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TamilNadu Highlights

12,114 Self-Respect Marriages: Registered in Tamil Nadu since 2018.

- Also called **Suyamariyadhai Thirumanam**, these weddings are conducted **without priests** and **traditional rituals**, usually in the presence of relatives and friends.
- **Government Commitment:** The government ensures registration under **Section 7(A) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955**.
- **Training and Awareness:** Sub-registrars undergo periodic **training** on the registration process, and **awareness programs** are planned.
- **Online Services:** Facilities introduced for **online marriage registration applications, fee payments, and appointment scheduling**.
- **Online Corrections:** Corrections to **marriage certificates** can now be made **online**.



- **Objective:** Self-respect marriages aim to end caste endogamy and promote dignity and equality, especially for marginalized communities.
- **Pioneer and Launch:** Led by Periyar E. V. Ramasamy, the movement began in 1925, with the first self-respect marriage officiated by Periyar in 1928.
- **Features:** These marriages encourage inter-caste unions without priests or rituals, challenging patriarchal norms and emphasizing mutual respect and equality.
- **Legal Status:** The Hindu Marriage (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 1967, inserted Section 7-A into the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, legalizing self-respect marriages between consenting Hindus and mandating their registration.

TN upgrades 7 town panchayats to municipalities

- The Tamil Nadu government has upgraded **Polur, Chengam, Kanniyakumari, Sankagiri, Kothagiri, Avinashi, and Perundurai** from town panchayats to municipalities.
- This move aims to improve administrative efficiency, increase funding, and enhance public services.
- **Urban Expansion Initiatives:**
 - In **2021**, six new municipal corporations and 28 municipalities were established.

- On **August 10, 2024**, four more municipal corporations were announced: **Tiruvannamalai, Namakkal, Karaikudi, and Pudukkottai**, by merging nearby town panchayats and village panchayats.
- On **August 12, 2024**, Government Orders were issued for the conversion of **Mamallapuram, Sriperumbudur, and Tiruvaiyaru** into municipalities.
- **Future Plans:**
 - A **GO issued on January 1, 2025**, announced the formation of **134 new municipalities** and **25 panchayats**, marking a significant administrative reform.

The Tamil Nadu government has launched the 'Steps to Happiness' project

Aim :to promote daily aerobic exercises and enhance the state's happiness index.

Health Minister Ma. Subramanian inaugurated the project in collaboration with leading medical institutions, including:

- **Madras Medical College**
- **Saveetha Medical College**
- **Institute of Mental Health, Kilpauk**
- **Glanis Institute of Medical & Allied Health Sciences, Madurai**



- **Objective:**
 - Promote regular aerobic activities like jogging, walking, and running.
 - Improve mental well-being by increasing the levels of **beta-endorphin** and **beta-lipotropin**, known to induce a sense of euphoria and happiness.
- **Research Study:**
 - Conducted over **four weeks** with **570 participants** engaging in **30 minutes of daily aerobic exercise**.
 - Participants will complete the **Oxford Happiness Questionnaire** before and after the study to evaluate changes in their happiness levels.
- **Public Participation:**
 - Around **250 participants** kicked off the project with a **6 km run** from Adyar to Besant Nagar beach.

Tamil Nadu Police Commission Proposes Law to Prevent Protests Using Dead Bodies

The **Fifth Tamil Nadu Police Commission** has proposed the enactment of a '**Tamil Nadu Honour of Dead Body Act**' to prevent the misuse of dead bodies during protests.

Key Recommendations

- **Legislation Proposal:**

- The Commission suggests a law modeled on the **Rajasthan Honour of Dead Body Act, 2023**.
- It aims to prohibit protests using dead bodies to demand **compensation** or **immediate arrest** of accused individuals.



- **Punishment:**

- Violators may face **up to five years of imprisonment**.

- **Dignified Last Rites:**

- The law would ensure that all deceased persons receive **dignified last rites**.
- If families refuse to claim the body or delay its possession, the **State authorities** will carry out the last rites.

- **Addressing Law and Order:**

- The recommendation responds to incidents where **traffic was obstructed** due to such protests.
- It aims to ensure **effective maintenance of public order**.

Additional Recommendations

- **Prohibitory Orders:**

- Authorities are advised to enforce prohibitory orders under **Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)** (formerly **Section 144 CrPC**) to prevent riots or violence.
- **Timely enforcement** and **public awareness** about these orders are recommended to avoid incidents like the **Sterlite protests**.

- **Countering Misinformation:**

- The Commission called for a law to address **misinformation campaigns** in the absence of Section 66A of the IT Act, which was struck down in 2015.
- It highlighted the potential for **misinformation targeting migrant laborers** to escalate tensions.

National Highlights

Topic: Defence

14th Edition of India-Russia Naval Exercise 'Indra' Begins

- The 14th edition of the bilateral naval exercise 'Indra' between India and Russia is scheduled from **March 28 to April 2, 2025** in **Chennai**.
- The exercise aims to enhance maritime cooperation and strengthen bilateral relations.
- It will be conducted in two phases:
 - **Harbour Phase** (March 28-30) in Chennai with activities including an opening ceremony, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs), and sports events.
 - **Sea Phase** (March 31-April 2) in the **Bay of Bengal** with advanced naval drills, tactical maneuvers, live weapon firings, and anti-air operations.
- Participants include:
 - **India:** INS **Rana** and INS **Kuthar** along with maritime patrol aircraft **P8I**.



Russia: Naval Ships **Pechanga**, **Rezkiy**, and **Aldar Tsydenzhapov**.

Topic: Economy

India Becomes the World's Largest Milk Producer

- **Milk Production Achievement:**
 - **India** has become the **top milk producer** globally, with a production of **239 million metric tons (MMT)**.
 - The country has set a target of producing **300 MMT** of milk within the next **five years**.
- **Employment:**
 - **10 crore people** are engaged in milk production in India, mainly in rural areas.
- **Milk Consumption:**
 - The **per capita milk consumption** in India is **471 grams per day**, higher than the global average.
- **Government Initiative - Rashtriya Gokul Mission:**
 - **Launched** in **2014** by the **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.
 - **Objective:**

- Development and conservation of **indigenous breeds**.
- **Genetic upgradation** of the bovine population.
- Sustainable increase in milk production.
- Expansion of **artificial insemination coverage** by enhancing the breeding network.

India to Raise ₹8 Lakh Crore from Market in H1 FY26

- The Government of India plans to raise ₹8 lakh crore through dated securities in the first half (April-September) of FY26.
- This forms 54% of the total ₹14.82 lakh crore gross market borrowing estimated for FY26.
- ₹10,000 crore will be raised through sovereign green bonds.
- Borrowings will include tenures of 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 30, 40, and 50 years.
- 10-year government securities (G-Secs) will account for over 26% of the total borrowing.
- The government will conduct security switching and buyback operations to manage debt efficiently.
- The RBI has set a ₹1.50 lakh crore limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to handle temporary mismatches in government finances.

Topic : Science and Technology

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Inaugurates Techkriti 2025 at IIT Kanpur

- **Techkriti 2025** is **Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival**.
- Hosted by **IIT Kanpur**, it serves as a platform to showcase technological innovations and foster industry-academia collaboration.
- **Inauguration:**
 - **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan** inaugurated the event.
- **Focus on Defence and Technology:**
 - Emphasis on the need for **technological advancement** and **modernization** of the **Indian Armed Forces**.
 - Special focus on **Cyber Warfare, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing, and Cognitive Technologies** for future conflicts.
- **Rakshakriti - Defence Expo:**
 - A key attraction of Techkriti 2025, showcasing **cutting-edge defence technology**.



- Provided a platform for researchers to collaborate with industry leaders, particularly in areas like **autonomous drones** and next-gen defence systems.

ISRO's Breakthrough in Semicryogenic Engine Development

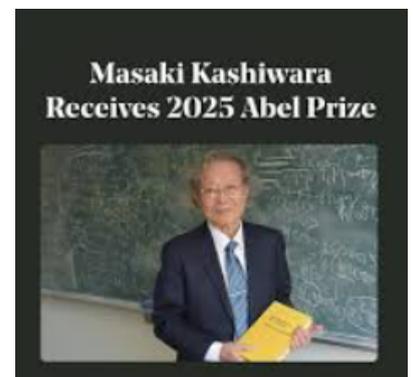
- **Semicryogenic Engine Development:** ISRO has achieved a significant milestone in developing a semicryogenic engine with a high thrust of **2,000 kN**. This engine will power the semicryogenic booster stage of the **Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3)**.
- **Successful Test:** The first successful **hot test** of the **Engine Power Head Test Article (PHTA)** was conducted at the **ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**, demonstrating smooth ignition and operation for **2.5 seconds**.
- **Future Plans:** ISRO plans to conduct further tests on the PHTA to validate and refine the engine's performance before realizing the fully integrated version.
- **Enhanced Payload Capacity:** The new **SC120 stage**, powered by the **SE2000** engine, will replace the existing **L110 core liquid stage** of LVM3, increasing its **payload capacity** from **4 tonnes to 5 tonnes** in **Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)**.



Topic : Awards

Masaki Kashiwara Wins 2025 Abel Prize in Mathematics

- **Masaki Kashiwara** from Japan has been awarded the **Abel Prize** for his groundbreaking contributions to **algebraic analysis** and **representation theory**.
- He is the **first Japanese mathematician** to win this prestigious award.
- Kashiwara developed advanced algebraic tools to solve complex mathematical problems, particularly in **differential equations**.
- He is renowned for building connections between distinct areas of mathematics and collaborated with French mathematician **Pierre Schapira** in **microlocal analysis**.
- The **Abel Prize**, named after Norwegian mathematician **Niels Henrik Abel**, is awarded by the Norwegian government.
- The prize includes a monetary award of **7.5 million kroner (approximately \$714,000)**.



Topic: Reports and Indices

Global Energy Review 2025 – Key Highlights

- **Released by:** International Energy Agency (IEA).
- **Global Electricity Demand:** Increased by **4.3% in 2024**, compared to **2.5% in 2023**.
- **Temperature Impact:** 2024 recorded as the **warmest year** ever, surpassing 2023.
- **Coal Emissions:** Global coal emissions rose by **0.9% (135 Mt CO₂)** in 2024.
- **China's Coal Consumption:** China remained the **largest coal consumer**, accounting for **58%** of global coal use.
- **Electricity Consumption:**
 - **Buildings Sector:** Increased by over **600 TWh** or **5%** in 2024.
 - **Industry Sector:** Contributed to **40%** of total electricity demand growth with a **4%** increase.
- **Renewable and Nuclear Energy:** Accounted for **80% of the growth** in global electricity generation in 2024.



Topic: Sports

Manisha Bhanwala Wins Gold at Asian Wrestling Championship 2025

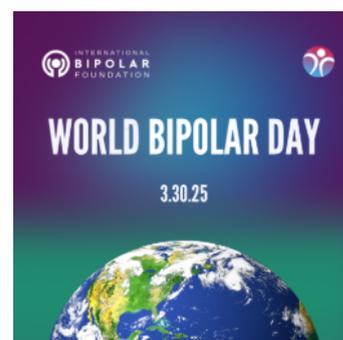
- Manisha Bhanwala won **India's first gold medal since 2021 at the Asian Wrestling Championship held in Amman, Jordan.**
- She defeated Korea's Ok J Kim 8-7 in the women's 62 kg category.
- Antim Panghal won a bronze medal in the 53 kg category, defeating Taipei's Meng H. Hsieh by technical superiority.
- Manisha had previously **won three consecutive bronze medals at the Asian Championships from 2022 to 2024.**
- The last gold medals for India in the tournament were won by Vinesh Phogat and Sarita Mor in 2021.
- The 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships took place from March 25 to 30 in Amman, Jordan.



Topic : Important Days

World Bipolar Day 2025

- **Date:** **March 30** (Vincent van Gogh's birthday)
- **Objective:** Raise awareness, reduce stigma, and increase understanding of **bipolar disorder** globally.



Theme for 2025:

- **"Bipolar Strong"**
- Emphasizes resilience, unity, and strength of individuals with **bipolar disorder**.
- Encourages sharing experiences to promote understanding and empathy.
- Aims to foster a supportive community and empower those living with the disorder.

