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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Chess player R. Vaishali, Footballer K. Sumithra and Basketball player S. Sathya were appointed in various posts under the 3% government job quota for sportspersons.
- ❖ The Army's South-Western Command conducted Exercise Amogh Fury at Mahajan Ranges in Rajasthan's Thar Desert to validate operational capability.
- ❖ America's Sydney McLaughlin Levrone won gold in the women's 400 metres at the world championships, running 47.78 seconds.
 - This is the fastest time in 40 years, completing a successful switch from the 400 metres hurdles.
- ❖ The first batch of hilsa fish from Bangladesh arrived in India through the Petrapole border in West Bengal on September 17, 2025.
 - Since 2019, Bangladesh has allowed hilsa exports to India only during the Puja season under a special exemption to its 2012 export ban.
- ❖ Indian Coast Guard received ICGS Akshar, the second Adanya-class fast patrol vessel built by Goa Shipyard.
 - The vessel will perform economic zone patrols, counter-smuggling, piracy missions, search and rescue, and wartime escort duties.
- ❖ The Global observance of World Cleanup Day is celebrated annually on 20th September.
 - This year's focus is on textile and fashion waste.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

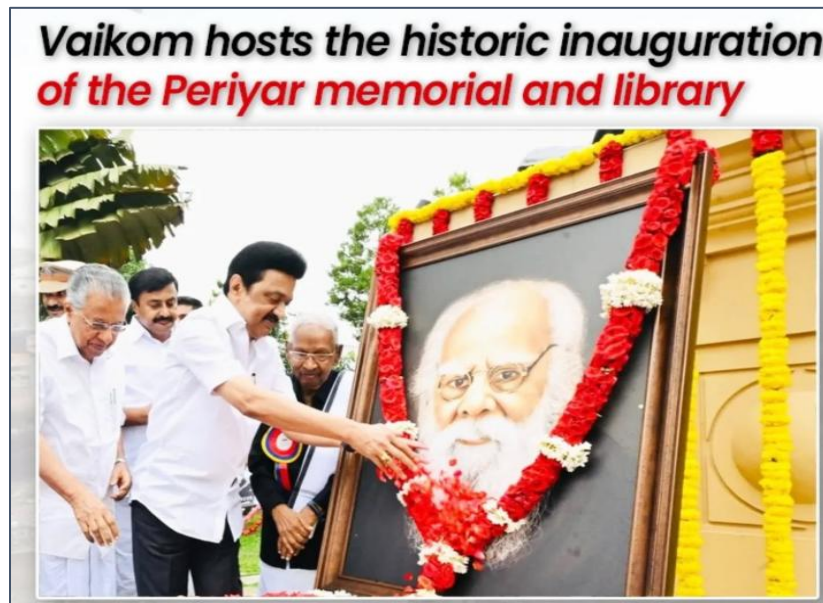
Chennai One App

- ❖ Chennai One is a mobile application launched by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on September 22, 2025.
- ❖ The app acts as a unified platform for planning and booking trips across Chennai city.
- ❖ It supports multiple transport modes, including Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) buses, Chennai Metro Rail, suburban trains, autos, and cabs.
- ❖ The app allows users to generate a single QR (Quick Response) code ticket valid across supported transport services.

- ❖ The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) initiated the project over two years ago.
- ❖ It is described as "India's first" integrated public transport ticketing system.



Periyar Memorial in Kerala



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government will construct a Periyar E.V. Ramasamy memorial at Arookutty in Alappuzha, Kerala.
- ❖ The foundation stone will be laid on September 26, 2025.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has allocated ₹4 crore for the project.
- ❖ Periyar E.V. Ramasamy was jailed at Arookutty during the Vaikom Satyagraha in 1924.

- ❖ He was arrested on May 21, 1924, and spent a month in Arookutty jail, then part of Travancore.
- ❖ The remains of the old jail still exist at the proposed memorial site.
- ❖ The Vaikom Satyagraha was held from March 1924 to November 1925 to protest caste-based restrictions.
- ❖ The movement focused on access to the Vaikom Sree Mahadeva temple for all castes.
- ❖ It was initially led by T.K. Madhavan, K.P. Kesava Menon, and George Joseph.
- ❖ MK Gandhi supported the movement during its course.
- ❖ Periyar joined the protest on April 13, 1924, after several leaders were jailed.
- ❖ He took over leadership and played a key role in sustaining the agitation.
- ❖ After his release in June 1924, he was rearrested in July and sentenced to four months of rigorous imprisonment.
- ❖ He served the sentence at Thiruvananthapuram Central Jail.
- ❖ The satyagraha was a key precursor to the Temple Entry Proclamation of 1936.

TN-Harappan Trade



- ❖ A sarcophagus (terracotta coffin) found in Kilnamandi, Tiruvannamalai district.
- ❖ It is scientifically dated to 1692 BCE using AMS (Accelerator Mass Spectrometry) radiocarbon dating.

- ❖ Charcoal from the burial site was dated by the Beta Analytics lab in the United States.
- ❖ Etched carnelian beads found in the burial suggest trade links with Maharashtra and Gujarat during the Late Harappan period.
- ❖ Graffiti-inscribed potsherds found near the coffin date Tamil Nadu's graffiti marks to the 17th century BCE.
- ❖ A study of 140 sites found that 90% of the graffiti symbols matched those from Indus Valley Civilisation sites.

NATIONAL NEWS

Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025



- ❖ The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025 to improve passenger services across Indian airports.
- ❖ The initiative was inaugurated at Hindon Airport, Uttar Pradesh, on September 19, 2025.
- ❖ Aligned with the Swastha Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan, the day featured health camps, medical check-ups, and activities for women travellers.



- ❖ Passenger numbers rose from 11 crore in 2014 to 25 crore in 2025, reflecting growth driven by inclusive policies like UDAN.

SC's Bonnard Rule

- ❖ The Bonnard standard, from *Bonnard vs Perryman* (1891, UK), restricts courts from granting injunctions unless the defendant clearly cannot justify the alleged defamation.
- ❖ The Supreme Court of India reaffirmed this standard in 2024 by striking down an ex parte injunction against Bloomberg.
- ❖ The Court ruled that injunctions should be granted only when not granting them causes greater injustice.
- ❖ A Delhi court's ex parte gag order against journalists in the Adani defamation case violated this standard by imposing prior restraint without hearing the defence.
- ❖ Such prior restraint violates Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech subject to reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2).
- ❖ The Supreme Court has repeatedly condemned ex parte injunctions that threaten free speech and the public's right to know.

“No doubt the Constitution guarantees the right to freedom of speech, but at the same time, this right is subject to reasonable restrictions specified under Article 19(2) of the Constitution. A person cannot be permitted to make allegations defamatory and contemptuous in nature which brings the highest institution in judiciary to disrepute —SC bench

IPRS 3.0

- ❖ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry launched the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0 in New Delhi.

- ❖ The system has been developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ❖ IPRS 3.0 aims to assess and benchmark the infrastructure, facilities, and competitiveness of industrial parks across India.
- ❖ Parks will be categorized as Leaders, Challengers, or Aspirers based on key indicators, including sustainability, logistics, digitalization, and tenant feedback.
- ❖ The system will help attract investments, generate employment, and support the development of 20 plug-and-play industrial parks under the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC).



The Belém Health Action Plan

- ❖ India was not officially represented at the 2025 Global Conference on Climate and Health held in Brazil from July 29 to 31.
- ❖ The Belém Health Action Plan, to be launched at COP30 in November 2025, will define the global climate-health agenda.
- ❖ India's developmental welfare programmes offer scalable models with climate and health co-benefits.
- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman scheme covers over 110 million children across nearly 1.1 million schools.
- ❖ It promotes millet and traditional grains to support nutrition and climate-resilient food systems.
- ❖ The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan improves sanitation, public health, human dignity, and environmental sustainability.
- ❖ The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act supports livelihoods and restores degraded ecosystems through environmental works.
- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana enables a switch to clean cooking fuel, reducing household air pollution and carbon emissions.

- ❖ None of these schemes was designed as climate policy, but delivered health and climate co-benefits.
- ❖ A health-anchored climate governance framework is based on three institutional pillars.
 - The first pillar is strategic political prioritisation by linking climate policy to immediate health needs.
 - The second pillar is procedural integration through mandatory health impact assessments in all sectors.
 - The third pillar is participatory implementation by involving communities using health as a driver.



LEADS 2025

- ❖ The Union Ministry for Commerce and Industry launched Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2025 in New Delhi on 20 September 2025.
- ❖ LEADS 2025 benchmarks logistics performance across States and Union Territories to support India's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives.
- ❖ The survey identifies best practices, highlights improvement areas, and enables collaboration to reduce logistics costs and improve infrastructure.
- ❖ New features include corridor performance assessments based on journey time, truck speed, and waiting periods, plus API-enabled speed evaluations on major road sections.



Logistics Data Bank 2.0



- ❖ Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0 in New Delhi.
- ❖ LDB 2.0 enhances logistics efficiency by providing real-time tracking and assessment across multi-modal shipments, supporting MSMEs and exporters.
- ❖ The platform offers high-seas container tracking, enabling export container visibility beyond Indian ports and across international waters.
- ❖ It integrates with the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) APIs for tracking via container, truck, trailer numbers, and railway freight note references.

- ❖ LDB 2.0 includes a live container heatmap to monitor container distribution, aiding stakeholders in addressing supply chain bottlenecks.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Defence Plant in Morocco

- ❖ First-ever Indian defence manufacturing plant under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) initiative is being set up in Morocco.
- ❖ This facility is the first Indian defence manufacturing plant in Africa and reflects the expanding global reach of India's defence industry.
- ❖ Both countries are expected to sign a MoU on defence cooperation to enhance training, exchanges, and industrial linkages.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Red-necked Phalarope



- ❖ Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) was spotted for the first time at Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary in Tiruppur.
- ❖ It is a rare species typically found in coastal or marine areas, not in inland water bodies.
- ❖ This marks the 192nd bird species recorded in the sanctuary.
- ❖ The bird breeds in the Arctic and winters in southeastern countries, feeding on planktonic invertebrates using a spinning technique.

Iridogorgia chewbacca



- ❖ Scientists have discovered a new species of deep-sea coral in the tropical western Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ The coral has been named *Iridogorgia chewbacca* after the Star Wars character Chewbacca.
- ❖ It was first observed in 2006.
- ❖ The coral grows upright and solitary on the ocean floor, similar in form to Chewbacca's tall figure.

STATES' NEWS

Gujarat's Solar Village

- ❖ Dhordo village, recognized globally by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation as the 'Best Tourism Village', is now fully solar-powered.

- ❖ It joins three other solar villages in Gujarat: Modhera, Sukhi, and Masali.
- ❖ Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, 177 KW rooftop solar panels were installed in 81 homes, solarizing every residential electricity connection.
- ❖ The solar system is expected to generate 2.95 lakh units of electricity annually, saving each home about ₹16,064 per year.
- ❖ Surplus power supplied to the grid will provide additional income, with the village projected to earn over ₹13 lakh annually.



IMPORTANT DAYS

International Equal Pay Day 2025 - September 18



- ❖ It promotes the principle of equal pay for equal work, enshrined in the ILO Equal Remuneration Convention (C100).

- ❖ The day was established through the efforts of the United Nations, ILO, and UN Women.
- ❖ The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) is led by the ILO, UN Women, and OECD.

International Red Panda Day 2025 - September 20



- ❖ It is observed on the 3rd Saturday in September each year.
- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the endangered Red Panda and galvanise global conservation efforts.
- ❖ Red pandas inhabit Nepal's high forests, India, Bhutan, Myanmar and China.
- ❖ The Great Bend of the Brahmaputra divides their population into the Himalayan Red Panda and the Chinese Red Panda.
- ❖ Red Panda is declared as Sikkim's state animal in the 1990s, and as the mascot of the Darjeeling Tea Festival.
- ❖ It is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List.

