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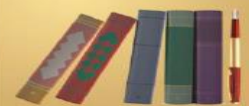
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TAMIL NADU

➤ **State Advisory Board on Disability**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has reconstituted the State Advisory Board on disability, as mandated by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.
- ✓ According to the Act, the advisory board is expected to facilitate continuous evaluation of a comprehensive policy for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- ✓ The Board will be headed by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

➤ **People's Movement for Clean Cities**

- ✓ Chief minister M K Stalin - kicked off the 'People's Movement for Clean Cities' drive in Royapuram, Chennai on June 5.
- ✓ On the occasion of the 99th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi, Chief Minister MK Stalin announced the initiative on June 3.
- ✓ The cleanliness drives and awareness programmes will be undertaken in 21 Corporations, 138 Municipalities and 490 town panchayats on second and fourth Saturdays.

➤ **Anaithum Saathiyam**

- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin - inaugurated 'Anaithum Saathiyam,' a museum of possibilities for the people with disabilities on June 6.
- ✓ Established at a cost of Rs.1 crore, the museum on Kamarajar Salai showcases accessible devices, assistive technologies and a model accessible home.
- ✓ It will help the disabled persons to learn and use assistive devices.

➤ **State Food Safety Index 2021-2022**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu - has bagged the first rank among large states in the State Food Safety Index 2021-2022.
- ✓ State food safety commissioner P. Senthilkumar received the award from Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya on June 7, World Food Safety Day
- ✓ The award was for the State's overall performance on various parameters of food safety.

➤ **Food Safety Index: 11 Districts Honoured**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu was ranked first in the State Food Safety Index 2021-2022 in the category of large States.

- ✓ A total of 11 districts from the State – Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Salem, Coimbatore, Chennai, Tirunelveli, Erode, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Tiruppur and Dindigul – were honoured for the best performance in the 'Eat Right Challenge'.
- **New Entrepreneur cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS)**
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has several schemes for women entrepreneurs who want to set up businesses, and the State is helping them to ideate and source funds, said T.M. Anbarasan, Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
 - ✓ "Around 349 women entrepreneurs in Tamil Nadu have benefited under the New Entrepreneur cum Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS)," he said.
- **Nalaya Thiran**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu launched Nalaya Thiran skilling programme for college students.
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government recently launched Naan Mudhalvan (I am the first). Under this programme, Tamil Nadu government has now launched Nalaya Thiran (Tomorrow's ability).
 - ✓ In this programme, 50,000 college students will train with the knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem solving using technologies.
 - ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has created the Nalaya Thiran program to help the industry get skilled students.
- **S2G Buy Day**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (StartupTN) - has launched S2G Buy Day to link entrepreneurs and the government, as part of the initiative to strengthen the startup ecosystem in the state.
 - ✓ The S2G Buy Day will be a series of events focusing on two departments every month to enable niche startups sell their products and solutions.
 - ✓ Under the initiative, government departments and public sector undertakings will be allowed to directly procure innovative products and services valued up to Rs. 50 lakh from startups in Tamil Nadu.
- **HomoSEP**
 - ✓ HomoSEP, a robot to clean septic tank would shortly be deployed across the State.
 - ✓ The robot was developed by researchers of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. It does not require human intervention and can be operated above ground by sanitation workers.

➤ **BharatNet Scheme**

- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday virtually inaugurated a project to lay optical fibre cable under BharatNet scheme at an estimated cost of 1,627.83 crore.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation (TANFINET- a special purpose vehicle) will implement the project, which aims at providing 1 Gbps bandwidth connectivity to all 12,525 village panchayats in the State.
- ✓ “The project aims at providing digital services, e-education, telemedicine and triple-play services to all village panchayats in the State at affordable cost.

➤ **ICF: A Global Success Story**

- ✓ The Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai, one of independent India’s earliest indigenous production units inaugurated by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in October 1955, is on a roll.
Arguably the largest coach making facility in the world, the ICF’s Furnishing Division was commissioned in October 1962.

➤ **Kanavu Illam Scheme**

- ✓ Chief Minister M K Stalin - distributed house site pattas to six Tamil scholars under ‘Kanavu Illam’ scheme on June 3, the birth anniversary of late DMK leader M. Karunanidhi.
- ✓ The six tamil writers who are handed over orders for allotment of houses in Tamil Nadu Housing Board tenements includes N. Jagadeesan alias Erode Tamilanban; S. Jagannathan alias Kavignar Puviyarasu; E. Sundaramoorthy; P. Manickavasagam alias Poomani; K. Mohanarasu; and V. Annamalai alias Imayam.

➤ **Ennum, Ezhuthum Mission**

- ✓ On June 13, Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin - launched ‘Ennum, Ezhuthum Mission’ at Azhinjivakkam panchayat union middle school in Tiruvallur district.
- ✓ It is a literacy and numeracy mission that seeks to make all children up to eight years read and write, do basic math without any mistakes.

➤ **Information Technology and Digital Services Department**

- ✓ The state Information Technology department - has been renamed Information Technology and Digital Services department.
- ✓ The department was established in 1998 under the DMK government headed by Dr. M Karunanidhi to support the growth of the IT industry.
- ✓ The government has ordered the change in name to strengthen the growth of emerging technologies and digital technology services.

- **Thozhilanangu**
 - ✓ On June 18, Finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan – launched the pilot project ‘Thozhilanangu’ in Madurai Central constituency.
 - ✓ Thozhilanangu is an initiative of Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (Tansim).
 - ✓ It aims to promote mass entrepreneurship among women from economically weaker sections in non-metros.

- **Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM)**
 - ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM), set up at a cost of 212 crore, at TIDEL Park in Chennai.

TANCAM has been established by Dassault Systèmes and the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) based on the hub and spoke model. It would support start-up entrepreneurs and micro, small and medium enterprises with inputs to improve their competitiveness for the local and global markets.

- **Kalloori Kanavu**
 - ✓ On June 25, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, MK Stalin - launched a career guidance programme for Class XII students to help them choose a college degree and subsequently a career path in the future.

Tamil Nadu has been leading in parameters like literacy rate, quality of education, gross enrollment ratio, among others and we have to move further and that is the education policy we follow and ‘Kalloori Kanavu’ is one such scheme, Mr. Stalin pointed out.

- **Performance Grade Index-District (PGI-D) 2019-20**
 - ✓ In Tamil Nadu, Dharmapuri and Villupuram districts – were ranked as the top districts having better learning outcomes, as per the Performance Grade Index-District (PGI-D) 2019-20 report released on June 27.
 - ✓ These two districts secured “Ati-Uttam” (a second grade with 71% to 80% score) in the education index released by the Union ministry of education.
 - ✓ Surprisingly, Chennai with better infrastructure is among the bottom 10 districts with an overall score of 395 of 600.

- **CM Unveils Five SIDCO Industrial Estates**
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday unveiled five SIDCO industrial estates, set up in Chengalpattu, Namakkal, Pudukkottai, Salem and Tiruvannamalai districts at a total cost of 171.24 crore.

They are expected to provide direct employment to 7,200 persons and indirect employment to over 15,000 persons.

➤ **Suriya**

- ✓ Suriya - has become the first Tamil actor invited to be a member of the Oscar family. The actor is among 397 artists invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
- ✓ Suriya was selected for his work in the films 'Jai Bhim' (2021) and 'Soorarai Pottru' (2020).



STATE

➤ Drone Policy

- ✓ The 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' was approved by the chief minister Jai Ram Thakur.
- ✓ It becomes the first Indian state to approve a policy for drones.
- ✓ The policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD).

➤ Blue Duke

- ✓ Chief Minister of Sikkim P.S. Golay - declared 'Blue Duke' as the State Butterfly of Sikkim recently during the World Environment Day celebrations.
- ✓ Blue Duke, a native butterfly species of Sikkim, overtook another contender Krishna Peacock to be announced as the State Butterfly of Sikkim.

➤ Andhra Pradesh Comprehensive Cancer Care (APCCC)

- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh Comprehensive Cancer Care (APCCC) project - has proposed to set up the country's largest cancer hospice centre with 100 beds in Tirupati.
- ✓ This institute will specialise in paediatric cancer care, bone marrow transplantations and cancer genome research.
- ✓ The Balaji Institute will also act as an international cancer care centre.

➤ Sinking City

- ✓ As per the recent study, Mumbai is sinking by an average of 2 mm annually.
- ✓ Groundwater extraction, mining, reclamation of natural wetlands, infrastructure projects and ecological disturbances is leading to land subsidence.

➤ Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana

- ✓ On June 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - launched 'Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana' to provide nutritional food to pregnant and lactating women in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- ✓ Under the new scheme, pregnant and lactating mothers will be given 2 kg of chickpeas, 1 kg of tur dal and 1 kg of edible oil free of cost from anganwadi centres every month along with other benefits under the Integrated Child Development Scheme.

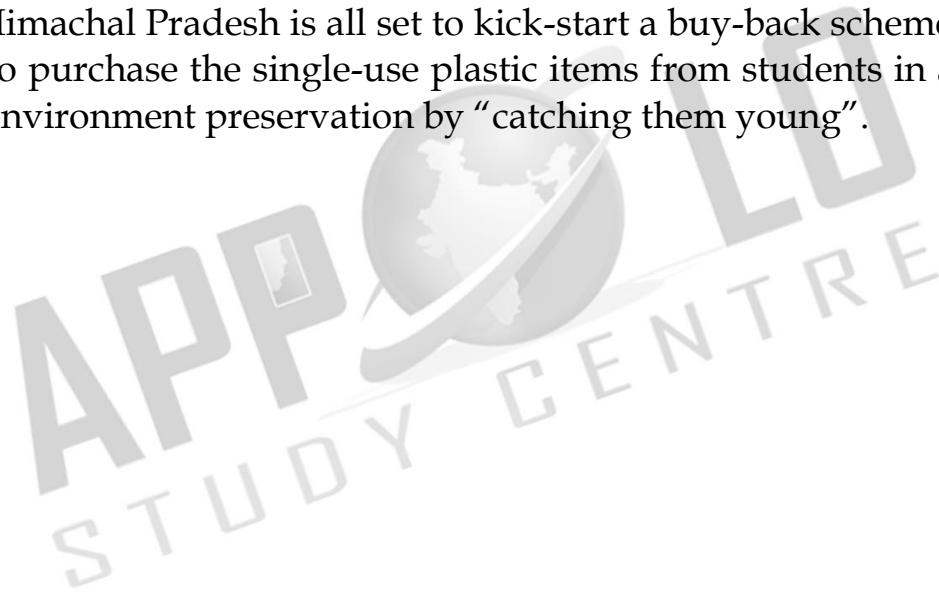
➤ **Balika Panchayat**

- ✓ On June 17, the country's first-ever girl Panchayat, 'Balika Panchayat' – has been launched in several villages of Gujarat's Kutch district.

Balika Panchayat is managed by women in the 11-21, age group. The main objective of the initiative is to remove the evil practices from the society such as child marriage, the dowry system etc., and also focus on the mental and physical health of girls and their nutritional requirements.

➤ **Single-Use Plastic**

- ✓ From July 1, Himachal to buy back single-use plastic.
- ✓ The government will pay students 75 for a kg of single-use plastic items they deposit with the school.
- ✓ As the Centre has decided to ban the use of single-use plastic from July 1, the hill State of Himachal Pradesh is all set to kick-start a buy-back scheme in schools and colleges to purchase the single-use plastic items from students in a bid to instill a sense of environment preservation by “catching them young”.



NATIONAL

➤ **India's EV Ambition Rides on Three Wheels**

- ✓ India's push for electric vehicles (EVs) was renewed when phase-II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric (FAME) Vehicles scheme in India, with an outlay of 10,000 crore, was approved in 2019.
- ✓ This was significant since phase-I, launched in 2015, was approved with an outlay of 895 crore. India was doubling down on its EV ambitions, focusing on cultivating demand for EVs at home while also developing its own indigenous EV manufacturing industry which could cater to this demand.

➤ **Global Health Leaders Awards 2022**

- ✓ India's one million Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) volunteers have received arguably the biggest international recognition in form of the World Health Organization's Global Health Leaders Awards 2022.
- ✓ The ASHAs were among the six awardees announced at the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. This World Health Organization (WHO) award is in recognition of the work done by ASHA volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as for serving as a link between communities and health systems.

➤ **PM Shri Schools**

- ✓ On June 2, Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan - said the Centre is planning to set up model schools under the name 'PM Shri Schools'.
- ✓ These schools will be equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and prepare students for the future.
- ✓ According to the Minister, these schools will act as the "laboratory of NEP 2020".

➤ **Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0**

- ✓ The Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0 - commenced across the country recently to ensure complete Covid-19 vaccination of all eligible beneficiaries.
- ✓ The states and UTs have been advised to take advantage of this campaign and give an intense push towards the vaccination drive.

➤ **Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)**

- ✓ On June 5, PM Narendra Modi - launched a global initiative 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)' movement on the eve of World Environment Day via video conferencing.

- ✓ The movement aims to promote an environment-conscious lifestyle that focuses on “mindful and deliberate utilisation” instead of “mindless and destructive consumption”.
- **Ethanol Blending**
 - ✓ India has achieved the target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol, five months ahead of schedule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday.
 - ✓ This, he claimed, had led to a reduction of 27 lakh tonnes of carbon emissions and saved foreign exchange worth 41,000 crore.
 - ✓ Last June, Mr. Modi made public the “Road map for ethanol blending in India, 2020-25”, which laid out a pathway for achieving 20% ethanol blending by 2025-26.
 - ✓ The 10% blending target was to be achieved in November 2022.
- **Biotech Startup Expo 2022**
 - On June 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inaugurated the first-of-its-kind Biotech Startup Expo 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
 - ✓ During his address, the PM mentioned that India’s bio-economy has grown eight times in the past eight years from \$10 billion to \$80 billion.
 - ✓ Biotech Start-up Expo 2022 is being held under the theme “Biotech Start-up Innovations: Towards Aatma Nirbhar Bharat”.
- **Presidential Polls - July 18**
 - ✓ The electoral college for the poll will comprise 4,809 members – 233 Rajya Sabha and 543 Lok Sabha members and 4,033 MLAs of the Assemblies of the States and the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry.
 - ✓ The total value of votes will be 10,86,431 (5,43,200 for MPs or 700 votes each and 5,43,231 for MLAs based on the 1971 Census population figures).
- **National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI)**
 - ✓ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah - inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in Delhi recently on June 7.
 - ✓ The NTRI will be the premier national institute for the promotion and preservation of tribal heritage and culture.
 - ✓ It will act as the hub for tribal research issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.

➤ **National Air Sports Policy 2022**

- ✓ Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia - launched the country's first ever National Air Sports Policy 2022 recently on June 7.
- ✓ The policy will cover air sports such as aerobatics, aeromodelling, model rocketry, amateur and experimental aircraft, ballooning, drones, gliding and powered gliding.
- ✓ The government announced earlier it would make India one of the top air sports nations by 2030.

➤ **Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme**

- ✓ Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways - has formulated a new scheme by name 'Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme' to focus on young professionals.
- ✓ The scheme seeks to engage talented, forward-thinking and dynamic young professionals in various divisions of the Ministry.
- ✓ The professionals will have the opportunity to learn about the functioning of the government as well as developmental policy concerns.

➤ **India-Qatar Startup Bridge**

- ✓ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu - launched the 'India-Qatar Startup Bridge' at the India-Qatar Business Forum held in Doha, Qatar recently on June 5.
- ✓ It is a joint initiative that aims to link the start-up ecosystems of the two countries and help their economies mutually.
- ✓ The India-Qatar Business Forum was jointly organised by FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM, along with Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

➤ **Centre to Boost Supply of Fortified Rice**

- ✓ Union Food and Public Distribution Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey said here on Monday that the Centre had started the second phase of distribution of fortified rice from April 1. A total of 90 districts have been covered, and the Centre is targeting 291 districts, he added.
- ✓ The pet scheme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, started in October 2021, aims to supply fortified rice to beneficiaries of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman, or PM-POSHAN, scheme.

➤ **'Bharat Gaurav' Train Service**

- ✓ First 'Bharat Gaurav' train service flagged off.
- ✓ The train, connecting Coimbatore with Shirdi, has 20 coaches that can accommodate 1,092 passengers.

- ✓ The 'Bharat Gaurav' train service from Coimbatore to Shirdi, a first of its kind in the country, was flagged off at the Coimbatore North Railway Station on Tuesday.

Bharat Gaurav express trains are operated by private players, who have the right to use the rail infrastructure provided by the Indian Railways.

➤ **Agniveers**

- ✓ 'Agniveers' recruited through Agnipath scheme - to constitute half of the 12-lakh strong Army by 2030-2032 following 1.5 lakh recruitments to be made every year.
- ✓ Under the scheme, 40000 jawans will be recruited this year in the Indian Army, while 3000 Agniveers will be recruited in the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy
- ✓ As per the scheme guidelines, only 25% of the good soldiers from each batch of Agniveers will be inducted into the regular cadre for the next 15 years, whereas the remaining 75% will be removed after four years.
- ✓ The main aim of the scheme is to increase the fitness of the army, cut the rising salary and pension bills and bring down the average age of the armed forces through short-term induction of soldiers.

➤ **Rashtriya Puruskar Portal**

- ✓ The Union government - has launched a common 'Rashtriya Puruskar Portal' to invite nominations for various civilian awards.
- ✓ This common portal has been developed by the government to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments and agencies under one digital platform to ensure transparency and public partnership.

➤ **Agnipath scheme - Age Limit**

- ✓ On June 16, the government - raised the upper age limit for recruitment under Agnipath scheme to **23** years from **21** years.
- ✓ The government's decision is proposed as a one-time waiver for the proposed recruitment cycle for 2022, under which 46,000 Agniveers will be recruited.

➤ **Children in Street Situation**

- ✓ The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) - has launched a new application 'Children in Street Situation' (CiSS) to carry out rescue and rehabilitation of children in streets.
'Children in Street Situation' (CiSS) application is part of the NCPCR's Baal Swaraj portal.

➤ **Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' Programme**

- ✓ The Centre - has launched the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' programme to clean-up 75 beaches in India.
- ✓ The clean-up drive will commence from July 3 and end on September 17, 2022, designated as the 'International Coastal Cleanup Day 2022'.
- ✓ The 75 days drive will be the most extended clean-up in India's history to ensure the highest amount of volunteer participation and raise awareness among the general public.

➤ **National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers” (NIPUN)**

- ✓ Union minister of housing & urban affairs Hardeep Singh Puri - launched an initiative for skill training of construction workers “National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers” (NIPUN) on June 20, 2022.
- ✓ The project NIPUN is an initiative of the ministry of housing & urban affairs (MoHUA) under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)
It aims to train over 1 lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.

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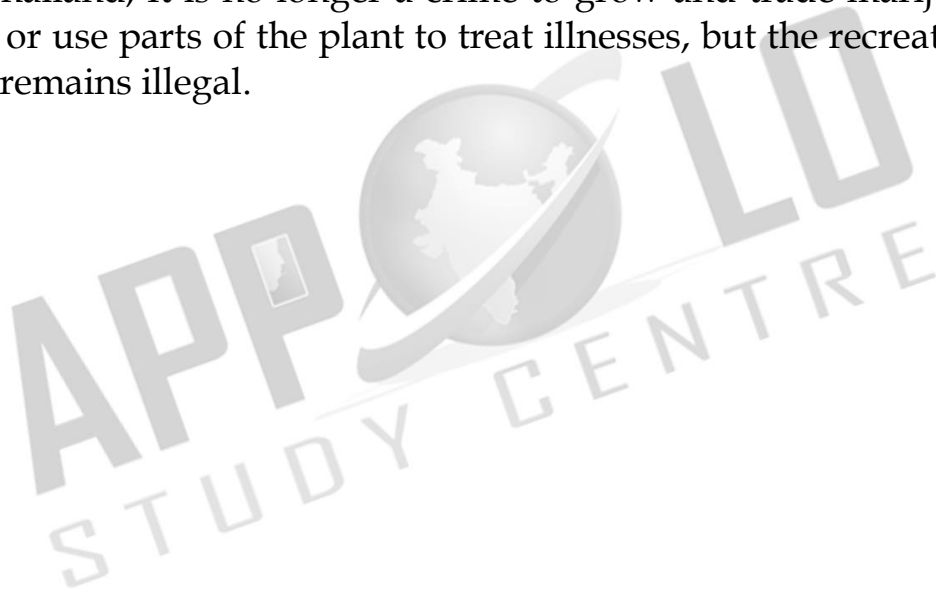
INTERNATIONAL

➤ **Turkiye**

- ✓ The United Nations has agreed to formally recognise Turkey as 'Turkiye' after a request from the Turkish government.
- ✓ Turkish FM Mevlut Cavusoglu had in a letter to the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on June 1 had requested the use of “Türkiye” instead of “Turkey” for all affairs.

➤ **1st Asian Country to Legalise Cannabis**

- ✓ Thailand has become the first Asian country to legalise cannabis for medicinal use.
- ✓ Now in Thailand, It is no longer a crime to grow and trade marijuana and hemp products, or use parts of the plant to treat illnesses, but the recreational use of the drug still remains illegal.



CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ **Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022**

- On June 16, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari - inaugurated the “Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022” - Road map for carbon neutrality by 2070 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The summit concentrated on a variety of research topics related to decarbonization, sustainability, Policy issues, Climate Change, etc.

➤ **Unmesh**

- ✓ The three-day international literary festival ‘Unmesh’ - was held at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the festival on June 16.
- ✓ This festival was organized for the first time in the country by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi with the support of the state Department of Art and Culture as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ The festival, with the title “Unmesh - a celebration of expression”, was the biggest international literary festival in the country so far.

➤ **India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy Programme**

- On June 25, India and UK - announced the establishment of a joint India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme.
- ✓ The Academy programme, to be hosted in New Delhi, will equip young diplomats from all Commonwealth member-states with expertise and training on global challenges.
- ✓ The theme of the summit is - Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming.

DEFENCE

- **IAF Father-Daughter team of Fighter Pilots makes History**
 - ✓ Fighter pilots Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma and Flying Officer Ananya of the Indian Air Force (IAF) - have scripted history in the country's military aviation by becoming the first father-daughter pair to fly in a formation of jets.
 - ✓ Flying Officer Ananya and her father Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma - flew in same formation of Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT) at IAF Station, Bidar on May 30.

- **Agni-IV Ballistic Missile**
 - ✓ On May 6, India - conducted a test of the nuclear capable Agni-IV ballistic missile, which has a strike range of 4,000km, as part of a "night user trial in operational configuration" by the strategic forces command (SFC).
 - ✓ The two-stage Agni-IV surface-to-surface missile was flight-tested for its "entire range" from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, earlier known as Wheeler Island, off the Odisha coast, at about 7. 30 pm.

- **SAMPRITI-X**
 - ✓ Military exercise 'SAMPRITI-X' between India and Bangladesh is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 05 June to 16 June 2022.
 - ✓ 'SAMPRITI-X' is a bilateral defence cooperation exercise to strengthen and widen the aspects of interoperability and cooperation.

- **IND-INDO CORPAT**
 - ✓ The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) and Indonesian Navy is being conducted from June 13 to 24 2022 in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca.
 - ✓ The 38th CORPAT is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries.

- **Prithvi-II**
 - ✓ India - successfully carried out the night launch of Prithvi-II short range ballistic missile from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha recently on June 15. Prithvi-II, a surface-to-surface missile with a strike range of 350 km, is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kilogram of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.

➤ **Ex Khaan Quest 2022**

- ✓ Indian Army - is participating in a multinational peacekeeping exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” being held in Mongolia.
- ✓ The exercise features participation of military contingents from 16 countries, including India.

The 14-day exercise, which commenced on June 6, is aimed at enhancing interoperability, building military to military relationships, developing peace support operations and military readiness among participating nations.



ECONOMY

- **Q4 GDP growth decelerates to 4.1%**
- ✓ India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth slowed to a four-quarter low of 4.1% during the January-March period, from 5.4% in the preceding quarter, as manufacturing output shrank, provisional national income estimates released on Tuesday show. As a result, full-year growth came in at 8.7% – a tad lower than the 8.9% pace projected in February.
- ✓ Overall GVA growth slowed to 3.9% in the January-March 2022 quarter, from 4.7% in the preceding period. Worryingly, manufacturing sector output shrank 0.2% from a year earlier.

- **Fiscal Deficit Improved to 6.7% in FY22**
- ✓ Fiscal deficit improved to 6.71% of the FY22 GDP over the revised budget estimate of 6.9% mainly on account of higher tax realisation.
- ✓ Unveiling the revenue-expenditure data of the Union government, the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) said that the fiscal deficit in absolute terms was 15,86,537 crore (provisional). The Finance Ministry had in February estimated the deficit at 15,91,089 crore or 6.9% of GDP.

- **GST**
- ✓ The gross revenue collections from Goods and Service Tax (GST) in the month of May - came in at Rs 1,40,885 crore, which is 16% less than the all-time high collection in April 2022.
- ✓ This is the fourth time the monthly GST collection crossed Rs 1.40 lakh crore mark since inception of GST in 2017 and the third straight month since March 2022.

- **GDP Growth Forecast**
- ✓ The World Bank on Tuesday cut India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5%, as rising inflation, supply-chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions dampen recovery.
- ✓ The World Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for the current financial year to 7.5 percent, a hefty 1.2 percentage points down from its previous forecast of 8.7 percent.

- **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)**
- ✓ On June 8, the RBI's six-member monetary policy committee (MPC) - voted unanimously to raise the policy repo rate by 50 basis points (half a percentage point) to take it to 4.9% in a bid to contain inflation.

- ✓ The RBI's action will push up the cost of mortgages as more than 90% of bank home loans are linked to the repo rate.
- ✓ The real GDP growth rate for the year has been retained at 7.2%.

- **Goods and Service Tax (GST) - June**
- ✓ The gross Goods and Service Tax (GST) revenue collected in the month of June 2022 - is Rs 1,44,616 crore, as announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on July 1.
- ✓ The revenues for the month of June 2022 are 56% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year at Rs 92,800 crore
- ✓ The gross GST collection in June 2022 is the second highest collection till now.

- **Retail Inflation Eases to 7.04%**
- ✓ India's retail inflation eased marginally to 7.04% in May from the nearly eight-year high of 7.79% in April, reflecting a persistent uptick of over 6% in prices paid by consumers for the fifth successive month.
- ✓ Inflation faced by rural consumers fell to 7.01% in May from 8.38% in April, but for households in urban areas, the pace of price rise was virtually flat month-on-month, moving from 7.09% in April to 7.08% in May.

- **Wholesale Prices Inflation**
- ✓ Inflation in India's wholesale prices quickened to a new record high of 15.9% in May, from April's 15.1%, official data released on Tuesday show. This is the 14th month in a row that WPI inflation has stayed above the 10% mark. Inflation in May 2021 was 13.1%.
- ✓ Fuel and power inflation accelerated further to 40.6%, from 38.7% in April and 31.8% in March. Inflation based on the WPI Food Index, which had eased to 8.9% in April from 9.3% in March, rebounded to 10.9% in May. Retail inflation had eased slightly to 7.04% in May from 7.79% in April as per data released on Monday.

APPOINTMENT

➤ **Parameswaran Iyer**

- ✓ Retired civil servant Parameswaran Iyer - has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of the government's policy think tank Niti Aayog.
- ✓ He will succeed Amitabh Kant, whose six-year tenure ends on June 30.
- ✓ Parameswaran Iyer played a key role in the rollout of the Swachh Bharat mission.

➤ **Tapan Kumar Deka**

- ✓ Tapan Kumar Deka appointed as new Intelligence Bureau chief.
The Central government on 24 June 2022 appointed senior IPS officer Tapan Kumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB).

AWARDS

➤ **CM's Girl Protection Scheme Awards**

- On June 16, Chief Minister M K Stalin - gave away medals to collectors of Coimbatore, Thanjavur and Karur for improving the sex ratio at birth in their districts, at a function in Chennai.
- ✓ The collectors were bestowed with the medals as part of the CM's girl protection scheme awards for the year 2022.

➤ **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize**

- ✓ The first Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology, considered the most prestigious award in the field of science and conferred by the Government of India, was won in 1958 by K.S. Krishnan, who hailed from Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ He worked closely with his mentor and Nobel laureate C.V. Raman.

➤ **Skytrax World Airport Awards 2022**

- ✓ Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport - bagged the best regional airport in India and South Asia at the prestigious Skytrax World Airport Awards 2022 held recently in Paris.
- ✓ The airport has been chosen as the winner after being adjudged by customers, who vote for the airport with the best customer service, in a survey conducted globally.

PERSONALITIES

➤ **Kshama Bindu**

- ✓ A woman from Gujarat, 24-year-old Kshama Bindu from Vadodara – is all set to marry herself on June 11 in an act of 'self-love' and 'self-acceptance'.
- ✓ Bindu's 'self-marriage' is possibly the first of its kind in Gujarat, and probably even India.
- ✓ This type of rare relationship has been called 'sologamy', or 'autogamy' indicating 'marriage by a person to themselves'.

➤ **Kenichi Horie**

- ✓ An 83-year-old Japanese adventurer, Kenichi Horie – became the oldest person to successfully complete solo, nonstop voyage across the Pacific.
- ✓ Kenichi arrived in the Kii Strait off Japan's western coast, completing his trans-Pacific voyage in 69 days after leaving a yacht harbour in San Francisco in March.
- ✓ In 1962, Kenichi became the first person in the world to successfully complete a solo nonstop voyage across the Pacific from Japan to San Francisco.

➤ **Britain's Queen Elizabeth II**

- ✓ On June 12, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II - overtook Thailand's King to become the world's second-longest reigning monarch in history, after France's Louis XIV.
- ✓ UK celebrated the 96-year-old Queen's Platinum Jubilee to mark 70 years of reign with grand events.
- ✓ Now the Queen has overtaken Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned for 70 years and 126 days between 1927 and 2016, to set another record. Louis XIV of France remains the longest-reigning monarch, with a 72-year and 110-day reign from 1643 until 1715.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **World's Fastest Supercomputer**

- ✓ Frontier, a supercomputer built by the USA, outperformed Japan's Fugaku to become the world's fastest supercomputer.
- ✓ Frontier is built for the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory and it has reached Linmark benchmark score of 1.1 exaflops.
- ✓ It has also become the world's first supercomputer to break the exascale speed barrier.

➤ **Liquid Mirror Telescope**

- ✓ India - has set up its first-ever 'liquid mirror telescope' at Devasthal Observatory in nainital district of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ This is the largest International Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) of Asia, which is installed at a height of 2,450 metres in the Himalayas.
It has been placed at the Devasthal Observatory campus of Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES).

➤ **Geologic Map of the Moon**

- ✓ China - has released a new comprehensive and detailed geologic map of the moon.
- ✓ The high resolution topographic map was created based on data from China's lunar exploration Chang'e project.
- ✓ The new comprehensive geologic map of the moon is to a scale of 1:2,500,000 and the "most detailed to date".
- ✓ It is expected to make a great contribution to scientific research, exploration and landing site selection on the moon.

➤ **Mawsynram**

- ✓ Meghalaya's Mawsynram – the world's wettest place - recorded the highest ever single-day rainfall on June 17.
- ✓ The amount of rain recorded at Mawsynram from 8.30am on June 16 to 8.30am on June 17 is 16 times higher than the average weighted rainfall in India in June so far.
- ✓ The 24-hour rainfall recorded at Mawsynram was a massive 1003.6mm, surpassing the previous record of 945.4mm on June 7, 1966.
- ✓ Cherrapunjee, the second-wettest place on earth, got 972mm, its third-highest single-day rainfall on the same day.

➤ **DAVINCI+ and VERITAS**

- ✓ NASA - has selected **two missions to the planet Venus**, Earth's nearest neighbor and the second planet from Sun.
- ✓ The missions are called DAVINCI+ and VERITAS.
- ✓ DAVINCI+ is short for 'Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging'.
- ✓ The second mission called VERITAS is short for 'Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy'.

➤ **World's Largest Bacterium**

- ✓ The world's largest known bacterium has been recovered in Guadeloupe in the Lesser Antilles. This bacteria is about 1 centimetre in length.
The giant white bacterium was found lurking on the rotting leaves sunken in the swamp. This latest discovery is the first that is visible to the naked eye and it is in the form of white filaments.

➤ **Utricularia furcellata**

- ✓ The Botanical Survey of India and the forest department of Uttarakhand -have discovered a carnivore plant, Utricularia furcellata, in Uttarakhand's Mandal, Chamoli district, at an altitude of around 4,800 feet.
- ✓ This is the first time that the plant has been spotted anywhere in the entire western Himalayas.
- ✓ The recent discovery of the plant has been documented by 'Japanese Botany', a 104-year-old prestigious Japanese journal.

➤ **GSAT-24 Satellite**

- ✓ The GSAT-24 satellite - was successfully launched by French company Arianespace on its Ariane 5 space launch vehicle from Kourou in French Guiana on June 23.
Built by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.

➤ **Largest Freshwater Fish in the World**

- ✓ On June 27, Guinness World Records - officially confirmed a 13-foot-long, 293 kg stingray found in Cambodia's Mekong River earlier this month as the largest freshwater fish in the world.
- ✓ The female giant freshwater fish was caught by fishermen in the Stung Treng district of northern Cambodia on June 13.

SPORTS

➤ Asian Cup - Men's Hockey

- ✓ India defeated Japan 1-0 to win the bronze at the Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

➤ Praveen Kumar

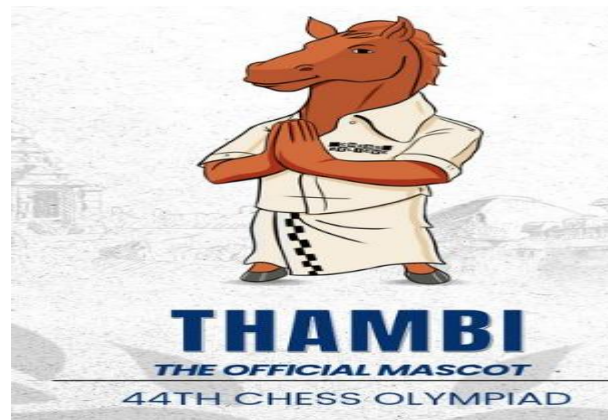
- ✓ Tokyo Paralympian high jumper Praveen Kumar - became the country's first para athlete to finish on top of the podium in an able-bodied competition.
- ✓ On June 4, Praveen Kumar clinched a sensational gold at the 20th National Federation Cup Junior U20 championships in Nadiad, Gujarat.
- ✓ Praveen cleared the height of 2.06m in his second attempt to win the gold in a strong field of 16 able-bodied high jumpers.

➤ French Open Championship

- ✓ World No. 5 Rafael Nadal - defeated first-time finalist Casper Ruud in straight sets to win his 14th French Open championship and 22nd Grand Slam title at the Philippe Chatrier in Paris on June 5.
- ✓ 36-year-old Nadal became the oldest title winner in the history of the clay-court tournament, going past Andres Gimeno's record of 34 years and 305 days in 1972.

➤ Logo & Mascot - 44th Chess Olympiad

- ✓ Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin unveiled the mascot and the logo named 'Thambi' for FIDE 44th Chess Olympiad which will commence at Mamallapuram next month.
- ✓ 'Thambi' in Tamil means younger brother.
- ✓ The mascot 'Thambi' is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'.
- ✓ The words "Chess Believe" are seen on its shirt.
- ✓ Over 2,000 players from over 180 countries are expected to take part in the international event, to be held between July 28 and August 10.



➤ **Neeraj Chopra**

- ✓ Neeraj Chopra has achieved a new National record, breaking his previous one with a throw of 89.30m at Paavo Nurmi Games 2022 in Finland.
- ✓ This was the 24-year-old's first tournament after Tokyo Olympics 2022. He won a silver medal in the tournament.

➤ **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022**

- ✓ World Football body, FIFA and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) - jointly announced the schedule of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 recently on June 15.
- ✓ This is the first time India is hosting a women's mega showpiece. As per the schedule, India will play all their round-robin games at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

➤ **S. Dhanalakshmi**

S. Dhanalakshmi surprised host Kazakhstan's former Asian Games champion Olga Safronova as she won the women's 200m gold in a personal best 22.89s at the Qosanov international athletics meet, a World Athletics Continental Tour event, in Almaty, Kazakhstan on Sunday.

OBITUARY

➤ **K. Chinnappa Bharathi**

- ✓ Progressive Tamil writer K. Chinnappa Bharathi died at the age of 88 after a brief illness in Namakkal on Monday.
 - ✓ He wrote seven novels: Dhagam, Sangam, Sarkarai, Pavalayee, Thalaimurai Mattram, Surangam and Palai Nila Roja.
 - ✓ Surangam (The Mine), which was about the struggles of coal miners in West Bengal and Jharkhand, brought him fame.
 - ✓ Dhagam (Thirst) narrates the woes of farm labourers, especially Dalits.
- Chinnappa Bharathi's novels have been translated into 13 languages.

REPORT

➤ **Chilika Development Authority (CDA)**

- ✓ World's first fishing cat census done in Chilika.
- ✓ The Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, has 176 fishing cats, according to a census conducted by the Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with the Fishing Cat Project (TFCP).
- ✓ This is the world's first population estimation of the fishing cat, which has been conducted outside the protected area network.

➤ **Stockholm International Peace Institute (Sipri)**

- ✓ The US and Russia - together account for 90% of all nuclear weapons around the globe, as per the latest Stockholm International Peace Institute (Sipri) report released on June 13.
- ✓ A total of nine nuclear-armed countries together possess an estimated 12,705 nuclear warheads, says the report.
- ✓ The nine nuclear-armed states are the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)

➤ **Comparative Indicators - Tamil Nadu**

- ✓ At the level of higher secondary, the State is ahead of others.
- ✓ The gross enrolment rate in the State was 80.31% against the national average of 58.56%; pupil-teacher ratio was 18:1 against 49.98:1; transition (secondary to higher secondary) rate was 78.8% against 67.8% and gender parity index was 1.26 against 1.04.

RANKING

➤ **The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**

- ✓ The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) - released the 19th edition of its university rankings on June 8.
- ✓ Globally, the Top 5 – MIT (11th consecutive year), Cambridge, Stanford, Oxford and Harvard (in descending order) – from last year remain unchanged barring swapping positions.
- ✓ Among Indian universities, five of the Top 10 are from the category of the Institution of Eminence (IoE) tag.

➤ **Environmental Performance Index (EPI)**

- ✓ India - has been ranked lowest among 180 countries in the 2022 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) produced by researchers at Yale and Columbia Universities.
- ✓ The biennial ranking is based on 40 performance indicators, including climate change, environmental public health, and ecosystem vitality, across 11 categories.

➤ **Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)**

- ✓ Kerala - has been ranked on top in the Asia in 'Affordable Talent' in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) released recently on June 14.
- ✓ The State is also ranked the fourth in the GSER global ranking.
The report is developed jointly by policy advisory and research organization Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network.

➤ **QS Rankings**

- Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi - have made it to the list of top 140 cities for international students, according to the coveted QS rankings
- ✓ The QS Best Student Cities Ranking, released on June 29, has placed Mumbai as the highest-ranked city in India
- ✓ Mumbai, which has a global ranking of 103, is followed by Bengaluru (114).
India doubled its representation with two new entries this year – Chennai (125) and Delhi (129).

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Day	Theme
June 1	World Milk Day	In 2022, World Milk day will follow the theme of achieving "Dairy Net Zero"
June 3	World Bicycle Day	The day celebrates bicycles as a symbol of human progress, sustainability, and social inclusion, and as a tool promoting a culture of peace
June 5	World Environment Day	The theme for this year's celebration of World Environment Day is 'Only One Earth'
June 7	World Food Safety Day	This year, the theme is 'Safer food, better health'. WHO also launched a campaign to inspire global participation
June 8	World Brain Tumour Day	Brain tumor is a mass or growth of abnormal cells in your brain
June 8	World Oceans Day	The 2022 theme for World Oceans Day is "Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean"
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	Theme 2022 - "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour"
June 14	World Blood Donor Day	Theme 2022 - "Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives"
June 15	World Wind Day	The purpose of this day is to increase public knowledge of wind energy and its uses
June 16	World Sea Turtle Day	This day is celebrated to save this aquatic species from extinction

June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Theme 2022 - 'Rising up from drought together'
June 17	World Crocodile Day	The Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the plight of the crocodiles and protect them from extinction in the near future
June 18	Autistic Pride Day	The theme for 2022 is 'Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World'
June 18	International Day for Countering Hate Speech	International Day for Countering Hate Speech aims to highlight the need for combating hate speech and promoting tolerance and communication between different communities
June 19	National Reading Day	India celebrates June 19 as the National Reading Day in honour of P N Panicker, the father of the Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala
June 19	Father's Day	Father's Day is celebrated every year to pay respect to the pivotal role played by fathers as protector and supporter in a family
June 20	World Refugee Day	The theme for the year 2022 is 'Right to Seek Safety'
June 21	International Day of Yoga	Theme 2022 - "Yoga for Humanity"
June 21	World Music Day	Theme 2022 - "Music on the intersections"
June 21	World Hydrography Day	The theme for 2022 is: "Hydrography - contributing to

		the United Nations Ocean Decade"
June 23	International Widows Day	Every year on June 23, International Widows Day is observed across the globe to shed light on the rights and social protection of widows
June 23	International Olympic Day	The theme for 2022 is 'Together, For a Peaceful World'
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	It is observed to raise awareness about drug abuse and the illegal drug trade
June 29	National Statistics Day	Theme 2022 - 'Data for Sustainable Development'
June 30	International Asteroid Day	The theme of International Asteroid Day 2022 is "Small is beautiful"

