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1. Tamil Nadu MLAs' monthly emoluments raised from **₹1.05 lakh to ₹1.80 lakh** (71%)
2. Index of Eight Core Industries grew **7.9%** in September 2026 – highest in the new series
3. Indian Army's **Land Warfare Doctrine 2026** released by Rajnath Singh
4. Türkiye, Qatar, Pakistan & Indonesia sign the **Badr defence MoU** in Doha
5. Asian Para Games – TN incentives; **₹75 lakh for gold medallist Naveen Sivakumar**



TNPSC Bits

QUICK BITS

- **U23 World Wrestling Championships 2026** (Las Vegas) – **Vishvajit Ramchandra More** won silver in men's 55 kg Greco-Roman.
- **TN MLAs' emoluments** – ₹1.05 lakh → ₹1.80 lakh (71%) from 1 Oct 2026; amendment to the Tamil Nadu Payment of Salaries Act, 1951.
- **Indonesian wildfires** – toxic haze over Singapore, Malaysia & the Philippines; ~1.9 million hectares burned by end-September.
- **SIMBEX-2026** – 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise – **Visakhapatnam**.
- **Diamondiye** – porous 3D carbon allotrope (proposed ~35 years ago) synthesised by Gothenburg, Chalmers & Stockholm University scientists; diamond-like network with single & triple C-C bonds.
- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** – 50th-year sailing expedition aboard yacht '**Antara**' from Chennai (to Kochi, then the Maldives & Sri Lanka).
- **International Stuttering Awareness Day** – 22 Oct; 2026 theme: "Shades of Stuttering – What's yours?"



Remember for the exam: SIMBEX – began in 1994 (earlier 'Lion King') • **Indian Coast Guard** – interim from 1 Feb 1977; Coast Guard Act 1978; Ministry of Defence.



Tamil Nadu News

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu Wind Energy Generation (April-September)

Unit IX

2025 – generation	12360 MU
2026 – generation	12256 MU

17.87%

2025 – wind share of total consumption

16.16%

2026 – wind share

~₹9 crore

Cost per MW of wind capacity

- Wind generation slightly lower this year, while **solar installations** are rising rapidly.
- Turbine capacities now range from **2.1 MW to 5 MW**.



Remember for the exam: Tamil Nadu is among India's leading wind-power states; **Muppandal (Kanyakumari)** – one of Asia's largest wind farms • National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) – **Chennai**.



National News

NATIONAL

Index of Core Industries (ICI) – September 2026

Unit VI

7.9%

Sept 2026 growth (provisional)

5.9%

August 2026 (final)

Apr 2024

Highest since new series began



- Contracted: **crude oil -1.4%, natural gas -4.6%, fertilisers -11.7%** (7th consecutive month).
- 8 core sectors: coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, electricity.



Remember for the exam: ICI – released by **DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry**; the eight core industries carry **40.27%** weight in the IIP.

Land Warfare Doctrine 2026

- Released by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** at the **Army Commanders' Conference**, New Delhi • Tagline: "Secure India through Land Power".
- Lessons from **Russia-Ukraine, Iran-US** conflicts and **Operation Sindoor** – drones, surveillance, contested communications, information warfare.
- Focus: **AI**, precision warfare, multi-domain operations, jointness, **Atmanirbharta**, man-unmanned teaming.
- 5-year multi-domain training roadmap, 3-level AI skilling** for officers, drone operations as a secondary skill.

Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana (formerly NSAP)

₹53,428 crore

2026-27 to 2030-31

3.20 crore

Beneficiaries

15 Aug 1995

NSAP launched

- Basis: **Article 41** – public assistance in old age, sickness and disablement • **100% central assistance**; Ministry of Rural Development.
- Disability eligibility **80% → 40%**; minimum age removed • Pension: **₹375** up to 79 years, **₹625** at 80+.



International News

INTERNATIONAL

Badr Defence Cooperation MoU

Türkiye – defence technology

Qatar – finance

Indonesia – manufacturing experience

Pakistan – facilities, manpower, market

- Signed in **Doha (Qatar)** – cooperation in military production, technical training, R&D.
- Executive board + strategic board; joint production facilities expected in **Türkiye**.
- It is a **defence cooperation arrangement, not a military alliance**.



Science & Technology

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

CAR-T Therapy Partnership – VL-2511

- **Nucelion Therapeutics** (wholly owned subsidiary of **Bharat Biotech**) + **VeGen Bio – VL-2511**, a dual-target (BCMA/CD19) autologous CAR-T therapy.
- **CAR-T** = Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell – a patient's own T cells are modified to destroy cancer cells; **autologous** = cells from the same patient.
- Target disease: **multiple myeloma** (plasma-cell cancer) • Manufacturing at **Genome Valley, Hyderabad**.



Remember for the exam: India's first indigenous CAR-T therapy – **NexCAR19** (IIT Bombay & Tata Memorial Centre; CDSCO approval 2023).



Environment News

ENVIRONMENT

Madras Hedgehog Conservation – Tenkasi

Unit III

- **Tenkasi Forest Division** – proposal to extend the '**Golden Jackal Ambassadors**' programme to the Madras hedgehog (mulleli).
- **Madras hedgehog** (*Paraechinus nudiventris*) – nocturnal, spiny mammal of southern India; IUCN – **Least Concern (LC)**.
- Recorded in **Alangulam, Sankarankovil, Sivagiri, Uthumalai** (Tenkasi district) • Threats: habitat loss, poaching, road kills.
- Training for students, volunteers, villagers; **Forest Guard Brother/Sister** for schools & colleges.

Animals for Biodiversity and Health – CBD COP17

- New policy guide launched at COP17, **Yerevan (Armenia)** – integrating animal welfare into biodiversity & public-health policy.
- Stricter regulation of wildlife capture, transport & trade; **wildlife corridors**; phasing out high-risk livestock confinement; conserving local breeds.
- Links animal welfare with **One Health**, zoonoses and **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**.
- State of Biodiversity Action report: world is **off track** on the **30% by 2030** land & sea target.



Sports News

SPORTS

Asian Para Games – Tamil Nadu Medallists & Incentives

Athlete	Event	Medal	Incentive
Naveen Sivakumar	Men's singles SL4 badminton	Gold	₹75 lakh
Thulasimathi Murugesan	Women's singles SU5 badminton	Silver	₹50 lakh
Nithya Sree	Women's singles SH6 badminton	Silver	₹50 lakh
Jehan Dorab Madan	Men's doubles MD4 table tennis	Bronze	₹30 lakh

- **5th Asian Para Games** – Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; congratulated by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister.



Important Days

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International Day of the Snow Leopard – 23 October

- Proclaimed by **UNGA resolution, 12 Dec 2024** • Snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*) – high-altitude wild cat in **12 countries** including India.
- IUCN – **Vulnerable (VU)** • **Project Snow Leopard – 2009.**



Remember for the exam: SPAI (2023) – India's first snow leopard estimate: **718**, highest in **Ladakh** • 'Ghost of the Mountains'.

United Nations Day – 24 October



1945

San Francisco – representatives of 50 countries prepared the UN Charter



24 Oct 1945

The UN officially came into existence



2026

81st anniversary

- **Five permanent members (P5)** of the UNSC: China, France, Russia, the UK, the USA.



Remember for the exam: India – a **founding member** (signed the Charter on 26 June 1945; 51 founding members) • HQ – **New York**; **193** member states.



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Animals for Biodiversity & Health	COP17 Yerevan • One Health • AMR
TN para medallists	Naveen Sivakumar gold ₹75 lakh • Thulasimathi, Nithya Sree silver
Snow Leopard Day	23 Oct • UNGA 12 Dec 2024 • 12 countries • VU • project 2009
UN Day	24 Oct • 1945 • 81st year • P5

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