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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Fifth Tamil Nadu Police Commission has called for the stringent disciplinary against the abuse of authority by police personnel, especially instances of verbal abuse, non-registration of genuine cases, foisting of the false cases, wrongful detentions or arrests, brutal handling of accused, biased or unfair investigation and selective enforcement of law.
- ❖ The African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), in its 21st General Session of the General Conference, held in New Delhi unanimously elected India as President for the Triennium 2025-27.

TAMIL NADU

Hydrocarbon exploration tender in TN



- ❖ An area of 9,990.96 sq km in southern Tamil Nadu's deep-sea region of the Gulf of Mannar has been included in a recent tender for hydrocarbon exploration issued by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- ❖ This is a part of the Ministry's 10th round of the Open Acreage Licensing Policy, which invites companies to submit bids for its exploration rights.
- ❖ The tender covers 25 offshore areas across the country, totalling 1,91,986 sq km of marine space.
- ❖ This marks the very largest acreage offered in a single bid round under the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy regime.

- ❖ The Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve is home to rare and endangered species such as dugongs, turtles, and marine mammals.

NATIONAL

Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Program



- ❖ The Bisleri International company has announced a strategic partnership with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under their 'Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Programme'.
- ❖ This association marks a crucial step towards combining heritage conservation with sustainable water management.
- ❖ Bisleri's CSR initiative 'Nayi Umeed' adopted of four historic water bodies namely Chand Baori in Abhaneri, Baori at Neemrana, Padma and Rani Talabs at Ranthambore Fort and Budha Budhi Pond at Kalinjar Fort in Rajasthan.

INS Guldar - Underwater Museum

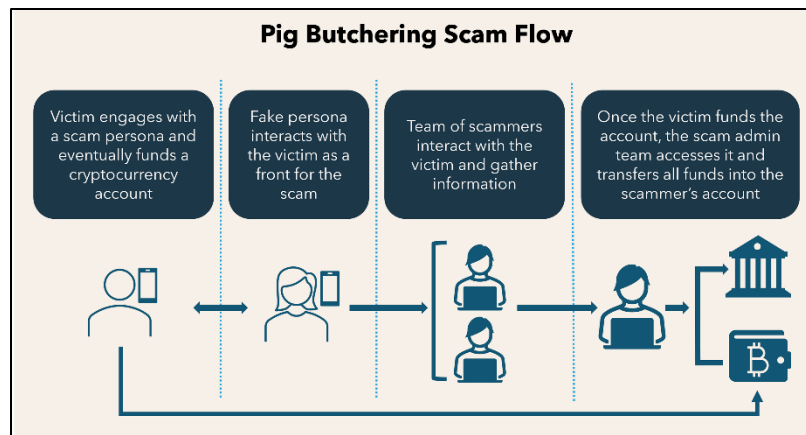


- ❖ The Indian Navy handed over the decommissioned Landing Ship Tank INS Guldar to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation.

- ❖ The ship is set to be converted into India's first underwater museum and artificial reef.
- ❖ The ship was built at Gdynia Shipyard, Poland, and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Dec 30, 1985.
- ❖ The ship was part of the Eastern Naval Command from 1985 to 1995.
- ❖ Then it was repositioned at the Andaman and Nicobar command, and served till decommissioning on Jan 12, 2024.

Pig Butchering Scam

- ❖ The government has issued an alert about a new cyber fraud scheme called the 'pig butchering scam'.
- ❖ The new online fraud module is known as 'Pig Butchering Scam' or 'Investment Scam'.
- ❖ It targets unemployed youth, students, and vulnerable individuals.
- ❖ Victims not only lose money but are also forced into cyber slavery.
- ❖ It is believed that such fraud first originated in China in 2016.

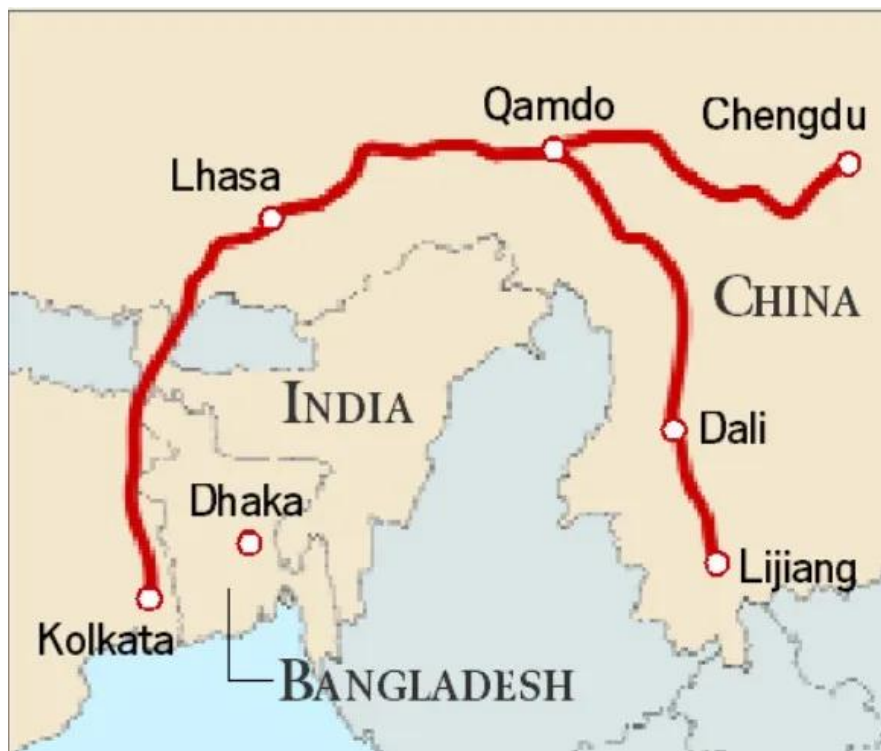


INTERNATIONAL

Tea Horse Road

- ❖ The historic Tea Horse Road spanned more than 2,000 km, and connected China to India via Tibet.
- ❖ The Ancient Tea-Horse Road witnesses the exchanges and interaction between China and India throughout the long river of history
- ❖ Although not as well-known as the Silk Road, which linked China and Europe, the Tea Horse Road was a crucial commercial pathway for centuries.

- ❖ The Tea Horse Road does not refer to a single road but a network of branching paths that began in southwest China and ended in the Indian subcontinent.
- ❖ The two main pathways passed through cities like Dali and Lijiang in Yunnan province, and reached Lhasa in Tibet, before entering the India.
- ❖ The origin of the Tea Horse Road can be traced to the rule of the Tang dynasty in China (618-907 CE).
- ❖ The writings of Buddhist monk Yijing (635-713 CE) mention products like sugar, textiles, and rice noodles being transported from southwestern China to Tibet.
- ❖ From India horses, leather, Tibetan gold, saffron and other medicine herbs went to China.

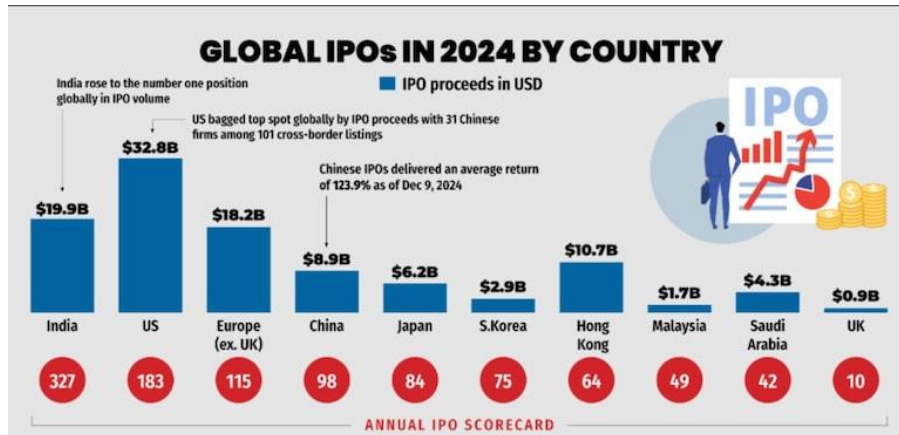


ECONOMY

Global IPO Landscape in 2024 – India

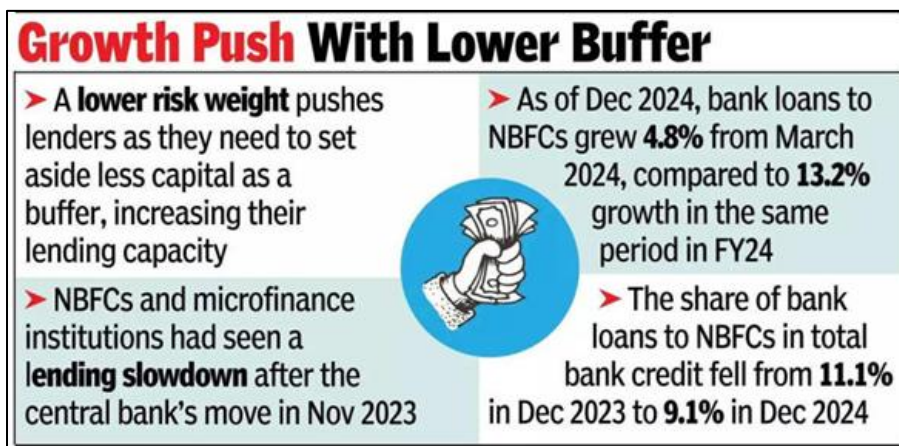
- ❖ India had risen to the top in global IPO volumes for the first time in 2024.
- ❖ It left behind US which had 183 issues.
- ❖ India also listed more than two and half times as many as those seen by Europe.
- ❖ At \$19.9 billion, IPO volumes in 2024 were the highest in over two decades for India.

- ❖ The US has however grabbed the top spot globally in terms of IPO proceeds (\$32.8 billion) in 2024, for the first time since its 2021 peak.



Bank Credit flow in 2024

- ❖ The RBI slashed the risk weights of bank loans to NBFCs by 25 percentage points depending on the ratings.
- ❖ This move is expected to significantly improve credit flow to NBFCs.
- ❖ The Bank lendings to NBFCs has slowed down dramatically, reducing to a four-year low of 6.7 per cent in 2024.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Naval Anti-Ship Missile

- ❖ India has successfully test fired a first-of-its-kind naval anti-ship missile from Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

- ❖ This is the first-of-its-kind Naval Anti-Ship missile (NASM-SR) from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur.
- ❖ The missile uses an indigenous imaging infra-red seeker for terminal guidance.



ENVIRONMENT

Mount Fentale eruption

- ❖ The Fentale volcano in Ethiopia has emitted vast amounts of methane into the atmosphere.
- ❖ Researchers have described this event as a “burp,” as the volcano expelled huge plumes of the potent greenhouse gas.
- ❖ The volcano was emitting 58 metric tonnes of methane per hour.
- ❖ Methane traps 28 times more heat than carbon dioxide over a 100-year period.
- ❖ It is the second-largest contributor to global warming.

- ❖ It is responsible for around 11% of total greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.
- ❖ Mount Fentale is not known for frequent eruptions.
- ❖ The last recorded eruption occurred in 1820.



STATES

Jhumur Dance 2025

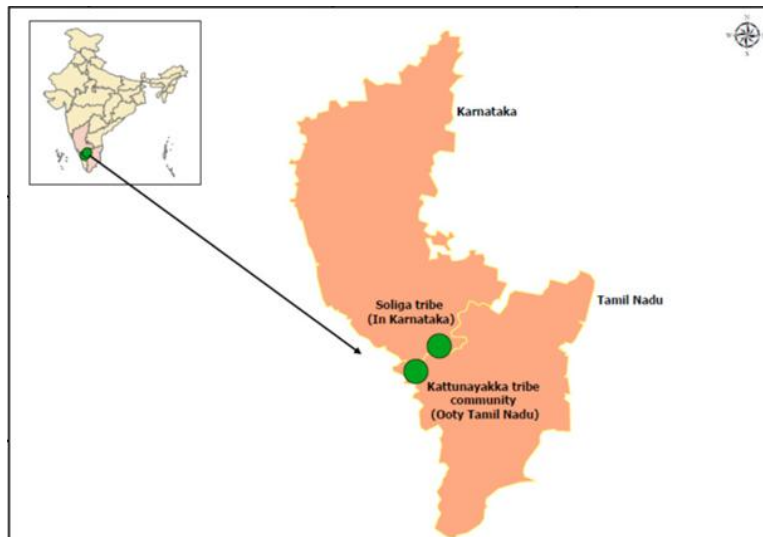


- ❖ The “biggest ever” jhumur event in history was held in Assam.

- ❖ Some 8,600 dancers performed at the Jhumoir Binandini 2025 to mark the 200th anniversary of Assam's tea industry.
- ❖ The term "tea tribe" loosely refers to a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic community of tea garden workers and their descendants.
- ❖ These people came from Central India and settled in Assam in the 19th century to work in the tea gardens that the British were setting up.
- ❖ They are mostly from present-day Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, and West Bengal.

Soliga Tribes

- ❖ The PM praised the role of the Soliga tribal community in the rise of the tiger population in the Biligirirangana Hills (BRT) Tiger Reserve.
- ❖ The Soliga tribe population is around 40,000, and many of them live in the Chamarajanagar district, especially in the BR Hills region of Karnataka.
- ❖ They were the first ones to get forest land rights inside the tiger reserve in 2011.
- ❖ The tiger population increased from 8-10 tigers a few years ago to around 50 tigers now.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Dhanwantri Ayurveda Awards 2025

- ❖ The Ministry of Ayush conferred the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards for the current year on three distinguished practitioners.

- ❖ These are awarded for their exceptional contributions to the field of traditional Indian medicine.
- ❖ This year's recipients of the award are
 - Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma, renowned Nadi Vaidya and author;
 - Vaidya Maya Ram Uniyal, a distinguished scholar of Dravyaguna Vigyana with six decades of service; and
 - Vaidya Sameer Govind Jamadagni, founder of the Vishwa Vyakhyanmala national conference.



MISCELLANEOUS

Time Use Survey 2024

- ❖ The second All-India Time Use Survey, 2024 was recently released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- ❖ The time spent by females in a day on unpaid domestic services for household members reduced by 10 minutes to 289 minutes in 2024.
- ❖ It was 299 minutes in 2019.
- ❖ Females spent 201 more minutes in a day in unpaid domestic services for the household members than their male counterparts last year.
- ❖ Females also spent 62 more minutes in a day in unpaid caregiving activities for household members than males.



- ❖ The share of unpaid household work for females aged 15-59 years remained high as they spent 305 minutes in such work in 2024.
- ❖ For employment and related activities, however, men spent 132 minutes more than females (341 minutes by females, 473 minutes by males).
- ❖ Overall, around 83.9 per cent females participated in the unpaid activities during a day in 2024.
- ❖ It is almost the same as the level of 84.0 per cent in 2019.
- ❖ For paid activities, their share increased 20.6 per cent in 2024 from 17.1 per cent in 2019.
- ❖ The participation rate of males in unpaid activities increased to 45.8 per cent in 2024 from 43.9 per cent in 2019.
- ❖ For paid work, their share increased to 60.5 per cent from 54.8 per cent.
- ❖ Males spent 415 minutes in a learning activity in 2024 as against 426 minutes earlier in 2019.
- ❖ Females spent 413 minutes in such activities in 2024, down from 423 minutes in 2019.

	2019		2024	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Self-care and maintenance	729	723	710	706
Employment and related activities	459	333	473	341
Learning	426	423	415	413
Unpaid domestic services for household members	97	299	88	289
Culture, leisure, mass media, sports	164	165	177	164
Socialising and communication, community participation and religious practice	147	139	138	139
Unpaid volunteer, trainee and other unpaid work	102	99	139	108
Unpaid caregiving services for household members	76	134	75	137
Production of goods for own final use	198	116	137	104

