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TamilNadu Highlights

Tamil Nadu CM Declares April 29 – May 5 as ‘Tamil Week’ to Honour Poet Bharathidasan

- Honarable Chief Minister **MK Stalin** announced that **April 29 to May 5** will be observed as **‘Tamil Week’** across Tamil Nadu.
- The announcement was made under **Rule 110** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.
- **Tribute to Pavendhar Bharathidasan:**
 - The week commemorates the birth anniversary of **Pavendhar Bharathidasan**, a revolutionary Tamil poet and social reformer.
 - Bharathidasan as a **"poetic force"** who used literature as a tool for **social transformation**.
- **Bharathidasan's Legacy:**
 - His poetry promoted **self-respect, equality, rationalism, women's liberation, and linguistic pride**.
 - He laid the ideological foundations of the **Dravidian movement** in 1929.
 - Revered by leaders like **Periyar, Anna, and Kalaigarnar**, Bharathidasan is often described as **“Tamil Nadu’s Walt Whitman.”**
- **Statewide Celebrations:**
 - **Poetry Recitals & Literary Seminars:** Events in all districts highlighting his works.
 - **Bharathidasan Young Creator Award:** A new state-level award for emerging Tamil literary talent.
 - **Literary Research Forums:** Discussions on classic Tamil literature and its relevance today.
 - **School-Level Competitions:** Essay writing, poetry, and speech contests to engage students.
 - **Cultural Programs:** Showcasing traditional Tamil music, dance, and folk arts.
 - Quoting Bharathidasan, CM Stalin said: *“Let Tamil flourish like the ocean.”*



Tamil Nadu Government Announces Key Healthcare Initiatives

- **₹1,000 monthly aid** will be provided to **7,618 children living with HIV/AIDS** for nutrition, education, and medical needs.
- **500 new postgraduate medical seats** will be added across 13 government medical colleges and Kalaigarnar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital.

- **Nutritious food (milk, egg white, sundal)** will be given to **haemodialysis patients** at all government medical college hospitals.
- **Dialysis services** will be launched at **50 upgraded Primary Health Centres** in rural areas via public-private partnerships.
- **642 new health sub-centres** will be established based on population needs in urban and rural areas.
- **Special nutrition kits** (Vitamin D3, iron, multivitamins) will be provided for **50,000 low birth weight babies** post-discharge from SNCUs.
- Other initiatives include **hand-held X-ray devices**, **AI-based TB detection**, **clinical epidemiology departments**, and **colour-coded linen systems**.

National Highlights

India's Electricity Generation Hits Record High in FY25

Total Generation:

-  **1,821 Billion Units (BU)** – A **5% year-on-year increase**, the highest ever recorded.

Power Source-wise Growth (FY25):

Power Source	Growth Rate
Thermal (Coal-based)	▼ 2.8% (Slowest since FY21)
Nuclear	▲ 18.4%
Large Hydro	▲ 10.8%
Renewable Energy	▲ 11.4%

- Thermal power had the **weakest growth** among all major sources.
- **Renewables and hydro** played a **key role** in meeting additional electricity demand.

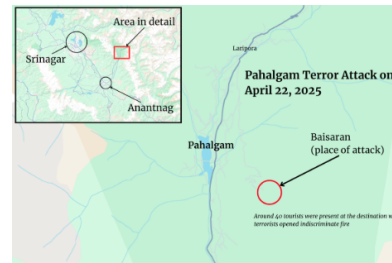
Electricity Demand Trends:

- **Peak demand** rose modestly:
 - FY24: 240 GW
 - FY25: 250 GW
- Demand **stabilized** after previous sharp increases.

India's power sector is witnessing a **strong transition towards cleaner energy**, with **renewables, hydro, and nuclear** driving growth, while coal-based generation continues to slow down.

J&K: Security Intensified Across Kashmir Valley After Pahalgam Terror Attack

- **Heightened security** measures have been enforced across the **Kashmir Valley** following a **terrorist attack in Pahalgam**, Anantnag district, that resulted in the **killing of several tourists**.
- A **joint combing operation** by the **Army, CRPF, and J&K Police** is underway, extending over a **5 km radius** from the attack site using **special forces, sniffer dogs, and technical intelligence** tools.
- **Checkpoints** have been set up on **highways and sensitive zones**, and **quick reaction teams** have been stationed at **key locations and tourist spots**.
- **Frisking and surveillance** operations have intensified in **Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Sonamarg**, especially around **hotels accommodating tourists**.
- **Lt Gen MV Suchendra Kumar**, Northern Army Commander, will be **briefed by local commanders** in Srinagar on the **current security status**.
- The **targeted attack on tourists** during **peak spring travel season** has triggered major **security concerns** across the Union Territory.
- **Rescue and identification efforts** are ongoing, with **top security officials** working to determine the **final casualty figures**.



Topic: Defence

Army Launches 'Voice of Kinnaur' Radio Station in Himachal Pradesh

- The **Indian Army** launched a community radio station, '**Voice of Kinnaur**', in **Kinnaur district**, Himachal Pradesh, under **Operation Sadbhavana**.
- Aim: Disseminate **local news, education, health updates**, and promote **regional culture**.
- Special focus: Empowering **youth, women, and apple farmers** by giving them a platform to voice their concerns and achievements.
- Launch venue: **Army Tripeak Public School**, attended by senior officials from the **Surya Command**.

About Operation Sadbhavana:

- **Operation Sadbhavana** is a humanitarian initiative by the **Indian Army** in **Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh** to support communities affected by **terrorism**.
- Key efforts include **Army Goodwill Schools, infrastructure projects**, and

educational tours for children in **remote areas of Ladakh**.

- The operation promotes **national integration**, **women empowerment**, **employment**, and **development**, with projects aligned to **local aspirations** and civil administration plans.

Indian Navy Completes Major Refit of Maldivian Coast Guard Ship MNDF Huravee

- The Indian Navy successfully completed the major refit of the Maldivian Coast Guard Ship *MNDF Huravee*.
- This refit aligns with India's regional maritime security strategy under the **MAHASAGAR** vision.
- **MAHASAGAR Vision:**
 - **MAHASAGAR** stands for '**Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth for All in the Region**'.
 - It builds on the earlier **SAGAR** (Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative introduced by PM Modi in 2015.
- **Neighbourhood First Policy:**
 - The refit highlights India's '**Neighbourhood First**' policy, which was launched in 2008.
 - The policy is guided by the principles of **Samman (respect)**, **Samvad (dialogue)**, **Shanti (peace)**, and **Samriddhi (prosperity)**.
 - Countries included in the **Neighbourhood First** policy: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.
- **Make in India Ship:**
 - *MNDF Huravee* was built under the **Make in India** initiative and delivered to the Maldives National Defence Force in May 2023.
 - It replaced an older platform within the Maldives Coast Guard fleet.
- **Role of MNDF Huravee:**
 - The ship plays a crucial role in **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** operations.
 - It also contributes to **Medical Evacuation** operations across the Maldivian islands.
- **Strengthening Diplomatic and Military Cooperation:**
 - The refit showcases the **strong diplomatic and military cooperation** between India and the Maldives.
 - It reflects India's commitment to regional security and collaboration.

- **Strategic Importance of Maldives:**

- Maldives, located in the Indian Ocean, plays a key role in regional maritime security.
- Its capital is Male, and the currency is Maldivian Rufiyaa.

Topic: Sports

India Shines at ISSF World Cup 2025 in Shooting Events

Location: Buenos Aires & Lima

- **Rudranksh Patil & Arya Borse:** Silver in **10m Air Rifle Mixed Team** (Final score: 9-17 against China).
- **Arjun Babuta:** Silver in **Men's 10m Air Rifle**, missing gold by just **0.1 points** to **Lihao Sheng (China)**.
- **Suruchi Inder Singh:** Double gold
 - **Women's 10m Air Pistol** (Score: 243.6)
 - **Mixed Team event** with **Saurabh Chaudhary**
- **Manu Bhaker:** Silver in **Women's 10m Air Pistol** (Score: 242.3)



Topic: Economy

12% Safeguard Duty on Steel Imports

- Centre imposed a **12% safeguard duty** on certain alloy and non-alloy steel flat products on **21 April 2025**.
- Duty is applicable for **200 days** to curb low-cost imports and protect domestic steelmakers.
- It covers **five categories**: hot/cold-rolled coils, sheets, plates, metallic- and color-coated products.
- Import prices are fixed between **\$675 to \$964 per tonne** (CIF basis).
- Imports **below this price** range will attract the 12% safeguard duty.
- Imports **at or above** the threshold prices are **exempt** from this duty.
- The move supports **domestic producers**, especially **SMEs** under pressure from surging imports.
- Aims to ensure **fair pricing** and stabilize the Indian steel market.

India's Infrastructure Output Growth in March 2025

- India's infrastructure output increased by **3.8% in March 2025**.
- Positive growth was recorded in cement, fertilisers, steel, electricity, coal, and refinery products.

- The **Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI)** showed a **4.4% growth** for **FY25** compared to the **previous year**.
- Cement production led the growth at 11.6%, followed by fertilisers (8.8%) and steel (7.1%).
- Electricity production increased by 6.2%, while coal production grew by 1.6%.
- Petroleum refinery products showed minimal growth of 0.2%.
- However, natural gas production declined by 12.7%, and crude oil dropped by 1.9%.
- The ICI measures the performance of coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, and electricity.
- These sectors account for 40.27% of the weight in the Index of Industrial Production, with the **base year set at 2011-12**.

Topic: Science and Technology

ISRO Achieves Second Successful Satellite Docking under SpaDeX Mission

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully performed its **second satellite docking** under the **SpaDeX Mission**.
- **Satellites Involved:**
 - **SDX-01 (chaser)** and **SDX-02 (target)**, each weighing approx. **220 kg**.
 - Launched on **December 30, 2024**, via **PSLV-C60** from **Sriharikota**.
- **Timeline of Events:**
 - **First Docking:** January 16, 2025
 - **Undocking:** March 13, 2025
 - **Second Docking:** April 20, 2025



Significance & Technological Innovation

- **India becomes the fourth nation** (after **USA, Russia, and China**) to achieve in-space satellite docking.
- The **indigenous Bharatiya Docking System** developed by ISRO includes:
 - **Docking mechanism**
 - **Four docking sensors**
 - **Power transfer capability**
 - **Inter-Satellite Link (ISL)**
 - **Autonomous docking strategy** with intelligent response capability
- This breakthrough is crucial for:

- **Chandrayaan-4** and future **lunar missions**
- **On-orbit servicing**
- **Space station modules**
- **Deep space operations** without reliance on Earth-based systems like **GNSS**

Topic: Important Days

World Earth Day 2025 - April 22

- Celebrated every year on **22nd April**.
- Known as **World Earth Day** or **International Mother Earth Day**.
- **Purpose:**
 - To **raise awareness** about environmental degradation.
 - Encourage **action to protect the environment** from pollution, climate change, deforestation, and other threats.
- **Theme for 2025:**
 - **"Our Power, Our Planet"** — emphasizes **collective responsibility** and **empowerment** to restore and protect the Earth.
- **Historical Background:**
 - Originated in the **1970s**.
 - Founded by **Senator Gaylord Nelson (USA)** in response to increasing pollution and environmental issues.
 - Inspired by the **Santa Barbara oil spill (1969)**, one of the worst environmental disasters at the time.
 - First Earth Day was observed on **April 22, 1970**.
- **Significance:**
 - Highlights critical issues like **climate change**, **biodiversity loss**, **air and water pollution**, and **unsustainable consumption**.
 - Encourages individuals, communities, governments, and organizations to take **sustainable actions**.

International Highlights

India–Saudi Arabia Relations & PM Modi's Visit

- PM Modi visited Saudi Arabia from **April 22–23, 2025**, marking his **third official visit** after 2016 and 2019.
- The visit emphasized discussions on **regional security**, **humanitarian coordination**, and **strategic partnership**.

- **Six MoUs** were signed in sectors like **space, energy, health, science, culture, and advanced technology**.
- Modi lauded Saudi Arabia's wins to host **World Expo 2030** and **FIFA World Cup 2034**.
- The **Strategic Partnership Council**, formed in **2019**, has deepened bilateral cooperation.
- Diplomatic ties date back to **1947**; the '**Riyadh Declaration**' (**2010**) elevated ties to a strategic level.
- Saudi Arabia is India's **5th-largest trading partner**; total trade reached **\$42.98 billion** in FY 2023–24.
- The partnership is vital for India's **energy security, expatriate welfare, and regional stability**.

