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TamilNadu Highlights

Nationalisation of Works by Tamil Scholars

Event: Valedictory of 'Tamil Week' marking the birth anniversary of Tamil poet Pavendhar Bharathidasan.

Key Announcement:

- Honorable CM **M.K. Stalin** to announce the **nationalisation of literary works** by five Tamil scholars.
- Royalties from these works to be handed over to the **families** of the scholars.

Purpose: To bring the intellectual contributions of Tamil scholars to the masses and preserve their heritage.

Other Activities:

- CM Stalin will **present prizes** to winners of **literary competitions** held during Tamil Week.
- Various **literary events** organized across Tamil Nadu since **April 29, 2025**.

National Highlights

Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) and water release proposal

- The **Central Government** has proposed releasing **4,500 cusecs of additional water** from BBMB dams.
- Purpose: To **ease water shortages** in **Haryana** and **parts of Rajasthan**.
- Duration: Water to be released **over 8 days**.



Meeting Highlights:

- Held in **New Delhi**, chaired by the **Union Home Secretary**.
- Attended by **senior central officials** and **representatives from Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan**.
- All three are **partner states** in the BBMB.

Key Outcomes:

- **Punjab** will be given **additional water if needed** during the dam-filling season.
- The **BBMB will hold a follow-up meeting** to finalize the process of supplying extra water to Haryana.

About BBMB:

- Established in **1976**.

- Manages water and power from:
 - **Bhakra-Nangal Project**
 - **Beas Project Unit-I** (Beas-Sutlej Link)
 - **Beas Project Unit-II** (Pong Dam)
- Supplies water and power to:
 - **Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, and Chandigarh**
- Functions:
 - **Regulation of water** from Satluj, Ravi, and Beas rivers.
 - **Operation and maintenance** of major dam projects.
 - **Supply of hydroelectric power.**
 - Provides **technical and consultancy services.**

Topic: Reports and indices

Domestic Violence, Assault Top Reported Crimes Against Women in 2025

Source: National Commission for Women (NCW)

Total Complaints in 2025 (so far): 7,698

- **Domestic Violence: 1,594 complaints**
 - Jan: 367 | Feb: 390 | Mar: 513 | Apr: 322 | May: 2
 - Nearly **20%** of total complaints
- **Other Major Categories:** Significant complaints included **criminal intimidation (989)**, **assault (950)**, **dowry harassment (916)**, **rape/attempt to rape (394)**, **molestation (310)**, **sexual harassment (302)**, and **cybercrimes (110)**.
- **Monthly Trends:** April 2025 saw the **highest spike** in complaints with **2,123 cases**, especially in domestic violence, while March also reported high numbers.
- **Uncategorized Complaints:** Around **881 complaints** were still marked as "**Not Categorized yet**" as of early May.
- **State-Wise Breakdown:** **Uttar Pradesh** recorded the **highest number (3,921)** — over **50%** of the national total — followed by **Delhi (688)** and **Maharashtra (473)**.
- **Other High-Reporting States:** **Madhya Pradesh (351)**, **Bihar (342)**, and **Haryana (306)** also reported significant complaint numbers.
- **Reason Behind High Numbers:** Officials attribute the rising figures to **increased awareness** among women regarding their rights and improved **access to grievance platforms** like the NCW portal.

World Press Freedom Index 2025: India's Performance and Global Context

Published by: Reporters Without Borders (RSF)

Purpose: Assesses the level of press freedom in 180 countries, based on journalists' ability to work freely and independently.

- **India's Rank (2025): 151 out of 180 countries**

- **2024 Rank:** 159
- **2023 Rank:** 161
- **Category:** *Very Serious* (indicating high concern for press freedom)
- Despite the improvement, India remains in the lowest global category.



- **Global Context:**

- **Top Performers:**

- Norway (1st)
- Estonia (2nd)
- Netherlands (3rd)

- For the first time, **global press freedom** is classified as in a “**difficult situation**”, driven by:

- **Economic pressures**
- **Political interference**
- **Deteriorating safety for journalists**

- **RSF Evaluation Criteria:** The index evaluates countries based on:

- Political context
- Economic context
- Legislative framework
- Social environment
- Security situation

Topic: Defence

Next-Generation Air Defence System

- The Indian government has initiated the procurement of a **next-generation air defence system** through a tender released by the Ministry of Defence.

- The system is designed to **identify and neutralize low-range aerial targets**, including drones, helicopters, and fighter jets.
- It will operate effectively in **temperatures below -30°C and above 50°C**, ensuring all-weather performance.
- The system will function **round-the-clock**, enabled by **advanced infrared technology**, allowing effective surveillance and targeting even in low visibility.
- It will be deployable in **mountainous terrain, deserts, and coastal zones**, covering all strategic areas of concern.
- The system will support **human-operated long-duration missions**, providing flexibility and tactical advantage.
- The initial phase includes **48 missile launchers, 85 missiles, and 48 technical equipment units**, as well as a possible **missile testing centre**.

Topic: Environment

Jaigir Village Relocated from Core Area of Palamu Tiger Reserve

- **Jaigir Village Relocation:** After years of efforts by forest officials, **Jaigir** has become the **first village** to be completely relocated outside the core area of **Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR)**.
- **Location of PTR:** Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in the **western part of the Chotanagpur Plateau** and spans across the **Latehar and Garhwa districts in Jharkhand**.
- **Reserve Area:** PTR covers a total area of **1,014 square kilometers**:
 - **414 square kilometers** designated as the **core area** (protected habitat for tigers).
 - **600 square kilometers** form the **buffer zone** (supporting areas for conservation).
- **Project Tiger:** PTR was among the **first nine tiger reserves** established in India under **Project Tiger**, a flagship conservation program launched in **1973** by the Government of India to protect tigers and their habitats.
- **Relocation Significance:** The relocation of Jaigir village is part of efforts to minimize human-wildlife conflict and ensure the protection and restoration of tiger habitats in the core areas.



Topic: Schemes and Initiatives

MoSJE and UNDP Collaborate on NAMASTE Scheme to Empower Wastepickers

- **Collaboration Between MoSJE and UNDP:** The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)** and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** have partnered to work on the **wastepickers component** of the **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme**.
- **UNDP's Role:** UNDP is providing **financial support** to **State Project Management Units (PMUs)** to help strengthen the implementation of the NAMASTE scheme.
- **Launch of NAMASTE Scheme:** The NAMASTE Scheme was **jointly launched** by MoSJE and the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** in **2023** with the primary aim of protecting the **safety** and **dignity** of sanitation workers.
- **Wastepicker Component:** The **wastepicker component** of the scheme was launched in **2024** with the goal to **digitally profile and register** 2.5 lakh wastepickers across India.
- **Benefits for Wastepickers:**
 - **Health Insurance:** Wastepickers are provided health insurance under the **Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)**.
 - **Skill Development:** The scheme also offers **skill development training** to improve the livelihoods of wastepickers.
- **Impact of the Scheme:** This initiative aims to ensure better living and working conditions for wastepickers while integrating them into formal sanitation and waste management systems.

Topic: Sports

PM Inaugurates Seventh Khelo India Youth Games in Bihar

- PM Modi inaugurated the **7th Khelo India Youth Games** in Bihar via videoconferencing .
- **Location:** The games are held in **Patna, Nalanda, Gaya, Bhagalpur, and Begusarai** from **May 4 to May 15**.
- **Participants:** Over **8,500 players** and **1,500 technical staff** will compete in **28 sports**.
- **Government Focus:** PM highlighted **Khelo India** and other programs for promoting sports and fostering India's **growing sporting culture**.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** The **sports budget** has increased to **₹4,000 crore**, with infrastructure developments like the **Khelo India State Centre of Excellence** in Rajgir.
- **International Recognition:** PM emphasized India's rising success in new sports like **wushu, lawn bowls, and roller skating**.

International Highlights

Powerful Earthquake Strikes Southern Chile and Argentina; Tsunami Alert Issued

- On **2 May 2025**, a powerful **7.4 magnitude earthquake** struck near the **southern coast of Chile and Argentina**, as confirmed by the **US Geological Survey (USGS)**.
- The **epicenter** was located **219 km offshore in the Drake Passage**, between South America's southern tip and Antarctica, at a shallow depth of **10 km**.
- The **US National Weather Service** issued a **tsunami warning**, with Chile's disaster agency **SENAPRED** estimating wave heights of **1 to 3 meters**.
- **Evacuations** were ordered in coastal areas of the **Magallanes region** of Chile, though the **evacuation order was later lifted** after the threat subsided.
- **Residents were advised** it was safe to return and resume normal activities.
- Chile's **tectonic location**, at the convergence of the **Nazca, South American, and Antarctic plates**, makes it highly **seismically active**.

Anthony Albanese's Labor Party Wins Historic Re-election

- **Anthony Albanese** became the first Australian **Prime Minister** in two decades to win **consecutive terms**.
- His **Labor Party** secured a clear **majority**, projected to win **80 out of 150 seats** in the **House of Representatives**.
- The victory was driven by public concerns over **cost-of-living issues** and a strong **national campaign**.
- Influence of former **U.S. President Donald Trump** on global politics also shaped **voter sentiment**.
- **Peter Dutton**, leader of the opposition **Liberal Party**, **conceded defeat** and lost his own **seat**.
- Albanese emphasized Australia's **independent values, pride, and fairness** in his **victory speech**.
- **Minor parties** and **independents** remained influential under Australia's **ranked-choice voting** system.



UNOCT Launches VoTAN for Victims of Terrorism

- **Launch of VoTAN:** The **United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)** has launched **VoTAN** (Victims of Terrorism Advocacy Network) to support victims and survivors of terrorism globally.

- **Initiative Background:** VoTAN emerged from the efforts of the **Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism**, co-chaired by **Spain** and **Iraq**, formed six years ago to protect victims' rights.
- **UN Global Congress Outcome:** VoTAN is a key outcome of the **2022 United Nations Global Congress on Victims of Terrorism**.
- **Purpose:** The network aims to provide a **safe platform** for victims to **connect, heal, build resilience**, and become **educators, peacebuilders, and advocates**.
- **Financial Support:** The initiative is financially backed by **Spain** to ensure its successful implementation.

