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GOVERNMENT ENACTS ONLINE GAMING ACT 2025 TO PROHIBIT MONEY GAMES

- **Comprehensive Prohibition on Money Games:** The Act imposes a total ban on all forms of online money games, whether they are based on chance, skill, or a combination of both. This effectively dismantles the multi-billion dollar "real-money gaming" (RMG) sector in India.
- **Establishment of the Online Gaming Authority of India:** A new national-level regulatory body has been created with quasi-judicial powers (akin to a civil court). This Authority is responsible for classifying games, maintaining a transparent registry.
- **Extraterritorial Jurisdiction:** The Act is designed with a "global reach" clause. It applies not only to companies registered in India but also to offshore gaming platforms operating from outside the country if they are accessible to Indian users.

TAMIL NADU BECOMES TOP TEXTILE EXPORTER FOR FY25

- **Significant National Share:** The state now accounts for 21.84% of India's total textile exports, which were valued at \$36,610 million (\$36.61 billion) globally for the same period. This dominant share underscores the state's role as the primary engine of India's textile trade.
- **The "Textile Valley" Ecosystem:** This growth is driven by the state's integrated supply chain clusters, particularly the "Textile Valley" consisting of Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, and Karur.

Tiruppur alone contributes nearly 50% of India's cotton knitwear exports, benefiting from a high concentration of spinning mills, garment units, and dyeing facilities in close proximity.

- **Policy and Market Drivers:** The state government attributed this success to the "Dravidian Model" of governance, specifically targeting the MSME sector through the New Integrated Textile Policy.

ELON MUSK TOPS GLOBALLY IN FORBES WORLD'S BILLIONAIRES LIST 2026



- **Record-Breaking Net Worth:** Elon Musk's net worth reached a staggering \$839 billion, making him the richest person ever documented by Forbes. He is the first individual in history to surpass the \$800 billion milestone, putting him on a clear trajectory to potentially become the world's first trillionaire.
- **Massive Wealth Surge:** His fortune increased by approximately \$500 billion in just one year. This "meteoric rise" was primarily driven by the soaring valuation of Tesla and the strategic merger of his space company, SpaceX, with his AI startup, xAI. SpaceX is reportedly targeting an IPO valuation of around \$1.5 trillion later in 2026.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- *Hecataeus of Miletus is known as the father of ancient geography.*
- *Eratosthenes is also regarded as the father of systematic geography.*
- *The first world map is credited to Anaximander.*
- *The first globe was created by Martin Behaim.*
- *The geographical encyclopedia was written by Strabo.*
- *The internal structure of the Earth is divided into three layers.*

INDIAN ARMY CONDUCTS EXERCISE 'AMOGH JWALA' AT BABINA FIELD FIRING RANGES

- **Technology-Driven Mechanised Warfare:** The 13-day exercise was executed by the White Tiger Division to validate "multi-domain" operational capabilities. It focused on the seamless integration of traditional mechanised forces with advanced technologies, including Apache attack helicopters, fighter aircraft, and UAS.
- **First-Time Operational Validations:** A major marker of this exercise was the first-time validation of attack helicopters operating in direct, integrated synergy with mechanised units. It also tested counter-drone systems and network-enabled battlefield platforms designed.

INDIA TO HOST WORLD INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2028

- **Host City & Venue:** The championships will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, at the Kalinga Indoor Athletics Stadium. Completed in 2024, it is the largest indoor athletics stadium in South Asia and has received Category 1 certification from World Athletics.
- **A Historic First for India:** This marks the first time India will host a global track and field championship. India will also become only the fourth Asian nation to host this biennial event, following Japan (1999), Qatar (2010), and China (2025).
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PROFESSOR KAVEH MADANI NAMED 2026 STOCKHOLM WATER PRIZE LAUREATE

- **Historic Milestones:** At 44 years old, Madani is the youngest laureate in the prize's 35-year history. He also holds the distinction of being the first United Nations official and the first former politician (having served as Iran's Deputy Head of

the Department of Environment) to receive this prestigious award.

- **The "Water Bankruptcy" Concept:** Madani is globally recognized for coining the term "water bankruptcy." Unlike a temporary "water crisis," this framework describes a chronic, systemic, and often irreversible state where water systems have "overspent" their natural hydrological means.
- **Integrating Game Theory:** The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences cited his pioneering work in integrating game theory and decision analysis into water management.

UTTAR PRADESH SIGNS REFORM-LINKED MOU UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION 2.0



- **Structure of JJM 2.0:** This next phase of the mission (approved by the Union Cabinet on March 10, 2026) extends the program until December 2028 with a massive total outlay of ₹8.69 lakh crore. The focus has shifted from "infrastructure creation" (Phase 1) to "assured service delivery" and long-term sustainability.
- **11 Key Structural Reforms:** The MoU outlines 11 specific

reform areas that UP must implement to unlock funding. These include creating a Service Utility Framework for rural water supply, adopting Digital Data Governance, and establishing a "Research, Innovation, and Knowledge Ecosystem" to handle local water challenges.

LEGENDARY ACTOR & MARTIAL ARTIST CHUCK NORRIS PASSED AWAY

- **The "Jal Arpan" Process:** A critical condition of the MoU is the formal transition of water systems to local communities. Completed piped water schemes must be handed over to Gram Panchayats or Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) through a standardized "Jal Arpan" process, ensuring that the people who use the water also manage its maintenance.
- **Martial Arts Pioneer:** Before his Hollywood career, Norris was a world-class fighter. He was a six-time undefeated World Professional Middleweight Karate Champion (1968–1974) and founded his own martial arts system, Chun Kuk Do.
- **Iconic Film & TV Career:** He rose to global fame after his legendary "Colosseum fight" against Bruce Lee in *The Way of the Dragon* (1972). He went on to headline 1980s action blockbusters like *Missing in Action* and *The Delta Force*.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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- **World Poetry Day 2026 celebrated on March 21st**
- **Theme 2026: "Poetry for Peace, Unity, and Cultural Expression"**
- **The 2026 events aimed to move poetry from an "outdated" academic art, repositioning it as a vibrant medium for social justice and mental well-being.**