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TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu - received the best performing state award from the Union health ministry in implementing school health programme and for menstrual hygiene practices**
- ✓ The award was handed over during the ‘workshop on school health and wellness ambassador programme” held in New Delhi on January 16 and 17.
- ✓ Health Minister Ma Subramanian said Tamil Nadu is implementing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), school health and wellness ambassador programme, along with school education department through the directorate of public health.
- ✓ At least 70,000 school teachers have screened 41.6 lakh children and referred 9.8 lakh to 805 mobile health teams of the RBSK programme.
- ✓ Nearly, 7000 principals and more than a lakh teachers have been trained in pilot basis in Karur, Perambalur, Tenkasi, Villupuram, Ramanad, Viridunager, Ariyalur, and Vellore.
- ✓ The state has held 83,881 school health and wellness sessions, benefitting 43 lakh adolescent girls, from April 2022 to Dec 2022.
- ✓ Menstrual hygiene scheme is implemented in the state covering all adolescent girls in urban and rural areas.

STATES

- **Kerala - has announced menstrual leave for women students in all state-run universities**
- ✓ The State had also directed the authorities to sanction maternity leave up to 60 days for students above 18.
- ✓ All state universities have been asked to lower the attendance requirement for women students to appear for their semester exams to 73%.

- **On January 19, Chief minister M K Stalin - released 108 re-published books on religion at the head office of Hindu religious and charitable endowments (HR&CE) department in Chennai.**
- ✓ In the function, Hindu religious leaders of various sects and mutts participated and expressed their views on the republished books.
- ✓ The state government has republished acclaimed books such as Tevaram, Thiruvassagam, Thiruppugazh, Thiruppavai, Thiruvembavai, Abirami Andhadhi, Nalayira Dhivyaprabandham, history of Indian architecture, history of saint Avvaiyar, etc.
- ✓ The republished books will be available at the HR&CE head office library in Nungambakkam and also in the libraries of 48 temples.

SUPREME COURT

- **The Supreme Court collegium - has recommended to the Union government 20 names — 17 advocates and three judicial officers — for appointment as judges to the high courts of Madras, Allahabad and Karnataka.**
- ✓ The three-judge SC collegium headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud recommended the names of judicial officers — Periyasamy Vadamalai, Ramachandran Kalaimathi and K Govindarajan Thilakavadi — as judges of the Madras HC.
- ✓ It also recommended the names of five advocates — Venkatachari Lakshminarayanan, Lekshmana Chandra Victoria Gowri, Pillaipakkam Bahukutumbi Balaji, Ramaswamy Neelakandan, and Kandhasami Kulandaivelu Ramakrishnan — for appointment as judges of the Madras HC.
- ✓ Advocate Venkatachari Lakshminarayanan, who has more than 25 years of professional experience, has represented the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board in the high court
 - ✓ He was a member of the Litigation Advisory and Oversight Committee (LOAC) constituted by the state finance ministry
 - ✓ The Committee monitors all high-risk litigations related to taxation, land matters and procurement issues as part of Tamil Nadu Litigation Risk Management system (LRMS).
 - ✓ He is also senate member of the state medical university.
- ✓ Advocate R Neelakandan is an additional advocate general of Tamil Nadu in the high court.
- ✓ He had assisted senior advocate and DMK Raja Shaba MP P Wilson in many landmark cases, including the former chief minister M Karunanidhi memorial case, in which the high court directed the state to provide space on Marina beach for his burial.
- ✓ The names recommended for appointment as Judges of the Allahabad HC consisted of nine advocates.

- ✓ The new appointments would increase the total sitting strength of judges in the high court from 52 to 60, as against the sanctioned strength of 75.

PERSONALITIES

- **Aruna Miller - has scripted history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to be sworn in as the lieutenant governor in the state of Maryland, adjoining the US capital.**



- ✓ Aruna, 58, a former delegate to the Maryland House, made history on January 18 when she became the 10th lieutenant governor of the state.
- ✓ The lieutenant governor is the state's highest official following the governor and assumes the role when the governor is out of state or incapacitated.
- ✓ In her inauguration speech, Aruna, born in Andhra Pradesh, recognised her family who immigrated to the US from India when she was seven.
- ✓ Moore became Maryland's 63rd governor, the state's first and the country's only current Black chief executive.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **JandK Operations (JandKops) - has developed 'BharOS,' a mobile OS that is capable of being installed on commercial off-the-shelf handsets.**
- ✓ JandK Operations Private Limited (JandKops) is incubated by IIT Madras' Pravartak Technologies Foundation, a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company established by IIT Madras.
- ✓ The Foundation is funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, under its National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NMICPS).

- ✓ The software is currently being provided to organisations that have stringent privacy and security requirements, “whose users handle sensitive information that requires confidential communications on restricted apps on mobiles.”
- ✓ Users currently have access through private cloud services through private 5G networks.
- ✓ IIT-M will work closely with private industry, government agencies, and others to increase the usage and adoption of BharOS in India
- ✓ BharOS comes with the No Default Apps feature meaning the OS does not come bundled with a set of its own apps that are pushed on users.
- ✓ This approach also allows users to have more control over the permissions that apps have on their device
- ✓ In addition, BharOS offers ‘Native Over The Air’ (NOTA) updates that can help to keep the devices secure

OBITUARY

- **Renowned Bharatanatyam dancer and guru, writer and researcher Lakshmi Vishwanathan - passed away at the age of 80**



- ✓ Lakshmi’s career in dance, spanning more than five decades, was guided by her guru Kanjeevaram Elappa Pillai, an exponent of the Thanjavur style of Bharatanatyam.
- ✓ Lakshmi – also a trained singer – authored several books – ‘Bharatanatyam the Tamil Heritage’, ‘Kunjamma Ode to a Nightingale’, ‘Women of Pride -The Devadasi Heritage’
- ✓ Among the many awards he has received are the Kalaimamani from the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award from the President of India and titles such as Nritya Choodamani (Sri Krishna Gana Sabha) and Nritya Kalanidhi (Music Academy, Madras), as well as the Kalidas Samman.

SPORTS

- **Netherlands - entered the quarterfinals of the FIH World Cup with a record performance against Chile in Group C.**
- ✓ The Netherlands, the three-time winners of the Men's World Cup, finished unbeaten in Group C with nine points from three wins.

BIGGEST MARGIN OF WINS IN HOCKEY WORLD CUP

14-0	Netherlands vs Chile	2023
12-0	Australia vs South Africa	2018
11-0	Australia vs China	2018
9-0	Pakistan vs Ireland	1978
9-0	Australia vs Ghana	1975

- ✓ Netherlands broke the world record for the biggest win margin in Men's Hockey World Cup on January 19
- ✓ In an one-sided encounter, Netherlands, who had already topped the group, gave debutants Chile a 14-0 defeat
- ✓ This is the biggest in the history of the showpiece event, bettering Australia's 12-0 record against South Africa in New Delhi in 2010.

