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### **Tamil Nadu**

#### Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women reconstituted

- > The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women has been reconstituted. A.S. Kumari has been appointed as its chairman.
- > Dr Malathi Narayanasamy, P Geetha Natarajan, P Seethapathy, MSKBhavanirajendran and R Rani from Erode have been appointed as members.
- ➤ Both the members of the Legislative Assembly have been nominated as members. Krishnarayapuram MLA K. Sivakamasundari, MLA from Chengalpattu. M Varalakshmi has been appointed.
- The Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women was constituted in the year 1993 to deal with cases relating to crimes against women. The Commission consists of the Chairperson of the State Commission for Women and nine members.

#### Journalists Welfare Board

- The Tamil Nadu government has appointed members to the Press Welfare Board.
- Information Minister M.P. Swaminathan will act.

#### Devaneya Pavanar Birthday Celebrations

The 120th birth anniversary celebrations of Tamil scholar and orator Devaneyar Pavanar ("Mozhi gnayiru Devaneyar Pavanar") was celebrated at the premises of the Directorate of Classical Tamil Etymology Agara Mudali Project, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

#### Pasi beads, elephant tusk dice found at Keeladi

> The 8th phase of excavations at Keeladi near Thirupuvanam in Sivagangadistrict has for the first time found algae and a rectangular dice made of ivory.

#### **❖ U.V.S.A. Birthday**

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Tamil grandfather U.V. Swaminathaiyar, a tribute was paid to his portrait in the premises of The Presidency College, Chennai.

#### Birth anniversary of freedom fighter M.Singaravelar

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of freedom fighter M. Singaravelar, a portrait of freedom fighter M. Singaravelar was paid homage at the Collectorate premises in Chennai.

#### **❖** Anjalai Ammal Memorial Day

February 20 is the death anniversary of Anjalai Ammal, the first woman to participate in the Indian freedom struggle in South India.

> She was the first woman in South India to participate in the Non-Cooperation Movement of 1921. She was pregnant and went to jail with her 9-year-old daughter. Anjalai Ammal was known by Mahatma Gandhi as the Queen of Jhansi of South India.

#### New law to protect transgenders

- The Tamil Nadu government has added a new section to prevent the police from unnecessarily harassing transgenders and homosexuals.
- Section 24-C has been included in the Procedural Rules of Police Officers.
- Tamil Nadu was the first state to implement a law to protect transgender homosexuality communities.

#### Mother Tongue Day Celebrations in Agaramudali Movement

The World Mother Language Day celebrations were held on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu under the theme 'Eppozhudum Mupozhudum Enn Thamizhe!' in the Directorate of Classical Tamil Etymology Dictionary Project.

#### Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

For the first time in the country, 10 charging stations have been set up on the Chennai-Trichy-Madurai highway, which was set up on behalf of Bharat Petroleum.

#### **❖** Appointment of Chief Justice of Madras High Court

Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

# Hatchery for Olive Ridleys in Villupuram

> Villupuram Forest Department, as part of its conservation effort to protect turtle nests, will soon set up a second artificial hatchery for the endangered Olive Ridley turtles along the coast of the district.

#### ❖ A plan to remove the zucchini

The Madras High Court has directed the state government to formulate a plan within two weeks to destroy Seemaikaruvelam (*Prosopis juliflora*) trees in all districts of the state.

#### A plan to take Tamil to the world

- Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin will release books including Silappathikaram, which were translated into English under the 'Take Tamil to the World' programme, at the Chennai Book Fair.
- ➤ It is a joint venture of Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (TNTB and ESC) and private publishing houses to promote the rich literary history and culture of Tamil Nadu. The scheme was launched in the year 2017.

Silappathikaram, which has been translated into English under the title The Tale of Anklet, stories by Sahitya Akademi awardee Thoppil Muhammed Meeran, Tamil writer S Ramakrishnan's Katha Vilasam, essays on Tamil short story writers, will be released by the Chief Minister. Hebsiba Jesuthan's Putham Veedu novel and short stories by Dalit writers. These are six books in a collection of 12 books selected for translation.

#### **❖ Tamil Nadu Urban Local Body Elections**

- Elections to 649 urban local bodies in Tamil Nadu, including 21 corporations, 138 municipalities and 490 town panchayats, will be held in a single phase on February 19.
- > "NOTA" was introduced in the state elections, including Delhi, in 2013. In the Yercaud elections held on December 4, 2013, "NOTA" was introduced and a large number of "NOTA" votes were cast in large numbers, i.e., 42,000 nota votes.

#### Consumer Index Number: Tamil Nadu tops the list

- Tamil Nadu tops the index for agricultural labourers with 1292 points. Himachal Pradesh is at the bottom with 869 points.
- Tamil Nadu topped the index for rural workers with 1278 points, followed by Himachal Pradesh with 917 points.

#### CM inaugurates 45th Book Fair in Chennai

- Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the 45th Edition of the Chennai Book Fair. Chief Minister later visited the Kalaignar Treasury Hall set up there and later, the Chief Minister visited the Porunai Riverbank Archaeological Gallery, which is located in 5,000 square feet.
- Kalaignar presented the Golden Kili and The Babasi Awards and released the books.
- ➤ I have now published six books under the 'Dravidam' programme.
- Silapathikaram, translated into English under the title *The Tale of Anklet*, a collection of short stories by some of the greatest Dalit writers in Tamil, short stories by Sahitya Akademi award-winning **Thoppil**Mohammed Meeran, 'Kathavilasam' written by S Ramakrishnan introducing 50 Tamil short story writers and *Putham Veedu* by Hepsiba Jesudasan, one of the most notable writers of Tamil novels, have been translated and published in English.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Karunanidhi Golden Kili Award 2022		
Prose Journalist	Samas	
drama	Prasanna Ramasamy	
Poet poet	Asaithampi	
fiction	Vanilla	

Foreign Language	Paul Zachariah
English	Meena Kandasamy

Babasi Awards			
Best Publisher Award	Meenakshi Somasundaram and Ravi Thamizhvanan		
Best Bookseller Award	Ponnazhagu		
Best Child Writer Award	Thiruvai Babu		
Best Tamil Scholar Award	Devira		
The first female publisher for best female writer	Bharathi Bhaskar		
Best Children's Science Book	K.Y. Balasubramanian		

#### India

#### 50th Anniversary of ICRISAT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 50th anniversary celebrations of the International Crops Research Institute for semi-arid tropics (ICRISAT) at Patancheru in Hyderabad.

#### The best state decorative vehicle of the Republic Day parade

The 2022 Republic Day Parade was attended by decorators from 12 States/UTs, in which Uttar Pradesh's decorative vehicle has been selected as the best state decorator.

#### The first IIT to be set up outside India

India is set to set up its premier educational institution, the IIT, abroad for the first time in the UAE.

#### India ranks second in steel production

India is the second largest producer of steel, second only to China with a production of 1032.8 million tonnes.

#### Jammu and Kashmir Delimitation Committee

A committee headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and state election officer K K Sharma, has been constituted to carry out the delimitation work in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### 100 years of the Chauri Chaura incident

On February 04, 1922, the Government of India observed the 100th anniversary of the Chauri Chaura incident in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

#### **❖** Water taxi service for the first time in India

For the first time in India, a water taxi service has been launched on a waterway between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, 30 km away.

#### Helmets are mandatory for children as well.

Helmets (helmets) have also been made mandatory for children below the age of 4 years who are being transported on two-wheelers. Also, it has been made mandatory for the driver of the vehicle to tie the child to his body with a safety belt.

#### Khadi Emporium

- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has cancelled the "Khadi Certificate" of the Mumbai Khadi & Village Industries Association (MKVIA), one of its bodies.
- The license of The Khadi & Village Industries Association of Mumbai has been cancelled as it has started selling fake Khadi products against KVIC's "zero-tolerance" policy against the sale of fake/non-khadi products.
- Year KVIC was established: 1956

#### **Festival**

#### Spitak Custer Festival

The Spitak Custer Festival is an annual celebration that celebrates the culture and heritage in regions like Leh and Ladakh.

#### Kanjot Festival

The Kanjot festival, also known as Gauri Tridhya, is an ancient festival of the People of Bhaderwah and is celebrated in the Chenab Valley region of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Maru Mahotsav .

The Maru Mahotsav festival (desert festival) was held from February 13 to 16 at Bohran village in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer.

#### Torkia Festival

Torkia, a festival of the Monpa tribal community of Arunachal Pradesh, is celebrated at the Tawang Mutt in Arunachal Pradesh.

# **Economy**

#### India's economy grows at 8.5%

The country's overall economic growth is estimated to be 8-8.5 per cent in the financial year 2022-23, according to the Economic Survey 2021-22.

#### ❖ 6.6% slowdown in economic growth in 2020-21

The Indian economy contracted by 6.6 percent in 2020-21, according to data from the National Statistical Office.

#### Interlinking of Rivers Project Announced

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her budget speech, had proposed the interlinking of five rivers project.
- The rivers selected for this link; Godavari Krishna, Krishna Pennar and Pennar Cauvery, Damanganga Pinjal and Bar Tapati Narmada.
- The Krishna River, India's fourth largest river, originates in Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra.
- The Godavari, India's third largest river, originates at Nasik.

# **Budget**

#### Union Budget

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2022-23 in Parliament.
- This is his fourth budget and the paperless budget to be presented for the second time in a row.
- Budget Article 112
- Former finance minister Morarji Desai has presented the budget a maximum of eight times.
- ➤ The first budget after India's independence was presented on November 26, 1947. Ke. Filed by Shanmugam Chettiar.

#### PM Kathi Shakti

Roads, railways, airports, ports, rapid transport, waterways, transport infrastructure are the 7 engines that operate PM Kathi shakti

# Tax Relief for Differently Abled Persons

The annual amount or the total amount received from the insurance scheme will be allowed for the dependents of differently-abled persons during the life period of the parents/guardians i.e. when the parents/guardians attain the age of 60 years.

#### Energy Change and Climate Action Plan:

➤ To achieve the target of 280 GW of solar power generation by 2030, an additional Rs 19,500 crore will be allocated as production-linked incentive for producing high-capacity solar devices.

#### DESH-Stack e-website

A digital system for skill and livelihood (DESH-Stack e-website) will be launched to improve the skills of people through online training.

#### Parvatamala

The National Ropeway Development Project will be carried out in parvatamalai public-private partnership.

#### Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

➤ Udhayam, e-Shram, NCS and Azim (ASEEM) websites will be merged together.

#### Scheme for taxation of virtual digital assets

- A specific tax regime has been introduced for virtual digital assets. The proceeds from any virtual digital property transfer will be taxed at the rate of 30 per cent.
- The 'One Class- One TV Channel' of the Prime Minister's e-Vidya Yojana will be expanded to 200 TV channels.
- ❖ A new scheme called Pradhan Mantri-DevINE has been launched for social development projects in the North Eastern States.
- ❖ The tax exemption limit for state government employees has also been increased from 10% to 14%.
- ❖ The corporate surcharge will be reduced from 12% to 7%.
- There is no change in the private income tax exemption limit (Rs 2.5 lakh).
- An interest-free loan of Rs 1 lakh crore will be given to the states, which will be given a 50-year period to repay.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 80 lakh houses will be built at a cost of Rs 48,000 crore.
- ❖ Import duty on gemstones has been reduced from 7.5% to 5%.
- Union Budget 2022-23



#### World

#### "Kwid Tobago" processor

It has been introduced by the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Southeast Asian region. This app helps people to give up tobacco use in all forms.

#### Blue Economic Agreement

- The agreement titled 'European Union-India Cooperation: Guide to 2025' was signed to strengthen cooperation in areas such as blue economy and maritime governance.
- The MoU paves the way for cooperation and work in the areas of maritime trade, shipbuilding industry, fisheries, maritime technology, research, marine surveillance, marine biodiversity, coastal surveillance-management, marine green tourism, inland waterways transportation, planning on maritime policy, etc.
- Nepal is the first country to adopt India's Digital Payments (UPI) system.

#### Drones – Israel

It was the first country to grant permission to a private company to operate drones in the public transport area.

#### **Environment**

#### India's first geographical park

- India's first geological park has been built at Lamheta in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- Lamheta has been declared a UNESCO Geological Heritage Site.

#### Ramsar sites in India

The Khijadia Bird Sanctuary in Jamnagar in Gujaratand the Pakira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh have been included in the Ramsar list in India, taking the total number of Ramsar Sanctuaries in India to 49.

#### Aravalli Biodiversity Park

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) declared the Aravalli Biodiversity Park as India's first "Other Effective Area Based Conservation Measures" (OECM) site.

#### Hydrogen plant

India's first biomaterial-based hydrogen plant will be set up in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa district.

#### First Biodiversity Park

Himachal Pradesh's first biodiversity park will be set up in pula valley in Mandi to conserve endangered Himalayan herbs.

#### Sustainable Cities India Project

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on "Sustainable Cities India Project".
- Inception: January 1971, Headquarters: Golokni

#### e-Waste Eco Park

- The Delhi Cabinet has approved India's first e-waste eco-park.
- An eco-friendly park will be built using e-waste on 20 acres of land in Delhi.

#### ❖ "Gobar's" bio-natural gas plant

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated the 550-tonne "Gobar Dhan" bio-natural gas plant in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, built at a cost of Rs 150 crore, via video conferencing.

#### Saraska Tiger Reserve

The tiger population in Rajasthan's Saraska Tiger Reserve has risen to 25.

#### New spider and woodpecker species

- A species of spider called Carrhotustholpettyensis has been discovered from the wet deciduous forests of Thelpetti forest division of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in the Western Ghats.
- New researchers have also discovered a new tree disc species of Delarthrumanomalans on the campus of the University of Calicut.

#### India ranks third in the world in terms of forest cover

➤ India has increased its forest cover over the past decade and has been ranked third globally in average annual net profit in forest cover since 2010-2020, according to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Annual Economic Survey.

#### Aravalli Biodiversity Park

The International Union for Natural Resources has declared the Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram, Haryana, as India's first "area-based and other effective area-based conservation measures".

#### White-faced mandi

Scientists recently discovered white-faced mandis in Arunachal Pradesh.

# **Science & Technology**

#### Hydrogen-powered flying boat

- > The world's first hydrogen-powered boat, The Jet, has been launched in Dubai.
- It has been produced by Dubai's The Jet Zero Emisson.

#### **❖** EOS-04 satellite

- The missile was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota by the EOS-04 satellite PSLV-C52 rocket.
- Inception: 7 April 1948, headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

#### 'Kisan' mobile app

- The 'Kisan' mobile app has been launched by the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Uttarakhand.
- The app, which provides agro-meteorological services to farmers, has been developed as part of the 'Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva' programme.

#### The most powerful supercomputer in India

- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has established Param Pravega, one of the most powerful supercomputers in India, under the National Supercomputing Programme (NSM).
- ➤ Its total supercomputing capacity is 3.3 betaflops (1 betaflob is a quadrillion). It has been designed by the Center for Advanced System Development (C-DAC).

# **Persons & Appointments**

#### Mangatram Sharma

Mangatram Sharma has been appointed as the nodal officer for the speedy implementation of government schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

#### Head of the Security Intelligence Agency

➤ G.A.V. Reddy has been appointed as the head of the Security Intelligence Agency.

#### ❖ Lata Mangeshkar

- Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar passed away. He is known as the Nightingale of India and the Musical Queen of India.
- ▶ He was a recipient of the Bharat Ratna in 2001 and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1989.

#### Kabir of Karnataka

➤ Ibrahim Sutar, popularly known as the 'Kabir of Karnataka', passed away. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2018.

#### New Director of NCERT

Professor Dinesh Prasad Saklani has been appointed as the new director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training.

#### **❖** New Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)

- Dr Unnikrishnan Nair has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- ➤ It was founded on 21 November 1963.

#### Scheme

#### Pare Shikshalaya

An open-air classroom scheme has been launched in West Bengal. It has been named 'Pare Shikshalaya'.

#### 'Ziva' project

This scheme has been introduced by NABARD. It is an agro-ecological project.

#### ❖ Smile Plan

The scheme aims to provide welfare schemes to transgenders and people engaged in the act of begging.

#### Saubhagya Scheme

- Under this scheme, arrangements have been made to provide solar-based electricity to households separately.
- > Rajasthan tops the list in providing solar power to the maximum number of households.

#### Kunsnyom Project

- The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) has launched a scheme called Kunsnyom for the Differently Abled.
- Kunsnyom means "equal to all, fair to all".

#### ❖ SeHAT Plan

In May 2021, the Ministry of Defence launched a scheme called "SeHAT - Social Endeavor for Health and Telemedicine) to provide online health assistance and telecommunication counselling services to all armed forces personnel and their families.

➤ In addition, facilities such as home delivery of medicines or self-transportation of medicines to patients seeking counselling under the SeHAT scheme have been launched from February 1, 2022.

#### **Summit**

#### Global Summit on Museum Redesign in India

The Ministry of Culture will organise a global summit on redesigning museums in India. This conference is the first of its kind summit.

#### **Defence**

#### Operation AAHT

The Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) has taken steps across the country to prevent human trafficking. It has been named 'Operation AAHT'.

#### **❖ Operation Ganga**

- The central and state governments are taking steps to rescue indians living in Ukraine. The operation has been named "Operation Ganga".
- Vande Bharat Mission is a scheme to bring back Indians from different countries to India during the Covid pandemic.

#### 'Operation Katma'

The book 'Operation Kaatma', written by journalists R C Kanju and Ashwini Bhatnagar, is based on the action of the Special Operations Group of the Jammu & Kashmir Police with regard to the Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF).

#### **Exercise**

#### Milan-India joint naval exercise

Name	Countries	Type of Training	Location
Milan Joint Training	India + more than 40 countries	navy	Visakhapatnam
Dharma Guardian Training	India and Japan	Military Training	Karnataka (Belagavi)

#### **Awards**

#### Yuva Puraskar Award

The Yuva Puraskar (Tamil) for the year 2021 has been conferred on Karthik Subramanian for his novel Nakshatravasi, a short story writer from Rajapalayam.

#### Laureus Award

India's Neeraj Chopra has been nominated for the best turning point category.

#### President's Colours (Nishan) Award

- ➤ The President's Colours (Nishan) Award is the highest award given to the army.
- It will be given to the army unit which served the nation well during the war and during peaceful times.

#### Sahitya Akademi's Yuva Puraskar Award

Short story writer Karthik Balasubramanian has won the Sahitya Akademi's Yuva Puraskar award for the year 2021 for his novel 'NakshatraVasi'.

# **Sports**

#### World Sportsman Award

- The World Sportsman of the Year 2021 award was presented to Indian hockey team player PR Sreejesh.
- She is the second Indian after Rani Rampal to win the award in 2019.

#### ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2021

New Zealand's Daryl Mitchell has been selected for the ICC Spirit of Cricket Awards 2021.

#### U19 Cricket World Cup 2022

➤ In the 2022 U19 Cricket World Cup final, India defeated England to win the title for the fifth time.

#### ❖ Winter Olympic Games - 2022

The 2022 Winter Olympics were held in Beijing. Norway topped the list with 37 medals, including 16 gold.

#### ❖ 1000th ODI: India beat India by 7 wickets

India defeated West Indies by 6 wickets in their 1000th ODI at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

#### 2028 Olympics

- ➤ The 2028 Olympics will be held in Los Angeles.
- ➤ 2024 Olympics Paris

> 2022 Olympic Games - Tokyo

Dadasaheb Phalke Awards - 2021		
Best Film Award	Pushpa: The Rise	
Best Actor Award:	Ranveer Singh	
A Nation to Protect	Priyam Gandhi Modi	

# Index

#### International Intellectual Property Code 2022

- > The index is released by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Center for Global Innovation Policy.
- > 55 countries have been ranked. India is ranked 43rd in the list.
- The UNITED States, Britain, Germany, Sweden and France have been ranked in the top five respectively in the International Intellectual Property Index.

#### **Books**

Book	Auth <mark>or</mark>	Publishing
Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Sagarika Ghose	
Peerless Governance	Kiran Bedi	
Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra	Navdeep Singh Gill	
How to prevent the next infection	Bill Gates	
Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War	Samuel Moine	
'The Great Tech Game'	Anirudh Suri	
"The \$10 Trillion Dream"	Subhash Chandra Garg (former Finance Secretary of India)	
"A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 Years of Independence"	Ruskin Bond	(6)/
I also became a judge.	Justice Chandru (former Madras High Court Judge) Note: Jaibheem	
Historical views of indigenous architecture in Kanchipuram	J. Sumathi	Indological Research Institute
Kaveripakkam - History and Art Traditions	V.N.Srinivasa Desikan	Indological Research Institute

# **Important Day**

- February 01 Indian Coast Guard Day
- February 02 World Mangrove Day
  - ➤ On February 2, 1972, a mangrove conference was held in the Iranian city of Ramsar.
  - Mangroves make up 6% of the world's total land.
  - ➤ Theme for 2022: "Wetland Action for People and Nature"
- February 01-07 World Religious Harmony Week
- February 4 World Cancer Day
- February 6 International Day against Female Genital Mutilation
- February 14 to 18 RBI Financial Literacy Week
  - > The RBI has been following it since 2016.
- February 10 World Pulses Day
- February 11 International Day for Women and Women in Science
- February 11 World Unani Day
- February 13 Indian National Women's Day
  - Sarojini Naidu's birth anniversary. He is known by the nicknames 'Nightingale of India' or 'Bharat Kokila'.
- February 15 International Day of Childhood Cancer
- February 24 Central Excise Day
  - > It is celebrated to commemorate the act of the Central Excise and Salt Act since 1944.
- February 27 World NGO Day
- February 27 National Protein Day
  - The aim of this day is to create awareness about protein deficiency.
- February 28 National Science Day in India
- February 27 National Polio Immunization Day
  - India was declared polio-free in 2012.
  - The entire South Asian region was declared polio-free in 2013.