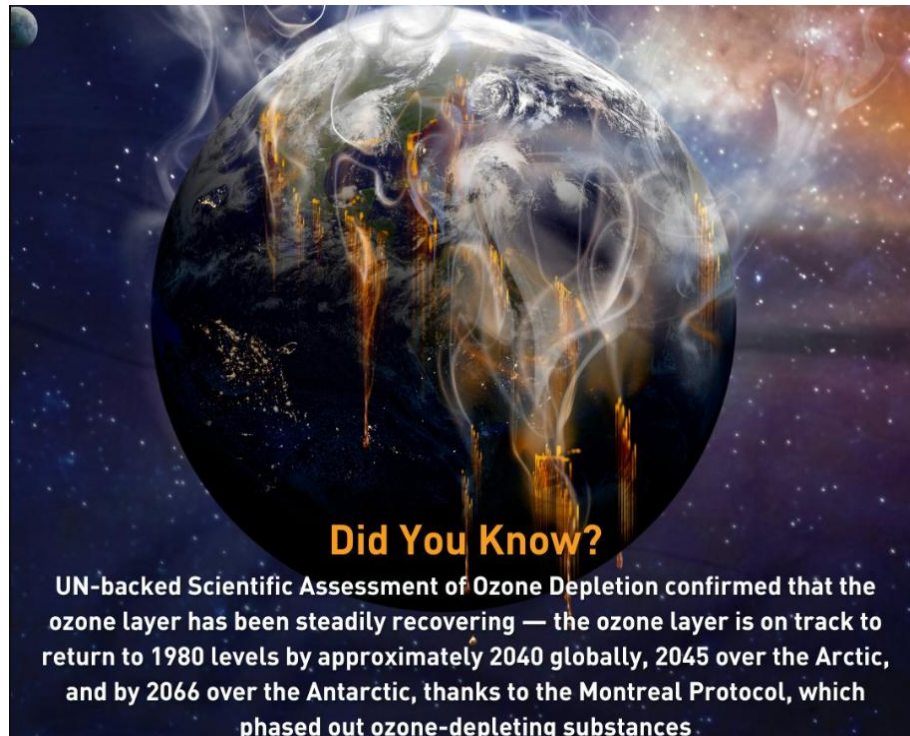
## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

### Ozone Layer Recovery

- ❖ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) reports that the ozone hole in 2024 was smaller than in recent years.
- ❖ Global efforts under the Montreal Protocol have phased out over 99% of ozone-depleting substances.
- ❖ The ozone layer is projected to return to 1980 levels by 2066 over Antarctica, 2045 over the Arctic, and 2040 worldwide.
- ❖ The 2024 Antarctic ozone hole showed a delayed onset and faster healing, indicating early recovery signs.
- ❖ The Montreal Protocol and Vienna Convention are credited with this successful global environmental effort.
- ❖ Continued monitoring of ozone and replacement chemicals remains essential to ensure sustained recovery.
- ❖ The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol targets the reduction of hydrofluorocarbons to limit global warming by 0.5°C by 2100.



- ❖ Ozone layer recovery reduces risks of skin cancer, cataracts, and ecosystem damage from ultraviolet radiation.



## STATES' NEWS

### Women's Economic Empowerment Index

- ❖ The Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Index was launched by the Uttar Pradesh Government.
- ❖ It was tracking women's participation across five economic sectors: employment, education, entrepreneurship, livelihood, and safety.
- ❖ Women make up over 50% of enrolment in skilling programs and they represent a fraction of registered entrepreneurs, with limited access to credit.
- ❖ The index has highlighted gender disparities in Uttar Pradesh's transport sector, leading to policy reforms such as redesigning recruitment strategies for women and improving infrastructure.
- ❖ India's Female Labour Force Participation Rate stands at 41.7%, but only 18% of employed women hold formal jobs.
- ❖ Gender-disaggregated data is necessary across all sectors to close India's gender gap and guide effective policy and budget reforms.

- ❖ States with trillion-dollar economic goals, such as Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Telangana, can leverage the WEE Index framework for inclusive growth.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Lymphoma Awareness Day 2025 - September 15



- ❖ It aims to create awareness about the cancer of the lymphatic system and educate people about the functionality of lymphatic systems.
- ❖ Lymphatic systems consist of lymph nodes, spleen, thymus gland and bone marrow.



- ❖ There are two main types of Lymphoma: Hodgkin's Lymphoma and non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- ❖ This year's theme is "Honest Talk".

