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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The nomination of a woman candidate from Bengaluru for the Erode (East) Assembly byelection was rejected by election officials as she was not an ordinarily a resident of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ G. Vibusha from Tamil Nadu, has bagged Bronze Medal in the Cadet National Fencing Championship at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Karnataka cricket team won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024-25 by defeating the Vidarbha team at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- ❖ Senior IFS officer Sanjiv Ranjan, was appointed as the next Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

TAMIL NADU

TN Commission for the Protection of Child Rights'



- ❖ The Madras High Court has finally cleared the decks for the constitution of the Tamil Nadu Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (TNCPCR).
- ❖ The State government in February 2022 prematurely dissolved the commission constituted in January 2021 for a period of three years.
- ❖ The panel has a term of three years, as per the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.

Namma School Namma Ooru Palli (NSNOP) initiative

- ❖ The district-level conference of Namma School Namma Ooru Palli was held in Tiruchi.
- ❖ During the event, School Education Department launched Palli Chaalaram.

- ❖ This web page was designed to connect government school alumni and encourage their contributions to school development.
- ❖ The NSNOP initiative has received the pledges amounting to ₹141 crore from 31 companies for the Tiruchi region.
- ❖ The Tiruchi region encompasses districts such as Tiruchi, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, and Karur.
- ❖ The conference has marked the fourth regional gathering after similar events in Chennai, Madurai, and Coimbatore.



Year-long plastic waste collection drive



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) is launching a year-long plastic waste collection drive.
- ❖ The initiative, which is likely to begin on January 26, is set to cover all districts and the Greater Chennai Corporation every month.

- ❖ The initiative is aimed at reducing the use of plastic and raising environmental awareness, will be carried out by the TNPCB on a budget of ₹10 crore.

Bullish on Tamil Nadu' campaign

- ❖ The industrial delegation to Davos in Switzerland from Tamil Nadu has created special pins to promote the State as a strong and resilient investment destination.
- ❖ The concept of pins as a symbol of pride and identity was first introduced during the Global Investors Meet.
- ❖ The Tamil letter “tha” was crafted into a pin to represent Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The new design will be featuring the iconic bull, a powerful symbol of strength, resilience, and progress.

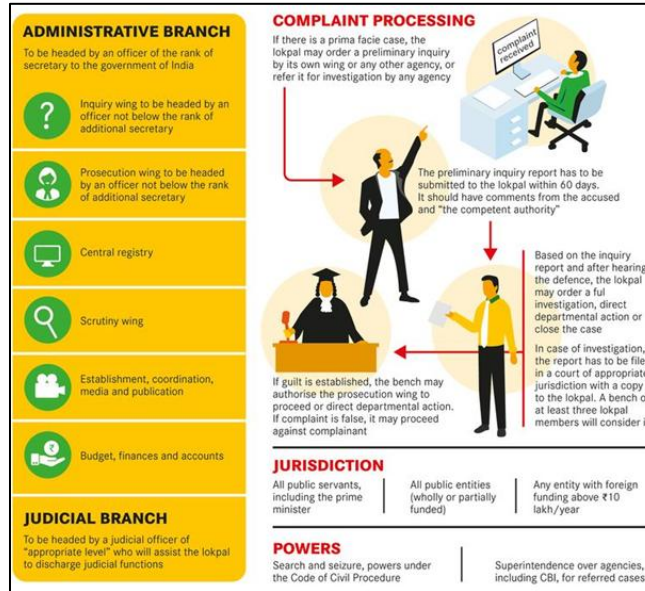


NATIONAL

Lokpal status 2025

- ❖ Twelve years since the Lokpal Act was passed and five years after Lokpal started to function, it has ordered investigation in just 24 cases and granted prosecution sanction in six cases.
- ❖ The Lokpal has rejected a large number of complaints, nearly 90%, over the last five years as they were not in the correct format.
- ❖ At least 2,320 “defect-free” complaints were registered with the Lokpal in the past five years, with 226 complaints lodged from April 1 to December 2024.
- ❖ Of the total complaints, 3% were against Prime Minister/Member of Parliament/ Union Minister and 21% complaints were against Group A, B, C or D officials of the Central government.
- ❖ 35% complaints against chairperson or members in Central government bodies, and 41% were against those in the “Others” category, which includes the State government officials.

- ❖ As per Section 53 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, a complaint can be entertained only if it filed within a period of seven years from the date of the alleged offence.
- ❖ Though the Lokpal Act was passed in 2013, the country's first Lokpal, Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghosh, was appointed on March 19, 2019, along with eight other members.



6-point plan to boost economic ties

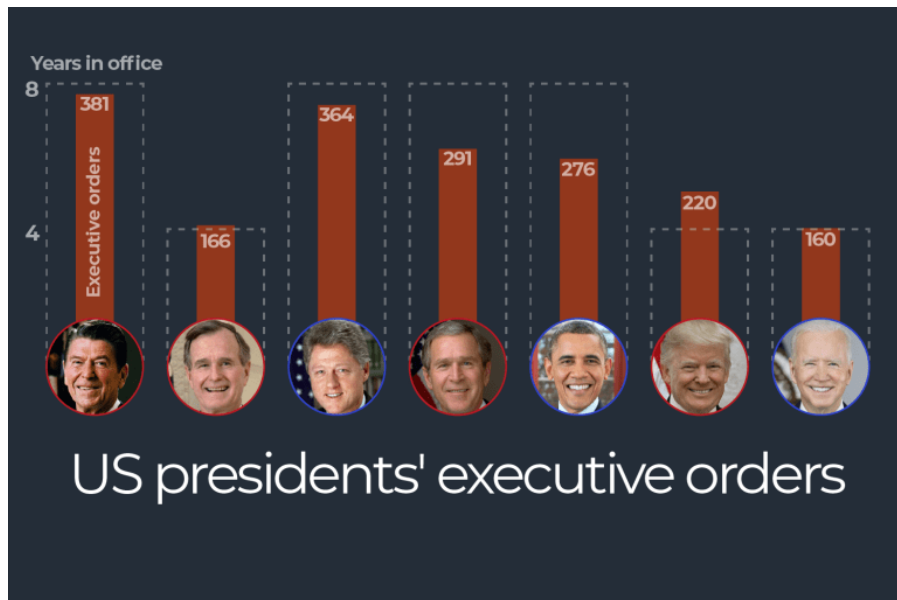


- ❖ India outlined six broad principles for building a mutually beneficial partnership between India and the European Union.

- ❖ The talks were aimed at setting up a new framework for an India-European Union strategic agenda in the area of trade and investment.
- ❖ This economic relationship will integrate the combined market currently estimated at over \$24 trillion, bringing unprecedented opportunities for the 2 billion people of India and the European Union.

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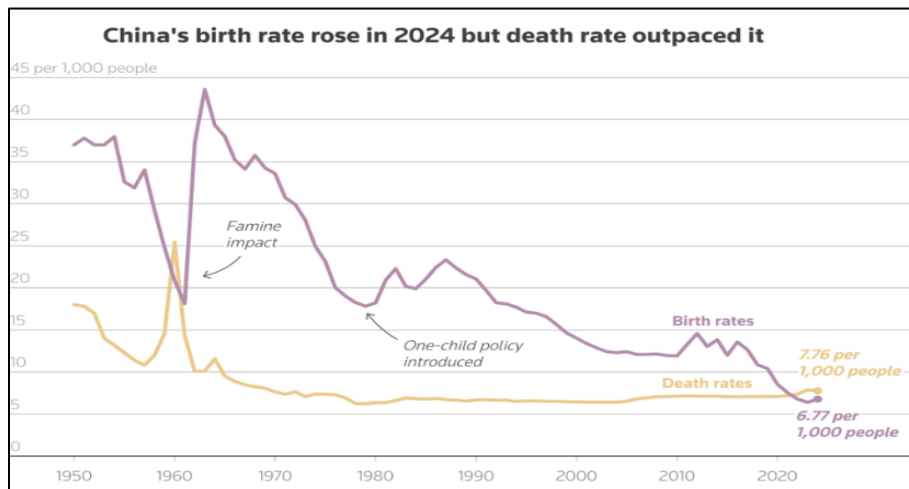
Trump's first executive orders



- ❖ US President Donald Trump issued a flurry of executive orders and directives as soon after taking oath of office.
- ❖ He has pardoned about 1,500 people who stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021.
- ❖ He signed orders declaring illegal immigration at the US-Mexico border a national emergency, designating criminal cartels as terrorist organisations.
- ❖ On his first day in office, the President Trump revoked as many as 78 executive actions of the previous Biden administration.
- ❖ He has also fulfilled his campaign promise to pull the US out of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ The US is the WHO's top donor, contributing about \$130 million per year to help cover its global health preparedness and response.
- ❖ He also signed a withdrawal from the Paris climate treaty.
- ❖ He signed orders freezing government hiring and new federal regulations.

- ❖ He has declared a national energy emergency, promising to fill up strategic oil reserves and export US energy all over the world.
- ❖ He imposed 25 per cent tariffs on Canada and Mexico starting February 1.
- ❖ He signed an order to Renaming the 'Gulf of Mexico' as the 'Gulf of America.'
- ❖ He also ordered reverting Mount Denali's name back to 'Mount McKinley.'
- ❖ He terminated the CBP One app, which had facilitated legal entry for nearly 1 million migrants under Biden's administration.
- ❖ He has reversed the transgender protections by declaring the federal government will recognize only two biological sexes (male and female).
- ❖ His first term as 45th President of United States, Trump had signed 220 executive orders.

China Population Crisis 2024



- ❖ China's population fell for the third consecutive year in 2024.
- ❖ The Chinese population has fallen by 1.39 million over the past 12 months to 1.408 billion as deaths continue to outpace births.
- ❖ China's population has been steadily declining since the 1980s, but the year 2022 marked the first time deaths outpaced births since 1961.

ENVIRONMENT

Gangetic Dolphin status 2025

- ❖ The Ganga River basin has an estimated population of 3,936 Gangetic dolphins (with a standard error of 763).

- ❖ There were 2,510 dolphin sightings during the survey, with 1,303 in Ganga across Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.
- ❖ It was listed as endangered on the 1996 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
- ❖ The National Ganga River Basin Authority, declared the Gangetic River dolphin as the national aquatic animal and in 2010.



Karnataka's first Wolf Sanctuary

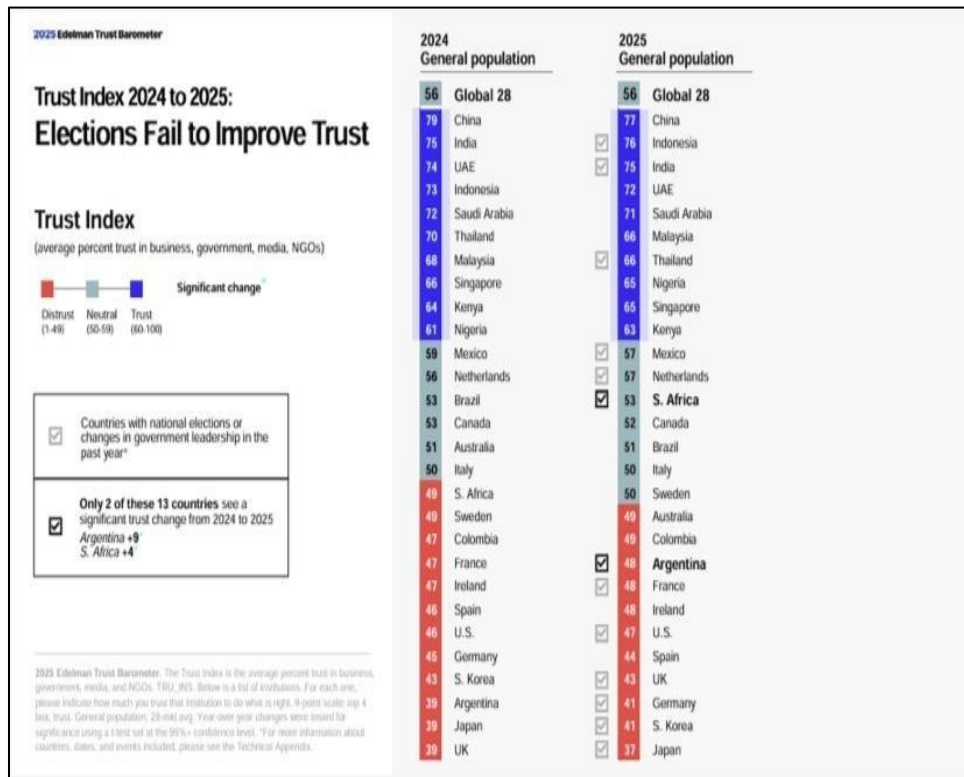


- ❖ The endangered Indian wolves are thriving very freely at the Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary of Karnataka.
- ❖ The sanctuary hosts the Indian grey wolf species, and one of the wolves recently gave birth to eight pups.

- ❖ The sanctuary is home to many wildlife species, including the wolves, leopards, peacocks, blackbucks, foxes, hares, and porcupines.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global Trust Index 2025



- ❖ India has slipped one place to third slot when it comes to people's trust in the government, businesses, media and NGOs.
- ❖ Within the high-income group, India was ranked fourth after Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and China.
- ❖ While the low-income population made India the third most trusted nation after China and Indonesia.
- ❖ India ranks low at 13th place when it comes to trust of people in other countries, in companies with Indian headquarters.
- ❖ Canada topped this list of foreign-headquartered companies, followed by Japan, Germany, the UK, France and the US.
- ❖ Mexico, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China and Brazil also ranked higher than India.

- ❖ Five of the largest 10 global economies were among the least trusting nations on the Trust Index: Japan (the least trusting at 37%), Germany (41%), the UK (43%), the US (47%) and France (48%).
- ❖ Developing nations turned out to be more trusting -- China (77%), Indonesia (76%), India (75%) and the UAE (72) %.

IMPORTANT DAYS

NDRF raising day 2025 - January 19

- ❖ The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was raised on January 19, 2006.
- ❖ The disaster response and preparedness plan were intensified, spurred by the Yokohama Strategy Plan (1994) and the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005).
- ❖ This period coincided with a string of severe natural calamities in India including the Orissa Super Cyclone (1999), the Gujarat Earthquake (2001), and the Indian Ocean Tsunami (2004).
- ❖ The Disaster Management Act was enacted on December 26, 2005.
- ❖ It was leading to the establishment of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- ❖ It is tasked with the formulating of policies, plans, and guidelines for disaster management.

