



### Most Important Points for Daily News

#### ➤ India Gets Its First Glass Bridge at Kanniyakumari

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, along with several dignitaries, inaugurated India's first-ever glass bridge in Kanniyakumari. The bridge connects two iconic landmarks Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the 133-foot Thiruvalluvar Statue enhancing Kanniyakumari's appeal as a premier tourist destination. Built under a Rs 37-crore initiative by the Tamil Nadu government, the glass bridge aims to improve the travel experience for visitors and boost the local tourism sector.



#### ➤ EPFO's Centralized Pension System

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has successfully implemented its Centralized Pension Payments System (CPPS) across all regional offices in India, marking a significant advancement in pension disbursement. This initiative benefits over 68 lakh pensioners, enabling them to access their pensions from any bank branch nationwide.



#### ➤ Mike Johnson Re-Elected as US House Speaker

Mike Johnson, a Republican from Louisiana, was re-elected as the Speaker of the U S House of Representatives in a tense, high-stakes vote on the first day of the new Congress. Despite opposition from hard-right Republicans and the looming challenges of unified GOP control, Johnson secured the position with the support of President-elect Donald Trump.



This re-election came with a number of challenges, including a slim majority, internal Republican divisions, and heightened political stakes as the GOP prepares for ambitious policy initiatives under Trump's leadership.





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#### ➤ Assam's Elephant Population Sees 7-Year Rise

Assam's latest Elephant Population Estimate 2024 reveals an estimated 5,828 elephants, marking a rise of 109 from the previous 2017 count. This synchronised estimation exercise highlights the stability of Assam's elephant population despite challenges such as habitat fragmentation and human-elephant conflicts. Key findings underline the critical role of Elephant Reserves and offer recommendations for improved conservation efforts.



#### ➤ Chhattisgarh's Green GDP Initiative

Chhattisgarh has become the first Indian state to incorporate the ecological services of its forests into its economic framework by adopting the Green Gross Domestic Product (Green GDP) model. This initiative aims to link environmental contributions—such as clean air, water conservation, and biodiversity—to the state's economic growth, ensuring sustainable development while preserving natural resources for future generations.



#### ➤ India Revises GDP Base Year to 2022-23

In a significant move to enhance the accuracy of economic assessments, the Government of India has announced plans to update the base year for calculating Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 2011-12 to 2022-23. This revision, the first in over a decade, aims to better reflect the current economic landscape and structural changes.





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#### ➤ Nomura Lowers India's FY25 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.7%

Nomura has adjusted its forecast for India's fiscal year 2025 GDP growth to 6.7%, down from the previous estimate of 6.9%. This revision follows official data indicating a slowdown in the April-June quarter, where GDP growth was 6.7%, below expectations and a decline from the 7.8% growth in the previous quarter.

