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Tamil Nadu

❖ I'm the first one's plan

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme, which aims to make students and youth the first of all.

❖ The book "One of You "

- Congress president Rahul Gandhi released the book 'Oruvan Oruvan' written by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin.
- This is M.K. This is the first part of a book on Stalin's journey of life.

❖ In Dubai, Tamil Nadu to ink contracts for Rs 2,600 crore investment

- Chief Minister M K Stalin, who is on a four-day visit to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, met various investors there and MOU's are being signed with industry houses. In this regard, MoUs worth Rs 2,500 crore were exchanged in the presence of Chief Minister M K Stalin.

❖ Ambulance for street animals

- India's first ambulance for stray animals was launched in Chennai.
- The project has been launched jointly by the International Animal Welfare Organization (Four Pav) and India's Blue Cross.

❖ A visual picture of Tamil Nadu in the tallest building in the world

- Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Tuesday witnessed a visual film on Tamil Nadu, which was broadcast on the world's tallest 2,217-foot-tall Burj Khalifa Tower in Dubai.

❖ Moovalur Ramamirtham Assistance Scheme Revised

- The scheme is being converted into the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Guarantee Scheme, Finance Minister P.T.R. Palanivel Thyagarajan announced.
- It is with the lofty view that education is a permanent asset that the "thali gold supply scheme" has been changed to a "scheme of providing a monthly stipend of Rs 1,000 to girls studying in government schools in classes 6 to 12 and pursuing higher studies".
- In 1989, the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Marriage Assistance Scheme, launched by former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, was the first to provide financial assistance of Rs. 5,000.
- Later, in 2009, it was increased to Rs 25,000.
- Later in 2011, the scheme was increased to Rs 50,000 and 4 grams of gold was added to the thali during the tenure of former Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa. In 2016, it was increased to 8 grams of gold.

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❖ "Women's Education Promotion Scheme"

- In order to improve the quality of education of scheduled caste and scheduled tribe girl children, the "Girls Education Promotion Scheme" is being implemented with the objective of ensuring 100 per cent enrolment of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe girl children under the Special Scheme for Promotion of Girl Education.
- Accordingly, the adi dravidar and tribal girl children studying from 3 standard to 5 standard are given a monthly incentive. As far as tribal girls are concerned, this scheme is being implemented in all the districts except Chennai.
- Incentives are also given to the girl students studying in 6th standard to continue their studies.
- Theresa Ninaivu Destitute Women Marriage Assistance Scheme, E.V.R.Maniammaiyar Ninaivu Poor Widow Daughter Marriage Assistance Scheme, Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar Ninaivu Widow Remarriage Assistance Scheme, Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Ninaivu Intercaste Marriage Assistance Scheme are also under implementation.

❖ Thirukkural National Book Conference

- Tamil is the official language of the Indian Union and the National Book Conference on Thirukkural was held at the Tamil Sangam, Chennai.

❖ Genetic bank for pepper, nutmeg, cloves

- A gene bank for pepper, nutmeg and cloves will be set up in government plantations in Nilgiris, Kodaikanal, Kolli hills, Courtallam, Yercaud and Jawadhu hills.

❖ Upgraded Food Parks

- Upgraded food parks will be set up at Theni, Tindivanam and Manapparai.

❖ Tamil Nadu Government Data Policy 2022

- A committee headed by the chief secretary has been constituted to monitor the state-level data.
- A committee headed by The Tamil Nadu e-Governance Corporation will provide guidance for the implementation of the scheme.
- The CHIEF Executive Officer of TNeGA will act as the Chief Data Officer of the state.

❖ Thirukkural, the story book of a tamarind tree: CM releases

- Thirukkural, which is revered as the universal mystery, has been translated into Telugu by Prof. Jayaprakash and the story of 'Oru Puliyamaram' written by noted writer Sundara Ramasamy has been translated into Telugu by Gowri Kripanandan. These two books were released by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

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❖ **Narikoravar-Kuruvikkar community to be included in ST list**

- Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has urged the government to take steps to include narikoravar and kuruvikkar communities in the list of scheduled tribes.

❖ **Water Management: National Awards for Tamil Nadu**

- Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of states that have excelled in water management as a whole.
- The second position was bagged by Rajasthan. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presented the award to Tamil Nadu.
- In the second National Water Award presented in 2020, Tamil Nadu was ranked first.
- Kaveripattinam Girls Higher Secondary School, Krishnagiri district was awarded the first prize in the best schools category in water management.
- Vellapputhur Panchayat of Chengalpattu district bagged the second prize in the best panchayat category (south zone level).
- Madurai Corporation bagged the third prize in the best urban local body category.

❖ **Appointment of transgender council member**

- N Ramamoorthy, a photographer of the "Dinamani" Villupparam edition, has been appointed as a member of the National Transgender Council.

❖ **Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University appointed**

- V Geethalakshmi has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

❖ **NITI Aayog's Export Readiness Index - 2021**

- This is the second year in a row that Gujarat has topped the list. This is followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

❖ **Biodiversity Eco Park at Pandalgudi**

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin inaugurated the newly developed Biodiversity Eco-Park at Pandalkudi near Aruppukottai.
- It has designed a waterway, dry vegetation like cactus, adiyamthottam, pandal park, grassland, stone park and dense forests.

❖ **A separate website for availing loans for micro and small enterprises**

- A separate portal is being set up for the implementation of credit guarantee scheme for micro and small enterprises. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at the Secretariat.

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- ❖ **For the first time in the country, a floating solar power plant has been commissioned in Thoothukudi.**
 - Thoothukudi: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Tuesday inaugurated the first-ever floating solar power plant set up by in Thoothukudi.
- ❖ **First Regional Conference on Disaster Management**
 - Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary V. Iraiyanbu inaugurated the first Regional Conference on Disaster Management organized by the National Disaster Management Authority in coordination with the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority.
- ❖ **A new app called 'Our School, Our Pride'**
 - Chennai: The School Education Department has developed a new app named 'Our School, Our Pride' at the Anna Centenary Commemoration Library in Kotturpuram, Chennai. It was introduced by School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi yesterday.
 - our school; Through the 'Our Pride' programme, it is a project on how to improve the existing school management team and create awareness about it.
- ❖ **Chief Minister's Innovation Plan**
 - The Tamil Nadu government has announced the Chief Minister's Innovative Programme to select the youth of Tamil Nadu and improve their skills to help the government.
 - In this, the youth will be trained with incentive pay for a period of two years on the basis of professional and educational basis and then selected.
 - The youth will be tasked with implementing the flagship schemes of the Chief Minister's Office and the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ **Solar Power Plant in Trincomalee**
 - NTPC, Ceylon Electricity Board and CEB jointly signed an agreement to set up a solar power plant at Trincomalee.
- ❖ **Tamil Nadu tops the list in encroachment of water bodies**
 - Tamil Nadu tops the list of states with the highest number of encroachments of water bodies in the country. Around 8,366 water bodies have been encroached upon, Minister of State for Jal Shakti Vishweshwar Dudu said in the Rajya Sabha.

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❖ Bill introduced to take over Chikkaiah Naicker College

- A bill was introduced in the Assembly to allow the government to take over the Chikkaiah Naicker College , which was introduced by Higher Education Minister K Ponmudi.
- The College was established on July 12, 1954 at Erode under the guidance of Periyar E. V. Ramasamy.
- In 1959, the college was renamed as Chikkaiah Naicker Mahajana College and in 1970 it was renamed as Chikkaiah Naicker College.

❖ Tamil Nadu Assembly appoints first woman Dubashi

- In the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, only men were appointed as dupashis. For the first time, Rajalakshmi has been appointed as the director of Dubashi.
- During the British rule, the Dubashis were appointed as translators and since then the Dubashis have been appointed to assist the Speaker.

❖ "Cath Lab" in artificial intelligence technique

- For the first time in Tamil Nadu, a Cath Laboratory on Artificial Intelligence technology has been launched in Chennai.

Agriculture Budget 2022-2023

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister MRK Panneerselvam presented the second agriculture budget in the state assembly on Tuesday.
- ❖ A sum of Rs.300 crore has been allocated for the implementation of Kalaignar's All-Village Agriculture Development Programme.
- ❖ A separate web portal titled 'Tamil Soil Resources' will be developed in collaboration with The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to learn about the soil fertility in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ 2 Millet Special Zones to encourage production of millets.
- ❖ The millet festival will be held at the district level and state level under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.
- ❖ Tur production zones will be set up in four districts including Salem, Krishnagiri, Thiruvannamalai and Dharmapuri.
- ❖ Food parks will be set up at Tindivanam, Theni and Manapparai at a cost of Rs 381 crore.
- ❖ An industrial estate for agricultural produce will be established in Thiruvarur district to ensure that the produce gets remunerative price.

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- ❖ A new scheme called The State Agriculture Development Programme will be implemented. A sum of Rs.71 crore has been allocated for this purpose.
- ❖ Farmers' markets function only in the morning. A farmers' market per district for sale of millets will also be allowed to function in the evening.
- ❖ A grading centre for pepper and coffee beans will be set up in the Nilgiris.
- ❖ The scheme will be implemented to promote intercropping in an area of 38,000 acres at a cost of Rs.27.51 crore for the farmers who have cultivated coconut, mango, guava, banana etc.
- ❖ A wholesale vegetable market complex will be set up in Theni, Coimbatore and Kanyakumari with public-private partnership.

India

❖ Skoch State Governance Ranking

- Andhra Pradesh has topped the Skoch State Governance Rankings for 2021.

❖ e-Vidhan

- Nagaland became the first state in the country to become a completely paperless assembly.
- It has been implemented under the National e-Vidhan Application (NEVA) scheme.
- NeVA enables to conduct parliamentary proceedings in a paperless manner.

❖ Prime Minister's Bharatiya Jan Aushadhiyam

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Prime Minister's Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendra, launched in 2015, has so far saved up to Rs 13,000 crore of poor and middle-class people's money by selling medicines at low prices.

❖ Urdu is the second language in Andhra Pradesh

- The Andhra Pradesh government led by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has agreed to an amendment to the law to select Urdu as a second language along with Telugu.

❖ Centre for Traditional Medicine

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the setting up of a Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) by WHO (World Health or Organization) at Jamnagar in Gujarat. The Government of India has entered into an agreement with the World Organization in this regard.
- WHO GCTM, which will be developed under the small initiative of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sovarikpa and Homoeopathy), will be the first global hub for traditional medicine.

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❖ India's first women's industrial park

- India's first women's industrial park was opened in Hyderabad. It is being run by ficci women's organization in collaboration with the state government.

❖ Chardham Planning Commission

- The Chardham Pariyojana "aims to improve connectivity (Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri) to Chardham Pilgrimage Centres.
- Former Supreme Court judge A K Sikri has been appointed as the chairman of the Chardham Planning Commission.

❖ Maternal Mortality Rate in India

- Kerala tops the list in maternal and child health.
- Kerala has recorded the lowest maternal mortality rate (30 deaths-per lakh births) in India.
- The country's Gross Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has improved to 103 during 2017-19.
- Kerala has achieved the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of MMR in 2020 itself. Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) is defined as the number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.
- The top 3 states with the lowest MMR in India are:
 1. Kerala
 2. Telangana
 3. Maharashtra
- West Bengal, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh are at the bottom of the list.

Festival

❖ Dhol Utsav

- Dhol Utsav or Dhol Jatra is celebrated in West Bengal. It's a festival of colours."

Economy

❖ National Infrastructure and Development Financing Bank

- The bank will be converted into an All India Financial Institution under the RBI Act.
- This is to be changed under sections 45L and 45N of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- All India Financial Institutions currently under rbi
 1. Exim Bank (EXIM Bank)
 2. NABARD
 3. National Housing Bank (NHB)
 4. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

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❖ Madhavi Puri appointed sebi chairman

- Madhavi Puri Buch has been appointed as the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India. This is the first time that a woman has taken over as sebi chairman.

❖ India is the fastest growing economy in the world.

- India's economic growth slowed to 5.4 per cent in the third quarter of the financial year 2021-22. However, it has been revealed that India has grown more than China's 4 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth during the same period and continues to maintain its position as the world's fastest growing economy.

World

❖ Retail inflation rises by 6.07%

- Retail inflation in the country rose to 6.07 per cent in February and the wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation to 13.11 per cent.

❖ Production of Indian gold mine 1.6 tonnes

- According to the World Gold Council (WGC), only 1.6 tonnes of gold was mined from Indian mines in 2020.

❖ Finland is the happiest country in the world

- This is the 5th year in a row that Finland has become the happiest country in the world. India has jumped three places to 136th position in the list.
- The UN has released the list of the happiest countries in the world. Published by the Organization for Sustainable Development Solutions.
- Gross domestic product (GDP), life expectancy, freedom of decision-making in life, social support, generosity of the people, corruption, etc., which determine the quality of life of the people were examined.
- March 20 - International Day of Happiness.

❖ Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle Park

- Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle Park has been opened in Madagascar. It was opened to mark the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

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Environment

❖ Camel Protection Policy

- The Rajasthan government has announced a 'Camel Protection and Development Policy'.
- World Camel Day is observed on June 22.
- The day is observed as camels play an important role in the livelihood of desert people.
- The camel bones of the Indus Valley Civilization were earlier found at Kalibangan in Rajasthan.

❖ A rare species of butterfly species in the Nilgiris

- A rare species of butterfly that has not been found in the Nilgiris for more than a century has been rediscovered by members of the Spotted Royal (*Tajuria Macculata*), the Winterblyth Association (WBA).

❖ A newly discovered seaweed in India

- Asita Bularia Jalakanyake is a newly discovered seaweed in India.
- It was discovered by a team of Indian scientists from the Central University of Punjab in the Andaman and Nicobar Archipelago.

❖ Wildlife Deed

- This deed is also known as the "Rhino Bond". It was released by the World Bank.
- The document was released in support of South Africa's efforts to protect the black rhinoceros.
- The "Global Environment Facility" organization has also contributed to this.

Science & Technology

❖ Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Technology Park

- India's first Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Technology Park was launched in Bengaluru.
- It has been set up by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
- It aims to implement research projects in health, education, infrastructure, agriculture, business and cyber security.

❖ 'AQVERIUM'

- India's first digital water bank 'AQVERIUM' was launched in Bengaluru. It was developed by Aqua Kraft Group Ventures.
- It is an initiative aimed at highlighting water management.

❖ Carbon-neutral farming system

- Kerala is set to become the first state in the country to introduce carbon-neutral farming methods.

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- The carbon neutral farming system is an effort to make agriculture an integral part of a global carbon-neutral future.
- This is an innovative approach to combating climate change.

Persons & Appointments

❖ Appointment of Regional Officer, Central Board of Film Certification

- Sanjay Ghosh has been appointed as the Chennai regional officer of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

❖ Appointment of Chairman of IRDAI

- Debasish Panda, former Financial Services Secretary, India, was appointed as the Chairman as The Insurance Regulatory and Development Commissioner (IRDAI).

Scheme

❖ "Yuvika" or young scientist project

- The project is being organized by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for school children.
- The project is known as "Yuva Vigyani Karyakram" (Yuvika) or "Young Scientist Project".
- It will be held for more than two weeks during the summer vacation of May.
- The objective of the scheme is to:
 - i. Creating awareness about emerging science and technology
 - ii. Promoting research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

❖ 'Donation-Pension' Scheme

- It has been introduced under the Pradhan Mantri Shiram Yogi Manthan (PM-SYM) pension scheme. Under the scheme, citizens will be given a premium amount as donation.
- This will be implemented by the Ministry of Labor and Employment.

❖ Arogya Vanam Scheme

- President Ram Nath Kovind launched the 'Arogya Vanam' scheme at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The objective of this project is to promote the importance of Ayurvedic plants and the effects they have on the human body.

❖ Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan Yojana

- Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mann-Dhan is a pension scheme that aims to provide financial security to the unorganized work sector and the elderly in India.
- The Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Man-Dhan (PMSYM) was launched in February 2019 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the Ministry of Labor and Employment.

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- The objective of this scheme is 3000 every month after the age of 60 years for the beneficiary. Also, 50% of the pension will be paid to the beneficiary's wife as a family pension after the death of the beneficiary.
- The scheme also aims to help: street vendors, rickshaw drivers, agricultural labourers, mid-day meal workers construction workers.
- ❖ **Kausalya Matridva Yojana**
 - The scheme is aimed at supporting the upbringing and education of the girl child. The project was launched by the Government of Chhattisgarh.
 - Under this scheme, Rs 5,000 will be given in case of the birth of a second girl child.
- ❖ **Mathrushakti Udaymita Scheme**
 - The Haryana government has announced the scheme to support women entrepreneurs.
 - For women with an annual family income of less than Rs 5 lakh, soft loans up to Rs 3 lakh will be provided by financial institutions.
 - In addition, an interest subvention of 7% will also be provided by the Haryana Women's Development Corporation for a period of three years.
- ❖ **"Mukhyamantri Sa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa" Scheme**
 - This scheme has been announced by the Government of Tripura for tea garden workers.
 - This will ensure housing, ration and financial assistance to the tea garden workers.
 - The scheme will be implemented jointly by the State Government and the Central Government.

Summit

- ❖ **World Peace Center**
 - India's first 'World Peace Centre' will be established in Gurugram by the Ahimsa Visva-Bharati.
 - It will aim to establish peace and harmony in the world.
- ❖ **Samarth Movement**
 - It is a special entrepreneurship promotion drive for women. It was introduced by the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises.

Defence

- ❖ **BrahMos missile's extended target test successful**
 - The successful test of hitting the extended target of the BrahMos supersonic missile, which accurately targets the ground-to-land target from the ship, was successfully conducted.

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- The test of the Brahmos supersonic missile was carried out from the warship 'INS Chennai'. The missile hit the extended target with great accuracy during the test.
- What is even more remarkable is the fact that the BrahMos missile and the warship 'INS Chennai' that launched it were indigenously built with modern capabilities.

Exercise

❖ Suraksha Kavach Training

- It is a joint exercise between the Indian Army and the Maharashtra Police. It was organized by the "Agnibas Division" of the Indian Army.

❖ 20th Varuna Training 2022

- It is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy. It is conducted in the Arabian Sea

❖ Gas Power Training

- The 2022 Vayu Shakti exercise will be held at pokhran range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The exercise is being conducted by the Indian Air Force.

Name	Countries	Type of Training	Location
Joint Naval Exercise	India & Sri Lanka	Naval Training	Visakhapatnam
Bilateral military exercises	India & Japan	Military Training	Belgaum

Awards

❖ International Courageous Women Award

- Rizwana Hasan from Bangladesh has been awarded the US International Women of Courage Award for the year 2022.

❖ Oscars 2022

- 'Tune' won 6 awards.
- Actor Will Smith received an Oscar for Best Actor for the first time.
- Will Smith won the best actor award for his performance in 'King Richard'.
- Best Feature Film: Koda

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❖ **Indira Parthasarathy receives highest recognition from Sahitya Akademi**

- Senior Tamil writer Indira Parthasarathy was honoured with the Sahitya Akademi's highest fellowship recognition.

❖ **"Mahila Shakti Puraskar" Award - 2021**

- Dr. R. Tara has been awarded the Mahila Shakti Award for the year 2021.
- Jayamuthu and Tejamma, women of the Nilgiris Todar community in Tamil Nadu, jointly received this Mahila Shakti Award for their efforts to create shawls and dresses with intricate todarina embroidery.
- It is a work of art by the People of The Nilgiris Todarina and is a handicraft made exclusively by women.

❖ **Women Transforming India Awards (Women Transforming India)**

- The awards are presented by Niti aayog's women entrepreneurship platform.
- To celebrate 75 years of India's independence, these awards have been given to 75 women achievers.
- The awards were presented to highlight the efforts of India's women leaders and change makers.
- These awards have been given since 2018.

Sports

❖ **World Para Archery: Pooja wins silver medal**

- India's Pooja Jatyan created history by winning a silver medal in the women's individual category at the World Para Archery Championships in Dubai.

❖ **Shooting: Indian women's team wins gold**

- India won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol teams event at the ISSF World Cup shooting tournament in Egypt.

❖ **Tamil Nadu government announces Olympiad 2022**

- The International Chess Federation's Chess Olympiad 2022 will be held for the first time in India, Chennai.
- India has won the bid to host the International Chess Federation (FIDE) Chess Olympiad 2022 International Chess Tournament in Chennai.

❖ **Para Athletics: Desai wins gold**

- Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai won the gold medal at the Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai. It was India's first gold medal in the tournament.

❖ **'Mankading' method is applicable: ICC (ICC) amends rules**

- "Mankading" refers to the manner in which a bowler crosses the potter crease line in the "non-striker" area when he comes in to bowl, and the bowler does not bowl and runs-out him as he is.

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- This method was started in the 1948 series against Australia by Indian player "Mankading".

Geographical Indication

❖ Geographical indication for Narasingampodai Nadaswaram

- The famous Narasingampettai Nadaswaram has received a geographical indication (GI) certificate.
- In 1955, Ranganatha Achari, a craftsman from Narasingampet village in Thanjavur district, discovered the 'Shuddha Madhyamam Swaram' in the Nadaswaram and created it with the Nadaswaram instrument.
- Many famous Nadaswara vidwans including Rajaratnam Pillai, Karukkurichi Arunachalam and others became very popular by playing the Nadaswaram of Narasingampettai.
- This Nadaswaram is known as the musical instrument of the Dravidians.

Books

❖ The Blue Book

- This book is set up as paintings with words. The book has been written by journalist Amitava Kumar.

Important Day

1. March 1 - Zero Discrimination Day
2. March 1 - World Civil Protection Day
3. March 3 - World Hearing Day
4. March 3 - World Wildlife Day
5. March 4 - National Safety Day
6. March 8 - International Women's Day
7. March 10 - World Kidney Day
8. March 14 - International Day of Action for Rivers
9. March 14 - International Day of Mathematics
10. March 15 - World Consumer Rights Day
11. March 16 - National Immunization Day
12. March 18 - Global Recycling Day
13. March 18 - Ordnance Factory Day
14. March 20 - World Sparrow Day
15. March 21 - World Forest Day
16. March 21 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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17. March 21 – World "Down Syndrome" Genetic Disease Awareness Day
18. March 21 - World Puppet Day
19. March 22 - World Water Day
20. March 23 – Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Diwas)
21. March 23 - World Weather Day
22. March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day
23. March 25 - International Day of the Unborn Child
24. March 3 - International Transgender Transparency Day
25. March 31 - International Drug Testing Day

