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TamilNadu Highlights

Tamil Nadu Cooperative Crop Loan Waiver Scheme 2026

Context: Tamil Nadu Government revised its crop loan waiver scheme, extending benefits to **all categories of farmers** who availed cooperative crop loans between **1 May 2025 and 28 February 2026**.

- Farmers with crop loans up to **₹75,000** will receive a **full loan waiver**.
- Farmers with crop loans exceeding **₹75,000** will receive a **waiver of ₹35,000**.
- Applicable to **marginal, small, and large farmers**.
- Covers loans obtained from **cooperative banks**.

Beneficiaries

- **Marginal Farmers:** 8,33,773
- **Small Farmers:** 5,16,183
- **Large Farmers:** 93,548
- **Total Beneficiaries:** 14.43 lakh farmers

Financial Outlay

- Marginal farmers: **₹3,599.67 crore**
- Small farmers: **₹1,995.42 crore**
- Large farmers: **₹337.15 crore**
- **Total Cost:** ₹5,932.23 crore



**TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT
REVISED CROP LOAN WAIVER SCHEME**

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APPLICABLE TO MARGINAL, SMALL, AND LARGE FARMERS.

COVERS LOANS OBTAINED FROM COOPERATIVE BANKS.

APPLICABLE FOR LOANS OBTAINED BETWEEN 1 MAY 2025 AND 28 FEBRUARY 2026.

RELIEF FOR FARMERS, STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE AND RURAL ECONOMY.

Empowering Farmers; Ensuring Prosperity!

National Highlights

Jharkhand's Four Traditional Products Receive GI Tag

Context: Four traditional products from Jharkhand have received the **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag**, recognizing their unique regional identity and cultural heritage.

About GI Tag

- An Intellectual Property Right (IPR) granted to products originating from a specific geographical area.
- Governed by the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999**.
- Protects products whose qualities and reputation are linked to their place of origin.

Benefits of GI Tag

- Prevents unauthorized imitation and misuse.
- Ensures product authenticity and quality.
- Enhances income opportunities for local artisans and producers.
- Promotes exports and cultural heritage preservation.

New GI-Tagged Products of Jharkhand

Bhagaiya Silk

- Traditional wild Tussar silk.
- Known for natural golden sheen and durability.
- Produced using indigenous hand-reeling techniques.

Kuchai Silk

- Renowned Tussar silk variety from Jharkhand.
- Eco-friendly production process.
- Reflects the state's handloom heritage.

Munda Jewellery

- Traditional jewellery of the Munda tribal community.
- Features geometric designs and nature-inspired motifs.



- Holds cultural and spiritual significance.

Jharkhand Bamboo Craft

- Includes baskets, mats, utility and decorative items.
- Made from locally available bamboo.
- Supports sustainable livelihoods and rural entrepreneurship.

Topic: Summits and Conference

BRICS Indore Declaration

Context: The declaration was adopted during the **BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting 2026** held in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**, under India's BRICS Presidency.

About

- A joint agricultural charter adopted by BRICS member countries.
- Focuses on **food security, sustainable agriculture, innovation, climate resilience, and farmer welfare**.
- Places farmers at the center of agricultural policymaking.

Key Features

BRICS Network of Centres of Excellence on Agro-Ecology & Regenerative Agriculture

- Platform for research, training, and knowledge-sharing.
- Promotes organic, natural, and regenerative farming practices.
- Supports sustainable resource management.

BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture

- Encourages use of:
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Geospatial technologies
 - Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
 - Data-driven farming solutions
- Facilitates technology transfer among BRICS countries.

Global Forum on Farmers' Rights in Seed Systems

- Protects indigenous seed varieties and traditional knowledge.
- Supports biodiversity conservation.
- Strengthens food security and farmers' rights.

BRICS AgriN (Agro Inputs, Genetic Resources & Information Network)

- Promotes exchange of:
 - Agricultural inputs
 - Genetic resources
 - Seed varieties
 - Technical expertise
- Enhances agricultural research collaboration.

Significance

- Promotes a coordinated BRICS strategy for food and nutritional security.
- Strengthens climate-resilient and sustainable farming systems.
- Encourages innovation and digitalization in agriculture.
- Enhances cooperation among BRICS countries in agricultural development.

Topic: Science and Technology

Drop Shipping

Context: The growth of AI-powered storefronts and social media marketing has accelerated the global adoption of the drop shipping business model.

- An e-commerce fulfillment model where sellers do **not maintain inventory**.
- Products are sold through online stores, while storage, packaging, and shipping are handled by third-party suppliers.
- The seller acts as an intermediary between customers and suppliers.

How It Works

- Seller creates an online store using platforms such as Shopify or social media.
- Customer places an order and pays the retail price.
- Seller forwards the order to a supplier.
- Supplier ships the product directly to the customer.
- Seller earns the difference between the retail and wholesale price.

Key Features

- **No Inventory Requirement:** Eliminates warehousing and storage costs.
- **Low Startup Cost:** Requires minimal initial investment.
- **Global Market Access:** Suppliers handle logistics and customs.
- **AI Integration:** Automates product selection, marketing, customer support, and trend analysis.

- **Limited Supply Chain Transparency:** Customers often do not know the actual manufacturer.
- **Customer Service Challenges:** Quality control and refunds may be difficult.

Applications

- Social media and influencer-based commerce.
- E-commerce marketplaces with large product catalogues.
- Seasonal and viral product marketing.
- Online entrepreneurship and digital business models.



Challenges

- Dependence on third-party suppliers.
- Longer delivery timelines.
- Quality control issues.
- High competition and low profit margins.
- Consumer trust and refund concerns.

Memory Chips

Context: A global demand-supply mismatch in memory chips is increasing electronics production costs and contributing to inflationary pressures.

- Memory chips are integrated circuits used to **store and retrieve digital data**.
- They support data processing in computers, smartphones, servers, and other electronic devices.

- Consist of millions of transistors and capacitors.

Types of Memory Chips

- **DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory):**
 - Temporary (volatile) memory.
 - Requires continuous refreshing of data.
- **NAND Flash Memory:**
 - Permanent (non-volatile) storage.
 - Used in SSDs, pen drives, and memory cards.
- **HBM (High Bandwidth Memory):**
 - Advanced memory technology for AI and data centers.
 - Provides ultra-fast data transfer speeds.
- **LPDDR Memory:**
 - Low-power memory used in smartphones and laptops.

How It Works

- Data is stored as electrical charges representing binary values (0 and 1).
- DRAM requires constant power to retain data.
- NAND Flash retains information even when power is switched off.
- HBM stacks memory layers vertically to improve performance and bandwidth.

Current Market Trends

- Major manufacturers are shifting capacity toward AI-related chips.
- Production cuts in LPDDR4 memory have reduced global supply.
- Prices of SSDs, memory cards, and storage devices are increasing.
- Demand is expected to exceed supply over the next 3–5 years.

Applications

- **Artificial Intelligence:** HBM for AI models and cloud computing.
- **Consumer Electronics:** Smartphones, laptops, tablets.
- **Smart Appliances:** Automated and connected devices.
- **Storage Devices:** SSDs, memory cards, pen drives.

India's Space Economy

Context: India's space economy is valued at **USD 8 billion** and is projected to grow to **USD 40–45 billion** over the next decade, targeting an **8% share of the global space economy by 2030**.

Key Strengths of India's Space Sector

- **Cost Competitiveness**

- Space missions are significantly cheaper than global counterparts.
- **Mangalyaan** cost about **USD 74 million**, compared to NASA's **MAVEN** mission at **USD 671 million**.

- **Proven Track Record**

- Successful missions such as:
 - **Chandrayaan-3** (South Pole lunar landing)
 - **Aditya-L1** (Solar observatory)
 - **SpaDeX** (Space Docking Experiment, 2025)
- **NSIL** manages commercial launch and satellite services.

- **Diverse Applications**

- Supports:
 - Agriculture and crop monitoring
 - Disaster management
 - Urban planning
 - Defence and surveillance
 - Navigation through **NavIC**
 - Weather forecasting

- **Strategic Autonomy**

- Indigenous development of:
 - Cryogenic engines
 - **GSLV** and **LVM3** launch vehicles
 - Upcoming **Gaganyaan** human spaceflight mission
- Reduces dependence on foreign launch systems.

Recent Structural Reforms

- **Space Sector FDI Liberalisation (2024)**

- Up to **100% FDI** permitted in several space activities.
- Up to **74% under automatic route** in many segments.
- Encourages foreign investment and technology inflow.

- **Indian Space Policy, 2023**

- Defined institutional roles:
 - **ISRO** – Research and national missions
 - **NSIL** – Commercial activities
 - **IN-SPACe** – Regulatory and promotional body
- **IN-SPACe**
 - Acts as a **single-window facilitator** for private space companies.
 - Provides access to ISRO infrastructure, expertise, and testing facilities.
- **Geospatial Data Liberalisation (2021)**
 - Removed licensing requirements for most geospatial data.
 - Boosted private participation in mapping, analytics, and location-based services.

Topic: History

Xuanzang's Records – India-China Joint UNESCO Nomination

Context: India and China are exploring a joint UNESCO nomination for Xuanzang's work, *The Great Tang Records on the Western Regions*.

Who was Xuanzang?

- Xuanzang (Hiuen Tsang) was a **Chinese Buddhist monk, scholar, and traveller**.
- Travelled across India during the **7th century CE**.
- Spent nearly **19 years** studying Buddhism and Indian culture.
- Studied at **Nalanda University** during the reign of **Harshavardhana**.

The Great Tang Records on the Western Regions

- Travel account written by Xuanzang after returning to China.
- Provides valuable information on:
 - Political conditions of early medieval India.
 - Administration under **Harshavardhana**.
 - Social and economic life.
 - Buddhist monasteries and educational centres.
 - Geography and trade routes.



Other Joint UNESCO Nominations Under Consideration

- **Panchatantra (India–Iran)**
 - Reflects the influence of Indian literature on Persian traditions.
- **Satyagraha (India–South Africa)**

- Recognizes Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent movement and its roots in South Africa.
- **Shared Civilizational Heritage**
 - Ramayana traditions shared by India and Indonesia.
 - Buddhist scriptures and cultural heritage shared by India and China.

Topic: Important Days

International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) 2026

Context: The United Nations observes **International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD)** annually on **13 June** to promote the rights, dignity, and inclusion of persons with albinism.

Theme 2026

- "Proudly in My Skin: Celebrating All Skin Tones"

About Albinism

- A rare, non-contagious, genetically inherited condition.
- Characterized by reduced or absent production of **melanin**, the pigment responsible for skin, hair, and eye color.
- Persons with albinism often face visual impairments, social stigma, discrimination, and health risks such as skin cancer.



The infographic features a background image of two smiling children with albinism. At the top left is the United Nations logo. The main title 'INTERNATIONAL ALBINISM AWARENESS DAY' is in large blue letters, with '13 JUNE 2026' below it. A yellow banner reads 'Raising awareness. Promoting inclusion. Ensuring rights.' A circular logo on the right says 'AWARENESS - INCLUSION - RESPECT' and 'EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL'.

BACKGROUND

	13 JUNE 2013	UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted its first resolution (A/HRC/RES/23/13) addressing attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism.
	18 DECEMBER 2014	UN General Assembly proclaimed 13 June as International Albinism Awareness Day through Resolution A/RES/69/170.
	13 JUNE 2015	First Observance: 13 June 2015.

KEY CONTRIBUTOR



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Former Ambassador of Somalia to the UN, played a significant role in advancing the rights of persons with albinism.

Persons with albinism have the same rights and dignity as everyone else.

Let us build a world of inclusion, respect and equal opportunities for all.

Protect. Include. Empower. Together for a brighter future.

Awareness today, equality tomorrow, inclusion always.

“ AWARENESS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS INCLUSION. ”

International Highlights

India–France Relations

Context: Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with French President Emmanuel Macron in France and jointly inaugurated Bharat Innovates 2026.

- Adoption of the **Innovation Roadmap 2030** to strengthen technology and innovation cooperation.
- Establishment of a **Joint India–France AI Working Group**.
- Launch of **Bharat Innovates 2026**, a platform connecting Indian deep-tech innovators with global stakeholders.
- First meeting after ties were elevated to a **Special Global Strategic Partnership**.

About India–France Strategic Partnership

- Launched on **26 January 1998**.
- India's first-ever Strategic Partnership.
- Focuses on enhancing strategic autonomy and long-term cooperation.



Major Areas of Cooperation

Defence & Security

- India purchased **36 Rafale fighter aircraft** from France.
- **26 Rafale-M** fighter jets approved for the Indian Navy.
- **Scorpene Submarines (Project-75)**: Six submarines built in India with French collaboration.
- HAL and Safran collaborating on **helicopter engine development** under IMRH.
- Future cooperation in next-generation fighter engine development.
- Joint military exercises:
 - **Shakti** (Army)
 - **Varuna** (Navy)
 - **FRINJEX** (Air Force)

Economic Cooperation

- France is India's **third-largest trading partner in the EU**.
- Bilateral trade reached **€13.59 billion (USD 15.81 billion) in 2025-26**.
- Cooperation in advanced technologies, manufacturing, and digital economy.
- UPI services successfully operationalized in France.

Space Cooperation

- Over **60 years of collaboration** between ISRO and CNES.
- Joint projects include:
 - **TRISHNA** satellite mission.
 - Earth observation and maritime surveillance systems.
- France supports India through launch services and space technologies.

Energy Cooperation

- Co-founders of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
- Cooperation in civil nuclear energy since 2008.
- Partnership on:
 - **Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)**
 - **Advanced Modular Reactors (AMRs)**

Indo-Pacific Cooperation

- Promotes maritime security and freedom of navigation.
- Expanding cooperation in cyber security, climate action, and counter-terrorism.

Challenges

- Bilateral trade remains below potential.
- Concerns regarding deeper defence technology transfer.
- Delays in the **Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project**.
- Differences on certain Indo-Pacific and Middle East issues.
- France's economic engagement with China occasionally affects strategic alignment.

Future Outlook

- Guided by the **Horizon 2047 Roadmap** adopted in 2023.
- Focus on:
 - Co-development of advanced defence technologies.
 - Joint manufacturing and exports to third countries.
 - Enhanced maritime and space security cooperation.
 - Stronger Indo-Pacific strategic partnership.
 - Expanded collaboration in AI, digital technologies, and innovation ecosystems.