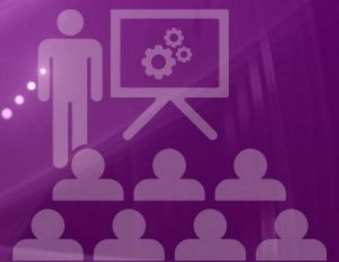




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TamilNadu Highlights

95th Anniversary of Vedaranayam Salt Satyagraha: Tribute to Freedom Fighters

- The 95th anniversary of the Vedaranayam Salt Satyagraha was observed on April 30, with a tribute to the freedom fighters who participated in the struggle.
- **Historic Protest:** The Salt Satyagraha in Vedaranayam took place on April 30, 1930, under the leadership of Rajaji, against the British imposition of salt tax. Sardar Vedarathnam was one of the key figures in the protest.
- **Annual Tradition:** Every year, on April 30, a ceremony is held to pay homage to the martyrs of the salt satyagraha by collecting salt at the same location where the protest occurred.
- **Memorial Service:** This year's event took place at the Salt Satyagraha Memorial Pillar site in Agasthiyampalli, near Vedaranayam.



Madras High Court Directs Tamil Nadu Police to Implement CCTNS 2.0 in 4 Months

- **Court's Directive:** The Madras High Court has ordered the Tamil Nadu Police Department to implement the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) 2.0 within four months to enhance the digitization of criminal cases.
- **Focus on Real-time Updates:** Justice A.D. Jagadish Chandira emphasized that all stages of a criminal case, from complaint receipt to judgment delivery, should be digitized and updated online in real-time.
- **Delay in Implementation:** The Tamil Nadu Police Department has faced significant delays in rolling out CCTNS 2.0, which is necessary to integrate with the national-level Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).
- **National Integration:** ICJS connects various criminal justice portals, including CCTNS (police), CIS (courts), e-prison, e-forensic, and e-prosecution, to ensure seamless access to documents like FIRs, chargesheets, and case diaries.
- **Compatibility Issues:** The state's existing CCTNS system was incompatible with the national ICJS platform, delaying its implementation in Tamil Nadu. The new CCTNS 2.0 is expected to resolve these issues.
- **Technology and Accountability:** Justice Chandira highlighted the need for Tamil Nadu Police to fully utilize technology to improve accountability and efficiency, especially in compliance with court orders regarding FIR registration and chargesheet filing.



National Highlights

CBI Cracks Down on Global Child Exploitation Network Under Operation Hawk 2025

- **International Coordination:** The CBI acted on intelligence from the US-led **Operation Hawk 2025**, targeting global cybercrime networks involved in **child sexual exploitation**.
- **Primary Accused:** A case was registered against **Sheikh Muizz Ahmed** from Mangaluru, under IPC Section 506, IT Act Section 66D, and POCSO Act Sections 11 and 12, for exploiting a **minor girl from the USA** via the 'Discord' platform.
- **Modus Operandi:** The accused allegedly **coerced the victim using inducement and threats**, sharing **explicit content and obscene chats**.
- **Digital Evidence:** The CBI searched multiple locations in **Mumbai and Mangaluru**, seizing **phones and laptops** containing **Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)**. Ahmed has been **arrested and remanded to judicial custody**.
- **Second Case in Delhi:** **Mukul Saini**, based in Delhi, was also booked under similar charges for using **Discord and Arisu** to exploit another **minor girl from the USA** during 2023–24 through **blackmail and coercion**.
- **Seizure in Delhi:** During searches in **Delhi**, the CBI recovered **incriminating material**, including **hard disks and mobile phones**.
- **CBI's Past Actions:** This operation follows earlier initiatives like **Operation Carbon (2021)** and **Megh Chakra (2022)**, reflecting CBI's consistent efforts to combat **online child exploitation with global linkages**.

India's First Certified Green Municipal Bond – Ghaziabad

- **Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation** issued India's **first certified Green Municipal Bond** under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban.
- The bond raised **₹150 crore** to fund a **Tertiary Sewage Treatment Plant (TSTP)**.
- The TSTP uses advanced **membrane filtration technologies**: microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration, and reverse osmosis (RO).
- The plant has a **treatment capacity of 40 Million Litres per Day (MLD)**.
- It is connected to a **95 km pipeline** network delivering treated water to **1,400+ industrial units**.
- The project **reduces freshwater dependency** and promotes **sustainable urban infrastructure and financial innovation**.

Topic: Summit/Conferences/Meetings

World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 Inaugurated by PM Modi in Mumbai

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first edition of WAVES 2025 at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, on May 1.
- The summit, held from May 1–4, aims to be a global platform for dialogue on the future of audio-visual and entertainment sectors.
- With the theme **“Connecting Creators, Connecting Countries,”** the event promotes international collaboration and digital innovation.
- Key focus areas include films, OTT, gaming, broadcasting, AI, comics, and digital media.
- PM Modi visited the *Creatosphere* zone and interacted with creators chosen from the 32 ‘Create in India’ challenges.

PM Modi Reviews ₹90,000 Cr Worth Key Projects at 46th PRAGATI Meeting

- On April 30, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the **46th PRAGATI meeting**—an ICT-based platform for proactive governance and timely implementation.
- Eight major infrastructure projects worth ₹90,000 crore, including roads, railways, ports, and waterways, were reviewed.
- The PM stressed Aadhaar-based biometric verification for welfare schemes and suggested integrating more child and maternal care programs into **PM Matru Vandana Yojana**.
- He called for urban projects like Ring Roads and Circular Rail Networks to align with long-term planning and promoted cruise tourism and local enterprise under Jal Marg Vikas.

Topic: Appointment

Lt. Gen. Pratik Sharma Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Northern Army Command

- **Appointment:** Lt. Gen. Pratik Sharma took charge as the Commander-in-Chief of the **Northern Army Command** on **30 April**, stationed in **Udhampur**.
- **Predecessor:** He succeeded **Lt. Gen. MV Suchindra Kumar**, who retired after a **15-month tenure** and over **30 years of distinguished service**.
- **Operational Experience:** With over **three decades in service**, Lt. Gen. Sharma participated in key military operations including **Pawan, Meghdoot, Rakshak, and Parakram**.
- **Key Roles:** He has held significant appointments such as **Director General Military Operations** and served in the **Military Secretary Branch**.



Topic: Books and Authors

‘Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician’ – New Book Released by National Archives of India

- **Book Launch:** The National Archives of India has released a new book titled ‘*Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician*’, written by Arun Singhal and Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma.
- **Life and Work:** The book traces the life and achievements of Srinivasa Ramanujan, from his early days in Erode, Tamil Nadu, to his global recognition.
- **Mathematical Contributions:** It focuses on his major work in number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions, which continue to influence mathematics today.
- **Remarkable Genius:** Despite having almost no formal training in mathematics, Ramanujan is hailed as one of the greatest mathematicians of all time.
- **Legacy:** His theorems and insights remain foundational in several areas of mathematical research, inspiring scholars worldwide.

Topic: Economy

SEBI Warns Against ‘Opinion Trading’ Platforms Mimicking Legitimate Market Services

- SEBI has flagged ‘opinion trading’ platforms where users bet on yes-or-no outcomes, mimicking genuine trading services using financial jargon.
- These platforms are typically outside SEBI’s jurisdiction as they do not involve trading in recognized securities.
- SEBI clarified that its safeguards and regulatory oversight do not apply to these platforms.
- **Illegal Activity:** Such platforms are not registered or recognized as stock exchanges, and trading through them can lead to legal consequences.
- **Public Advisory:** SEBI has urged official exchanges to act against these violations and issued a public notice to raise awareness of the risks involved.

Topic: Ranking and Indices

India Ranks 7th Globally in Gold Reserves Amid Rising Gold Prices

- **India’s Gold Reserves:** India ranks 7th globally in terms of gold reserves, with significant growth in recent years.
- In the 2024-25 fiscal year, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) bought 57.5 tons of gold, marking the second-largest purchase since December 2017.
- **Rising Gold Prices:** The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, along with global trade tensions, has led to a surge in gold prices, reaching new highs.

- India's gold reserves have increased by 35% in the past five years, from 653 tons in 2019-20 to 880 tons by March 2025.
- **Economic Significance of Gold Reserves:** Foreign currency reserves, including gold, are crucial for stabilizing a nation's currency value, managing inflation, and absorbing economic shocks.
- **Global Economic Stability:** As the world's fifth-largest economy, India's growing gold reserves are a testament to its efforts to strengthen economic resilience.
- **Impact on Foreign Currency Reserves:** Gold remains a key asset for countries, and India's focus on boosting its gold holdings aligns with its economic strategy to secure its financial future.

Topic: Important Days

World Tuna Day 2025- 2 May

- **World Tuna Day 2025** is observed on **2 May**, marking the **9th annual celebration**.
- It was **first observed in 2017**, following the **UNGA resolution A/RES/71/124** adopted on **December 7, 2016**.
- The day raises awareness about **sustainable tuna fishing** and **marine conservation**.
- **Over 96 countries** are involved in tuna fishing, with an **annual harvest of 7 million metric tons**.
- There are **more than two dozen tuna species**; key types include **Bluefin, Yellowfin, Skipjack, and Albacore**.
- The **Bluefin tuna**, known for speed and warm-bloodedness, is often called the "**cheetah of the ocean**".



International Highlights

U.S. and Ukraine Sign New Economic Partnership for Rare Earth Minerals and Reconstruction

- The United States and Ukraine have finalized a new economic partnership focused on rare earth minerals.
- **Access to Resources:** Under the agreement, the U.S. will have access to Ukraine's rare earth minerals, crucial for various industries, in exchange for reconstruction support.
- **Joint Reconstruction Fund:** Both countries will contribute to a Reconstruction Investment Fund, which will help finance Ukraine's rebuilding efforts.
- **Resource Permits:** The U.S. will receive 50% of profits and royalties from new resource permits issued by Ukraine, prioritizing U.S. access to these minerals.

- **No Ownership of Resources:** The U.S. will have priority access but will not gain ownership over Ukraine's natural resources.
- **Exclusion of Gas Infrastructure:** The deal excludes any control or influence over Ukraine's gas infrastructure, ensuring no U.S. dominance in this area.
- **History of Negotiations:** This agreement comes after months of detailed talks, with a previous version delayed due to disagreements between President Zelenskyy and former President Trump.

