



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 30, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ Excavations at Perumbalai

- ✓ Graffiti marks “resembling geometric symbols” were among the potsherds discovered during the archaeological excavations undertaken by the Tamil Nadu government’s Department of Archaeology at Perumbalai in Dharmapuri district.



- ✓ “As per the AMS dates, the lower-most level of the site dates back to the 6th Century BCE.
 - ✓ Most of the excavated early historic sites such as Vallam, Kodumanal, Keeladi, Uraiyr, Karur and many other sites always found Tamili (Tamil-Brahmi)-inscribed potsherds and graffiti-bearing potsherds together.
- #### ➤ T.N. registers 12.44% jump in FDI Inflow
- ✓ Tamil Nadu’s Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows increased to about \$2.44 billion in the 2023-24 financial year from \$2.17 billion in 2022-23, logging a 12.44% jump, data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry reveal.

✓ Tamil Nadu is among the key States that has seen an increase in FDI inflows, even as overall inflows to India has declined marginally to \$44.42 billion in 2023-24 from \$46.03 billion in 2022-23.

➤ **T.N. to Focus on Technology in Schools**

✓ T.N. to focus on technology, AI; schools to get hi-tech, robotics labs: School Education Minister.



✓ In a bid to enhance technology access, School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi on Monday told the Assembly that 58 crore had been allotted to upgrade the hi-tech labs in government schools.

✓ Similarly, 42 crore had been allotted for establishing hitech labs in government-aided schools.

✓ Focus on AI in schools was among the 25 announcements made in the Assembly by the Minister. In the hi-tech labs functioning in government schools, a curriculum would be developed to teach AI, computer science for classes VI-IX.

✓ Further, at a cost of 15.43 crore robotics labs would be set up in 38 government high and higher secondary schools for Classes IX-XII.

➤ **Anna Centenary Library to House Children's Science Park**

✓ The State will construct a children's science park at Anna Centenary Library (ACL) with scientific equipment at a cost of 80.24 lakh to improve scientific knowledge in children.



- ✓ During the demand for grants for the School Education Department in the Legislative Assembly, he said, “The Kalaingar Centenary Library (KCL) in Madurai has seen a footfall of over 9.6 lakh so far since it was opened with over 2,700 people visiting it daily.”
- ✓ Under the **Disaithodum Dravidam Project**, translation of Tamil literature and texts will be expanded to include Indian and other foreign languages.
- **Tamil Language Martyrs’ Day (Tamil Mozhi Thiyagigal Naal)**
- ✓ Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, M.P. Saminathan, on Monday announced in the Assembly that January 25 would be observed as ‘Tamil Mozhi Thiyagigal Naal’ (Tamil language martyrs’ day) from 2025.



- ✓ Similarly, June 3, which is the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister and DMK president M. Karunanidhi, would be celebrated as ‘**Semmozhi Naal Vizha**’.
- **CM announces Phase Two of Scheme to Improve Rural Roads**
- ✓ A total of 10,000 km of roads in rural areas will be improved under the second phase of the Chief Minister’s Rural Road Development Programme.
- ✓ Making a suo motu statement, Mr. Stalin said these roads would be improved at a cost of 4,000 crore over the next two years. The first phase of the scheme was introduced by Mr. Stalin in January 2023, with the government announcing the development of 10,000 km of roads in two years at a cost of 4,000 crore.
- **World Bank-assisted Project for Women - (WE-SAFE)**
- ✓ Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin unveiled a World Bank-assisted Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety Programme (WE-SAFE), which would be implemented in the next five years (2024-29) at a cost of 1,185 crore.
- ✓ The aim is to increase the participation of the women labour force in non-farm and emerging sectors, to achieve a trillion-dollar economy by 2030.
- ✓ “The role of women is important in achieving a trillion-dollar economy.
- **International Airport to be established at Hosur**

- ✓ CM said that the Master Plan for Hosur was nearly complete. Industrial houses across the globe were keen on investing in Tamil Nadu ever since the DMK assumed office in 2021, and the State was witnessing growth in large-scale industries and job opportunities for the youth.
- ✓ “Tamil Nadu topped the country in 2022 in the Export Preparedness Index, and secured the first place in the export of motor vehicles, spare parts, leather, and electronic goods.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu, which was lagging behind in start-ups till 2022, has emerged a major performer in the field and became the second largest economy in the country.

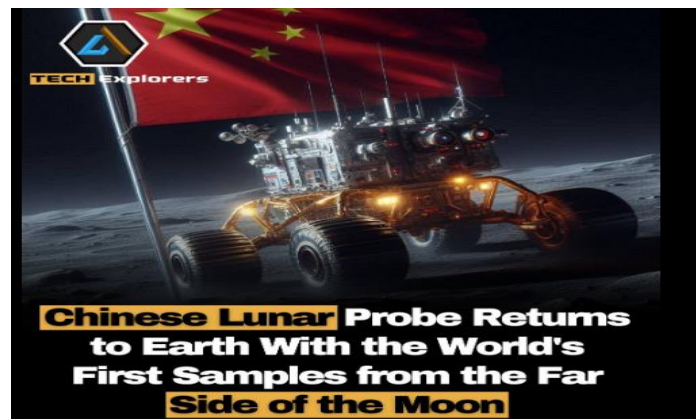
NATIONAL

➤ **Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules**

- ✓ Maternity leave for parents of child born through surrogacy.
- ✓ The Centre has notified amended rules to allow women government employees to take 180 days of maternity leave in case they have children through surrogacy.
- ✓ The government has also allowed the “commissioning mother” (the intending mother of the child born through surrogacy) childcare leave and the “commissioning father” paternity leave of 15 days, read the changes made in the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Chinese probe returns to Earth with first samples from far side of the moon**
- ✓ China’s Chang’e 6 probe returned to earth with rock and soil samples from the little-explored far side of the moon in a global first.



- ✓ “I now declare that the Chang’e 6 Lunar Exploration Mission achieved complete success,” Zhang Kejian, Director of the China National Space Administration, said after the landing.

OBITUARY

- **Renowned English Statistician, Frank Duckworth**
- ✓ **Frank Duckworth, one of the inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, passed away. He was 84.**



- ✓ The Duckworth-Lewis method, devised by Duckworth and fellow statistician Tony Lewis, was introduced to determine results in rain-affected cricket matches. Lewis had passed away aged 78 in 2020.
- ✓ The method was renamed the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method after the retirement of Duckworth and Lewis, followed by some modifications by Australian statistician Steven Stern.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Asteroid Day - June 30**
- ✓ This day is aimed at raising awareness about asteroids and the potential hazards they pose to our planet.



- ✓ It commemorates the anniversary of the Tunguska event in 1908.
- ✓ This event was caused by an asteroid or comet fragment exploding over Siberia, Russia, flattening around 2,000 square kilometres of forest.

- ✓ The United Nations officially declared this in 2016 to raise awareness about the potential hazards of asteroid impacts.

