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TAMILNADU

Supreme Court to Hear Katchatheevu Island Case

1. The petition argues that the 1974 and 1976 Indo-Sri Lanka agreements were unconstitutional and undermined India's federal structure.
2. The Centre previously stated that India did not cede any territory, as Katchatheevu was not under Indian sovereignty.
3. Katchatheevu, located near Rameswaram, remains a sensitive issue due to its impact on Tamil Nadu fishermen's rights.



NATIONAL

Assam CM Highlights Anti-Corruption and Anti-Drug Efforts

1. Assam CM informed that over 450 government employees have been arrested since 2021 in anti-corruption drives.
2. Rhino poaching has significantly reduced, with only two cases since 2023, compared to 20-25 annually during the Congress regime.

Kerala Passes Private Universities Bill Amid Opposition Concerns

1. Kerala Assembly passed the Private Universities (Establishment & Regulation) Bill, 2025, after debate on over 1,400 amendments.
2. Opposition UDF flagged concerns about potential harm to public universities and unaided colleges.
3. Bill allows private universities in Kerala nearly a decade after the initial proposal.

Social Media Platform X vs. Indian Government

1. Elon Musk's X (formerly Twitter) told the Delhi High Court it cannot be forced to join India's SAHYOG portal.
2. SAHYOG is a Home Ministry initiative to centralize takedown requests and trace cybercrime.
3. X argued this portal creates parallel legal processes, conflicting with the Supreme Court's Shreya Singhal ruling.
4. 38 platforms like Google, Apple, WhatsApp have joined the portal



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INTERNATIONAL

India-China Border Talks

1. India and China held the 33rd Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) meeting in Beijing.
2. Both sides reviewed the Line of Actual Control (LAC) situation and emphasized peace as vital for bilateral relations.
3. Discussions included resuming cooperation on trans-border rivers and Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

ENVIRONMENT

Wildlife Conservation Efforts Near Tamil Nadu - Olive Ridley Hatchlings

1. After a decade, Olive Ridley turtle eggs hatched on Valiyaveli beach near Thiruvananthapuram, drawing attention to coastal conservation.
2. Conservationists from the Wildlife Trust of India monitored the hatching and kept the hatchlings in containers before releasing them.
3. The event underscores the importance of preserving marine biodiversity along the south-western coast, including Tamil Nadu's coastline.
4. Such successful hatchings are critical for endangered species like Olive Ridley turtles, often affected by urbanization and climate change.

Karnataka Plans Soft-Release of Wild Elephants into Bhadra Sanctuary

1. Karnataka Forest Department has proposed a "soft release" plan for wild elephants from Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, and Kodagu districts.
2. Identified 20 sq. km enclosure inside Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary to house and monitor captured elephants before releasing them into the wild.
3. This move follows repeated human-wildlife conflicts due to crop raids and attacks, leading to local demands for capturing the elephants.
4. The sanctuary already has 450 elephants, and the plan considers ecological carrying capacity, indicating a scientific approach to conservation.

ECONOMICS

Centre Waives Import Duty on EV and Mobile Battery Components

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1. The Finance Minister announced zero import duties on 35 EV battery components and 28 mobile battery items to boost manufacturing.
2. The announcement came while passing the Finance Bill 2025 in Lok Sabha, rationalizing customs tariffs to fix duty inversion and promote exports.
3. A new Income Tax Bill to replace the 1961 Act will be discussed in the Monsoon session.

IMPORTANT DAYS

MARCH 26 - PURPLE DAY OF EPILEPSY

- Purple Day is a global initiative to raise awareness about epilepsy and support those affected by it. Also called World Epilepsy Day.
- The purple day was created in 2008 by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, inspired by her own experience living with epilepsy.

