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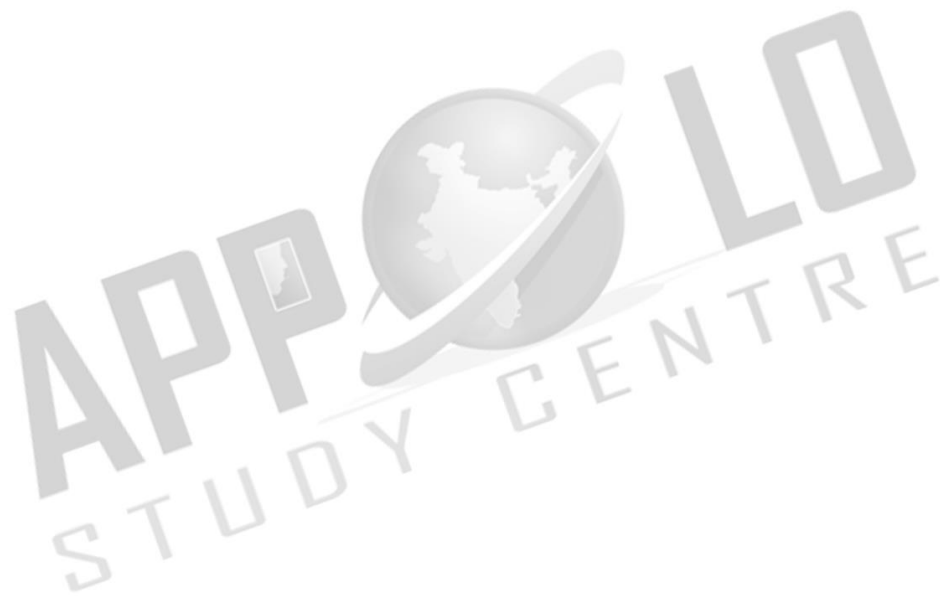
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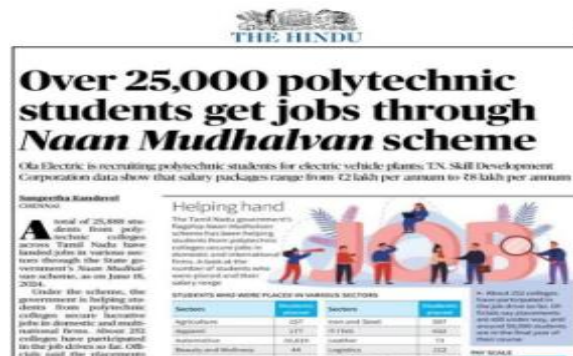


TAMIL NADU

➤ Tamil Nadu Passes Bill to Increase Prison Terms and Fines for Illicit Liquor Offences



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu (TN) Legislative Assembly adopted a Bill that makes punishment more stringent for offences pertaining to prohibited liquor such as denatured spirits and methanol.
- ✓ The Bill aims to amend the **Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937**, to impose stricter punishments for offences related to prohibited liquor, particularly in cases where consumption results in death.
- **Naan Mudhalvan Scheme - Over 25,000 Polytechnic Students Get Jobs**
- ✓ A total of 25,888 students from polytechnic colleges across Tamil Nadu have landed jobs in various sectors through the State government's Naan Mudhalvan scheme, as on June 18, 2024.



- ✓ Under the scheme, the government is helping students from polytechnic colleges secure lucrative jobs in domestic and multinational firms.

- ✓ About 252 colleges have participated in the job drives so far. Officials said the placements were still under way, and around 58,000 students were in the final year of their course.
- **T.N. releases draft Tamil Nadu Space Industrial Policy 2024**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government released the draft Tamil Nadu Space Industrial Policy 2024, which aims to create direct and indirect employment prospects for nearly 10,000 persons in 10 years and also promises a slew of incentives to the players in the sector.



- ✓ The policy would be applicable for all enterprises engaged in manufacturing and services pertaining to the space sector, the draft policy uploaded on the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited's (TIDCO) website.
- **State-aided Schools should be treated on a Par with Government Schools**
- ✓ The State Education Policy (SEP) drafted by the Justice D. Murugesan Committee is learnt to have observed that formal schooling must begin only at Class I in all institutions on "completion of five years" as on July 31 of an academic year.



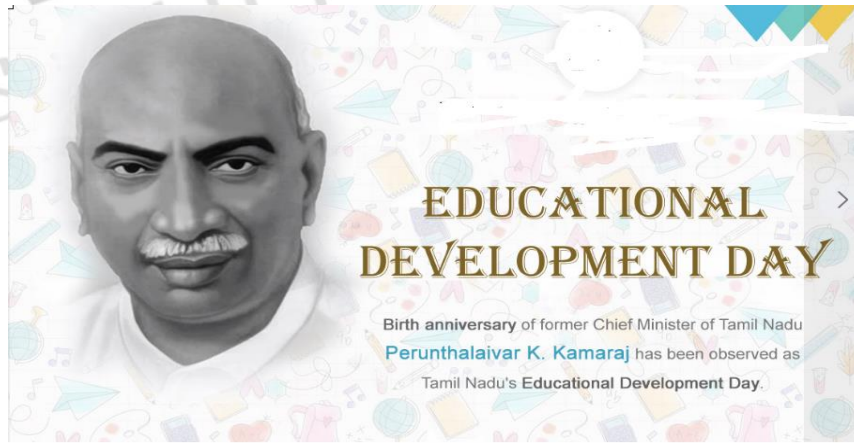
- ✓ The committee has recommended that no centralised examination should be held until students take the board examinations in Class X.
- ✓ The stages of schooling are to be understood as 5+3+2+2, forming respectively, the primary stage, the upper primary stage, secondary stage, and higher secondary stage.”
- **CM invites MPs, MLAs to Launch Expansion of Two Govt. Schemes**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is scheduled to take part in a function in Dharmapuri on July 11 to launch the expansion of the ‘Makkaludan Mudhalvar’ initiative.



- ✓ He is also scheduled to take part in another function in Tiruvallur on July 15 to expand the Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme.
- ✓ The Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme was launched in September 2022 to benefit students of Classes I to V in State-run schools. About 14.40 lakh students have benefited from the scheme, which has helped improve nutrition.
- ✓ It is set to be expanded to State-aided schools in rural areas from July 15.
- **Renaming of TANGEDCO**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) was renamed as the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPDC).



- ✓ There are about 3.37 crore consumers of various categories.
 - ✓ As many as 8.11 lakh new service connections were provided during 2023-24.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Limited (TNPGL) to take over fossil fuel-related (coal, naphtha and gas) production.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL) to handle hydro, wind and solar generation.
- **Educational Development Day in Schools**
- ✓ The 122nd birth anniversary of Perunthalaivar Kamaraj is being celebrated today. On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government, Chief Minister and Ministers pay respects to Kamaraj.



- ✓ Kamaraj's birthday is celebrated as Educational Development Day in schools.
- ✓ Perundhalaivar Kamarajar was born on 15.07.1903.
- ✓ Karmaveer Kamarasar, who reached the pinnacle of government due to his tireless work, created a renaissance in education by starting primary schools in every village during his 9-year rule.

- **Rally taken out in City to Mark World Population Day**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) stood at 13 per 1,000 live births, while the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) was 45.6 per one lakh live births, Health Minister Ma. Subramanian said on Saturday.
- ✓ At an event held to mark World Population Day, he said the country's IMR was 28 per 1,000 live births and the MMR stood at 97 per one lakh live births.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu's population growth rate, he said, was 7.7%, according to a press release. A rally was taken out and a pledge was administered, as part of the event.
- **T.N. Emerges as 'Front Runner' in 13 Sustainable Development Goals**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has been classified a 'front runner' in 13 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, according to the latest SDG India Index 2023-24, released by the Union government's think-tank NITI Aayog.



- ✓ According to the report, Tamil Nadu took the third spot with a composite score of 78, surpassing the national average of 71.
- ✓ Achiever in energy, the State has been placed as a front runner in 13 SDGs in the latest report.
- ✓ It continues to be placed in the achiever category for fulfilling the target of affordable and clean energy.
- ✓ According to the report, Tamil Nadu tops in the goal of eradicating poverty, compared with the other States and the Union Territories.
- **New India Literary Programme or Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam**
- ✓ The School Education Department has identified over six lakh illiterate people, aged over 15, across Tamil Nadu and has begun classes to provide them with basic literacy this year under the New India Literary Programme or Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam 2022-27.



- ✓ Krishnagiri district has recorded the maximum number of illiterate people (61,622).
- ✓ The five-year programme is expected to benefit over 30 lakh people across the State.
- ✓ “So far, 6,07,771 people have been identified with the help of volunteers of Illam Thedi Kalvi and other schemes.

➤ **TN-RISE Initiative**

- ✓ From August 2024, around 130 enterprises and startups led by women entrepreneurs across Tamil Nadu will get mentored under the Tamil Nadu Rural Incubator and Start-up Enabler (TN-RISE) initiative.



- ✓ “From January to June this year, we conducted 31 district boot camps, attracting approximately 2,500 enterprises.
 - ✓ Providing guidance TN-RISE operates as a special purpose vehicle under the Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project (TNRTP) and supports emerging enterprises with guidance and financial backing.
- **Single-Window System of getting Building Permission**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday launched a single-window system through which building permissions for plots measuring up to 2,500 sq.ft. and having a built-up area of up to 3,500 sq.ft. could be obtained based on self-certification.

Stalin launches single-window system that simplifies process of getting building permission

Permission for plots measuring up to 2,500 sq.ft. and having a built-up area of up to 3,500 sq.ft. can be obtained based on self-certification. It applies to buildings with a ground or ground and 1 floor

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CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday launched a single-window system through which building permissions for plots measuring up to 2,500 sq.ft. and having a built-up area of up to 3,500 sq.ft. could be obtained based on self-certification. This would apply to the construction of residential buildings with a ground or ground and one floor that exceed four storeys.



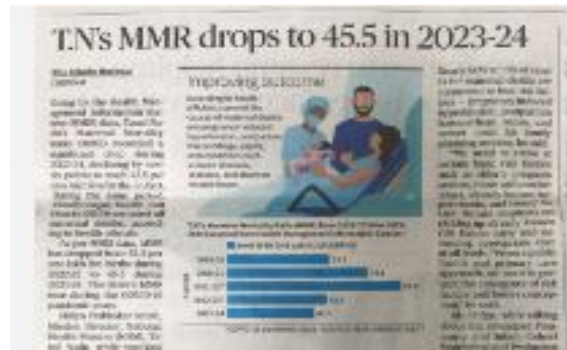
Streamlined approval: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin handing over building permissions to applicants at the Secretariat on Monday. through the single window system, the timeline for the construction work, a press release said.

date, integrated into the single window system, would be introduced to facilitate the sanctioning of building permissions based on self-certification, without the requirement of a completion certificate. "Plots of up to 2,500 sq.ft. in size and a built-up area of up to 3,500 sq.ft. for the construction of residential structures having a ground or ground plus one floor will be eligible for instant registration without the requirements of building permission," he had said.

- ✓ This would apply to the construction of residential buildings with a ground or ground and one floor (not exceeding seven metres in height).
- **T.N.'s Assistance Package for Manjulai Workers**
- ✓ They also received 25% of the ex-gratia for opting to retire, it informed the Tamil Nadu government, as per the report.



- ✓ "Steps will be taken through the Labour Welfare Department to get the workers the 75% of the ex-gratia that is due, their monthly pension as per the rules, and all legal entitlements".
- ✓ Considering this as a special case, the State government would provide free house patta in rural areas by relaxing norms and construct houses for them under the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam scheme for houseless workers.
- **T.N's MMR drops to 45.5 in 2023-24**
- ✓ Going by the Health Management Information System (HMIS) data, Tamil Nadu's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) recorded a significant drop during 2023-24, declining by over six points to reach 45.5 per one lakh live births.



- ✓ In fact, during the same period, Virudhunagar Health Unit District (HUD) recorded nil maternal deaths, according to health officials. As per HMIS data, MMR has dropped from 52.2 per one lakh live births during 2022-23 to 45.5 during 2023-24. The State's MMR rose during the COVID-19 pandemic years.



STATE

➤ Kerala's Vizhinjam International Port

- ✓ First Mothership Docks at Kerala's Vizhinjam International Port.



- ✓ The 'San Fernando' from China is the first container ship to dock at Vizhinjam International Sea Port.
 - ✓ The Vizhinjam International Seaport Thiruvananthapuram it is planned to be India's first deep water container transshipment port, currently under trial run in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ## ➤ First State in India to publish People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)
- ✓ Kerala is set to become the first State in India to publish the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) across all local bodies.



- ✓ This document is dynamic, requiring periodic updates on ecosystem details, landscapes, species, and traditional knowledge.
- ✓ The Kerala state biodiversity board (KSBB) complete the updation of the PBR in 50% of local bodies in the State before the end of 2024.

NATIONAL

➤ India's Green Hydrogen Push

- ✓ The World Bank has approved a second round of \$1.5 billion in financing to help India accelerate its development of low-carbon energy.



- ✓ This funding aims to promote the market for green hydrogen, electrolyzers, and increased renewable energy penetration.
- ✓ The initiative aligns with India's National Green Hydrogen Mission and energy transition targets, including achieving 500 GW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2070.

➤ First Country to Prepare a List of its Entire Animal Species

- ✓ In a major milestone, India has managed to prepare a comprehensive list of animal species that exist in India.

INDIA BECOMES FIRST NATION TO PREPARE FULL LIST OF FAUNA



DEEPANSHU SINGH
The first lioness

- ✓ With this, India has become the only country to make a checklist of entire national fauna. The list covers 1,04,561 species.

- ✓ On the occasion of the **109th Foundation Day of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** in Kolkata, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched the **“Fauna of India Checklist Portal”**.
- **Three New Criminal Laws will come into effect on Monday (July 1)**



- ✓ The **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)**, the **Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)**, and the **Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA)**, passed in Parliament last December, will replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 respectively.
- ✓ Since Independence, the colonial-era IPC (which provides the substance of criminal law), CrPC (which provides the procedure for law's enforcement), and Evidence Act have seen several revisions.
- **Asia's Largest Flight Training School**
- ✓ Air India is establishing South Asia's largest flight training school in Maharashtra's Amravati district with an investment of over 200 crore.



- ✓ Scheduled to open in the first quarter of the next financial year, this initiative aims to secure a steady pipeline of pilots for the airline, which will require 500-700 pilots annually to support its expansion plans following a mega order of 470 Airbus and Boeing aircraft in 2023.

➤ **NIRMAN Portal**

- ✓ Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy has launched a portal “Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN)” in New Delhi.



- ✓ In alignment with the vision “Mission Karmayogi” of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this is a unique CSR scheme by Coal India Limited for meritorious youth of its operating districts who have qualified the Preliminary round of UPSC examination (for Civil Services & Forest Service) in 2024.

➤ **Project PARI**

- ✓ Project PARI (Public Art of India), an initiative by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, being executed by Lalit Kala Akademi and National Gallery of Modern Art seeks to bring forth public art that draws inspiration from millennia of artistic heritage (lok kala/lok sanskriti) while incorporating modern themes and techniques.



- ✓ These expressions underscore the intrinsic value that art holds in Indian society, serving as a testament to the nation's enduring commitment to creativity and artistic expression.
- ✓ The first intervention under Project PARI is taking place in Delhi.

➤ **SEHER Program**

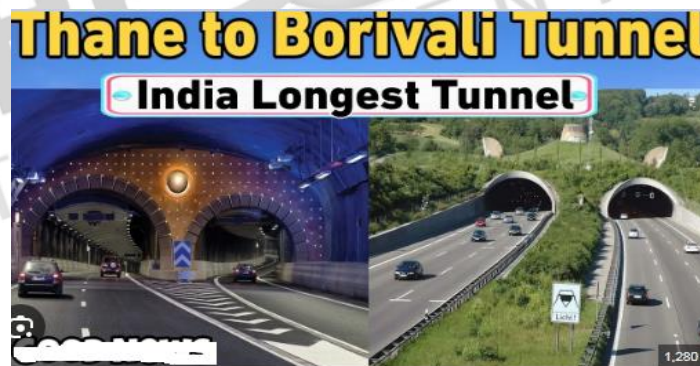
- ✓ Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and TransUnion CIBIL have launched SEHER, a credit education program designed to empower women entrepreneurs in India.



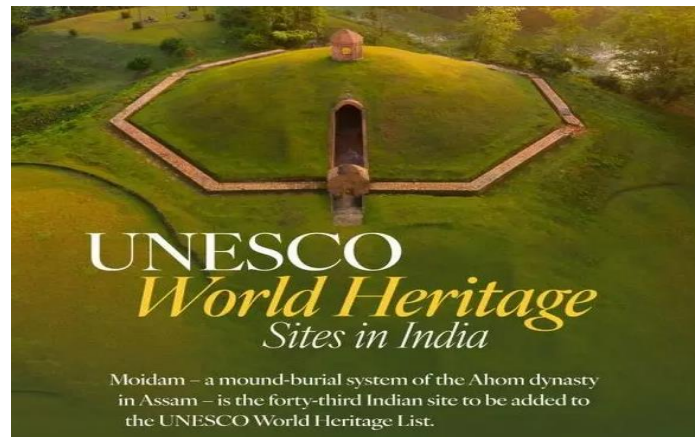
- ✓ SEHER aims to provide financial literacy content and business skills, facilitating access to essential financial tools for growth and employment creation.
 - ✓ Address financial awareness as a major hurdle for MSME development by educating women on finance aspects, including CIBIL Rank and commercial credit reports. Financial unawareness is a significant barrier for MSME growth.
- ### ➤ **India Launches First National Toll-Free Anti-Narcotics Helpline**
- ✓ India is set to launch its first national toll-free anti-narcotics helpline, '1933', alongside an email service under the name MANAS (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra).
 - ✓ Scheduled for launch by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the seventh Narco-Coordination Centre meeting on July 18, the helpline aims to provide a user-friendly platform for citizens to report drug-related crimes and seek assistance 24×7.
- ### ➤ **UGC's ASMITA Project**
- ✓ 22,000 Indian Language Books to Transform Higher Education.



- ✓ The Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC) have launched an ambitious project aimed at enhancing Indian language literature in higher education.
- ✓ The initiative, named ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing), aims to develop 22,000 books in Indian languages over the next five years.
- **India's Longest and Largest Urban Tunnel**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest and largest urban tunnel project, the Thane Borivali Twin Tunnel, developed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA).



- ✓ This Rs. 16,600 crore project will reduce travel time between Thane and Borivali from over an hour to just 12 minutes, cutting the travel distance by 12 km.
- ✓ This initiative is part of broader infrastructure projects worth Rs. 29,000 crore aimed at enhancing connectivity in Mumbai.
- **Royal Burial Mounds of Assam now on UNESCO World Heritage List**



- ✓ The Charaideo Moidams, a 700-year-old mound-burial system of the Ahom dynasty from Assam, were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List on Friday, making them the 43rd property from India to be included in the prestigious index.
- ✓ The announcement was made at the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee being held in Delhi.
- ✓ “This historic recognition brings global attention to the unique 700-year-old mound burial system of the Ahom kings at Charaideo.

SCHEMES

➤ DRDO Seven New Projects Awarded to Industries Under Technology Development Fund Scheme



- ✓ The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has taken a significant step towards promoting self-reliance in the defense sector by awarding seven new projects to industries under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme.
- ✓ These projects aim to address various requirements of the Armed Forces and the aerospace & defense sectors, while simultaneously nurturing the growth of industries, particularly MSMEs and start-ups, in these domains.

➤ Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE)



- ✓ The Government of India is set to launch the 'Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE) to support start-ups and agripreneurs through investments in sector-specific, sector-agnostic, and debt Alternative Investment

Funds (AIFs), as well as direct equity support to start-ups working in agriculture and allied sectors.

- ✓ This initiative aims to foster innovation and sustainability in India's agricultural sector through the establishment of a Rs 750 crore Category-II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF).

➤ **'One Scientist, One Product' Scheme**

- ✓ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is set to unveil a groundbreaking initiative that promises to revolutionize the landscape of agricultural and animal husbandry research in India.



- ✓ The 'One Scientist-One Product' programme, scheduled for launch on July 16, marks a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to advancing agricultural science and technology.

➤ **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme**

- ✓ The Centre plans to increase the upper limit of the short-term crop loans under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh.



- ✓ Modified Interest Subvention Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme, 100% funded by the Government of India.

- ✓ It was launched in the year 2006-07 with a view to provide short term Agri-loans availed by farmers through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for their working capital requirements at concessional rate of interest.

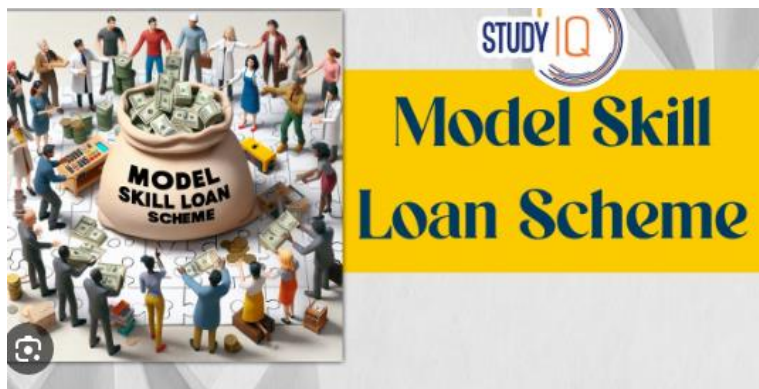
➤ **PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyaan**



- ✓ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced that the Union government will launch the PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyaan with the aim of achieving full saturation of basic facilities among five crore Scheduled Tribe families across 63,000 villages in tribal-majority areas and aspirational districts.
- ✓ The scheme, designed after the PM-JANMAN to achieve saturation of basic facilities for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, will be for Scheduled Tribe populations across the country.

➤ **Model Skill Loan Scheme**

- ✓ 'Model Skill Loan Scheme' launched by Government to provide education and skill development opportunities to 25,000 youth.



- ✓ The revised Model Skill Loan Scheme launched by Minister of State and Minister of State for Education, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in New Delhi.
- ✓ It aims to provide access to skill courses to the youth of the country without any financial barriers.
- ✓ These include high-level courses, which often require high course fees. This initiative will help India's youth become a future-ready workforce.

➤ **Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has brought the Tamil medium-aided school students from Classes VI to XII under the monthly assistance scheme of Rs 1,000 per month.



- ✓ The Tamil Pudhalvan scheme of the state government provides monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000 to Tamil medium-educated government school students.
- ✓ With the expansion to government-aided schools, 3.28 lakh boys are expected to benefit from the scheme during the fiscal 2024-25.
- ✓ “An amount of Rs 360 crore has been sanctioned for the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme,” reads a government order.

COURT VERDICT

➤ **Divorced Muslim Women Entitled to Secular Remedy: SC**

- ✓ The Supreme Court on Wednesday held that divorced Muslim women are entitled to maintenance under the “secular” Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.



- ✓ The court agreed with amicus curiae, senior advocate Gaurav Agrawal, that a remedy under the secular statutory provision of Section 125 of the Cr.PC cannot be foreclosed for divorced Muslim women by virtue of enactment of a personal law remedy under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986.
- ✓ A divorced Muslim woman is entitled to all rights of maintenance available to other equally situated women in the country.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ Japan Introduces Holographic Technology in New Banknotes



- ✓ On July 3, Japan will introduce new banknotes featuring what it claims to be the world's pioneering use of advanced holography.
 - ✓ This technology creates the illusion of historic figures' portraits rotating in 3D on the bills, serving as a key anti-counterfeit measure.
 - ✓ This marks the first redesign of the banknotes in 20 years.
- **Keir Starmer next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom**
- ✓ After election results, Keir Starmer is set to be the next prime minister of the United Kingdom.



- ✓ Keir Starmer is all set to become the next Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Labour Party secured over 412 seats out of 650 in the elections, which ended the rule of 14 years of Conservative government. 326 seats are required to form the government in the United Kingdom.
- ✓ The Conservative Party won 121 seats.

- **India Assumes Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre**
- ✓ India, represented by Rajendra Singh of the National Disaster Management Authority, has taken over the Chair of ADPC from China for 2024-25.



- ✓ ADPC, an autonomous organization, focuses on disaster risk reduction and climate resilience in Asia and Pacific.
- ✓ India and 8 countries Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Thailand are the founding members of ADPC.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ India and Russia Aim for \$100 Billion Trade

- ✓ India and Russia have set a target to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030, emphasizing economic collaboration in energy, trade, manufacturing, and fertilizers.



- ✓ Discussions included balancing trade, reducing non-tariff barriers, and exploring an India-Eurasian Economic Union Free Trade Area.
- ## ➤ India and Russia have Doubled Rupee-Rouble Payments in 2024



- ✓ India and Russia have doubled their payments in national currencies (rupee-rouble) since last year despite sanctions by the U.S. and European Union, says Russia's state-controlled and largest bank, Sberbank, that handles a majority of payments for Indian exports to Russia.
- ✓ Rupee deposits by Indian corporates have also increased multifold in 2024.

➤ **India-Bhutan**

- ✓ Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and his Bhutanese counterpart Aum Pema Choden co-chaired the 3rd India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks in Thimpu.



- ✓ During the meeting, the Bhutanese side presented the Project Tied Assistance (PTA) proposals as well as the first tranche of the PTA projects to be implemented during the 13th Five-Year Plan period.
- ✓ In a statement, External Affairs Ministry said, the two sides approved a total of 61 projects amounting 4,958 crore rupees in various sectors.

➤ **India and U.S. Sign Cultural Property Agreement to Protect Heritage**

- ✓ India and the U.S. signed a cultural property agreement that aims to enhance cooperation to protect the cultural heritage of both countries.



- ✓ The agreement aims to prevent the illegal trade of cultural property.
- ✓ It simplifies the process of returning looted and stolen antiquities to their country of origin.
- ✓ The U.S.-India Cultural Property Agreement was negotiated under U.S. law implementing the 1970 UNESCO Convention.
- ✓ The 1970 UNESCO Convention aims to prohibit and prevent the illicit import, export, and transfer of ownership of cultural property.

➤ **UK and India**

- ✓ Governments of India and the UK just started the Technology Security Initiative (TSI).



- ✓ The goal is to improve their **strategic relationship** as **technology** becomes more important for national security and economic growth.
- ✓ The **India-UK Roadmap 2030** lists a number of areas where leaders from both countries want to work together, including technology.
- ✓ This system will handle trade problems involving important and new technologies, allowing for a full discussion on the most important areas for cooperation.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ Global IndiaAI Summit 2024

- ✓ Global IndiaAI Summit 2024 will be hosted by India. The Global IndiaAI Summit 2024 will be held on July 3-4 in New Delhi.



- ✓ It is expected to be attended by leading AI experts, industry representatives, international organisations and members of academia.
- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is organizing the summit.
- ✓ The summit will focus on advancing AI development in seven key areas outlined by the India AI Mission: compute capabilities, foundational models, datasets, application development, future skills, startup financing, and safe AI.

➤ 24th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit

- ✓ The 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) took place on July 4, 2024, in Astana, Kazakhstan.



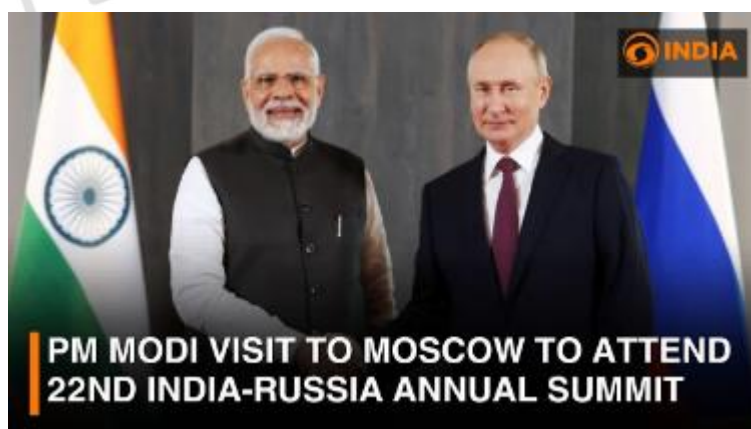
- ✓ This important gathering brought together leaders from various countries to discuss regional cooperation and security issues.

➤ **‘Colombo Process’**

- ✓ India chaired its first meeting as Chair of the ‘Colombo Process’ at the Permanent Representative Level **Meeting in Geneva**, marking a significant moment in regional migration cooperation.



- ✓ The Colombo Process, comprising **12 Asian member states**, focuses on enhancing governance and opportunities for overseas employment. Under India’s leadership, priorities include financial sustainability, membership expansion, and collaboration with regional bodies like the **Abu Dhabi Dialogue**.
- **India-Russia Annual Summit**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a three day official visit to Russia and Austria. In the first leg of his visit, Mr. Modi will be in Moscow for the 22nd Annual Summit between India and Russia.



- ✓ The annual summit would provide an opportunity for Prime Minister Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin to review the whole range of bilateral issues, including defence, trade linkages, investment ties, energy cooperation, education, culture, and people-to-people exchanges.

- ✓ Both leaders will also assess the status of bilateral engagements in groupings such as BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, the G20, the East Asia Summit, and the UN.
- **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES)**
- ✓ From November 20 to 24, 2024, India will host the inaugural World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Goa.



- ✓ India is among the world's largest film producing countries.
- ✓ WAVES will be a leading platform for discussion, trade cooperation, and innovation in the Media & Entertainment (M&E) sector.
- ✓ The Summit will bring together innovators, stakeholders, and leaders in the M&E industry.

COMMITTEES

➤ India Hosts 46th UNESCO World Heritage Committee Session

- ✓ In a landmark event for India's cultural diplomacy, the nation is set to host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee from July 21-31, 2024.



- ✓ This prestigious gathering will take place at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, bringing together delegates from around the world to discuss and decide on matters of global cultural significance.
- **World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024**
- ✓ India is hosting the UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting for the first time, alongside the 2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum in New Delhi.



- ✓ From July 14 to 23, young professionals from around the world will gather to enhance their skills in heritage preservation and sustainable development.
- ✓ The forum, organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India, focuses on integrating global heritage concepts with local Indian heritage management.

➤ **46th Session Of World Heritage Committee**

- ✓ 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 21st July to 31st July.



- ✓ India is hosting this event for the first time and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the session on the 21st of this month.
- ✓ This ceremony will be graced by Madam Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO.

DEFENCE

➤ **World's Largest Naval Exercise RIMPAC**

- ✓ The Indian Navy has joined the world's largest naval military war game Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) in Hawaii.



- ✓ It is hosted and administered by the United States Navy's Indo-Pacific Command, headquartered at Pearl Harbor.
- ✓ Led by the US Navy, approximately 29 countries are participating in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exercise.
- ✓ The Hawaiian Islands are the focus of this huge show of military power and cooperation, which runs until August 01.

➤ **Maitree Exercise 2024**

- ✓ July 1, 2024, marks the beginning of an important event in India-Thailand relations.



- ✓ The Maitree Exercise, a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army, kicks off at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province, Thailand.

- ✓ This two-week exercise, running until July 15, 2024, is a significant step in strengthening military ties between the two nations.

➤ **Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant'**

- ✓ Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' started in Umroi, Meghalaya on 3 July.



- ✓ This is the 16th edition of Nomadic Elephant, an India-Mongolia joint military exercise. It is a two-week training event that will conclude on 16 July.
- ✓ It seeks to improve communication between the troops of the two countries in semi-conventional operations in semi-urban and mountainous areas.]
- ✓ Every year, this training event alternates between Mongolia and India.

➤ **DRDO Unveils Country's Indigenous Light Tank Zorawar**

- ✓ The prototype of the country's indigenous light tank Zorawar is ready and will soon be subjected to extensive trials.



- ✓ The tank, unveiled on Saturday, was jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) along with Larsen & Toubro as the lead integrator.

- ✓ The tank is currently powered by a Cummins engine, and the DRDO has taken up a project to develop a new engine domestically, officials said.
- **Defence Ministry Signs MoU to Set Up Three Testing Facilities in T.N.**



- ✓ The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish three state-of-the-art testing facilities in Chennai under the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor – one each in Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Electro Optics (EO) domains.
- ✓ With an outlay of 400 crore, the DTIS was launched by Union Minister for Defence Rajnath Singh in May 2020 to set up state-of-the-art testing facilities.
- **Exercise Pitch Black**
- ✓ IAF's Su-30 MKIs to participate in the 'Exercise Pitch Black' in Australia.



- ✓ The India Air Force Su-30 MKIs are set to participate in the biennial multinational aerial warfare exercise Pitch Black in Australia.
- ✓ 'Exercise Pitch Black 2024' will be conducted from July 12 to August 2.
- ✓ "Exercise Pitch Black" is the Royal Australian Air Force's (RAAF) most significant flying activity for strengthening international engagement and enhancing cooperation.

➤ **CAMCOPTER S-100**

- ✓ India is set to enhance its naval capabilities through a deal with Austrian company Schiebel for their Camcopter S-100 unmanned aerial system (UAS).



- ✓ The system can operate in various extreme climates and has a high endurance, making it ideal for the Indian Ocean Region.
- ✓ It requires the minimal space for launch and recovery, making it suitable for deployment from various naval vessels.

➤ **Multinational Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2024**

- ✓ The Indian Army contingent has embarked on its journey to participate in the multinational military exercise KHAAN QUEST 2024.



- ✓ This prestigious event is scheduled to take place from 27th July to 9th August 2024 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ✓ The exercise serves as a platform for military forces worldwide to collaborate and enhance their peacekeeping capabilities.

ECONOMY

➤ India's Exports Exceeded USD 200 Billion

- ✓ India's exports exceeded USD 200 billion in the first quarter (April-June) of 2024-25.



- ✓ The government has said that it is optimistic about reaching its USD 800 billion annual target.
- ✓ India's total exports, which include both merchandise and services reached \$65.47 billion in June, up 5.4% from the previous year, according to data from the commerce ministry. From \$34.32 billion to \$35.20 billion, merchandise exports increased.
- ✓ There has been a substantial rise in exports to nations including Singapore, China, Russia, Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates.

➤ IMF Raises India's GDP Forecast to 7% for 2024-25

- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 7%, up by 20 basis points from earlier projections.



- ✓ This upward revision is attributed to improved consumption prospects, particularly in rural areas.
- ✓ However, the IMF has retained a slower growth rate of 6.5% for the next fiscal year.

➤ **KEY FEATURES OF BUDGET 2024-2025**

➤ **Budget Theme**

- ✓ Roadmap for the pursuit of 'Viksit Bharat'.

➤ **Focus on Four Major Groups**

- ✓ **Mahilayen** (Women)
- ✓ **Garib** (Poor)
- ✓ **Yuva** (Youth)
- ✓ **Annadata** (Farmer)

➤ **Key Financial Details for 2024-25**

- Total Receipts
- ✓ **Total Receipts (excluding borrowings):** 32.07 lakh crore
- Total Expenditure
- ✓ **Total Expenditure:** 48.21 lakh crore

➤ **Nine Budget Priorities in pursuit of 'Viksit Bharat'**

- ✓ Productivity and resilience in Agriculture
- ✓ Employment & Skilling
- ✓ Inclusive Human Resource Development and Social Justice
- ✓ Manufacturing & Services
- ✓ Urban Development
- ✓ Energy Security
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Innovation, Research & Development
- ✓ Next Generation Reforms

➤ **Venture Capital Fund of Rs 1,000 crore for expanding the Space Economy**

- ✓ In the budget, a venture capital fund of Rs 1,000 crore has been announced to expand the space economy by five times in the next 10 years.



- ✓ This venture fund is a step toward addressing the issue of funding faced by nascent ventures in this capital-intensive domain.
- ✓ The government's vision is to increase India's share in the global commercial space economy to 10% by 2030.
- ✓ India is aiming to set up 'Bharatiya Antariksha Station' by 2035 and is planning to send the first Indian to the Moon by 2040.
- **India aims for \$30 Trillion Economy by 2047**
- ✓ India aims to become a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047, the 100th anniversary of its independence.



- ✓ According to a plan by NITI Aayog, called 'Vision for Viksit Bharat @ 2047', the goal is to raise the average income per person to USD 18,000 per year. This plan is designed to help India avoid getting stuck at a middle-income level.
- ✓ 'Viksit Bharat,' or 'Developed India,' embodies India's goal for sustainable development by 2047, focusing on reducing poverty, achieving gender equity, and ensuring environmental sustainability.

APPOINTMENT

➤ **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**

- ✓ On a pro bono basis, Professor Dr. Soumya Swaminathan has been appointed as the Principal Advisor for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program at the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



- ✓ As Principal Advisor, Prof. Swaminathan will provide technical advice on the overall strategy for achieving the program goals, suggest policy directions and necessary curriculum reforms for optimal results, and advise on research strategy.

AWARDS

➤ **Spice Award 2024**

- ✓ Agri-entrepreneur Sopna Kallingal received the Spice Award 2024.



- ✓ Spice Award 2024, instituted by ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, has been presented to Sopna Kallingal of Kallingal Plantation.
- ✓ The award has been presented for her initiatives in enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies promoting sustainable spice-based cropping systems.
- ✓ The main crop in the Kallingal Plantation is nutmeg.

➤ **Maharashtra Wins Best Agriculture State Award for 2024**

- ✓ The 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee has announced that Maharashtra has won the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024.



- ✓ The announcement was made by the committee headed by Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.

- **Tamil writer Sivashankari selected for Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award**
- ✓ Tamil literature, renowned author Sivashankari has been selected as the recipient of the highly esteemed Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award.



- ✓ This prestigious accolade celebrates her immense contributions to the rich tapestry of Tamil literary culture and her role in shaping contemporary Indian literature.
- **PM Modi To Receive Russia's Highest Civilian Honour For "Outstanding Service"**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi ceremoniously presented with the Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called, which was bestowed on him in the year 2019 at St Catherine's Hall of the Moscow Kremlin.



- ✓ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** ceremoniously presented with the **Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called**, which was bestowed on him in the year 2019 at St Catherine's Hall of the Moscow Kremlin.

- ✓ The order was presented to the Prime Minister of India for his distinguished contribution to the development of a privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly ties between the two countries.

➤ **Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024**



- ✓ In a significant recognition of its efforts in agricultural development, **Nagaland has been awarded the title of best state in horticulture** at the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024.
- ✓ This accolade highlights the state's commitment to innovative agricultural practices and rural development.

➤ **Hans von Hentig Award**

- ✓ Retired Tamil Nadu Professor K. Chockalingam Honoured with Prestigious Hans von Hentig Award.



- ✓ In a significant recognition of his contributions to the field of victimology, retired professor K. Chockalingam from Tamil Nadu, India, has been selected for the esteemed Hans von Hentig award.

- ✓ This honour highlights the global impact of Indian scholarship in the study of crime victims and their experiences within the criminal justice system.

➤ **Golden Sand Master Award**



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** honoured sand artist **Sudarshan Pattnaik** for winning the **Golden Sand Master Award** at the **International Sand Sculpture Championship in Russia**.
 - ✓ Pattnaik's award-winning sand sculpture depicted **Mahaprabhu Jagannath and the devotee Balaram Das**.
- **Indian Seafarers to be Honoured for Exceptional Bravery at Sea by IMO**
- ✓ The International Maritime Organization (IMO) revealed the 2024 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea winners on July 10, 2024.



- ✓ The Marshall Islands nominated Captain Avhilash Rawat and the crew of the oil tanker Marlin Luanda are the two recipients of the 2024 Award. Mexico nominated Captain Jorge Fernando Galaviz Fuentes and the crew of the tugboat Pemex Maya.

- ✓ The crew of the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Visakhapatnam and Captain Brijesh Nambiar of the Indian Navy were awarded Letters of Commendation by the IMO.
- **Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity**
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh's Wins Gulbenkian Prize for Natural Farming Model.



- ✓ In a significant recognition of innovative agricultural practices, the Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity.
- ✓ This accolade not only highlights India's progress in sustainable farming but also places Andhra Pradesh on the global map for its pioneering efforts in eco-friendly agriculture.
- **COSPAR 2024 Awards**
- ✓ Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) announced the winners of 2024 COSPAR Awards during the 45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly.



- ✓ Two Indian Scientists Prahlad Chandra Agrawal and Anil Bhardwaj were among the winners of the 2024 COSPAR Awards.

- ✓ **Prahlad Chandra Agrawal** was honoured with the **COSPAR Harrie Massey Award** and **Anil Bhardwaj** was honoured with the **Vikram Sarabhai Medal**, a joint award of COSPAR and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- **Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize 2024**
- ✓ Art historian **Madhu Khanna** has won the second edition of the Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize for her book, **“Tantra on the Edge”**.



- ✓ The award ceremony, hosted by Ambassador of Norway to India and Sri Lanka May-Elin Stener, saw Khanna and book's publisher DAG being felicitated with the trophy, certificate and one lakh rupees cash prize.
- **Gandhi Mandela Award 2020**
- ✓ Rigoberta Menchú Tum, the renowned Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Guatemalan human rights activist, has been honored with the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020.



- ✓ This prestigious accolade recognizes her lifelong commitment to advocating for Indigenous rights and promoting peace and social justice.

➤ **AIFF Awards 2024**

- ✓ The All India Football Federation (AIFF) recently held its annual awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding achievements in Indian football for the 2023-24 season.



- ✓ The top honours went to **Lallianzuala Chhangte** and **Indumathi Kathiresan**, who were named the male and female Players of the Year respectively.

➤ **International Tennis Hall of Fame**

- ✓ Indian Tennis Icons Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj Inducted into International Tennis Hall of Fame.



- ✓ In a historic moment for both Indian and Asian tennis, former Indian tennis players Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj have been inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- ✓ They are the first Asian men to receive this honour, celebrating their remarkable careers and marking a significant achievement for tennis in Asia.

➤ **Prestigious Olympic Order by IOC**

- ✓ The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has honored Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medallist, with the prestigious Olympic Order.



- ✓ This recognition will be formally presented during the 142nd IOC Session in Paris on August 10, 2024, a day before the closing of the Paris Olympics.
- ✓ The Olympic Order, the IOC's highest award, acknowledges distinguished contributions to the Olympic Movement.

➤ **IAF World Space Award 2024**



- ✓ Chandrayaan-3 mission team of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) won the prestigious World Space Award for 2024, presented by International Astronautical Federation (IAF) for its significant contributions to space exploration.
- ✓ The award is given in recognition of the Chandrayaan-3, India's lunar mission historic achievement of soft landing near the lunar South Pole.

➤ **CWC Wins GEEF Global WaterTech Award 2024**

- ✓ The Central Water Commission (CWC) has been honoured with the GEEF Global WaterTech Award in the category 'Water Department of the Year' at the Global Water Tech Summit - 2024, held by the Global Energy and Environment Foundation (GEEF) in New Delhi.

➤ **V. Venkayya Epigraphy Award**

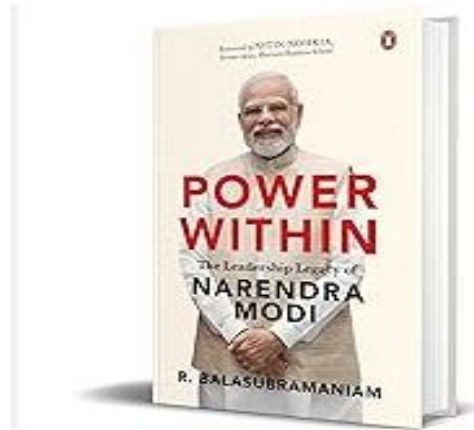
- ✓ V. Vedachalam, an eminent Tamil epigrapher and historian, has been conferred the V. Venkayya Epigraphy Award for 2024.



- ✓ Mr. Vedachalam, who has written and co-written more than 25 books on subjects such as epigraphy, numismatics, temple art, religion, and society, said he was honoured to receive the award named after V. Venkayya, the first Indian Chief Epigraphist to the government of India.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ “POWER WITHIN: The Leadership Legacy of NARENDRA MODI”



- ✓ Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi, authored by the distinguished development scholar Dr R Balasubramaniam, offers an in-depth exploration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership journey, meticulously capturing his contributions to India's socio-economic landscape.
- **CM Stalin Releases Books on Folk Deities & Forts of T.N.**



- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday released two coffee-table books titled **Folk Deities of Tamil Nadu: Worship, Tradition and Custom & Forts of Tamil Nadu: A Walk-Through**, brought out by The Hindu Group of Publications in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu government's Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR and CE) Department and Tourism Department.
- ✓ The book on folk deities, curated by B. Kolappan, The Hindu's Senior Deputy Editor, focuses on the innumerable folk deities of Tamil Nadu.

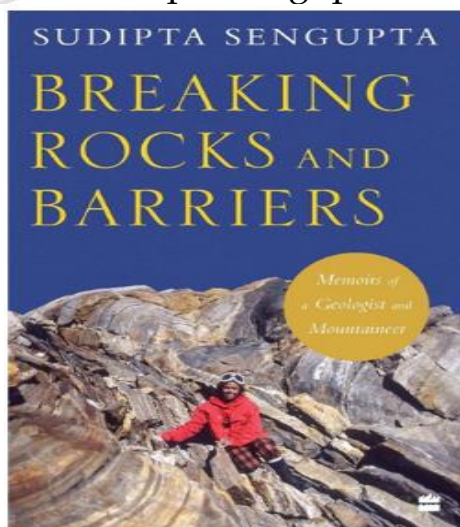
- ✓ Tamil society worshipped heroes who laid down their lives for a common cause. 'Nadu Kal' (hero stones) were erected to honour those heroes.

➤ **The Prisoner of Bhopal**

- ✓ Tim Walker's "The Prisoner of Bhopal": A Novel Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.



- ✓ Award-winning designer-turned-author Tim Walker has published a historical fiction novel titled "The Prisoner of Bhopal," aimed at young readers.
 - ✓ This book commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal gas tragedy, one of India's most devastating industrial disasters.
- **Breaking Rocks and Barriers: The Adventurous Life of Sudipta Sengupta**
- ✓ "Breaking Rocks and Barriers" will be released on July 24 by HarperCollins India, highlighting the life of Sudipta Sengupta.



- ✓ **Antarctic Expedition:** In 1983, Sengupta became one of the first Indian women to set foot in Antarctica, contributing to the Third Indian Expedition to Antarctica.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Chiretolpis erubescens**

- ✓ Rare moth endemic to Western Ghats 'rediscovered' in Nilgiris after 132 years.



- ✓ At a first glance, Chiretolpis erubescens, a rare moth endemic to the Western Ghats could be considered unremarkable.
 - ✓ However, a more nuanced study of the species would remind us of how little is known about the health and continued existence of “lesser-known species” that were recorded to have inhabited the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR), and largely been forgotten since.
- ## ➤ **ISRO's Aditya-L1 Completes First Halo Orbit**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on June 2, announced that India's inaugural solar mission has completed its halo orbit around the Sun-Earth L1 point on July 2.



- ✓ This significant breakthrough was achieved after a station keeper manoeuvre made its transition into the second halo orbit.
- ## ➤ **India Ranks Fifth in GenAI Innovations, China Leads**

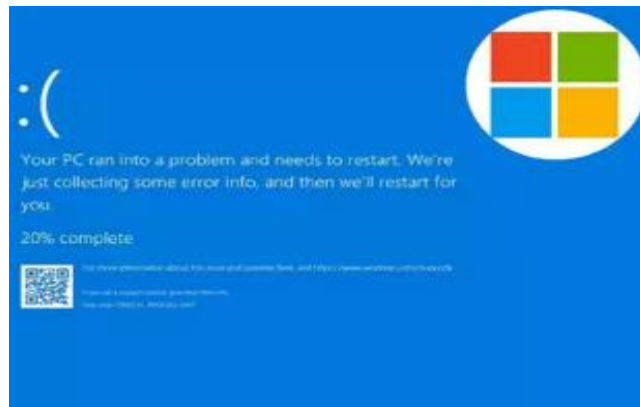
- ✓ India ranks fifth in Generative AI (GenAI) innovations with 1,350 patents, trailing China, the US, Republic of Korea, and Japan.



- ✓ **India ranks fifth in Generative AI (GenAI) innovations**, trailing behind China, the US, Republic of Korea, and Japan.
- ✓ Despite India's position, the country has shown the highest annual growth rate in GenAI patent publications, with significant potential for economic impact.
- **MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System)**
- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System), an online platform designed to be the first global open access clearing house for information on medical devices.



- ✓ It aims to support governments, regulators, and users in making informed decisions about the selection, procurement, and use of medical devices for diagnostics, testing, and treatment of various health conditions.
- **Microsoft Outage**
- ✓ Government is in touch with Microsoft and its associates regarding the global outage.



- ✓ Advisory said that it has been reported that Windows hosts related to Crowd strike agent Falcon Sensor, are facing outages and getting crashed due to recent update received in the product.
- ✓ It added that the concerned Windows hosts are experiencing a Blue Screen of Death (BSOD), related to Falcon Sensor.
- ✓ The issues occurred in the latest update of CrowdStrike and the changes have been reverted by the CrowdStrike Team.

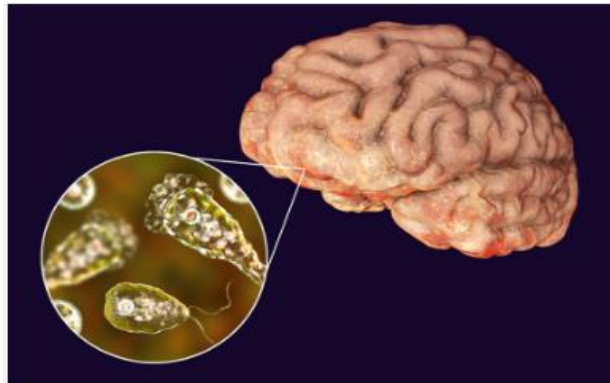
➤ **Nipah Cases**

- ✓ The Director of Public Health has instructed the deputy directors of health to deploy medical teams at border check-posts round the clock to screen all symptomatic cases of the acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) with protective equipment.



- ✓ The zoonotic disease is spread by large fruit bats, which are natural reservoirs of the Nipah virus.
- ✓ Humans could contract the virus if they eat the contaminated fruit.

➤ Amoebic Brain Infection



- ✓ With five cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis, including three deaths, being reported in adolescents in Kerala in the past three months, the State's Health Department has come out with technical guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the infection, possibly the first set of guidelines in the country on this rare but fatal infection.
- ✓ In all but one case, the causative organism was the amoebic parasite, *Naegleria fowleri*.
- ✓ In one case, the organism was *Vermamoeba vermiformis*, another free-living amoeba found in human environment.

➤ Apophis Asteroid

- ✓ The European Space Agency (ESA) will launch a mission to study the Apophis asteroid when it passes very close to Earth in 2029.



- ✓ ESA is the second major space agency to launch a space mission to study Apophis asteroid. Apophis will pass within 32,000 km of the Earth in 2029.
- ✓ An asteroid of such a large size comes this close to the Earth only once in about 5,000 to 10,000 years.
- ✓ The main aim of the study of the asteroids is to develop capabilities to protect the Earth from possible collisions.

➤ **Hottest Day Recorded Globally**

- ✓ July 21 was the hottest day ever registered globally, according to data published on Tuesday by the EU's climate monitor.



- ✓ The Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said the global average surface air temperature of 17.09°C on Sunday was the warmest in their record books, which go back to 1940.
- ✓ The new daily high was 0.01°C above the previous record temperature of 17.08 registered on July 6, 2023.

SPORTS

➤ T20 World Cup

- ✓ India became the first team to win the T20 World Cup by winning all the matches.



- ✓ On 29 June, India won their second T20 World Cup title after defeating South Africa by seven runs at the Kensington Oval in Barbados.
 - ✓ The Rohit Sharma-led team has now achieved the distinction of winning the World Cup without losing a single match in the tournament.
 - ✓ After winning the first Men's T20 World Cup in 2007, India is now the third team to win the tournament twice.
- **Indian Track and Field Contingent for the 2024 Paris Olympics will be led by Neeraj Chopra**
- ✓ The Athletics Federation of India announced that the 28-member Indian track and field contingent for the 2024 Paris Olympics will be led by Neeraj Chopra.



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra made history three years ago by becoming the first Indian track and field athlete to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

- ✓ Jyothi Yarraji will be the first Indian 100-meter hurdler to compete in the Olympics. The Olympic Games will take place from July 26 to August 11, 2024, in Paris.
- ✓ The official theme song of the 2024 Paris Olympics is "Parade," composed by Victor Le Manse.
- **Ukraine's Yaroslava Mahuchikh Setting a New High Jump World Record**
- ✓ Ukraine's Yaroslava Mahuchikh set a new world record in the women's high jump at the Paris Diamond League, clearing 10 meters and breaking a record that had stood since 1987.



- ✓ New World Record: Mahuchikh's 2.10-meter jump surpasses the previous world record in the women's high jump, marking a historic achievement in the sport.
- ✓ The record was set at the Paris Diamond League, a prestigious track and field competition.
- **PV Sindhu, Sharath Kamal as India's Flag Bearers for Paris Olympics**



- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced that India will continue the tradition of having two flag bearers for the Paris 2024 Olympics, following the precedent set at Tokyo 2020.
 - ✓ PV Sindhu, the badminton ace, has been chosen as the female flag bearer for the Indian contingent. Sharath Kamal, the veteran table tennis player, will serve as the male flag bearer.
- **Wimbledon**
- ✓ In Wimbledon Tennis, Carlos Alcaraz Of Spain has Clinched the Men's Singles Title Defeating Novak Djokovic Of Serbia.



- ✓ Barbora Krejčíková Of The Czech Republic Defeated Jasmine Paolini Of Italy To Win Her Maiden Wimbledon Women's Singles Title.
- **IIT Madras Aims to Make India Global Chess Powerhouse**
- ✓ The IIT Madras Center of Excellence in Sports Science and Analytics (CESSA) just recently announced a plan to make India the world's most important chess hub.



- ✓ The news was shared at the "Sports Tech Start-Up Conclave" in New Delhi.
- ✓ Several important plans were presented at the conclave, which was sponsored by well-known companies such as Dream Sports, Vedanta, and SFA Play.
- ✓ The main ideas behind these are using cutting-edge technology to promote chess in India, get more fans involved, and stop cheating in the sport.

➤ **Paris Olympics 2024**

- ✓ Paris Olympics 2024 started in France on July 26 2024. The Paris Olympics 2024 will be held from July 26 to August 11.



- ✓ The 2024 Summer Olympics is the 33rd edition of the Olympics games. The Phrygian caps are the mascots of Paris 2024.
- ✓ This is the first time in the history of the Summer Olympics that athletes sail through a river to enter the Olympics ceremony event.
- ✓ India's star shuttler PV Sindhu and table tennis legend Sharath Kamal led the Indian contingent as flag bearers at the opening ceremony of Paris Olympics 2024.
- ✓ The Indian contingent at the Paris 2024 Olympics will comprise 117 athletes, including 70 men and 47 women, across 16 sporting disciplines.

➤ **Manu's Historic Bronze Opens India's Medal Hunt**

- ✓ The 22-year-old is the first Indian woman shooter to be on the Olympic podium as she wins medal in the 10m air pistol event; she will now compete in 10m pistol mixed team and 25m pistol events.



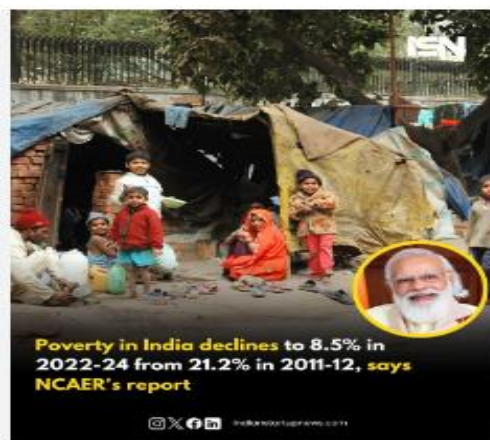
- ✓ This time though they were of joy following the conclusion of the women's 10m air pistol event where she won a bronze medal, opening India's medal count at the Paris 2024 Games.
- **Historic Bronze Win for Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh at Paris Olympics**
- ✓ In a remarkable display of skill and precision, Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh has secured a bronze medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the Paris Olympics.



- ✓ This victory is particularly notable as it marks the second bronze for Manu Bhaker at the Paris Olympics, making her the first Indian to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympic Games since Independence.

REPORT

➤ Poverty in India dropped to 8.5% in 2022-24: NCAER Report



- ✓ Poverty in India declined from 21.2% in 2011-12 to 8.5% in 2022-24, despite pandemic challenges, according to National Council of Applied Economic Research's paper "Rethinking Social Safety Nets in a Changing Society."
- ✓ This report has been authored by Sonalde Desai of NCAER.
- ✓ Economic growth and poverty reduction demand adaptable social protection systems to address evolving societal needs.

➤ United Nations (UN) World Population Prospects Report

- ✓ According to the United Nations (UN) World Population Prospects report, India's population is likely to reach 1.70 billion by 2062.
- ✓ Currently, India is the most populous country in the world. India's population will hit its peak after 38 years.
- ✓ International News India's population will start declining between January and July 2062.
- ✓ In 2063, India's population will decline by about 115,000. In 2064, this number would increase to 437,000 and 793,000 in 2065.
- ✓ At present, India is the most populous country in the world, with 1.451 billion people. It is followed by China at 1.419 billion and the United States at 345 million.

➤ NITI Aayog released the SDG India Index 2023-24

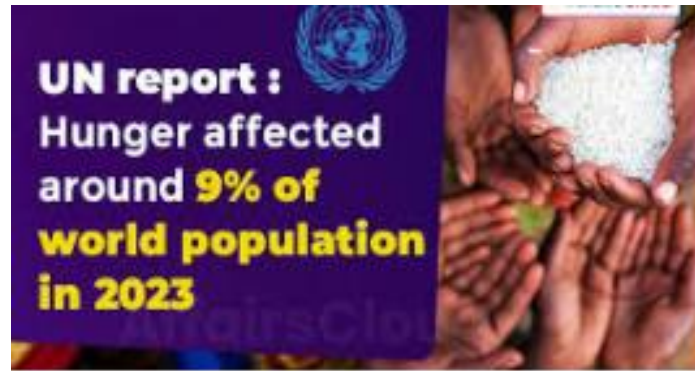
- ✓ As per the NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-24, India's overall Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) score has improved to 71 in 2023-24 from 66 in 2020-21.



- ✓ It has improved due to the progress made in poverty reduction, economic growth, and climate action.
 - ✓ Uttarakhand and Kerala emerged as top-performing states with a score of 79 on this Index.
 - ✓ It is followed by Tamil Nadu with a score of 78, and Goa comes next with a score of 77.
 - ✓ Bihar (57), Jharkhand (62), and Nagaland (63) were the worst-performing states in this year's index.
- **India Targets \$500 Billion in Electronics Manufacturing by 2030: NITI Aayog**
- ✓ India should set an ambitious target of achieving \$500 billion in electronics manufacturing by 2030, as stated in a recent NITI Aayog report.



- ✓ This goal includes \$350 billion from finished goods manufacturing and \$150 billion from component manufacturing.
 - ✓ Currently, India's electronics production totals \$101 billion, with \$86 billion from finished goods and \$15 billion from components.
- **UN's SOFI 2024 Report**
- ✓ Hunger Affected Around 9% of World Population in 2023: UN's SOFI 2024 Report.



- ✓ According to the latest United Nation(UN) report titled “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2024: Financing to end hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms”, around 733 million people faced hunger in 2023, which is equivalent to 1 in 11 people (approx. 9%) globally and 1 in 5 in Africa.

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RANKING

- **IMF Released AI Preparedness Index**
- ✓ India Ranked 72nd; Singapore Tops.



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released an Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI) Dashboard which tracks the level of Artificial Intelligence (AI) readiness across 174 countries.
 - ✓ According to AIPI, India has secured the 72nd Rank among the 174 countries, with a rating of 0.49.
- **World's Most Powerful Passports 2024**
 - ✓ Singapore has reclaimed its title as the world's most powerful passport, offering visa-free access to a record 195 global destinations according to the Henley Passport Index.



- ✓ **Joint 2nd Place:** France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain – 192 destinations.
- ✓ **Joint 3rd Place:** Austria, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, South Korea, Sweden – 191 destinations.
- ✓ India ranks 82nd, allowing visa-free entry to 58 countries.

IMPORTANT DAY

Date	Day	Theme
July 01	National Doctors Day	The theme for National Doctors' Day 2024 in India is "Healing Hands, Caring Hearts."
July 01	GST Day	This day commemorates the implementation of a transformative tax system that revolutionized the country's fiscal landscape.
July 02	World Sports Journalists Day	World Sports Journalists Day is celebrated every year on July 2 to honour those who bring sports stories to life – the sports journalists.
July 02	World UFO Day	This special day is all about learning more about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and thinking about the possibility of life beyond Earth.
July 03	International Plastic Bag Free Day	It encourages people to stop using plastic bags and find eco-friendly alternatives.
July 03	Disobedience Day	Disobedience Day invites us to reflect on the profound impact of civil disobedience throughout history and its relevance in contemporary society.
July 06	International Day of Cooperatives	The theme is "Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All."
July 06	World Zoonoses Day	Important annual observance that aims to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases – infections that can spread from animals to humans.
July 10	Global Energy	Objective – To promote

	Independence Day	awareness for alternative forms of energy.
July 10	National Fish Farmer's Day	Day to honour the invaluable contributions of fish farmers, aquaculture professionals, and stakeholders in the fisheries sector.
July 11	World Population Day	The theme is, "Leave no one behind, count everyone," underscores a critical aspect of population dynamics and sustainable development.
July 12	International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms	Recognizing the international concern surrounding sand and dust storms.
July 15	World Youth Skills Day	The theme is "Youth Skills for Peace and Development"
July 16	World Snake Day	The day aims to educate the public about the role snakes play in ecosystems, dispel myths, and promote conservation efforts.
July 17	World Day for International Justice	Theme is "Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice."
July 18	Tamil Nadu Day	A resolution was passed unanimously in the Madras State Legislative Assembly by the government led by the then chief minister of Tamil Nadu C. N. Annadurai seeking to rename the state as Tamil Nadu. On 18 July 1967.
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day	Nelson Mandela International Day, honouring the life and enduring legacy of one of history's most inspiring figures.
July 18	World Listening Day	Theme 2024 - Listening to the Weave of Sound.

July 20	International Chess Day	This day serves as a platform to promote chess as a powerful tool for education, the cultivation of logical thinking, and cultural exchange across nations.
July 20	International Moon Day	United Nations-designated international day that commemorates humanity's achievements in lunar exploration.
July 22	National Mango Day	Every year, National Mango Day is observed to celebrate the fruit known for its exquisite taste and numerous health benefits.
July 22	India's National Flag Day	This day holds great significance as it honors the symbol of India's unity, integrity, and sovereignty, according to the government website Know India.
July 23	National Broadcasting Day in India	This day highlights the pivotal role broadcasting has played in India's development, educational outreach, and cultural preservation.
July 24	National Income Tax Day	Income tax is a crucial government levy on the income earned by individuals and businesses during a financial year.
July 25	World Drowning Prevention Day	Theme 2024 – Anyone can drown, no one should.
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	To celebrate the victory of the Indian Armed Forces over Pakistan during the 1999

		Kargil Conflict.
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	Theme is: It's time for action.
July 28	World Nature Conservation Day	World Nature Conservation Day 2024 is celebrated and observed all over the world as an awareness program to conserve Nature.
July 29	International Tiger Day	This global initiative focuses on protecting the natural habitats of tigers and raising public awareness about their conservation.
July 30	International Day of Friendship	Promoting friendship between peoples, countries, cultures, and individuals to inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	This year's theme, "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking."
July 31	World Ranger Day	Theme 2024 - 30 by 30.

GROUP I – PRELIMINARY – 2024 – 13/07/24

UNIT – II - CURRENT EVENTS

Latest diary of events

1. Consider the following statements, choose the correct answer:

- (i) G20's Constitution is a Formal Document
- (ii) G20's Governance is based on the principles of Consensus
- (iii) G20's Inclusivity and Representation is the basis of the Presidency
- (iv) G20 Respect for unity; rather than sovereignty
- a. (iv) only correct **b. (ii) and (iii) only correct**
- c. (i) and (ii) only correct d. (iii) only correct
- e. Answer not known

கீழ்க்கண்ட வாக்கியங்களை கருதுக. சரியான விடையை தேர்ந்தெடுக்க:

- (i) G20- நாடுகளின் அரசியலமைப்பானது ஓர் முறையான ஆவணமாகும்
- (ii) G 20- நாடுகளின் நிருவானமானது ஒருமித்த கொள்கைகளை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டது
- (iii) G 20 - இணக்கம் என்ற கோட்பாடாலானது உள்ளடக்கியிருப்பதும், பிரதிநிதித்துவம் அதன் தலைமைக்கான அடிப்படைகளாகும்.
- (iv) G-20 ஒற்றுமைக்கே மரியாதை, இறையாண்மைக்கு அல்ல
- a. (iv) மட்டும் சரியானது **b. (ii) மற்றும் (iii) மட்டும் சரியானது**
- c. (i) மற்றும் (ii) மட்டும் சரியானது d. (iii) மட்டும் சரியானது
- e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

2. Storm in UAE:

Assertion (A): United Arab Emirates faced a severe thunder storm, brought one of the heaviest rainfall on record

Reason (R): Causes for the heavy rainfall is due to trade winds and waves

- a. A is true, but R is false**
- b. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- c. A is false, but R is true
- d. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- e. Answer not known

ஐக்கிய அரபு எமிரேட்சில் புயல்:

கூற்று (A): ஐக்கிய அரபு எமிரேட்ச் கடுமையான இடியுடன் கூடிய மழையை எதிர்கொண்டது

காரணம் (R): பலத்த மழைக்கான காரணங்கள் வர்த்தக காற்று மற்றும் அலைகள்

a. A சரியானது ஆனால் R தவறு

b. A மற்றும் R இரண்டும் சரி, மற்றும் R என்பது A விற்கு சரியான விளக்கம்

c. A தவறு, ஆனால் R சரி

d. A மற்றும் R இரண்டும் சரி ஆனால் R என்பது A விற்கு சரியான விளக்கமல்ல

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

3. The bird that was affected by an oil spill in Kosasthalaiyar in December 2023

a. Spot-billed Pelican

b. Flamingo

c. Macaw

d. Pigeon

e. Answer not known

2023, டிசம்பரில் கொசஸ்தலையாற்றில் ஏற்பட்ட எண்ணெய் கசிவால் மிகவும் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட பறவை?

a. ஸ்பாட்-பில்ல்டு பெலிகன்

b. ∴பிளமிங்கோ

c. மக்கா

d. புறா

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Geography

4. Choose the right match among the following

1. Mars - Mangalyan

2. Pinatubo - Volcano in Japan

3. Crust - Inner layer

4. Ganymede - Saturn's moon

a. 1 alone is correct

b. 1 and 2 are correct c. 1, 2 and 3 are correct

d. All are correct

e. Answer not known

கீழ்க்கண்டவற்றுள் சரியான பொருத்தத்தை தேர்வு செய்

1. செவ்வாய் - மங்கல்யான்

2. பினாடுபோ - ஜப்பானின் எரிமலை

3. கிரஸ்டு - உள் அடுக்கு

4. கானிமிடு - சனியின் நிலவு

a. 1 மட்டும் சரியானது

b. 1 மற்றும் 2 சரியானவை

c. 1, 2 மற்றும் 3 சரியானவை

d. அனைத்தும் சரி

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility

5. Which Housing Scheme assures a house not only to the homeless slum dwellers but to the urban poor, LIG and MIG categories?

- a. MUDF b. TNUDP c. JNNURM
d. PMAY(U) e. Answer not known

அரசின் எந்த வீட்டு வசதி திட்டமானது வீடற்ற மக்களுக்கு மட்டுமல்லாது நகர ஏழைகள், குறைந்த வருமானம் உள்ளவர்கள் மற்றும் நடுத்தர வர்க்க மக்களுக்கும் ஒரு வீட்டை உறுதி செய்கிறது?

- a. MUDF b. TNUDP c. JNNURM
d. PMAY(U) e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

6. The following scheme is implemented with an objective of reducing maternal and neo-natal mortality by promoting institutional delivery amongst the poor pregnant women?

- a. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
b. National Urban Health Mission
c. Janani Suraksha Yojana
d. Swachh Bharat Mission
e. Answer not known

பின்வரும் திட்டங்களில் ஏழை கர்ப்பிணிப் பெண்களிடையே நிறுவன ரீதியான பிரசவத்தை ஊக்குவித்த அதன் மூலம் தாய் மற்றும் பிறந்த குழந்தை இறப்பை குறைக்கும் நோக்கத்துடன் செயல்படுகிறது?

- a. பிரதான் மந்திரி ஸ்வஸ்திய சுரக்ஷா யோஜனா
b. தேசிய நகர்புற சுகாதார திட்டம்
c. ஜனனி சுரக்ஷா யோஜனா
d. சுகாதார இந்தியா இயக்கம்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

7. Match the following

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| A. PM eVidya | 1. Testing core concepts, application based questions, high order thinking |
| B. PM Poshan Shakti Nirman | 2. Volunteers to contribute assets / materials / equipments to schools |
| C. Vidyanjali 2.0 | 3. Digital education to coherent multi-mode access to education |
| D. SAFAL | 4. Provision of supplementary nutrition at school |

	A	B	C	D
a.	1	2	3	4
b.	4	3	2	1
c.	3	4	2	1
d.	2	3	1	4

e. Answer not known

பொருத்துக

A. PM eவித்யா

B. PM போஷான் சக்தி நிர்மான்

C. வித்யாஞ்சலி 2.0

D. ச.:பல்

	A	B	C	D
a.	1	2	3	4
b.	4	3	2	1
c.	3	4	2	1
d.	2	3	1	4

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

1. சோதனை அடிப்படை கருத்துக்கள், பயன்பாடு சார்ந்த கேள்விகள், உயர் வரிசை சிந்தனை

2. தன்னார்வலர்கள், பள்ளிகளுக்கு சொத்துக்கள் / பொருட்கள் / உபகரணங்கள் போன்றவற்றை கொடுப்பது

3. டிஜிட்டல் கல்வியின் வாயிலாக பன்முக முறை கல்வி அணுகுதல்

4. பள்ளியில் கூடுதல் ஊட்டச்சத்தை வழங்குதல்

8. Which among the following was announced in Union Budget 2022-23, with regard to crop assessment, digitisation of land records and spraying of insecticides and nutrients?

a. PM eVidya

b. PM Sampada

c. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

d. Kisan Drones

e. Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றுள் பயிர் மதிப்பீடு, நில ஆவணங்களை டிஜிட்டல் மயமாக்குதல், பூச்சிக் கொல்லிகள் தெளித்தல் மற்றும் ஊட்டச்சத்துக்கள் ஆகியவை குறித்து மத்திய பட்ஜெட் 2022-23இல் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டவை எது?

a. பி.எம். இவித்யா

b. பி.எம். சம்பதா

c. ராஷ்ட்ரிய கிரிஷ் விகாஸ் யோஜனா

d. கிசான் ட்ரோன்கள்

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

9. “Kissan Rath” a friendly Mobile App is launched for
- i. Locate the Mandi
 - ii. Transporting agro-products
 - iii. e-trading
- a. i only b. ii and iii only c. i and iii only
d. ii only e. Answer not known

“கிசான் ரத்” என்ற செயலி இதற்காகப் பயன்படுகிறது

- i. சந்தையைக் கண்டறிய
 - ii. வேளாண் பொருட்கள் போக்குவரத்திற்கு
 - iii. இணைய வழி வணிகம்
- a. i மட்டும் b. ii மற்றும் iii மட்டும் c. i மற்றும் iii மட்டும்
d. ii மட்டும் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Eminent personalities and places in news

10. Find Out the incorrect statements about 2024 – Padamashri awardees.
- a. He is form West Bengal
 - b. He significantly contributed to the field of environmental health and safety
 - c. His research primarily focuses of remediation and treatments of arsenic poisoning
 - d. He had been conferred Padmashri Award (2024) in the field of Medicine**
 - e. Answer not known
- 2024 ம் ஆண்டிற்கான பத்மஸ்ரீ விருது பெற்ற முனைவர். நாராயண் சக்ரபர்த்தி பற்றிய தவறான கூற்றை கண்டுபிடிக்கவும்.
- a. அவர் மேற்கு வங்காளத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்
 - b. அவர் சுற்றுச்சூழல் சுகாதாரம் மற்றும் பாதுகாப்புத் துறையில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க பங்களித்துள்ளார்.
 - c. அவரது ஆராய்ச்சி ஆர்சனிக் நச்சுத்தன்மையின் தீர்வு மற்றும் சிகிச்சையை முதன்மையாகக் கொண்டது
 - d. அவருக்கு 2024 ம் ஆண்டிற்கான பத்மஸ்ரீ விருது மருத்துவத் துறையில் வழங்கப்பட்டது**
 - e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

11. A In which hills of Mehalaya 'Geological Survey of India' (GSI), discovered ancient fossils?

- a. South Garo hills b. East Khasi hills **c. West Khasi hills**
d. Jaintia hills e. Answer not known

இந்திய புவியியல் ஆய்வு மையம், மேகாலயாவில் எந்த மலையில் பழமையான புதைபடிவத்தைக் கண்டறிந்தது?

- a. தெற்கு கேரோ மலைகள் b. கிழக்கு காசி மலைகள்
c. மேற்கு காசி மலைகள்
d. ஜைன்டியா மலைகள் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility

12. Consider the following statements and related to Janani Suraksha Yojana choose the correct answer:

1. The Scheme was introduced to reduce Maternal Mortality and Infant Mortality Rate

2. It is 100% centrally sponsored

3. It is 100% state sponsored

- a. 1 and 2** b. 1 and 3 c. 2 and 3
d. 3 only e. Answer not known

ஜனனி சுரக்ஷா யோஜனா தொடர்புடைய வாக்கியங்களைக் கருத்தில் கொண்டு, சரியான விடையை தேர்ந்தெடுக்கவும்.

1. மகப்பேறு இறப்பு விகிதம் மற்றும் குழந்தை இறப்பு விகிதத்தை குறைப்பதற்காக ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்ட திட்டம்

2. 100 சதவீத மத்திய அரசால் நிதியுதவி

3. 100 சதவீத மாநில அரசால் நிதியுதவி

- a. 1 மற்றும் 2** b. 1 மற்றும் 3 c. 2 மற்றும் 3
d. 3 மட்டும் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

13. Which of the following schemes are about The Rural Electrification?

i. Deen Dayal Upathyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)

ii. Deen Dayal Upathyaya Grameen Koushalya Yojana (DDUGKY)

iii. Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijili Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA)

- a. i and ii only **b. i and iii only** c. ii and iii only
d. i, ii and iii e. Answer not known

கிராம மின்மயமாக்குதல் என்பது இந்த திட்டங்களின் மூலமாக நடைபெற்றுக்கொண்டு இருக்கிறது.

i. தீன தயாள உபாத்யாய கிராம ஜோதி திட்டம்

ii. தீன தயாள உபாத்யாய கிராமின் கௌசல்யா திட்டம்

iii. பிரதான் மந்திரி சஹாஜ் பிஜ்லி ஹர் கர் யோஜனா

- a. i மற்றும் ii மட்டும் **b. i மற்றும் iii மட்டும்** c. ii மற்றும் iii மட்டும்
d. i, ii மற்றும் iii e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

14. Which of the following is not correct abbreviation?

1. RLEGP - Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme
2. SGSY - Sampoorne Grameen Self Reliance yojana
3. CSRE - Central Scheme for Rural Employment
4. NREGA - National Rural Education Guarantee Act

- a. 1 and 3 **b. 2 and 4** c. 1 and 2
d. 3 and 4 e. Answer not known

பின்வருவனவற்றில் எது தவறுதலாக பொருத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது?

1. RLEGP - ஊரக நிலமற்றோருக்கான வேலை உறுதி திட்டம்
2. SGSY - சம்பூர்ணா ஊரக சுயசார்பு திட்டம்
3. GSRE - மத்திய ஊரக வேலைவாய்ப்பு திட்டம்
4. NREGA - தேசிய ஊரக கல்வி உறுதித் திட்டம்

- a. 1 மற்றும் 3 **b. 2 மற்றும் 4** c. 1 மற்றும் 2
d. 3 மற்றும் 4 e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Awards

15. Choose the wrong match:

1. Kapil Kapoor – Literature and Education
2. Deepak Dhar – Science and Engineering
3. Lakshman Singh – Literature
4. Vadivel Gopal - Music

- a. 1 and 4 are incorrect **b. 3 and 4 are incorrect**
c. 1 and 2 are incorrect
d. 2 and 3 are incorrect e. Answer not known

தவறான இணையை கண்டறிக.

1. கபில் கபூர் - இலக்கியமும், கல்வியும்
2. தீபக் தார் - அறிவியலும், பொறியியலும்
3. லக்ஷ்மன் சிங் - இலக்கியம்
4. வடிவேல் கோபால் - இசை

- a. 1 மற்றும் 4 மட்டும் தவறானது **b. 3 மற்றும் 4 மட்டும் தவறானது**
c. 1 மற்றும் 2 மட்டும் தவறானது d. 2 மற்றும் 3 மட்டும் தவறானது
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

16. Reason and Assertion type:

Assertion (A): Khel Rathna Award – 2024, was also given to Mohammad Shami

Reason (R): This award was awarded by Anurag Thakur, Ministry of Youth of Affairs and Sports.

a. (A) is false, R is true

b. Both (A) and R are true

c. (A) is true, but R is False

d. Both (A) and R are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)

e. Answer not known

கூற்று மற்றும் காரணம் வகை:

கூற்று (A): 2024 கேல் ரத்னா விருது கிரிக்கெட் வீரர் முகமது சமிக்கும் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

காரணம் (R): இந்த விருதினை மத்திய இளைஞர் மற்றும் விளையாட்டுத் துறை அமைச்சர் அனுராக் தாகூர் வழங்கினார்.

a. (A) தவறு, (R) சரி

b. (A) மற்றும் (R) இரண்டும் சரி

c. (A) சரி, ஆனால் (R) தவறு

d. (A) மற்றும் (R) சரியே, ஆனால் (R), (A) க்கு சரியான விளக்கம் இல்லை

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Economics

17. Post Covid-19 _____ percentage of economic growth increased at constant price in TN

a. 11%

b. 8%

c. 6%

d. 5%

e. Answer not known

கோவிட் 19-ற்கு பிறகு தமிழ்நாட்டின் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சி நிலையான விலையில் _____ சதவீதம் உயர்ந்துள்ளது.

a. 11%

b. 8%

c. 6%

d. 5%

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

UNIT – II - CURRENT EVENTS

Latest diary of events

1. Which grouping of the following four democracies is known as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or Quad?

a. India, Australia, U.S.A and Japan b. India, Russia, U.S.A and Japan
c. India, France, U.S.A and Japan d. India, U.K., U.S.A and Japan
e. Answer not known

பின்வரும் எந்த நான்கு ஜனநாயக நாடுகளின் குழுவானது நாற்கர பாதுகாப்பு உரையாடல் அல்லது குவாட் என அழைக்கப்படுகிறது?

a. இந்தியா, ஆஸ்திரேலியா, அமெரிக்கா மற்றும் ஜப்பான்
b. இந்தியா, ரஷ்யா, அமெரிக்கா மற்றும் ஜப்பான்
c. இந்தியா, பிரான்ஸ், அமெரிக்கா மற்றும் ஜப்பான்
d. இந்தியா, யு.கே, யு.எஸ்.ஏ மற்றும் ஜப்பான்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

1. During the Russia-Ukraine war, a private military company supported by Russia turned against it. Its name is _____

a. Wagner Group b. Navalny Group c. Volkov Group
d. Yulia Group e. Answer not known

ரஷ்யா-உக்ரைன் போரின் போது, ரஷ்யாவின் ஆதரவுடன் ஒரு தனியார் ராணுவ நிறுவனம் அதற்கு எதிராக திரும்பியது. அதன் பெயர் _____.

a. வாக்னர் குழு b. நவல்னி குழு c. வோல்கோவ் குழு
d. யூலியா குழு e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

1. Where was the Petersberg Climate Dialogue 2023 held on climate change from May 2 to 3, 2023?

a. Rajgir, India b. Beijing, China c. Bali, Indonesia
d. Berlin, Germany e. Answer not known

மே 2 முதல் 3, 2023 வரை காலநிலை மாற்றம் குறித்த பீட்டர்ஸ்பெர்க் காலநிலை உரையாடல் 2023 எங்கு நடைபெற்றது?

a. ராஜ்கிர், இந்தியா b. பெய்ஜிங், சீனா c. பாலி, இந்தோனேசியா
d. பெர்லின், ஜெர்மனி e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Sports

1. In 2023 National Sports award Dhyan Chand Rathna award was presented to two persons in the field of

- a. Hockey b. Cricket c. Chess
d. Badminton e. Answer not known

2023ஆம் ஆண்டு தேசிய விளையாட்டு விருதான தியான் சந்த் ரத்னா விருது எந்த துறையில் இருவருக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது.

- a. வளைதடிப் பந்தாட்டம் b. மட்டைப்பந்து c. சதுரங்கம்
d. பூப்பந்து e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility

1. What is Mission Sakthi 2022?

- a. Developing leadership skills among the minority women
b. An umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women
c. To provide cooking gas connection
d. Women literary mission
e. Answer not known

மிஷன்சக்தி 2022 என்றால் என்ன?

- a. சிறுபான்மை பெண்களிடையே தலைமைத்துவ திறன்களை வளர்த்தல்
b. பெண்களின் பாதுகாப்பு, பாதுகாப்பு மற்றும் அதிகாரமளித்தலுக்கான குறிகளின் திட்டம்
c. சமையல் எரிவாயு இணைப்பு வழங்க வேண்டும்
d. பெண்களுக்கான கல்வியறிவு திட்டம்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

1. Government of India is presently using JAM trinity as a tool for transferring cash benefits directly to the bank accounts of the genuine beneficiaries. What is the full form of JAM, here?

- a. Joint Automated Mechanism b. Just Accept Mechanism
c. Jan Dhan, Aadhar and Mobile d. Just Arrived Mechanism
e. Answer not known

உண்மையான பயனாளிகளின் வங்கிக் கணக்குகளுக்கு நேரடியாக பணப் பலன்களை மாற்றுவதற்கான ஒரு கருவியாக இந்திய அரசு தற்போது JAM ட்ரினிட்டியைப் பயன்படுத்துகிறது. JAM இன் முழு வடிவம் என்ன?

- a. கூட்டு தானியங்கி இயந்திரம் b. பொறிமுறையை ஏற்றுக்கொள்

c. ஜன்தன், ஆதார் மற்றும் மொபைல்
e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

d. இப்போது வந்த பொறிமுறை

2. Which of the following welfare programmes of Government of India is particularly focused on promoting financial inclusion?

a. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

b. Ayushman Bharat

c. Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

d. Start-up India

e. Answer not known

இந்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் பின்வரும் எந்த நலத்திட்டங்கள் நிதி உள்ளடக்கத்தை ஊக்குவிப்பதில் குறிப்பாக கவனம் செலுத்த வேண்டும்?

a. பிரதான் மந்திரி ஜன் தன் யோஜனா

b. ஆயுஷ்மான் பாரத்

c. பிரதான் மந்திரி ஜன் ஆரோக்கிய யோஜனா

d. ஸ்டார்ட் அப் இந்தியா

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Awards and Honours

2. In 2023, which Indian-American mathematician was honored with the International Prize in Statistics?

a. C. Radhakrishna Rao

b. Debabrata Basu

c. Jayanta Kumar Ghosh

d. K.R. Parthasarathy

e. Answer not known

2023 இல், எந்த இந்திய-அமெரிக்க கணிதவியலாளர் சர்வதேச புள்ளியியல் பரிசைப் பெற்றார்?

a. சி. ராதாகிருஷ்ண ராவ்

b. தேபப்ரதா பாசு

c. ஜெயந்த குமார் கோஷ்

d. கே.ஆர். பார்த்தசாரதி

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Geography

2. Which of the following city ranked as the “World’s most polluted city in 2023” as per World Air Quality Report – 2023 by IQAir.

a. Tiruchirappalli

b. Bengaluru

c. Begusarai

d. Chandigarh

e. Answer not known

IQAir இன் உலக காற்றுத் தர அறிக்கை-2023 இன் படி, பின்வரும் நகரங்களில் எது “2023 இல் உலகின் மிகவும் மாசுபட்ட நகரம்” என்று தரவரிசைப்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது?

a. திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி

b. பெங்களூரு

c. பெகுசராய்

d. சண்டிகர்

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Polity

1. A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court on March 2nd, 2023 unanimously ruled that a high-power committee consisting of the following members must select the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs).

Choose the correct answer.

a. Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India.

b. President, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India.

c. Vice-President, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India.

d. Prime Minister, Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Chief Justice of India.

e. Answer not known

உச்ச நீதிமன்றத்தின் ஐந்து நீதிபதிகள் கொண்ட அமர்வு, 2023 மார்ச் 2 அன்று, தலைமைத் தேர்தல் ஆணையர் (CEC) மற்றும் தேர்தல் ஆணையர்களை (ECs) தேர்ந்தெடுக்க பின்வரும் உறுப்பினர்களைக் கொண்ட உயர் அதிகாரக் குழு ஒருமனதாகத் தீர்ப்பளித்தது. சரியான பதிலைத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கவும்:

a. பிரதமர், மக்களவை எதிர்க்கட்சித் தலைவர், இந்திய தலைமை நீதிபதி.

b. குடியரசுத் தலைவர், மக்களவை எதிர்க்கட்சித் தலைவர், இந்தியத் தலைமை நீதிபதி

c. துணைக் குடியரசுத் தலைவர், மக்களவை எதிர்க்கட்சித் தலைவர், இந்தியத் தலைமை நீதிபதி.

d. பிரதமர், ராஜ்யசபா தலைவர், இந்திய தலைமை நீதிபதி.

e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

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UNIT – II - CURRENT EVENTS

Latest diary of events

1. A short version of the Quad Summit 2023 (India, Japan, the U.S and Australia) was held in
- a. Hiroshima b. New York c. Melbourne
d. New Delhi e. Answer not known
- குவாட் உச்சிமாநாடு 2023 ன் குறுகிய பதிப்பு (இந்தியா, ஜப்பான், அமெரிக்கா மற்றும் ஆஸ்திரேலியா) _____ ல் நடைபெற்றது.
- a. ஹிரோஷிமா b. நியூயார்க் c. மெல்போரன்
d. புதுடெல்லி e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Latest inventions in Science and Technology

2. Which tech company has launched an initiative called 'AI Odyssey' to provide skills in the latest AI technology in India?
- a. Google b. Facebook c. Microsoft
d. Apple e. Answer not known
- எந்த தொழில்நுட்ப நிறுவனம் இந்தியாவில் சமீபத்திய AI தொழில்நுட்பத்தில் திறன்களை வழங்க 'AI Odyssey' எனப்படும் முயற்சியைத் தொடங்கியுள்ளது?
- a. கூகிள் b. முகநூல் c. மைக்ரோசாப்ட்
d. ஆப்பிள் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை
3. Name the lander sent to moon by ISRO through Chandrayan-3_____
- a. Vikram b. Dhruv c. Lunar d. Venus e. Answer not known
- சந்திரயான் -3 மூலம் இஸ்ரோ நிலவுக்கு அனுப்பிய லேண்டரின் பெயர் _____.
- a. விக்ரம் b. துருவ் c. லூனார் d. வீனஸ் e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Eminent personalities and places in news

4. Who was the chief guest of India's 75th republic Day Celebration, 2024?

- a. Joe Biden (President of USA)
- b. Rishi Sunak (Prime Minister of UK)
- c. Emmanuel Macron (President of France)**
- d. Olaf Scholz (Chancellor of Germany)
- e. Answer not known

இந்தியாவின் 75வது குடியரசு தின விழா, 2024 இன் தலைமை விருந்தினராக கலந்து கொண்டவர் யார்?

- a. ஜோ பைடன் (அமெரிக்க அதிபர்)
- b. ரிஷி சுனக் (இங்கிலாந்து பிரதமர்)
- c. இம்மானுவேல் மேக்ரோன் (பிரான்ஸ் அதிபர்)
- d. ஒலோப் ஸ்சோல்ஸ் (ஜெர்மனியின் அதிபர்)
- e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Awards and Honours

5. Who from India received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2023 for his unwavering dedication to the medical profession, commitment to pro-health initiatives and advocacy for people-centered healthcare?

- a. Dr. Ravi Kannan**
- b. Dr. Meenu Walia
- c. Dr. Gopal Sharma
- d. Prof. (Dr.) Atul Sharma
- e. Answer not known

இந்தியாவில் இருந்து 2023 ஆம் ஆண்டில் ராமன் மகசேசே விருதை மருத்துவத் தொழிலுக்கான அவரது அசைக்க முடியாத அர்ப்பணிப்பு, சுகாதார சார்பு, முன்முயற்சிகளுக்கான அர்ப்பணிப்பு மற்றும் மக்களை மையமாகக் கொண்ட சுகாதாரத்திற்கான வாதிடுதல் ஆகியவற்றிக்காகப் பெற்றவர் யார்?

- a. டாக்டர் ரவி கண்ணன்
- b. டாக்டர் மீனு வாலியா
- c. டாக்டர் கோபால் சர்மா
- d. பேராசிரியர் (டாக்டர்) அதுல் சர்மா
- e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

6. The 2023 recipients of the Physiology or Medicine Nobel Prize are

- a. Mounji G. Bawendi and Louis E Brus
- b. Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman**
- c. Alexei I Ekimov
- d. Pierre Agostini and Ferenc Krausz
- e. Answer not known

2023 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான உடலியல் அல்லது மருத்துவத்திற்கான நோபல் பரிசு பெற்றவர்கள்

- a. மௌங்கி ஜி பாவெண்டி மற்றும் லூயிஸ் இ புருஸ்
- b. காடலின் கரிகோ மற்றும் ட்ருவெய்ஸ்மேன்
- c. அலெக்ஸ் ஐ எகிமோவ்
- d. பியெர்ரே அகோஸ்டினி மற்றும் பிரேன்க் காரஸ்
- e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Political parties and political system in India

7. Under whose chairmanship, a high-level committee was formed on 'One Nation One Election'?
- a. Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar
 - b. Judge R. S. Sarkaria
 - c. **Former President Ramnath Govind**
 - d. Dr. P. V. Rajamannar
 - e. Answer not known

யாருடைய தலைமையில், 'ஒரே நாடு, ஒரே தேர்தல்' என்ற தலைப்பில் உயர்மட்டக் குழு உருவாக்கப்பட்டது?

- a. துணைத் தலைவர் ஸ்ரீ ஜக்தீப் தன்கர்
- b. நீதிபதி ஆர்.எஸ். சர்க்காரியா
- c. முன்னாள் குடியரசுத் தலைவர் ராம்நாத் கோவிந்த்
- d. டாக்டர். பி.வி. ராஜமன்னார்
- e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

Profile of States

8. Which Indian state recently achieved a significant milestone in renewable energy by surpassing its target of solar power capacity installation?
- a. **Gujarat**
 - b. Rajasthan
 - c. Tamil Nadu
 - d. Karnataka
 - e. Answer not known

எந்த இந்திய மாநிலம் சமீபத்தில் சூரிய ஆற்றல் திறன் நிறுவல் இலக்கை விஞ்சி, புதுப்பிக்கத்தக்க ஆற்றலில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க மைல்கல்லை எட்டியது?

- a. குஜராத்
- b. ராஜஸ்தான்
- c. தமிழ்நாடு
- d. கர்நாடகா
- e. விடை தெரியவில்லை

