



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 20, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **Centenary Commemorative Coin Honouring M. Karunanidhi**
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released a 100 coin honouring M. Karunanidhi's birth centenary.



- ✓ Muthuvel Karunanidhi is a writer, politician and former President of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam.
- ✓ He served as CM of Tamil Nadu for over 5 terms.
- ✓ The reverse side of the coin features a portrait of Karunanidhi and Tamil slogan 'Tamil Vellum' with the text "Birth Centenary of Kalaingar Karunanidhi."

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- **Krishi-Decision Support System (DSS)**
- ✓ Centre unveils new system to study weather, crop patterns.



- ✓ The Union Agriculture Ministry launched a digital geo-spatial platform, Krishi-Decision Support System (DSS), which will share real-time data-driven insights on weather patterns, soil conditions, crop health, crop acreage, and advisories with all stakeholders such as farmers, experts, and policymakers.
- ✓ The platform can also be helpful in monitoring drought.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ World Humanitarian Day – August 19



- ✓ World Humanitarian Day, observed annually on August 19th, takes on a somber tone in 2024 as the global community faces a grim reality: humanitarian workers are increasingly becoming targets in conflict zones.
- ✓ The year 2023 marked the deadliest year on record for aid workers, and 2024 threatens to surpass this grim milestone.

➤ World Mosquito Day – August 20

- ✓ Every year on 20 August, World Mosquito Day is observed.



- ✓ It is observed to commemorate the discovery made by Sir Ronald Ross in 1897.
- ✓ The theme for World Mosquito Day 2024 is "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world."
- ✓ In 1897, Sir Ronald Ross discovered that the malaria parasite is transmitted to humans by Anopheles mosquitoes.

