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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has inaugurated an Elcot IT Tower at Vilankurichi in Coimbatore.
- ❖ K. Malaisamy, former Home Secretary of the Tamil Nadu government, a two-time MP and the first State Election Commissioner passed away recently.
- ❖ The world's first wooden satellite, LignoSat, was launched by Japanese scientists to understand the feasibility of timber in space.
- ❖ Indian boxer Mandeep Jangra won the World Boxing Federation's super featherweight world in the Cayman Islands.
- ❖ Royal Brunei Airlines is beginning direct flights on the Brunei-Chennai-Brunei sector after a 13-year break.
 - Chennai will be the carrier's sole destination in India.
- ❖ The Centre has launched the 'PM-SURAKSHA Portal' and 'PM-DAKSH Portal' to enable targeted groups to access subsidised loans and skill development training online.
- ❖ The Centre has released the first instalment of the 15th Finance Commission grants for 2024-25 to rural local bodies in Tripura and Haryana, and a second instalment in Mizoram.
- ❖ International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is observed annually on November 06.

TAMIL NADU

Six new projects for Coimbatore



- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has unveiled six new projects during his visit to Coimbatore.

- ❖ It includes an integrated jewellery park, a new TIDEL Park, extending the Avinashi Road flyover for 5 km from Chinniyampalayam to Neelambur and repairing the damaged roads of Coimbatore city at the cost of Rs 200 crore.
- ❖ He announced a Modern elephant-proof fences construction for 10 kilometres to prevent human-animal conflicts in the Thondamuthur region.
- ❖ He also laid the foundation stone for the Periyar Grand Library and Science Centre at Anuparpalayam in Coimbatore.

Tamil Nadu's own tax revenue 2024-25



- ❖ Tamil Nadu's Own Tax Revenue grew about 14% to ₹86,975.28 crore in the first half of fiscal 2024-25.
- ❖ It was ₹76,257.13 crore in the first half of 2023-24.
- ❖ The State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) accounts for 75.6% of Tamil Nadu's total revenue receipts.
- ❖ The State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) collection grew 20.12% to ₹35,414.05 crore in the first half of 2024-25.
- ❖ This was ₹29,481.97 crore in the comparable period last year.
- ❖ 24.4% of the revenue receipts comes from the share in Central taxes and grants-in-aid from the Union government.
- ❖ The revenue deficit came in at ₹28,717.51 crore in the first half of 2024-25.
- ❖ So far in 2024-25 (till August), Tamil Nadu was the top borrowing State with gross market borrowings was ₹41,000 crore.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu was followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra with the gross borrowings of ₹40,000 crore each.

NATIONAL

Shilp Samagam Mela




- ❖ The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched the 'Shilp Samagam Mela 2024'.
- ❖ It aims to showcase and promote traditional handicrafts from various states in India.
- ❖ During the event, the 'TULIP' programme was launched.
- ❖ TULIP' stands for Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme.
- ❖ This initiative aims to empower marginalised artisans.
- ❖ It provides them with an online platform for global exposure and sales of their products.

Property Owners Association case - 1992

- ❖ The Supreme Court has determined that not all private properties can be taken over by the state under Article 39(b) of the Indian Constitution.
- ❖ Article 39(b) mandates that the government should direct policies to ensure that "material resources of the community" are distributed to best serve the public welfare.

- ❖ However, the supreme court said that states may claim certain private properties in specific cases if they align with this goal.
- ❖ Article 31C has the “safe harbour” provision that shielded laws enacted to give effect to Article 39(b).
- ❖ Article 31C was inserted through the Constitution (Twenty-fifth) Amendment, 1971, to ring-fence the socialist economic policy.
- ❖ As per Justice Krishna Iyer's 1978 ruling - all properties of private individuals can be termed community property.


CLARITY ON RESOURCES	
<p>➤ Ruling provided clarity on the interpretation of Articles 31C and 39(b) of the Constitution, pivotal provisions concerning the rights of individuals against the state's authority to control resources for public good</p>	
<p>➤ Verdict has significant implications for laws impacting property and resource distribution, particularly in Maharashtra, where ageing buildings pose severe safety hazards and their restoration was a major issue</p>	<p>➤ *Majority judgment did not agree with the view expressed by Justice Krishna Iyer in the case of Ranganatha Reddy of 1978 wherein it was held that private properties could be regarded as community resources</p>

UP Madarsa Education Act

- ❖ The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act, 2004 (Madarsa Act).
- ❖ The SC also declared that madrasas can't grant degrees of higher education since that's violative of the University Grants Commission Act.
- ❖ This case is known as Anjum Qadri and Anr vs Union of India & Ors.
- ❖ On March 22, the Allahabad high court had declared the Act as “unconstitutional” and violative of the principle of secularism.
- ❖ Madarsas provide both religious education in Islamic tenets and practices as well as mainstream secular education.
- ❖ The Madarsa Act provides a legal framework for these institutions in UP.
- ❖ It has established the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education (the Board), which prepares and prescribes course material, and conducts exams for all courses.

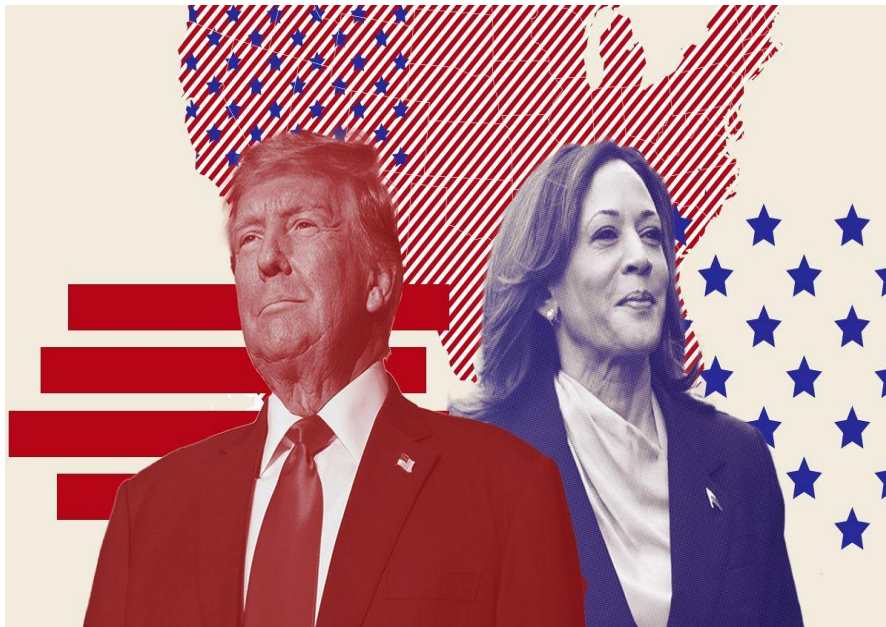
- ❖ The Act also gives power to the state government to create rules to regulate the Madarsa education.

<p>What is the 2004 UP Madarsa Act?</p> <p>The Madarsa Act establishes the legal framework for Madarsa education, integrating the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) curriculum with religious education. It formed the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education, mainly composed of Muslim community members.</p> <p>Section 9 of the Act outlines the board's responsibilities, including preparing course materials and conducting exams for levels from 'Maulvi' (equivalent to Class 10) to 'Fazil' (equivalent to a Master's).</p>	<p>But the act was questioned</p> <p>A lawyer challenged the Madarsa Act, arguing that its provisions violated Articles 14 (right to equality), 15 (prohibition of discrimination), and 21-A (right to free and compulsory education for children aged 6 to 14) of the Constitution. The petitioner claimed the Act did not ensure quality compulsory education up to Class 8 and failed to provide universal quality education for all children attending madaras, as mandated by Article 21.</p>
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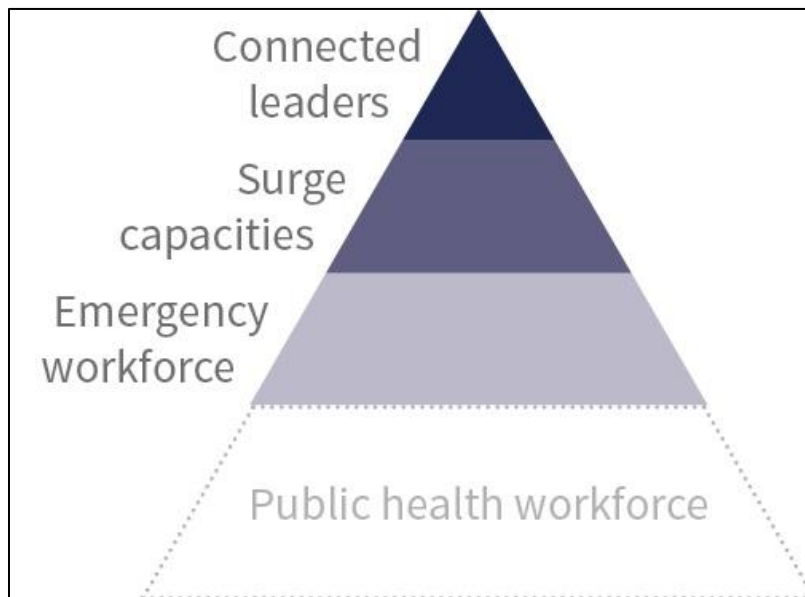
47th President of USA



- ❖ Donald J. Trump became the 47th president of USA by defeating Vice President Kamala Harris.
- ❖ This is going to be only the second time after Grover Cleveland in 1884 and 1892, when a president will be serving two non-consecutive terms in the White House.

- ❖ The US follows the electoral college voting system.
- ❖ Based on the volume of population, the states are assigned electoral college votes.
- ❖ There are a total of 538 electoral college votes; 435 House of Representatives, 100 Senate seats and 3 seats from Washington DC.
- ❖ First, the parties choose potential electors in States before the election.
- ❖ Then, the voters in each State select their electors by casting ballots during the general election.
- ❖ So, voters are actually picking an elector and not the President directly when they cast their vote in the general election.
- ❖ A candidate needs votes from at least 270 electors to win the presidential election.
- ❖ According to the U.S. Constitution, a candidate must be a natural-born citizen of the country, 35 years of age or older, and a resident of the U.S. for 14 years to be eligible to contest for presidency.
- ❖ J.D. Vance was elected as Vice-President of the U.S.
- ❖ The new President's term begins January 20, which is also the Inauguration Day.

Global Health Emergency Corps



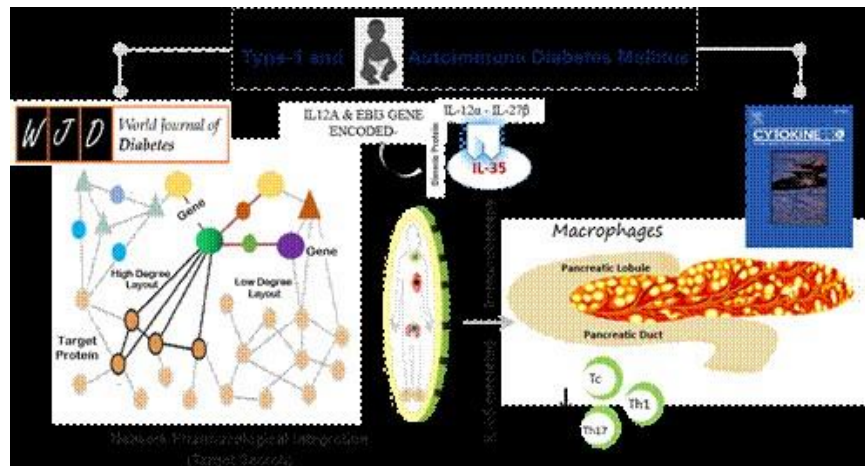
- ❖ WHO has activated the Global Health Emergency Corps (GHEC) for the first time in response to a recent mpox outbreak.
- ❖ Africa has already reported over 15,600 mpox cases and 537 deaths this year.
- ❖ In 2022, WHO had classified mpox as a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).

- ❖ GHEC founded in 2023 by the WHO to address the gaps identified during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Its core strategies are case detection, contact tracing, targeted vaccination, clinical and home care, infection prevention, community engagement, and logistical support.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IL 35 Protein

- ❖ The Researchers has discovered a specific protein IL-35 that protects the immune system by lowering the particular immune cells that produce inflammatory chemicals, thereby reducing pancreatic cell infiltration.
- ❖ It is a key contributor in type 1 diabetes and autoimmune diabetes mellitus.
- ❖ This protein presents a novel diabetes treatment option.
- ❖ IL-35 is a specific protein of IL-12 α and IL-27 β chains, encoded by the IL12A and EB13 genes.



STATES

Debt-to-GDP ratio 2024-25

- ❖ The debt-to-GDP ratio of India is a fundamental economic metric in assessing India's ability to manage its debt burden and overall economic well-being.
- ❖ This indicates financial vulnerability and reduced fiscal flexibility.
- ❖ Punjab has the high debt-to-GDP ratio with 44.1 in FY 2024-25.
- ❖ It is followed by Himachal Pradesh (42.5) and Arunachal Pradesh (40.8).

- ❖ Tamil Nadu 19th place with 26.4 % debt-to-GDP ratio.

State	Debt-to-GDP (%) in FY 2024-25 (Budget Estimate)	Fiscal Deficit(%) in FY 2024-25 (Budget Estimate)
Punjab	44.1	3.8
Himachal Pradesh	42.5	4.7
Arunachal Pradesh	40.8	6.3
Nagaland	38.6	3
Meghalaya	37.9	3.8
West Bengal	36.9	3.6

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

India's power pantheon 2024

<i>India's Power Pantheon</i>	
1. NARENDRA MODI Prime Minister	6. NITISH KUMAR Chief Minister, Bihar
2. MOHAN BHAGWAT Sarsanghchalak, RSS	7. YOGI ADITYANATH Chief Minister, UP
3. AMIT SHAH , Union Home Minister	8. M.K. STALIN Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu
4. RAHUL GANDHI Leader of Oppn in the Lok Sabha	9. MAMATA BANERJEE , CM, West Bengal
5. N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh	10. AKHILESH YADAV President, Samajwadi Party

- ❖ PM of India, Mohan Bhagwat and union home minister are the top 3 persons of India Today's 2024 political power list.
- ❖ Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, was placed in 4th place.
- ❖ Among chief ministers, Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar were ranked next in 5 and 6th place respectively.



- ❖ The Chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal were ranked 7th, 8th and 9th place respectively.

