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Tamil Nadu

Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Karur, Sivakasi: Became Corporations

- ➤ The Government of Tamil Nadu has promulgated an ordinance to upgrade the Municipalities of Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Karur and Sivakasi as Corporations, taking the number of Corporations in the State to 20.
- There are a total of 15 Corporations in Tamil Nadu. Recommendations for upgradation of Kumbakonam as a Corporation were accepted and orders were issued by the Government recently. With this, the number of municipal corporations has gone up to 16.

Muthulakshmi Reddy Financial Assistance: Complaint No. - 104

- > Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy's director of public health, Selva Vinayagam, said that if there is a delay in the availability of maternity benefit to pregnant women, one can contact the 104 medical service center.
- Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme is being implemented with central and state share. The scheme was launched in 1987 and was launched at a cost of Rs. 300 was disbursed and thereafter, the financial assistance was gradually enhanced to Rs.18,000 from 2018 onwards.

Chennai Metro project: AllB bank extends Rs 2,600 cr loan

- For the Chennai Metro Rail project, a sum of Rs. 2,600 crore has been disbursed as loan by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.
- AllB: Launch January 16, 2016.
- Headquarters Beijing, China, Member States 103

"Operation Disarm"

➤ In Tamil Nadu , 3325 murder accused have been arrested.

'Home Search Education Program'

School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi launched a new programme called 'Home Search Education' to bridge the learning gap among students studying in classes 1 to 8 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

* Rs 200 crore home search education scheme

Chief Minister M K Stalin launched a Rs 200-crore home search education programme at Marakkanam Mudaliar Kuppam in Villupuram district with an aim to bridge the learning gap for students from 1st to 8th standard.

- The Directorate of Integrated School Education is all set to implement a scheme called Home Search Education to bridge the learning gap of children studying in classes I to VIII due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- As per the scheme, learning activities will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm in government-owned areas near the students' homes.

Progress website to monitor infrastructure projects

- Chief Minister M K Stalin launched a separate website to monitor infrastructure projects and review developments.
- In Tamil Nadu, 200 major infrastructure projects worth Rs.1 lakh crore are being monitored by a High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary.
- A website called 'Progress' has been created to review and continuously monitor the developments of these schemes.
- The website, prepared by The Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency, contains details of each project.

"The People's School Plan"

In order to reduce the learning gap for students studying in classes 1 to 8 in government schools in Tamil Nadu, the 'Makkal Palli' scheme will be introduced from October 18.

"tnkhadi" processor

A separate mobile app ("tnkhadi") has been developed for procurement of Khadi and Village Industries

Board (KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD) items, which was launched by the Chief Minister.

❖ Pallava Kala Vanadurga Temple near Gingee

- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has sought funds for the renovation of the Pallava-era Vanadurga temple located at Pakka village near Gingee.
- It is considered to be the oldest pallava-era brick-made temple in Tamil Nadu. The paintings in this temple are similar to those in the Kailasanathar temple in Kancheepuram.

❖ Bottom name for the upgraded computer keyboard

- The upgraded computer keyboard of the Government of Tamil Nadu has been renamed as Keeladi.

 Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the upgraded new facility.
- Tamil Virtual Academy already has two Tamil Softwares in use, namely, a computer keyboard and a Tamil dictionary and a single mark converter, which have been upgraded with a number of new features.
- > It has been renamed as Keezhadi-Tamilinaiya keyboard and Tamili-Tamil-tamil unicode converter.

❖ World Class Museum at Adichanallur

- The archaeological excavation work of the Archaeological Survey of India is commencing at Adichanallur near Vaikundam. A world-class museum will soon be set up here.
- As announced in the Union Budget, Adichanallur is one of the five archaeological sites that will be developed as 'historic sites' in the country. It is to be noted that this is the only site to be set up in south India.
- ➤ "Adichanallur B.C. It is one of the oldest Iron Age sites in the country dating back to 1,000 years ago.

 The world class museum in South India will be set up here for the first time.

Excavations completed at Adichanallur, Sivakalai, Korkai

- Excavations at Adichanallur, Sivakalai and Korkai, which unearthed the "Porunai civilization" dating back to 3,200 years, were completed. More than 2,000 antiquities have been found.
- More than 1,000 items were found in Korkai. In particular, a large number of objects have been discovered, such as a 9-layer liquid filtering tube, a 29-layer brick structure mentioned in Sangam literature, a two-tier container, a conch-cutting factory, Tamil Brahmi characters, symbols, conch shells, conch bangles, coloured beads, pots, Rome and Chinese pottery tiles, terracotta effigies, etc.

❖ The qualifications for civil servants are mentioned in the Chola period inscription.

- The inscription at Thennori village in Kancheepuram district contains references to the basic qualifications for becoming a member of the Village Administrative Council (Perumkuri Sabha) and the imposition of taxes on the produce produced on the farm.
- These inscriptions are also mentioned in the Kandaleeswarar temple where Sembiyan Mahadevi (the grandmother of Raja Raja Chola) was built in memory of Uttama Chola.
- > Sangam references to Thenneri are found in these inscriptions. This lake was created by Thondaiman Ilanthirayan in perumpanarupadai.
- > The name of the lake is mentioned as Thirayan Lake in the Pallava copper plates found at Dasakudi.

 This name is called "Thenneri".

❖ Geriatrician V.S. National Award for Natarajan

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu honored Dr V S Natarajan with the 'Vayoshreshta Saman' award at a function in New Delhi.
- ➤ The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, on 1st October, is the World Elders Day every year and awards are given to those who render outstanding service to the welfare of the elderly.

CM announces 'World Tamil Diaspora Day' on January 12

- > Stalin has announced the formation of a new board called 'Migrant Tamils Welfare Board' to protect the welfare of non-resident Tamils and announced that January 12 every year will be celebrated as 'World Tamil Diaspora Day'.
- The 'Migrant Tamils Welfare Board' will be constituted with 13 representatives of the government and the tamil diaspora.
- Rs 5 crore will be created with the advance of the state government as 'Migrant Tamils Welfare Fund'.
- ➤ It may be recalled that the Government enacted the Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Act on March 1, 2011 to meet the mental and diverse needs of the Tamil diaspora.

❖ India's first mobile library

India's first mobile library was started by Mr. S.R.Ranganathan on 21st October 1931 at Melavasal near Mannargudi.

The first voice of the abolition of devadasi system

- ➤ Girls in the age group of eight to 11 years are made wives of the deity through the ritual of 'pottukattu' in temples and are left in those temples. These women were called devadasis. Until their death, they lived as sumangalis and very respected in the society.
- In 1901, Lakshmi (Parina), a devadasi who escaped from a temple at Perunkulam in Tirunelveli district, was shocked to know the true face of the devadasi. It was the girl child who became his goal to abolish the devadasi system.
- ➤ It was only about a quarter of a century after Amy Carmichael, a foreign woman who had fought against the devadasi system that had existed for centuries, that the voices of Indian women, Dr. Muthulakshmi and Moovalur Ramamirtham, came together.

❖ Kancheepuram: Five weavers get National Award

- The Sant Kabir Award, the highest civilian award of the Government of India for the year 2018, and the National Award for the year 2019 have been given to four weavers.
- The award for the year 2018 will be received by P. Krishnamurthy of Mettupalayam in Kancheepuram.
- Kancheepuram is the only state in Tamil Nadu which has bagged 5 National Awards for the best weavers.

Chennai Flood Protection Project ADB Rs 1,877 crore loan

➤ India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed an agreement to provide a loan assistance of Rs 1,877 crore (\$251 million) for flood protection improvement works in Chennai.

- ➤ ADB Launched: December 19, 1966. Member Countries 68
- Headquarters Mandaluyong, Manila, Philippines
- Chairman Masatsugu Asakawa (Masatsugu Asakawa) Japan.

❖ PM lauds Vellari village

A grama sabha meeting was held on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi at Vellari village near Arani in Tiruvannamalai district, one of the five villages selected for providing safe drinking water to 100 per cent households under the 'Jal Jeevan' scheme. In a video conference at the meeting, Pm Modi congratulated Veleri village.

Chennai cardiologist Binoy John wins award

> Dr. Binoy John of The Modern Cardiology (Interventional Cardiology), Chennai has been conferred with the Achiever Award for The Best Doctors in the Field of Medicine.

BharatNet & Tamil Nadu government tie up with private company

- Tamil Nadu Fibernet Corporation Limited (TANFINFT) in agreement with private companies to implement Bharat Net project.
- The scheme was launched in 2011 under the name of National Optical Fibre Network to provide internet connectivity at 1Gbps speed to all gram panchayats.
- > It was renamed as BharatNet in 2015. This scheme comes under the Purview of the Ministry of Communications.

Observance of The Single Day

Chief Minister M K Stalin announced that October 5, the birth anniversary of Vallalar, would be observed as a separate day.

Appointment of new non-official members of the Transgenders Welfare Board

- New non-official members have been appointed to the Transgender Welfare Board. A notification to this effect has been issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ The Transgender Welfare Board was constituted in 2008.
- Representatives of government departments are appointed as ex-officio members and transgenders as nonofficial members.
- The term of office of the non-official members is three years.
- The Council for Transgender Persons was launched by the Union Ministry of Social Justice on 21st August 2020.

- ➤ In 2014, the Supreme Court ruled that transgenders were the third gender. (Legal Services Authority vs. Central Government Case)
- April 15 Transgender Day

Anna Institute of Management Renamed

The Anna Institute of Management will now be renamed as Anna Administrative Staff College, chief secretary V. Iraiyanbu announced.

❖ Appointment of Chairman-Members of SC/ST Welfare Commission

- Retired Judge of The Madras High Court, Justice Sivakumar has been appointed as the Chairman of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission.
- Punitha Pandian, the editor of Dalit Murasu magazine, has also been appointed as the vice-president.
- Advocate Kumaradevan, writer Ezhil Elangovan, social activist Anaimalai Leelavathi Dhanaraj, advocate

 P Ilancheliyan and government college professor K Raghupathi have been appointed as members.

Identity cards for 2,650 ASHA workers

- ➤ Health Minister MA Subramanian said 2650 ASHA workers across Tamilnadu will be issued identity cards.
- ASHA workers were appointed as part-time workers years ago as per the National Health Mission.
- Asha workers are given Rs.5,000 per month and action will be taken to disburse a sum of Rs.1,000 as loan to those who identify and register for tuberculosis and pregnant women. Those below the age of 42 years who have completed plus two will be trained for two years and steps will be taken to appoint 60 permanent nurses per annum.

Mahakavi Bharathiyar Centenary Celebrations

- > Chennai City Tamil Sangam organized the centenary celebrations of Mahakavi Bharathi in Mogappair.
- On this occasion, 100 poets participated in the event and a kaviyarangam titled 'The Pen is Our Sceptre'.
- > The book 'Aayiram Pirai Kanda Annachi' written by Prof. N. Sulochana of the World Institute of Tamil Studies was introduced.
- This was followed by the publication of The Yugam Yugamai written by Bharathi sukumaran, president of the association, and Bharathiyar english by Dr. N.V. Subburaman.

| Mahakavi Bharathiyar Centenary Celebrations Awards | | |
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| Education Chemmal Award | Pon.Kumar (Joint Director of School Education) | |
| ValarTamil Vithakar Award | K.Vijayaraghavan | |
| Sahityavanar Award | Vadukampatti Sivakumar | |

| Letter light | Thilakavathi (retired police officer) |
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❖ Asha Scheme

- Aim: The aim is to train local women as health workers and nurses.
- The scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) as part of India's National Rural Health Programme (NRHM).
- ➤ The project was launched in 2005.

❖ Tamilian as Canada's Defense Minister

Anitha Anand, who hails from Tamil Nadu, has been appointed as the Defense Minister of Canada.

Consultative Committee on the Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils

An Advisory Committee on the Welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Minister Gingee Mastan. An order to this effect has been issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu tops the list in providing health services constructively.

Tamil Nadu tops the list of states where medical services are reaching out to the beneficiaries, according to a study published by Jindal Global University.

List of overall performance in school education quality index

Tamil Nadu (73.4%) ranks second among the 20 largest states in the overall performance list in the School Education Quality Index, followed by Kerala (76.6%) at the top followed by Uttar Pradesh (36.4%), according to the NITI Aayog.

❖ People's Planning Mission

- ➤ The People's Planning Mission will be launched in all the **12,525 Village Panchayats** in Tamil Nadu from October 2, 2021 to December 31, 2021, to prepare the Village Panchayat Development Plan for the financial year 2022-23.
- > Under this scheme, identification of resources in the Panchayats will be taken up.

❖ Samathuva Periyar Title – Kalaignar

Thirumavalavan has conferred the title of Samathuva Periyar to former Chief Minister Kalaignar Karunanidhi.

Chief Minister-Police Grievance Redressal Camp in Your Department

Chief Minister M K Stalin received petitions from the policemen under the "Chief Minister in Your Department" scheme to redress the grievances of the policemen.

❖ Erode Sampath Nagar Main Road - Thyagi Kumaran Road

➤ Chief Minister M K Stalin inaugurated the Sampath Nagar main road in Erode after renaming it as Thiyagi Kumaran Salai.

State Level Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee

A state level development coordination and monitoring committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to monitor the implementation of central government schemes.

Rural Local Body Elections (Ballot Paper)

- The rural local body elections were held in nine districts Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Kallakurichi, Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi and used Ballot paper.
- District Panchayat Member (Yellow Colour)
- Union Committee Member (Green)
- President of the Panchayat (Pink Color)
- Village Panchayat Ward (White Colour)

❖ TB-free Tamil Nadu Target - 2025

- The cure rate of tuberculosis in Tamil Nadu has gone up by 86 per cent.
- National Tuberculosis Control Programme The name has been changed to National Tuberculosis Eradication Programme with effect from the year 2020.
- > TB-free Tamil Nadu by 2025 (Target)
- > Tiruvallur is the foremost district in Tamil Nadu in the treatment of tuberculosis

Procurement of black gram - green gram directly by the government

The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced that the government will procure black and green gram directly from the farmers.

❖ Tamil Nadu's first multi-modal freight park

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation, National Highway Logistics Management Institute and Chennai Port to set up a multipurpose freight corridor park at Mappedu in Tiruvallur district with public-private partnership at an investment of Rs 1,200 crore.
- It is the first multi-purpose freight park in Tamil Nadu.

16th Corporation of Tamil Nadu - Kumbakonam Corporation

Kumbakonam became the 16th corporation of Tamil Nadu on 15 October 2021.

Dental service in search of people

- ➤ Health Minister MA Subramanian launched the scheme to provide dental services in search of people.
- > The mobile dental vehicle will have two doctors and two nurses. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they will be visiting various places in Chennai to look for people and provide medical care in the form of dentistry in search of people on the lines of the medical project.

❖ 'e-Progress', 'IT Friend' - Website

On October 22, 2021, "Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated two websites 'e-Progress' and 'IT Friend' developed on behalf of the Department of Information Technology at the Secretariat, and two Tamil software's, 'Keeladi- Thamizhinaiyan Keyboard' and 'Thamizhi - Thamizhinaiya Oonkuri Matri' through video conferencing.

❖ Home Search Education Scheme (Education at home)- Mudaliar Kuppam

- On October 27, 2021, Chief Minister Stalin inaugurated the event at Mudaliar Kuppam in Villupuram district (Marakkanam) to bridge the learning gap for students of classes from 1 to 8.
- Rs 200 crore allocated under 100% state government's share
- Participation of volunteers through small groups (the class will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm)
- K. Ilam Bhagwat IAS appointed as an Officer on Special Duty

Palm Jaggery and Palm Products - Training Centre

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin inaugurated a training center for making palm jaggery and palm products at Sayalkudi.
- Palm jaggery will be sold in the name of **Karpagam** through ration (PDS) shops and **sugarcane** will be sold in the supermarket.

Social Justice Monitoring Committee

- Social Justice Day September 17 (Thanthai Periyar's birth anniversary)
- > The committee consist of one president and seven members (including one woman).
- The chairman of this committee is Subha. Veerapandian and members include Dhanavel, Dr. Swaminathan Devadas, poet Manushyaputhiran, A. Jaisan, R. Rajendran, K. Karunanithi has been appointed.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted a "Social Justice Monitoring Committee" to monitor whether the social justice criteria are fully operational in accordance with the law.

The Monitoring Committee will monitor, guide and implement the social justice criteria in education, employment, positions, promotions and appointments, to ensure that the social justice criteria are properly followed.

❖ Global coal extraction area - Neyveli

- Neyveli (14th) and Chennai (36th) are among the top 50 coal extraction areas in the world.
- Neyveli (14), Chennai (36), Thoothukudi (131) and Mettur (144) are the regions with the highest coal extraction in the country.
- > The Centre for Energy and Clean Air Research (CREA) has released this ranking report.

* Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin took oath on May 7, 2021

- Free bus travel facility for all women
- Rs 4,000 for family cardholders (for all)
- ➤ 14 types of groceries
- Aavin milk price cut by Rs 3
- Rs. 3 Reduction in the the price of petrol

❖ Tamil Nadu Day - July 18

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK. Stalin has announced that 18 July will be observed as Tamil Nadu Day.
- In 2019, November 1 was declared as State Day.
- The Madras Presidency was renamed as Tamil Nadu on July 18, 1967 (Anna's rule).
- On November 1, 1956, the whole of India was divided along linguistic lines.

Excavation works at Adichanallur

- After a gap of 17 years, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) started the excavation work at Adichanallur.
- There was evidence of culture in Adichanallur, Sivakalai and Korkai areas along the banks of Porunai river known as Thamirabarani.
- Adichanallur is the first archaeological site in the country was excavated. In 1876, the German Zagor carried out the excavation for the first time.
- Alexander Reya then carried out excavations in 1896 and 1904.
- Old people found urns, earthen pots, iron tools, weapons, bronze objects, bones of ancient men.
- It has been announced in the Budget (2020) report that a world class museum will be set up at Adichanallur.

* Roadside dwellers - Mentally ill - 1913

- Chennai Corporation has launched a helpline number (1913) to provide information to people living on roadsides and those who are mentally ill.
- October 10 World Homeless Day

India

Jal Jeevan App launched

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Jal Jeevan App. This will not only make the water supply system in India transparent but will also provide adequate awareness to the beneficiaries.

❖ e-Shram Site

Their details are recorded on the e-Shram portal to know the employability of the unorganized workers and to ensure that the benefits of social security schemes reach them.

India ranks 4th in agrochemical production

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that India is the fourth largest producer of agrochemicals in the world.

First statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Lakshadweep

> Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the first statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Lakshadweep.

'Global Leadership Award - 2021

Siva Nadar, founder of HCL Technologies, and Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director, DAFA, have been selected for the 'Global Leadership Award 2021'.

World's Pharmacy India

- India is emerging as the world's pharmacy, said Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist at the World Health Organization.
- India has created four great achievements. Polio has been eradicated completely. It has significantly reduced maternal mortality. Similarly, it has also reduced the number of child deaths, and India is emerging as the fourth world's pharmacy.

Coronavirus vaccine to northeastern states through drone

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched a programme to send covid-19 vaccines through 'drones' to difficult terrains in the northeastern states.
- > For the first time in South Asia, a 'drone' made in India has been used to send vaccines.

Linkage of black fungus treatment in Ayushman Bharat scheme

- > The Central government has also included treatment of black fungus in the Ayushman Bharat insurance scheme.
- The Government of India has been implementing the world's largest insurance scheme (Ayushman Bharat) since September 2018.

❖ National level "Electronic Asset Card Scheme"

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the e-asset card scheme launched by the Government of India has improved the strength of the rural economy and will be implemented at the national level.
- Last year, the Government of India had launched the 'Swamitva', a scheme to provide electronic property cards in rural areas , on April 24, the National Panchayati Raj Day.

Surat becomes the first city to vaccinate everyone

The first dose of covid-19 vaccine has been administered to all those who are eligible for vaccination in Surat city of Gujarat.

Uttar Pradesh tops among states with air pollution

Uttar Pradesh tops the list of states with maximum particulate matter pollution in the air.

❖ A committee headed by the Chief Minister has been constituted to monitor the implementation of central government schemes.

- > State Level Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) has been constituted.
- ➤ The Minister for Rural Development has been appointed as the Vice Chairman and the Principal Secretary to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has been appointed as the Member Secretary.

India handled corona crisis efficiently: IMF

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has praised India for its effective handling of the corona crisis.
- ➤ The IMF has projected India's economic growth at 9.5 per cent in 2021-2022.
- ➤ IMF: Founded on 27 December 1945. Headquarters Washington, D.C.
- Member 190 countries (189 UN nations and Kosovo)
- Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria).

India re-elected to UN Human Rights Council

- India has been re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for the year 2022-24.
- Beginning March 15, 2006. Chairman Nasht Omin
- Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland

Opening of International Airport at Kushinagar

- > PM Modi inaugurates Kushinagar International Airport Kushinagar is believed to be the place where Buddha passed away.
- > Top officials from 12 countries (Mongolia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Bhutan, Korea, Nepal, Japan) who follow Buddhism participated.

India ranks 4th in Agro-chemical production

India is the 4th largest producer of Agro-chemicals in the world. (The United States, Japan and China are in the top three position, respectively).

Green Cooperation Agreement – India and Denmark

- The four Green Cooperation Agreement between India and Denmark are on health, agriculture, water management, climate change and renewable energy
- (Prime Minister of Denmark Mette Frederick Sen).

❖ Vice President's visit to North-East

- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, is on a visit to the North-East. Vice President of India laid the foundation stone for road development and widening of Shillong-Dawki section of Shillong-Dawki National highway in Meghalaya.
- Lakadong Turmeric, Ginger Powder is famous.
- Rebecca is the first woman chief secretary of Meghalaya.

❖ Atal Tunnel Road

- Atal Tunnel Road built at an altitude of about 3000 meters (10,000 ft) above sea level, Himachal Pradesh in the Pir Panjal region of the Himalayas.
- > This project that will connect Manali Jammu's Leh (Lahau Spiti valley) area.
- It is the longest mining highway in the world with a length of 9.02 km.

International Energy Agency invites India as Full time Member

- It has invited India to become a full-time member of the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- India became an associate member in 2017.

India re-elected to UN Human Rights Council

- India has been elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the 6th time. Member states of the Human Rights Council are elected for a period of three years.
- Members of the United Nations- 193

National Tribal Dance Festival - 2021

➤ The National Tribal Dance Festival was held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh from October 28 to 30, 2021.

❖ 100 crore corona virus vaccine doses

- India has successfully supplied 100 crores vaccination between January 16, 2021 and October 21, 2021 (279 days).
- Covishield Serum Institute of India (Pune)
- Covaxin Bharat Bio-Tech
- Sputnik V Russia
- ➤ Highly consumed vaccination Covishield

Faizabad RAILWAY STATION - Ayodhya Cantt

- Faizabad railway station in Uttar Pradesh has been renamed as "Ayodhya Cantonment".
- Faizabad railway station was opened in 1874.
- Mughalsarai Railway Junction Changed to "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Junction".
- Allahabad Railway Station renamed as 'Prayagraj'

New Urban India Seminar and Exhibition – Lucknow

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over keys to 75,000 houses built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) to the beneficiaries at the exhibition held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- PM Modi also inaugurated 75 buses (Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Dorakpur, Jhansi, Ghaziabad) under fame 2 scheme.

❖ Major General (Retd.) Xinho Commission

- It was set to fix the income ceiling for economically weaker sections to give concessions to them.
- In order to avail the benefit of reservation in medical courses, the (EWS) was fixed at Rs 8 lakh for economically weaker sections.
- Conference on "New Urban India, Transforming Urbanism" held in Uttar Pradesh
- The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the Cultural Centre on the banks of river Brahmaputra.



Economy

India's (GDP) in fiscal year 2022

➤ The World Bank has predicted that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will grow by 8.3% in fiscal 2022.

New record in sugar exports

The country's sugar exports reached a record high of 71 lakh tonnes in the 2020-21 market season, according to the Indian Sugar Mills Association.

Permission for cash transfer up to Rs 5 lakh in IMPS mode

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that it will now allow transactions of up to Rs 5 lakh in the IMPS system, which will enable immediate transfer of money from one bank account to another. At present, transactions up to Rs 2 lakh can be made through the IMPS system.

❖ Gold demand in India surges again

- The World Gold Council (WGC) has said that the demand for gold in India is rising again.
- The founding of the World Gold Council: 1987
- Headquarters: London. Chairman: Kelvin Dashningi

Economic Advisory Council chaired by PM reconstituted

- On September 25, 2017, the Economic Advisory Council under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister was reconstituted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Chairman: Bibek Debroy
- Ad hoc members Poonam Gupta, T.T.Ram Mohan

PM Narendra Modi meets WTO president

- WTO President Nicosi Okanzo Iweella arrived in India on a three-day visit. He met PM Modi in Delhi.
- The first woman and first African leader of the WTO was Nicosi Okanjo Iveyalla, a Nigerian national.
- ➤ Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland.
- Member countries 164

India's economy accounts for 9.5% IMF

- India's economy is expected to grow by 9.5% in the current fiscal, according to the International Monetary Fund.
- IMF: Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva

World

'Blue Flag' International Fighter Aircraft Exhibition

India's Mirage-2000 fighter jet participated in the 'Blue Flag' International Fighter Aircraft Expo at the Owda Air Force Base in Eilat, Israel.

South Korea series is the most loved series in the world

South Korea's 'Squid Game' horror series has become the world's most watched web series.

Chabahar Port, Iran

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has urged that the Chabahar port in Iran should be connected to the international north-south transport corridor.
- The port has been under the control of India since December 2018.
- India has constructed a railway line between Chabahar port and Shahidan.

Revelation of facts about the world's leading leaders

- The "Pandora Papers" published facts about the world's leading leaders.
- The Pandore Papers is an investigative organization started by 600 journalists from major newspapers and television channels, including the Washington Post, the BBC and the Guardian.

❖ World's first malaria vaccine

The world's first malaria vaccine will be administered to African children.

Biodiversity Conservation Fund

Chinese President Xi Jinping said at the UN's 15-leader summit on "biological diversity" that he will provide 1,700 crore funds for activities for biodiversity conservation in developing countries.

Research Centre for the Indian Art at the Churik Museum

- An exclusive research center for Indian arts and a flow ship system have been launched at the Rietberg Museum.
- The Rydberg Museum is located in Zurich, Switzerland.

Geetha Gopinath quits IMF

Indian-origin Gita Gopinath, the first woman chief advisor to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), will step down from the post in January next year.

❖ Facebook company's name is 'Meta'

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the company's name has been changed to 'Meta'.

❖ World Health Organization (WHO) chief Tedros Adhanom

Since none other than current president Tedros Adhanom Gabrielza is competing for the selection of the next WHO president, he himself will be re-elected to the post.

Aux Alliance

The USA, Britain and Australia have formed the 'Aux' alliance with the aim of enhancing Australia's submarine capability and strengthening security in the Indo-Pacific region.

The world's first Malaria vaccine - Masquerix

The vaccine, developed by the Glasgow Smith Klein Institute in Britain, was provided to the children across the Africa for the first time against malaria.

Russia successfully test-fires hypersonic missile

Russia said it had successfully carried out a test of a hypersonic missile from a submarine for the first time.

Chabahar Port- Iran

- The "Chabahar Port" is being built in Iran with Indian funding.
- ❖ In USA, the October month has been declared as the traditional month of The Hindus

Environment

"NGT has the power to file Suo motu cases"

- > The Supreme Court ruled that the "NGT has the power" to register a Suo motu case and pass an order.
- The apex court also noted that the tribunal should protect nature and take precautionary measures.
- The National Green Tribunal was established in 2010 under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

A rare butterfly in Virudhunagar

Silver Forget me not (FMN) is a known species of butterfly found in Srivilliputhur Megamalai Sanctuary in Virudhunagar.

People's movement to protect the environment

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu was present at the launch of the autobiography of 'Nursery Rajyaniki Raraju' of Bhalla Venkanna who transformed Katiyam village in Andhra Pradesh into a plant breeding center in Hyderabad.

Climate Change Summit (COP-26)

Prime Minister Modi will attend the summit on October 31 in Glasgow, UK. Prime Minister Modi along with his British counterpart Boris Johnson will launch the 'One World, One Solar One Grid' at the summit.

- The First Conference of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was created by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Berlin, Germany (1995) by the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Member States: 197. Headquarters: Bonn, Germany
- President Patricka Espinosa
- > Office languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Wildlife Recovery Centre

- Forest Minister K Ramachandran has announced that a wildlife rescue centre will be set up in the Nilgiris.
- He said a centre for the rescue and rehabilitation of injured wild animals would be set up at Mudumalai.

Science & Technology

'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Centre'

Former President of India Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. The 'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Centre' was inaugurated at the Naval Science and Technology Laboratory in Visakhapatnam on the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of ApJ Abdul Kalam and to mark the Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the country's independence.

❖ ISRO plans to launch satellites for earth observation

- > ISRO plans to launch three satellites by the end of this year for earth observation.
- ➤ ISRO is planning to launch two satellites EOS-4 (RISAT-1A) and EOS-6 (Ozone-SAT-3) on a PSLV rocket.

India's first artificial insemination (Banni) buffalo

- India's first Banni buffalo has been born through IVF fertilization. With this, the country's livestock artificial breeding technology system has reached the next level.
- The incident took place at the home of Vinay L Wala, a farmer from Susheela Agro Farms, located in Tanelj in Gujarat's Somnath district.

Persons & Appointments

Pakistan's father of nuclear weapons passes away

- > Pakistan's nuclear scientist A.Q. Khan, popularly known as the father of nuclear weapons, passed away.
- > He was born in Bhopal, India.

❖ National Infrastructure Development Bank Chairman K.V. Kamath

- Noted banking expert K V Kamath has been appointed as the first chairman of the National Infrastructure Development Bank.
- ➤ The bank has been created exclusively at a cost of Rs 20,000 crore to fund the development of infrastructure facilities in the country.

Counting of numbers : Tamil girl sets record in Singapore

A Tamil girl from Singapore has set a new national record in memorizing the highest digit numbers.

❖ RK Laxman's 100th birth anniversary

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has paid tributes to cartoonist R K Laxman on his 100th birth anniversary.
- In 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the book 'Timeless Lakshmanan'.
- ❖ K.V. Kamath has been appointed as the first Chairman of The National Infrastructure Development Bank.
- Justice A.K. Rajan Panel Impact of NEET Exam

Schemes

Swayampoorna (Self-sufficiency) Goa Project

- > The state of Goa has fulfilled the dream of a self-reliant India through swayampurna/ swayampoorna scheme
- ➤ Goa has achieved 100% in all major schemes such as the absence of open defecation, electricity, piped drinking water, food supply to the poor, etc.
- Goa has the second largest cable bridge in India.
- Goa is the only state in India where the Uniform Civil Code is in force.

Ayushman Bharat Scheme

- World's largest insurance plan
- > Black fungus treatment also included as part of the scheme
- Free medical treatment up to Rs.5,00,000 per annum
- This is being carried out by the National Health Commission.

Swamitva Yojana - Property rights for villagers

- ➤ Launched on April 24, 2020
- Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj is the implementing ministry
- Objective To provide electronic property card (ownership) in rural areas.

- > It is aimed at measuring and redrawing the lands in the villages by drones.
- > Drone Technology Promotion Scheme (unmanned aerial vehicle that measures villages, maps)
- Using the land leads to the villagers getting financial benefits and loans.

Summit

* ASEAN summit: Myanmar banned

- Other member states have decided not to invite Myanmar's military ruler Min Angliang to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit.
- The decision was taken in protest against the military's seizure of power in the country after toppling a democratically elected government.
- ASEAN launched: 8 August 1967, headquartered in Jakarta
- Member countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.

New Urban India Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a conclave titled 'New Urban India: Transforming Urbanism' in Uttar Pradesh on the 75th anniversary of the country's independence.

❖ 16th G-20 Leaders' Conference

- > Pm Modi was addressing a session on 'World Economy, Global Health' at the g-20 summit, which was held for two days in Rome, Italy.
- ➤ G-20 Launch: 2008. Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi

International Energy Agency invites India as full-time member

- Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has said that India has been invited to become a full-time member of the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- ➤ In 2017, India became an associate member of the agency.
- ➤ IEA Foundation of the Organization : 1974. Headquarters Paris

Joint Conference of CVC and CBI Organizations

- A joint conference of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was held at Kevadia in Gujarat under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister.
- The CBI was formed in 1963 and the first director of the CBI was D.P. Kohli. (D. P. Kohli).
- The current director is Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.

- ➤ It was formed in February, 1964 on the recommendations of the Committee on Prevention of Corruption headed by Santhanam.
- Nittoor Srinivasa Rau was elected as the first **CVC** Commissioner.
- The present Commissioner is Suresh N Patel.

❖ 14th Urban Mobility Conference "Urban Mobility Conference 2021"

- ➤ Union Minister Shri Hardeep S. Puri said that sustainable mobility and global access are key to achieving the 2030 Agenda of The Sustainable Development Goals.
- Theme: "Mobility for All".
- The city with the best public transport facility Surat
- State with stable transport system Kerala
- Chandni Chowk redevelopment project was awarded for the best non-motorised transport project.

Expo 2022: Dubai

- The opening ceremony of the Expo-2020 World Fair is scheduled to take place in Dubai.
- An innovative musical performance by the 'Firdous Orchestra' band featuring women musicians from various Arab countries, set up at the initiative of AR Rahman, will be held.

❖ G-20 League of Nations Summit-2023

India will chair the G-20 Summit of 2023.

18th India-Asia Summit

Based on the invite of the Sultan of Brunei Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, attended the 18th ASEAN-India Summit held on October 28, 2021

Defence

❖ NSG security at Jammu Air Force Base

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) in Jammu has been provided security by the National Security Guard (NSG) to counter an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) attack, its chief MA Ganapathy said.
- National Guard: Established on September 22, 1986.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.

US Navy Chief arrives in India

- Admiral Michael Gilde, commander-in-chief of the German Navy, arrived in India on a five-day visit.
- Admiral Karamveer Singh is the Chief of naval staff of the Indian Navy.

* B-15B warship - Visakhapatnam

- ➤ The Visakhapatnam B-15B warship, which was developed at the Mazagon shipyard in Mumbai, was handed over to the Indian Navy.
- In 2011, an agreement was signed for the manufacturing of four warships under the 15B project by Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL), a mumbai-based shipbuilding company. It was named after the major cities of the country such as Visakhapatnam, Marmagoa, Imphal and Surat.

Exercises

Malabar Naval Exercise - 2021

- It has been held annually between India and the USA since 1992.
- Japan joined in 2015 and Australia in 2020. Therefore, the Quad has now become a joint naval exercise.

| name | Countries | Training Type | location |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Gmailx (JIMEX) | India & Japan | navy | Arabian Sea |
| 'Blue Flack' (Blue Flag) Joint Exercise | India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Israel | Air Force | Jerusalem |
| Mitrashakti | India & Sri Lanka | Military Training | Ampara (Sri Lanka) |
| Konkan Power | India & United Kingdom | Triad (first time) | Arabian Sea |

Awards

'Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award 2021'

Professor Saket Saura from Chennai has been conferred with the 'Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Award 2021' for Science and Technology for Mathematical Sciences.

❖ "Heroine of the Health" 2021- விருது

Ms. Vandana Gopikumar, founder of Banyan Foundation, was awarded the "Heroine of the Health" award for 2021. The award was presented by the Women in Global Health Organisation.

❖ Oscar Award; 'Koozhangal' Tamil movie recommended

- > Tamil film 'Koozhangal' has been selected by India to be nominated for the Oscars.
- Koozhangal was awarded at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Rajinikanth gets Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2019 to actor Rajinikanth at the 67th National Film Awards ceremony.

❖ Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award

The 45th Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award has been awarded to Benyamin's novel "20 Communist Years in Mandeeril".

Vayoshreshtha Samana (National) Award

October 1, World Elders Day, Vaiyoshreshtha Samana (National) award for outstanding service (elderly welfare) was conferred to Dr. V.S. Natarajan.

❖ Government of India – Sant Kabir Award (2018) (Weavers Award)

- P. Krishnamurthy (Kancheepuram)
- 2019 Government of India Award for Best Weavers
- Kamakshi Hari
- Sarala Ganapati
- Rukmani Kaniyavel
- A. Hari

❖ Nobel Prize - 2021

Founded in 1895 by the chemist Alfred Nobel, the first prize was awarded in 1901.

| Department | Person/Persons | Discovery |
|------------|---|--|
| Medicine | David Julius & Artem Badabudian (USA) | Discovery of receptors for humans to perceive temperature and touch |
| Physics | Tsukuro Manabe (Japan), Klaus Hasselman (Germany), GeorGio Parisi (Italy) | Climate change related innovation |
| Chemistry | Benjamin List (Germany), David William Cross Macmillan (UK) | Discovery of an efficient, safe method of producing molecules that are not harmful to the environment |
| Literature | Abdulrazzaq Karna (Tanzania/UK) became the first black African to receive the award | Written emotionally about the effects of colonialism |
| Peace | Maria Reza (Philippines) and Dmitry Murado (Russia). | Those who fought to protect the freedom of the press, in spite of the oppression of their own governments, |
| Economy | Us-based economists David Gardt, Joshuadi Angrist, Guido W. Impence | Research on the labor market effects of minimum wages, immigration, and education |

Sports

8 Indians awarded International Hockey Federation award

This time it was the Indians who won all the Awards of the International Hockey Federation for the year 2020-2021. They received awards in all the 8 categories.

| Award | Names |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Player of the Year | Harmanpreet Singh |
| Player of the Year | Gurjit Kaur |
| Best Goalkeeper | P.R.Sreejesh, Savita Punia |
| The best growing player | Vivek Sagar Prasad |
| The best budding player | Sharmila Devi |
| Best Coaches | Graham Reid, Jord Marine |

Junior World Cup Shooting Championship 2021

- Indian shooters topped the medals tally at the ISSF Junior World Championships held in Lima, Peru, with a historic win with 43 medals. The USA finished second (21 medals).
- This includes 17 gold, 16 silver and 10 bronze medals.
- India's star shuttler Manu Bhaker won her fourth gold medal. With five medals (4 gold, one bronze) he created a landmark record of becoming the first Indian shooter to win the most medals.
- ➤ The 14-year-old Namiya Kapoor bagged her second gold medal.
- ISSF headquarters: Munich (Munich), Germany;
- The ISSF was established in 1907.
- > ISSF President: Vladimir Lisin.

Asian Table Tennis

The Indian men's team won a bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Doha, Qatar.

❖ World Women's Team Chess Championship: India's first win

- India won a silver medal at the FIDE World Women's Teams Chess Championship in Spain. Russia won the gold.
- It is to be noted that this is India's first medal at the World Women's Chess Championships.

India's world record for junior shooting

India's Ishwari Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Shooting Championships with a world record score of 463.4 points.

World Wrestling Championships

Ansumalik became the first Indian woman to win a silver medal at the World Wrestling Championships in Oslo, Norway.

South Asian Football India won the title

- India became the champion of the South Asian Football Federation Championship (SAFF) in the Maldives for the eighth time.
- Sunil Chhetri has also won the 'Man of the Match' (Final Game), 'Man of the Series' and 'Player of the Series' (5 goals).

Appointment of national boxing coaches

- The National Boxing Federation has appointed Suranjoy Singh and Devendra Singh as boxing coaches for the national men's team.
- The World Boxing Championships are scheduled to begin on October 24 in Serbia.

* Tamil Nadu Olympic Association president elected

Ishari Ganesh was elected unopposed as the President of the Tamil Nadu Olympic Association.

N Gowthaman appointed as Chairman of Fisheries Development Corporation

Chief Minister M K Stalin has appointed N Gowthaman as the chairman of The Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation Limited.

Index

Global Food Security

- India is ranked 71st in the Global Food Security Index. Pakistan has overtaken India in terms of cheaper food availability.
- Britain's The Economist Media Group conducted a survey of food safety in 113 countries in terms of food quality, safety, and affordable prices.

Global Hunger Index - 2021

- India is ranked 101st on the World Hunger Index with a score of 27.5. The total number of countries surveyed is 116 countries.
- This code has been jointly released by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe
- In 2020, it was ranked 94th.

Global Food Safety Index - 2021

▶ India has been ranked **71st** in the list of 113 countries in **the Global Food Security Index** 2021.

- > The organization from Britain's The Economist Group has conducted the survey on the basis of Quality, Security, cheaper prices.
- > By 2030, the goal is to achieve a hunger free state.
- 16 October World Food Day

Geographical Indication

Geographical Indication

- ➤ Geographical Indication (GI) The Geographical Indication (GI) is issued under the Goods Registration and Protection Act, 1999.
- In 2005, Darjeeling was first given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Karnataka has the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the highest number of items in the country.
- Promotion of Industry The Ministry of Internal Trade, Commerce and Industry provides the Geographical Indication (GI Tag).
- A total of 431 items have been given geographical indications in India. In Tamil Nadu alone, 41 items have been supplied.

Geographical Indication for Kanyakumari Clove

- Cloves grown in hilly areas of Kanyakumari district have been given geographical disadvantage as "Kanyakumari clove".
- Tall coconut produced at Ethamozhi in Kanyakumari district has got geographical indication (GI) earlier.
- In the 17th century, kalamkari paintings evolved under the rule of the Nayaks.

Geographical Indication (GI Tag) for Tamil Nadu goods

- A Geographical Indication (GI) is assigned to a particular geographical location or place, geographical indication (identification) for traditionally produced agricultural products, natural products, handicrafts, etc.
- Moreover, many traditional items from Tamil Nadu such as Madurai Jasmine, Kanchi Silk, Bhavani Jamakkalam, Nilgiris Tea, Tanjore Paintings, Dindigul Lock, Erode Turmeric, Kodaikanal Malaipoondu, Srivilliputhur palkova, Karaikudi Kandangi Saree, Palani Panchamirtham have been given geographical indications.

Geographical indication for Kalamkari paintings, wood carvings

Geographical Indication Recognition Certificates have been obtained from the Geographical Indication Registry for handicrafts such as Kallakurichi wood carving, Karuppur Kalamkari painting, Thanjavur Neti work and Arumbavoor wood carving.

Books

Book on difficulties faced by differently abled persons

- The book "Swimming Against Tide" was written by Madhavi Latha.
- > She is a para-athlete and president of the Wheelchair Basketball Federation.

"Gandhi Vinobha a Memoir"

The Gandhi Peace Institute has demanded that the book "Gandhi Vinobha a Memoir" written by Thirumalai ji be included in the Tamil Nadu government syllabus.

History of the Partition of India

- The Information and Broadcasting Department has produced a book titled History of The Partition of India, which chronicles the hardships faced by Gandhiji in South Africa.
- The book was released by Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi.
- Nursery Rajyaniki Raaji an autobiography of Bhalla Venkanna from Andhra Pradesh.

Thirukkural – Pearls of Inspiration

Thirukkural has been translated into English by Dr. M. Rajaram IAS as pearls of wisdom

Important Days

- 1. October 1 National Voluntary Blood Day
- 2. October 2 Ahimsa Day
- 3. October 4 World Animal Day
 - Theme: "Forest and Livelihoods: sustaining people and planet"
- 4. October 4 World Habitat Day
 - The theme is to accelerate urban activities for a carbon-free world
- 5. October 5 Thaniperungarunai Day (Vallalar's birthday)
- 6. October 9 World Post Day
- 7. National Postal Week 9 October to 15 October

- 8. October 11 International Day of the Girl Child
 - ➤ The theme is 'Digital Generation'
- 9. October 11 Birth anniversary of Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narayan
- 10. October 12 National Farmers Day
- 11. Bone Week 12 October to 20 October
- 12. October 15 World Students' Day
- 13. October 16 World Food Day
- 14. Corruption Monitoring Awareness Week from October 26 to November 1
- 15. October 21 Police Day
- 16. October 31 National Unity Day (Indira Gandhi Death Anniversary)

