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## TamilNadu Highlights

### Sify Inaugurates South India's Largest AI-Ready Data Centre

Honorable Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated **Sify Infinit Spaces Limited's AI-ready data centre campus** in **Siruseri near Chennai**. This state-of-the-art facility is the **largest AI-ready data centre in South India**, with a planned capacity of **130 MW**. Notably, it is **India's only data centre with an on-site open cable landing station**.



- The centre is designed to run **entirely on renewable energy** with **sustainable building management**.
- Sify's total investment has crossed **₹10,000 crore**, up from an initial **₹2,500 crore** commitment.
- The project aims to **create 10,000 jobs** (direct and indirect) as it scales.
- **₹1,882 crore** has been invested in **Phase 1**, generating **1,000 direct jobs**.
- By **2027**, Sify plans to invest **₹13,000 crore** in Chennai.
- The data centre will support **AI workloads, cloud computing, and high-performance digital infrastructure**.
- Sify is exploring expansion into **other Tamil Nadu cities like Coimbatore**.

This project was part of the **MoUs signed during the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2024**.

### Population Study of Grizzled Giant Squirrel in Pakkamalai and Gangavaram Hills

The **Villupuram Forest Division** has initiated a population study of the **Grizzled Giant Squirrel**, an **endangered species** found in significant numbers in the **Pakkamalai and Gangavaram hills** near **Gingee** in **Villupuram district**. The study aims to gather **baseline data** to inform conservation strategies for the species, which is listed under **Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**.



#### Key Objectives:

- **Conservation Strategy:** The study will help design effective conservation measures for the Grizzled Giant Squirrel by understanding its ecosystem.
- **Long-Pending Wildlife Sanctuary Demand:** The findings may strengthen the demand to notify the area as a **wildlife sanctuary**—a proposal first raised in 2019.

#### Area Significance:

- The **Pakkamalai and Gangavaram hills** are rich in **biodiversity**, with species such as the **Grizzled Giant Squirrel, grey langur, Pangolin, and the golden gecko.**
- The area is also home to **endemic plants** and a variety of **tropical birds, amphibians, reptiles, and rare carnivores** like **leopards and sloth bears.**

### Habitat and Threats:

- The Grizzled Giant Squirrel primarily nests in the **Western Ghats**, from Kerala's **Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary** to Tamil Nadu's **Palani Hills** and **Anamalai Tiger Reserve.**
- Habitat loss and poaching have led to the species being categorized as **near threatened.**

### National Highlights

## Manuscripts of Bhagavad Gita & Natyashastra Inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register

- **UNESCO added 74 new documentary heritage collections** to the **Memory of the World Register**, bringing the total to **570 collections** globally.
- Among them, **manuscripts of two iconic Indian texts:**
  - **Shrimad Bhagavad Gita**
  - **Bharat Muni's Natyashastra**

### Significance for India

- With this addition, **India now has 14 entries** in UNESCO's prestigious **Memory of the World Register.**
- The recognition was hailed as a **global acknowledgment of India's civilisational legacy** and cultural wisdom.

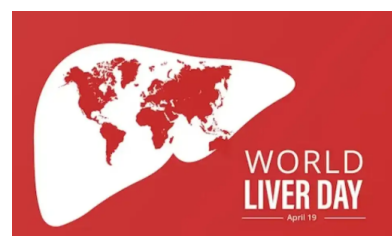
### Topic: Important Days

## World Liver Day 2025 - April 19

**World Liver Day** is observed every year on **April 19th** to raise awareness about **liver diseases** and their prevention.

### Importance of World Liver Day

- The liver is the second-largest organ and is essential for metabolism, digestion, toxin removal, and nutrient storage.
- It can regenerate after damage, but serious liver diseases can still occur.
- Around 2 million people die each year globally due to liver diseases.
- Major causes include liver cirrhosis, viral hepatitis, and liver cancer.



- Cirrhosis is currently the **11th leading cause of death** worldwide, while **liver cancer** is ranked **16th globally** and **10th in India**.

## Theme of World Liver Day 2025

The theme for **World Liver Day 2025** is "**Food is Medicine**".

## Topic: Sports

### Cricket competition to be held at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

- A **temporary, purpose-built stadium** will be set up at the **Fairgrounds in Pomona**, Southern California (~50 km from Los Angeles).
- **Format: T20 format with 6 teams each** for both **men's and women's** competitions.
- **Historical Significance:** Cricket returns to the Olympics after **128 years**, the last time being at the **1900 Paris Olympics**.
- The **Los Angeles 2028 Olympics** are scheduled from **July 14 to 30, 2028**.

### Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) Inaugurated in New Delhi

- **Location:** National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi.
- **Significance:** India becomes home to the **world's 17th APMU**, a **specialized unit to manage Athlete Biological Passports (ABP)**.
- **Purpose:**
  - Detect doping through **longitudinal tracking** of biological markers.
  - Ensures **fair play** without directly testing for specific banned substances.
  - Supports **Global South nations** lacking resources to develop similar systems.
- **Background:**
  - The **Athlete Biological Passport (ABP)** tracks physiological variables like **blood and hormone levels** over time.
  - Standardized and promoted by the **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**.
  - **WADA HQ** is located in **Montreal, Canada**

- **A biological passport** is an electronic document that compiles data on an athlete's biological markers over time.
- By tracking variables such as blood parameters, hormonal levels, and other physiological markers, **the APMU** can detect any anomalies or trends indicative of doping without directly identifying banned substances.

## Topic: Reports and indices

### India's Presence in World's Best Hospitals 2024 (Newsweek & Statista)

- ◆ **AIIMS, New Delhi**
  - **Global Rank:** 97th (Improved from 122nd in 2023)
  - **Recognition:** High-quality healthcare, advanced research, and affordable treatment
  - **Significance:** Only government-run Indian hospital in the top 100
  
- ◆ **Medanta - The Medicity, Gurgaon**
  - **Global Rank:** 146th
  - **Type:** Private hospital
  - **Noted for:** Advanced medical infrastructure and multi-specialty care
  
- ◆ **Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh**
  - **Global Rank:** 228th
  - **Established:** 1962
  - **Role:** Major healthcare and medical education center in northern India

### Ranking Methodology

- Evaluated **2,400+ hospitals** across **30 countries**
- Parameters included:
  - **Patient satisfaction**
  - **Clinical outcomes**
  - **Hygiene standards**
  - **Recommendations from medical professionals**

### Top 5 Hospitals Globally

1. **Mayo Clinic**, Minnesota, USA
2. **Cleveland Clinic**, USA
3. **Toronto General Hospital**, Canada
4. **Johns Hopkins Hospital**, USA
5. **Karolinska University Hospital**, Sweden

### Report Details

- **Released by:** Newsweek (American media company)
- **In partnership with:** Statista (global data platform)

## Topic: Environment

### New Digital Platform for Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation

- The platform was launched during a review of projects by the **Wildlife Institute of India under the National Mission for Clean Ganga.**
- The platform will act as a central hub, offering ecological data, case studies, and conservation insights.

#### ◆ Purpose & Features

- Serves as a **centralized hub** for:
  - Ecological data
  - Conservation case studies
  - Community-based conservation insights
- Covers major rivers: **Ganga, Cauvery, Godavari**
- Provides information on:
  - **Physiography**
  - **Biodiversity**
  - **Community participation**

#### ◆ Significance

- Strengthens **community engagement** in freshwater biodiversity conservation
- Recognizes success of awareness and outreach efforts
- Special mention: **Ganga Praharis** for their role in spreading awareness

#### ◆ About NMCG

- Registered as a **society** on **12th August 2011**
- Core objective: Rejuvenation of river Ganga and its tributaries through public participation and ecological efforts.

## Topic: Economy

### MoU between RBI and Financial Intelligence Unit - India (FIU-IND)

#### ◆ Purpose

- **Strengthening efforts against money laundering** and terrorist financing
- Supports implementation of the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)** and its regulations

#### ◆ Scope of Collaboration

- **Intelligence and data sharing**
- **Training and outreach** for regulated entities
- **Capacity building** for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Terrorist Financing (CFT)
- **Risk assessment** of money laundering and terrorism financing across financial sectors.

- The **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)** was established by the **Government of India** in **November 2004**.
- The FIU coordinates and strengthens efforts of **national and international intelligence, investigation, and enforcement agencies** in the global fight against **money laundering and terrorism financing**.
- It operates as an **independent body**, reporting directly to the **Economic Intelligence Council (EIC)**, which is headed by the **Union Finance Minister**.

## India to Lead Global Economic Growth with 6.5% in 2025: UNCTAD Report

- **India's Projected Growth:** The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has projected India's economy to grow at **6.5%** in 2025, making it the **fastest-growing major economy** globally.
- **Global Comparisons:**
  - **China's** growth rate is forecasted at **4.4%**.
  - The **US** economy is expected to grow by just **1%**.
  - **European Union's** growth rate is also projected at **1%**, with **France, Germany, and Italy** expected to record **less than 1%** growth.
  - **Japan** will experience a very modest growth rate of just **0.5%**.
- **Key Drivers of India's Growth:**
  - India is leading growth through **increased government expenditure** and **monetary policy stimulus**.
  - These measures are expected to sustain growth momentum amid global economic challenges.
- **UNCTAD's Report:** The report, titled '**Trade and Development Foresights 2025**', highlights India's position among countries boosting growth through fiscal and monetary measures.



## International Highlights

### India & G4 Nations Oppose Religion-Based Seats in Reformed UNSC



- **India**, along with **Brazil, Germany, and Japan - G4 nations**—has **rejected proposals** suggesting **religion-based allocation** of permanent seats in a reformed **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**.
- **India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish**, stated that introducing religion as a factor for UNSC membership **goes against established UN norms**, which are based on **regional representation, not religious affiliation**.
- The stance was taken in response to **Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's** call for including an **Islamic country** as a permanent member of the UNSC, a move **supported by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**, citing the representation of the **Islamic Ummah**.
- The **G4 nations**, formed in **2005**, have consistently supported each other's bids for **permanent seats** in the Security Council. They argue for **equitable regional representation** reflecting **21st-century geopolitical realities**.

- Currently, the **UNSC has five permanent members (P5): China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.**