

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Salem Sago Gets GI Tag**
- ✓ Salem district in the state of Tamil Nadu has gained acclaim for its sago production, which is widely recognized as Sabudana. Salem Sago, locally known as Javvarisi, is derived from the wet starch powder extracted from tapioca roots.



- ✓ Salem district utilizes nearly 35,000 hectares of land for tapioca cultivation, with yields averaging between 25-30 tonnes per hectare.
- ✓ Sago has a low calorific value (310 kcal/100g) and ranges in size from 2 to 4.5 mm. Remarkably, one kilogram of tapioca sago can be produced from five kilograms of tapioca tubers.
- ✓ Sago finds applications in diverse industries, including food, paper, construction, textiles, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, mining, and alcohol, underscoring its economic significance.

NATIONAL

- **World's Tallest Nataraja Statue - G20 Summit Venue**
- ✓ At the venue of the G20 Summit, world leaders will be greeted by a breathtaking 27-foot-tall statue of Nataraja, Lord Shiva in his cosmic dance.



- ✓ This magnificent sculpture, made from an eight-metal alloy known as ashtadhatu, weighs a staggering 18 tonnes, requiring a trailer with 36 tires for transportation to Delhi.
 - ✓ This masterpiece seamlessly blends tradition with modernity, drawing inspiration from ancient Nataraja idols.
 - ✓ The primary sculptors behind this masterpiece are 61-year-old Srikanda Sthapathy, along with his brothers Radhakrishna Sthapathy and Swaminatha Sthapathy.
- **PM Narendra Modi Co-Chairs 20th ASEAN-India Summit**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia.

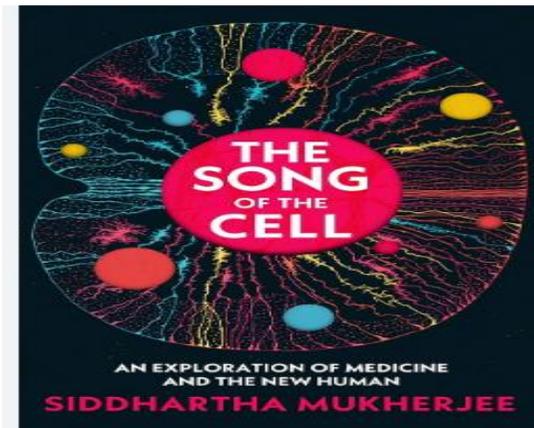


- ✓ He acknowledged the enduring India-ASEAN partnership, marking its fourth decade. ASEAN holds a crucial role in India's Act East policy and Indo Pacific initiative.
- ✓ India and ASEAN celebrated their comprehensive strategic partnership last year. Shared history, geography, values, and belief in peace unite India and ASEAN.
- ✓ PM Modi announced the opening of an Indian Embassy in Dili, Timor-Leste.
- ✓ Additionally, he participated in the East Asia Summit, discussing strategic regional matters.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **The Song of the Cell**

- ✓ Renowned Indian-American cancer physician and researcher Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee's book 'The Song of the Cell' is longlisted for the prestigious £50,000 Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction in London.



- ✓ The book explores how cellular research has revolutionized medicine, enabling the treatment of life-altering diseases such as Alzheimer's and AIDS.
- ✓ The judging panel hails the work as Mukherjee's "most spectacular book yet." Mukherjee is known for his bestselling book 'The Gene: An Intimate History' and Pulitzer Prize-winning 'The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer.'

IMPORTANT DAY

- **World Physiotherapy Day**
- ✓ World Physical Therapy Day or World Physiotherapy Day 2023 is celebrated on September 8 every year. It recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of physical therapy and physiotherapists in promoting health and well-being.



- ✓ "Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis" is the theme for World Physiotherapy Day 2023. Rheumatoid arthritis and axial spondylarthritis are two types of inflammatory arthritis that will be highlighted on this day.
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