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## TamilNadu Highlights

### Tamil Nadu Bans Raw Egg Mayonnaise

- **Effective From:** April 8, 2025, for a period of **one year**.
- Issued under Section 30(2)(a) of the **Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006**.
- Manufacture, storage, sale, distribution, transport, and use of **mayonnaise made from raw eggs**.
- Classified as **high-risk food** due to potential contamination by **Salmonella typhimurium**, **Salmonella enteritidis**, **E. coli**, and **Listeria monocytogenes**.
- Often served with **shawarma** and other fast foods.
- Food business operators using **raw eggs in mayonnaise** without proper storage or processing.
- **Aim:** To **prevent food poisoning** and ensure public health safety amid scientific uncertainty.
- Telangana has also banned raw egg mayonnaise recently.

### Tamil Nadu Sets New Record in Electronics Exports – FY 2024–25

- **Historic Export Figures:**

Tamil Nadu clocked **\$14.65 billion** in electronics exports for **FY 2024–25**, up from **\$9.56 billion** in the previous fiscal — a **53% growth**.

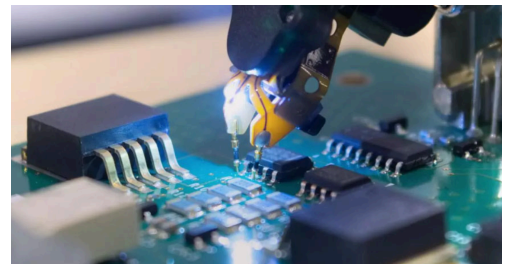
- The State contributed **41.23%** of India's total electronics exports, maintaining its **#1 position** in the country.

- **State-wise Comparison:**

- 🥇 Tamil Nadu – \$14.65 billion
- 🥈 Karnataka – \$7.85 billion
- 🥉 Uttar Pradesh – \$5.26 billion

- **Minister's Vision:**

Calling it a proud milestone, Mr. Rajaa emphasized that this is “just the beginning,” aiming for **\$100 billion** in electronics exports in the future.



### New University in Kumbakonam to Honour M.Karunanidhi

- A new university named after **M. Karunanidhi**, the late DMK leader and former Chief Minister, will be established in **Kumbakonam, Thanjavur district**
- Announced by **CM M.K. Stalin** in the Legislative Assembly

#### **Purpose of the University:**

To honour:

- **M. Karunanidhi's contributions to education** in Tamil Nadu
- His role in **Samacheer Kalvi** (Equitable Standard School Education)

- His **advocacy for State autonomy** and securing the **right for Chief Ministers to hoist the national flag** on Independence Day

## Residential Coaching Centre for UPSC Aspirants

- A **₹40 crore** residential coaching facility for **civil services exam aspirants** will be set up at **Shenoy Nagar, Chennai**
- **Capacity:** 500 students
- **Facilities:** Modern amenities, likely aimed at underprivileged and deserving candidates

## National Highlights

### Topic: Important Days

#### World Immunization Week 2025 (April 24–30)

- Observed annually in the **last week of April**; in 2025, it falls on **April 24–30**.
- **Theme 2025:** *"Immunization for All is Humanly Possible"* – focuses on ensuring **universal vaccine access** regardless of age or location.
- **Goal:** To **raise awareness** about the **importance of vaccines** in protecting health and preventing disease.
- **Key Initiatives:**
  - **Expanded Programme on Immunization (1978)**
  - **Universal Immunization Programme (1985)**
  - **Mission Indradhanush** launched in India to increase coverage.
- **Impact:** According to **WHO**, vaccines have saved **at least 154 million lives** over the past **50 years**.
- Immunization protects against **30+ deadly diseases**, including **polio, smallpox, and measles**.
- **What is Immunization?** It is the process of making a person **immune to infections**, typically through **vaccines** that stimulate the immune system.



#### World Malaria Day - 25 April

- **Purpose of World Malaria Day**
  - World Malaria Day is observed annually on April 25 to emphasize the need for sustained investment and political commitment in the prevention and control of malaria.
- **Theme for 2025**
  - The theme for World Malaria Day 2025 is "Malaria ends with us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite."
- **History of World Malaria Day**





- World Malaria Day was adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) during the 60th session of the World Health Assembly in 2007.
- **Malaria Overview**
  - Malaria is transmitted by the bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito, which spreads the Plasmodium parasite. It is a preventable and treatable infectious disease.
- **Scientific Breakthroughs in Malaria Research**

In 1897, Sir Ronald Ross discovered that malaria in humans is spread by female mosquitoes. Hydroxychloroquine is a key anti-malarial drug used in treatment.

## Topic: Sports

### Koneru Humpy Wins Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix

- Indian Grandmaster **Koneru Humpy** clinched the **Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix** title on **April 23** with a score of **7/9 points**.
- **Final Round Win:** Humpy triumphed over Bulgarian IM **Nurgyul Salimova** in the final round with the **White pieces**.
- Humpy and Zhu will share the **Grand Prix points** and **prize money**.
- **Boost for Candidates:** This win significantly enhances **Humpy's chances** of qualifying for the upcoming **Women's Candidates Chess Tournament**.
- India's **IM Divya Deshmukh** secured **3rd place** with **5.5/9 points**, drawing against Polish player **Alina Kashlinskaya**.

### Highlights from the 2025 National Federation Senior Athletics Competition in Kochi

- **Vithya Ramraj's Victory in Women's 400m Hurdles**
  - Vithya Ramraj won the women's 400m hurdles with a time of 56.04 seconds, qualifying for the 2025 Asian Championships.
- **Record-breaking Performance**
  - Her time of 56.04 seconds set a new record, breaking Saritaben Gayakwad's 2019 record of 57.21 seconds.
- **Podium Finish in Women's 400m Hurdles**
  - Anu R secured second place with a time of 58.26 seconds, while Ashwini R finished third with 1:02.41.
- **Men's 400m Hurdles Gold**
  - Yashas Palaksha claimed the gold in the men's 400m hurdles with a personal best of 49.32 seconds.
- **Other Key Results**
  - Damneet Singh won the men's hammer throw with a distance of 68.30 meters, while Niharika Vashisht took gold in the women's triple jump with a jump of 13.49 meters.



## Topic: Economy

### India-Nepal Energy Cooperation and Bilateral Relations

- **Energy Cooperation MoU**

- An MoU was signed between Powergrid Corporation of India and Nepal Electricity Authority.
- The MoU aims to create two joint venture companies to develop 400 kV cross-border transmission lines.



- **Transmission Line Projects**

- One transmission line will connect Inaruwa (Nepal) to New Purnea (India).
- Another line will link Dododhara (Nepal) to Bareilly (India), enhancing energy exchange.

- **Cultural and Diplomatic Strengthening**

- Indian Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Nepalese Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli discussed strengthening cultural ties and improving energy infrastructure.
- Khattar also visited the Arun-3 hydropower project during the visit.

- **Historical Bilateral Relations**

- India is Nepal's top trading ally, playing a significant role in its economy through foreign direct investments.
- The Indo-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, signed in 1950, laid the foundation for diplomatic relations.

- **India's Support for Nepal's Development**

- India actively supports Nepal's infrastructure development through financial aid and technical expertise.
- The two countries share a boundary with five Indian states: Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

### Indian Government's Procurement of Pulses at MSP for 2024-25 Season

- **Procurement Under Price Support Scheme (PSS)**

- The Indian government will purchase the entire production of Tur, Urad, and Masur at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the 2024-25 season to boost pulse production.

- **Reducing Dependence on Imports**

- The decision aims to reduce India's reliance on pulse imports and achieve self-sufficiency in pulses.

- **Commitment to Continued Procurement**

- The government, in Budget 2025, committed to continuing 100% procurement through NAFED and NCCF until 2028-29.

- **Approved Quantity for Tur Procurement**

- The procurement plan includes a total of 13.22 lakh metric tons of Tur (Arhar) for Kharif 2024-25, approved by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- **States Included in the Procurement Plan**
  - Nine states—Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh—are part of the procurement initiative, with procurement already underway in five of them.

## International highlights

### China Escalates Tensions in Yellow Sea with Steel Rig in Disputed PMZ Waters

- China built a massive steel rig in the **Provisional Maritime Zone (PMZ)** near **Socotra Rock**, southwest of **Jeju Island**, where China and South Korea's EEZs overlap.
- **Disputed Structure:** The rig includes **Shen Lan 2 Hao (Deep Blue 2)**, a 71.5-metre-tall **underwater salmon farming cage**, claimed by China to be an **aquafarm**.
- When South Korea's research vessel **Onnuri** tried to inspect the structure, it was **blocked by Chinese coast guard and civilian ships**.
- A **two-hour standoff** ensued between the **coast guards of both countries** in the disputed waters.
- **Satellite imagery** confirmed the construction of **multiple Chinese steel platforms** in the PMZ.
- South Korea cited the **2001 Korea-China Fisheries Agreement** to support its **right to inspect** such structures.
- South Korea **lodged a formal protest** by summoning a **Chinese Embassy representative in Seoul**.



### IMF Warns of Major Economic Losses from US-China Trade War

- **Global Growth Slows:** IMF has **cut the global GDP growth forecast to 2.8% in 2025** (down 0.5 points) and **3.0% in 2026** (down 0.3 points) due to escalating US-China trade tensions.
- **Inflation to Rise:** Global consumer price inflation is expected to rise slightly to **4.3% in 2025** and **3.6% in 2026**, driven by tariff-induced price hikes.
- **Tariff Impact:** The **effective US-China tariff rate has exceeded 60%**, alarming economists over worsening bilateral trade and global economic fallout.
- **Unaccounted Tariffs:** IMF's latest projections **do not yet include** new tariffs announced post-April 4, suggesting further downgrades may follow.
- **China's Forecast Cut:** China's **growth outlook** has been revised to **4% for both 2025 and 2026**, down 0.6 and 0.5 points respectively.
- **US Growth Hit:** The US economy is forecast to grow at **1.8% in 2025** (down 0.9 points) and **1.7% in 2026**, amid uncertainty and weakening demand.

- **Global Ripple Effect:** Major US trading partners like **Mexico, Canada, and China** are expected to suffer from the US's aggressive trade policies, hurting the broader global economy.

