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## TamilNadu Highlights

### Tamil Nadu Introduces Bills for PwD Representation in Local Bodies

- **Honorable** Chief Minister M.K. Stalin introduced two Bills in the Legislative Assembly to ensure representation for persons with disabilities (PwDs) in all local bodies across Tamil Nadu.
- **Urban and Rural Representation:**
  - The **first Bill** seeks to amend the **Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998** to nominate PwDs to urban local bodies (town panchayats, municipal councils, and municipal corporations).
  - The **second Bill** amends the **Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994** to nominate PwDs to rural local bodies (village panchayats, panchayat union councils, and district panchayats).
- **Increased Representation:**
  - Currently, only 35 PwDs are elected to urban local bodies.
  - If passed, around **650 PwDs** will be nominated to urban local bodies, and **12,913 PwDs** will be represented in rural bodies.
- **Government Commitment:**
  - Honorable Chief Minister Stalin emphasized the government's social justice objective of providing **"everything for everyone"** and highlighted the doubling of the allocation for PwDs' welfare, from ₹667 crore to ₹1,432 crore.
- **Employment Opportunities:**
  - The government's initiatives include **4% reservation** for PwDs, resulting in **1,493 government jobs** being allocated to PwDs in the last four years.
- **Social Justice Focus:** This initiative strengthens Tamil Nadu's ongoing efforts to ensure equal rights and opportunities for PwDs, promoting inclusivity in local governance.

### Tamil Nadu Government Reiterates Use of Tamil as Official Language

- Tamil Nadu government issued an advisory reinforcing the mandate to use **Tamil** as the official language in all government offices and communications.
- **Mandatory Tamil Usage:**
  - **Government Orders:** The advisory reiterates that **government orders** should be issued **only in Tamil**.
  - **Circulars:** All circulars from government departments should be in Tamil as well.

- **Official Correspondence:** Communications and letters, except in exempted cases, should be conducted in Tamil.
- **Public Communications:** The advisory specifies that letters received in Tamil from the public should be **replied to in Tamil**, and all related notes should also be in Tamil.
- **Signature Requirement:** Government employees are instructed to **sign only in Tamil** on all official documents and correspondence.
- **Translation Process:** For documents and government orders exempted from the Tamil-only rule and issued in English, departments are required to send them to the **Translation Division** of the Tamil Development and Information Department for translation into Tamil.
- **Language Compliance:** The move aims to ensure consistent use of Tamil in all government dealings, in line with the Official Languages Act, reinforcing the importance of Tamil in official state affairs.

## Madras High Court Orders Removal of Caste References in School and College Names

- The **Madras High Court** ordered all schools and colleges in Tamil Nadu to **remove caste appellations** from their names by **2025-26**.
- Notices will be issued to institutions with caste-based names, giving them **four weeks** to comply.
- Non-compliant institutions will face **withdrawal of recognition** and student transfers starting **2026-27**.
- The court also directed the government to remove caste-based terms from **government school names**.
- **Caste-based societies** must amend bylaws to allow **membership for all**, regardless of caste.
- The court rejected caste-based legal claims and criticized the pervasive nature of the caste system across religions.

## Best Transgender Award on Transgender Day 2025

- Honorable Chief Minister Stalin awarded the winners with a **cheque of ₹50,000** and a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding social contributions.

### Award Overview:

- Since 2021, the Tamil Nadu government has been presenting the **"Best Transgender Award"** annually. This award acknowledges **transgender individuals** who play a key role in society and serve as role models with their efforts.

### Government Initiatives:



- The Tamil Nadu government has implemented several **welfare programs for the upliftment of transgender individuals**, including the **Puthumai Penn Scheme** and educational assistance for transgenders.

#### Award Criteria:

- The award is given to transgender individuals who have excelled in **education, arts, and social service** and have contributed as **role models** for others.

## National Highlights

### Topic: Economy

#### MoU between the Ministry of Labour & Swiggy

- Swiggy to share job opportunities via **National Career Service (NCS) Portal**.  
Focus: **Gig & logistics sector**.
- The National Career Service Portal is an active platform to connect job seekers and employers across the country.
- **NCS Portal:**
  - 1.25 crore job seekers
  - 40 lakh employers (as of Jan 31, 2025)
- **Benefits:**
  - **Real-time job listings**
  - **Location-based opportunities**
  - **Youth employment in urban/semi-urban areas**

### Topic: Science and Technology

#### QNu Labs and Q-Shield Platform:

- QNu Labs (incubated in 2016 at IIT Madras Research Park).
- **Platform Launched: Q-Shield – World's first platform** to help enterprises protect **critical infrastructure**.
- **Launch Date: 14th April** (World Quantum Day).
- **Key Features of Q-Shield:**
  - **Qosmos:** Quantum-based key generation.
  - **QConnect:** Secure connectivity.
  - **QVault:** Management of secret digital keys.
  - **QVerse:** Secure digital collaboration.
- **Environment Compatibility:** Works across cloud, on-premises, and hybrid environments.



- **Support:** QNu Labs is a selected startup under **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** for the **National Quantum Mission (NQM)**.

#### **National Quantum Mission (NQM):**

- **Approval Year:** 2023.
  - **Duration:** 2023–24 to 2030–31.
  - **Objective:** Develop **intermediate-scale quantum computers** with **50–1000 physical qubits** in 8 years.
- Technology Platforms:** Includes **superconducting** and **photonic** technologies.

### **Topic: Polity**

## **Former Supreme Court Judge Dinesh Maheshwari Appointed Chairperson of 23rd Law Commission of India**

Justice **Dinesh Maheshwari**, retired Supreme Court judge, has been appointed as the **Chairperson** of the **23rd Law Commission of India (LCI)**.

#### **About the 23rd Law Commission of India:**

- **Constitution Date:** September 1, 2024
  - **Term Duration:** Three years
  - **Predecessor:** 22nd Law Commission (ended August 31, 2024)
- Previous Chairperson:** Justice (Retd.) Ritu Raj Awasthi (now appointed to the Lokpal)

#### **Composition of the 23rd LCI:**

- **Chairperson:** Justice Dinesh Maheshwari (*Full-time*)
- **Full-time Members:**
  - Advocate **Hitesh Jain**
  - Professor **D.P. Verma** (*also served in the previous Commission*)
- **Additional Full-time Members (including Member-Secretary)**
- **Ex-officio Members:** From the **Departments of Legal Affairs** and **Legislative**
- **Part-time Members:** Up to five, at government discretion
- **Notable Experts Associated**

#### **Key Objectives & Mandates:**

The 23rd Law Commission is tasked with:

- **Identifying obsolete laws** and recommending their **repeal or amendment**
- **Examining the feasibility of implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** nationwide

## Justice B.R. Gavai Named 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI)

- Justice B.R. Gavai appointed as successor to CJI **Sanjiv Khanna**, retiring on **May 13, 2025**.
- Will become the **52nd Chief Justice of India** at age 64.
- Serving in the **Supreme Court since 2019**, known for key rulings in **constitutional and administrative law**.
- Major judgments include: **Demonetisation (2023)**, **Article 370 (2019)**, **SC/ST sub-categorization (2024)**, **Bulldozer demolitions (2024)**.
- Expected to focus on **upholding constitutional values** and **rule of law**.
- Seen as a strong voice for **judicial independence and inclusion**.



## Topic: Defence

### Defence Literature Festival – Kalam & Kavach 2.0

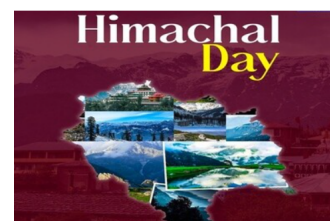
- Held at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**, organized by **CENJOWS** and **HQ IDS**.
- Theme: "**Securing India's Rise through Defence Reforms**".
- Focus areas: **AI, cyber tech, quantum computing, drones, space tech, semiconductors**.
- Emphasized **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in defence manufacturing and procurement modernization.
- Highlighted **multi-domain operations** for enhanced military efficiency.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** declared **2025 as the Year of Reforms** for transforming the armed forces.



## Topic: Important Days

### Himachal Pradesh 78th Foundation Day (15 April 2025)

- The **state-level main function** was held at **Kilar**, the headquarters of **Pangi Valley** in **Chamba district**.
- **Significance:** First time that **Himachal Day** celebrations were held in the **Pangi Valley**, creating great enthusiasm among the local residents.
- **Cultural Programs:** Vibrant programs showcased the rich cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh.



## General Information About Himachal Pradesh:

- **Region:** North India, situated in the **western Himalayas**.
- **Boundaries:** Shares borders with **Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Capitals:**
  - **Shimla** (summer capital)
  - **Dharamshala** (winter capital)
- **National Parks:**
  - **Great Himalayan National Park**
  - **Pin Valley National Park**
  - **Khirganga National Park**
- **Cultural Heritage:**
  - **Famous Dance: Nati**, a traditional dance form of Himachal Pradesh.

## Historical Timeline:

- **1 November 1956:** Himachal Pradesh became a **Union Territory**.
- **18 December 1970:** The **Himachal Pradesh State Act** was passed by Parliament.
- **25 January 1971:** Himachal Pradesh became the **18th state** of India.

## World Entrepreneurship Day 2025 is Observed on April 16

- **World Entrepreneurship Day (WED)** is celebrated annually on **April 16** to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership across the globe.
- First celebrated in **2010**, WED recognizes the vital role of **entrepreneurs** in driving **economic growth, creating jobs, and reducing poverty**.
- The **United Nations** emphasizes inclusive and sustained economic growth as key to improving global living standards.
- Entrepreneurs are lauded for their **vision, resilience, and ingenuity** in transforming industries and communities.

## International Highlights

### 15th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

- Held at **Brasilia, Brazil** on **17 April 2025**.
- India led by Union Minister **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.
- Partner countries: BRICS + Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran.



## Theme

- “Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture through Cooperation, Innovation, and Equitable Trade among BRICS Countries”
- Bilateral meetings with Brazil to discuss:
  - Agro-tech
  - Food security
  - Rural development
- Interaction with:
  - **Brazilian Vegetable Oil Industry Association**  
**Agribusiness leaders in São Paulo**

